

MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred Twenty-first
Annual Session

OF THE

Senter District
Primitive Baptist Association

Held With

ROANS CREEK CHURCH, On Friday (Only)
and

SENER CHURCH, On Saturday and Sunday
ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 6, 7 and 8

- 1974 -

Next session to convene with the Riverview Church, BEGINNING ON FRIDAY before the Second Sunday in September 10, 11, and 12, 1975. Located about eight miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take Highway 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, N. C. Turn left on state road No. 1147, go about Six miles, Brick Church on left side of road.

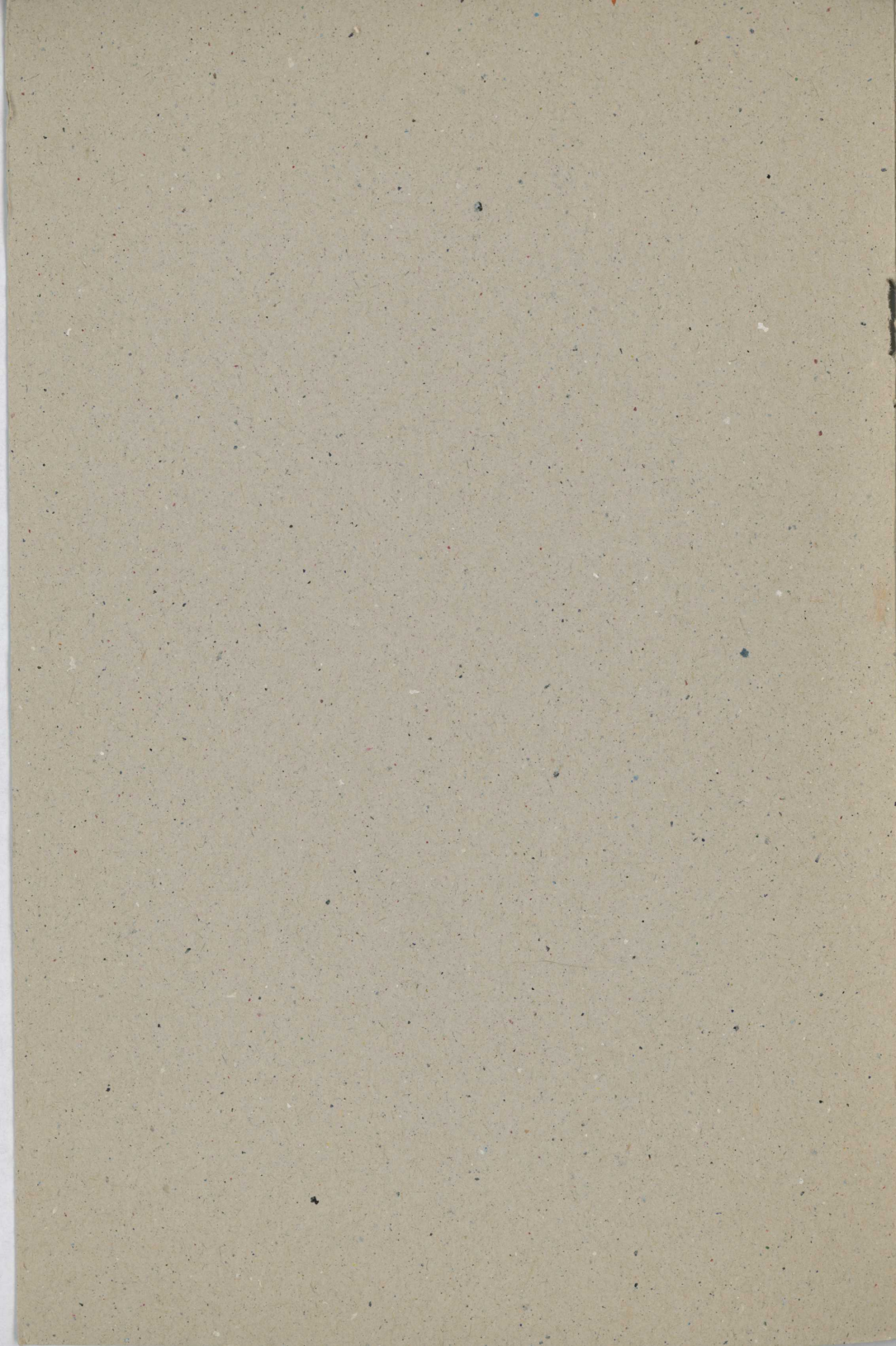
Note: On Saturday and Sunday the Association will be held at the Beaver Creek School, Located about 2 miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take Highway 221 about 2 miles toward Boone, N. C. School on right side of Highway.

OFFICERS:

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Proceedings

OF THE SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD AT ROANS CREEK CHURCH

FRIDAY – September 6, 1974

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Worth Stephenson of the Little River Association of N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Jess Higgins of Pine Grove Church, Hillsville, Va.

Opened Association Business with Prayer by Elder Dan Blevins of St. Clairs Bottom Church, Va.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk; Sister Ruth Severt, Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for Petitionary letters, received none.
4. Called for transient and visiting Bretheren and Sisters from Sister Associations and Churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of welcome.

Mountain Association; of N. C. and Va.

Bro. M. A. Jenkins and Wife
Bro. Lon M. Reeves and Wife
Bro. J. Mack Osborne and Wife
Elder Curtis D. Hash
Sister Irene Marsh
Sister Madge Rhudy
Bro. G. R. Douglas and Wife
Bro. A. C. Holloway
Sister Lela Crouse
Sister Beulah Reeves
Bro. Clarence Ward
Bro. Greene Ward
Elder Walter Evans

Little River Association, of N. C.

Elder Worth Stephenson and Wife
Bro. Coleman Strickland and Wife
Sister Hanna Lowe

Mt. Zion Association, of W. Va.
Elder J. R. Lilly
Bro. Tommy Pack

Bear Creek Association, of N. C.
Elder F. W. Stacks

New Liberty Association, of W. Va.
Elder John Whaling and Wife

Independent Churches:

Afton Road Church:
Bro. John Lawrence and Wife

Pleasant Grove Church:
Elder Ray White

Pine Grove Church:
Elder Joe McGrady
Elder Jess Higgins

St. Clair's Bottom Church:
Elder Daniel Blevins
Elder Hugh Blevins
Elder Everett Blevins
Sister Ada Davis

Bethel Church:
Bro. Eugene Taylor

Troutdale Church:
Sister Zenna Richmond
Sister Leona Adams
Bro. Millard Greer

5. The Moderator to make all temporary appointments in this session.

1. Committee on Finance:
Bro. Oscar Burgess
Bro. Bertie Bare
Bro. Wayne Severt

2. Committee on Arrangements:
Elder C. O. Yates
Elder Edd Severt
Bro. Willard Hartzog

3. Committee on Ministry
Bro. Grover Burchette
Bro. Norman Brown
Bro. Millard Davis

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet Saturday mornings 9:45 a.m. at Senter Church for conference.
7. To adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Saturday with song and prayer by Elder Ray White, of Pleasant Grove Church, of Va.

SATURDAY — September 7, 1974.

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with song and prayer by Elder John Whaling of the New Liberty Association, of W. Va.

ON MOTION:

1. Roll call, omitted.
2. Reading of the Constitution, also Rules of Decorum omitted, but to be printed in minutes.
3. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we continue seating all orderly, peace loving, Primitive Baptist as visitors. To discontinue fellowship with the St. Clair's Bottom Association due to some of the churches receiving and holding excluded members from Sister Churches.

The next Association to be held on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1975, at Riverview Church on Friday (only), and at Beaver Creek School on Saturday and Sunday.

4. That minutes be mailed to all visitors.
5. To appoint the Clerk as treasurer to oversee the printing of 600 copies of the minutes, also distribution of same.
6. That the Finance Committee handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same, to visiting Elders.
7. Obituaries to appear in minutes.

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

1974

Received From Churches:

BEAR CREEK	\$25.00
BEAVER CREEK	22.00
BIG HELTON	59.00
ROANS CREEK	44.00
NORTH FORK	21.00
RIVERVIEW	50.00
HORSE CREEK	25.00
SENER	65.00

Total Reveived From Churches	\$311.00
Treasurer Returned from Last Year.....	145.00
Received From Donations Saturday and Sunday.....	167.00
Total Received	\$623.00

Expenditures:

To The Moderator	\$ -0-(*)
To The Clerk	40.00
To Assistant Clerk	30.00
Printing and Postage of Minutes.....	In Treasury
Use of Nathan's Creek School.....	25.00
To Visiting Elders	248.00
Total Expenditures	\$343.00

Balance in Treasury\$280.00

(*) Note: The Moderator Elder G. D. Roten was allowed \$30.00 for Moderating the Association, which was returned to the Finance Committee.

9. Minutes to be read and approved.

10. To adjourn through song and prayer by Elder C. O. Yates, of the Senter Association.

Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator.
 Bro. Earl W. Severt, Clerk.
 Sister Ruth Severt, Assistant Clerk.

— ORDER OF PREACHING —

Friday Morning:

Elder Worth Stephenson (opened with prayer)
 Elder Jess Higgins, Introductory
 Elder Daniel Blevins (opened Association work with prayer)
 Elder Ray White (closed Association work with prayer)

Friday Evening:

Elder Joe McGrady
 Elder Edd Severt (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder John Whaling (opened with prayer)
 Elder C. O. Yates (closed Association Business with prayer)

At Stand:

Saturday Morning:

Elder J. R. Lilly (opened with prayer)
 Elder Hugh Blevins
 Elder Worth Stephenson

Saturday Evening:

Elder Everett Blevins
Elder F. W. Stacks
Elder Curtis Hash
Elder Edd Severt (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night at Senter Church:

Elder Owen Harvey (opened with prayer)
Elder John Whaling
Elder John Whaling (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Elder Curtis Hash (opened with prayer)
Elder Owen Harvey

Sunday Evening:

Elder Walter Evans
Elder G. D. Roten (closed with prayer)

Thus closed another Session of the Senter Association with Peace and Union felt by one and all. —Clerk.

OBITUARIES

BRO. JOHN CLIFFORD McNIEL

John Clifford McNiel age 76 of West Jefferson, N. C., Rt. #2 died Wednesday, October 24, 1973 at his home. The funeral was held on Saturday at River View Primitive Baptist Church by Elder G. D. Roten and C. O. Yates.

He was a member of River View Church and Served as a Deacon in the Church.

He was born in Wilkes County and was a lumber man.

Surviving are his Wife Mrs. Bessie Bare McNiel, One Son James McNiel, of West Jefferson, N. C. Rt. #2: and one Daughter Mrs. Ira Griffin, of Fleetwood, N. C.

He was preceded in death by a Son Allie McNiel.

He was a loving husband and Father and a faithful member of His Church. He is widely missed by all His friends and loved ones.

by his daughter, Ira Griffin.

BRO. FOSTER MASH

With great sadness we write the obituary of Forester Mash. He was born September 6, 1878. deceased June 6, 1963, making his stay on earth 84 years and six months. He was born in Ashe County, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Willam and Betty Lyles Mash. He was married to the former Ettie Miller who preceded him in death. To this union was born seven children, four boys and three daughters. He became a member of Roans Creek Premitive Baptist Church July, 1960.

SISTER VERNA BARE MASH



Verna Bare Mash, 71, of Jefferson, wife of G. L. Mash, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 1974 at Ashe Memorial Hospital. The funeral was held at Badger Funeral Home Chapel in West Jefferson at 11:00 a.m., August 15. The funeral was conducted by Elders G. D. Roten, Walter Evans, and Allen Whittington. She became a member of Roans Creek Premitive Baptist Church, September 10, 1919, where she remained a faithful member. Surviving is her husband, two daughters, two sons, thirteen grandchildren, and one great grandson. One son preceded her in death. She is also survived by four sisters. Mrs. Mash's final resting place is Roans Creek Cemetery.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Church will hold a weeks meeting beginning on Sunday night of the Second Saturday meeting in April running through Friday night.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten.....	Fleetwood, N. C. 28626
Elder Ed Severt	Ennice, N. C. 28623
Elder C. O. Yates	Fleetwood, N. C. 28626
Elder Jack McGinnis	4380 Ogburn Ave. Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bear Creek – Elders Dewey Roten, Ed Severt, C. O. Yates	
Beaver Creek – Elder G. D. Roten	
Big Helton – Elders Dewey Roten, Jack McGinnis	
Horse Creek – Elders Dewey Roten	
North Fork – Elder Dewey Roten	
Riverview – Elders Jack McGinnis, C. O. Yates, G. D. Roten	
Roans Creek – Elders G. D. Roten, and Curtis Hash	
Senter – Elders Dewey Roten, Jack McGinnis	

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes – Clerks and their Addresses

Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis, Ennice, N. C. 28623.....	25
Beaver Creek: Ralph Miller, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694.....	25
Big Helton: B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C. 28643.....	60
Horse Creek: Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694.....	15
North Fork: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. #1, Box 192A, Warrensville, N. C. 28693	30
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626.....	30
Roans Creek: G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, N. C. 28640....	45
Senter: Annie Jones, Rt. 2, Crumpler, N. C. 28617.....	55

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, Va. 22727.....	25
Mates Creek: Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544.....	25
Mountain: Raymond R. Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 24333.....	25
Mt. Zion: Allen Mann, Rt. 2, Box 252, Ronceverte, W. Va. 24970.....	25
Bear Creek: Claude Parnell, 4244 Glennhigh Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107.....	25
Silver Creek: Johnny D. Freeman, 167 Friendly Park, Lenoir, N. C. 28645.....	25
North Carolina Collection: The Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514.....	2
The Primitive Baptist Library, Rt. 2, Elon College, N. C. 27244.....	2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peaceloving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Bear Creek — 1st Sat. and Sun. in May
Beaver Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in May
Senter — 2nd Sat. and Sun. in June
Riverview — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in June
Horse Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in June
North Fork — 1st Sat. and Sun. in August
Big Helton — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in July
Roans Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in noway reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Association, at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be express'd their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected; if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE - 1974

CHURCHES	MESENTERS	Communion Month	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elders	Rec. by Exp. & Bapt.	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek.....	Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Margaret Jarvis, Sister Ruth Parsons, Sister Carrie Severt, Alt.....	May	1	1							17	\$ 25.00
Beaver Creek	Bro. Ralph Miller, Bro. Bob Speaks, Sister Willa Grey Miller, Bro. Gordie Severt Alt.....	May	4						1	1	14	22.00
Big Helton.....	Bro. G. O. Blevins, Bro. B. O. Dolinger, Sister G. E. Kilby, Sister Emma Dolinger Alt.....	July	3						1	3	38	59.00
Roans Creek..	Bro. G. O. Burgess, Bro. Frank Thompson, Bro. Guy Reeves, Bro. G. L. Mash Alt.....	July	4								40	44.00
North Fork....	Bro. Grover Burchette, Bro. J. B. Roten, Sister Floss Roten, Sister Hettie Sapp Alt.....	Aug.	1								25	21.00
Riverview.....	Bro. Willard Hartzog, Bro. Claude Bare, Bro. George Dewey Roten, Bro. Wade Miller Alt.....	June	3	3	1				1		31	50.00
Horse Creek..	Bro. Carl Ball, Bro. Millard Davis, Sister Lessie Ball Alt.....	June	4								5	25.00
Senter.....	Bro. Bertie Bare, Bro. Noiman Brown, Bro. Bob Absher, Bro. Steve Douglass Alt.....	June	2							2	69	65.00
	TOTAL.....		4	4	1				2	7	239	\$311.00

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAR CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the first Saturday. A stucco cinder block building just off highway No. 16, at Glendale Springs, N. C. Note: Glendale Springs, N. C. is located between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Jefferson, N. C. Highway 16. Traveling from North Wilkesboro, N. C., turn right at Glendale Springs, Traveling from Jefferson, N. C., turn left at Glendale Springs. Church in a small grove of pines on right in sight from Glendale Springs, N. C.

BEAVER CREEK—Fourth Saturday night 7 p. m., and Sunday 2 p. m. A brick church building just off Highway No. 221, about one mile southwest of West Jefferson, N. C. First paved road on left leaving West Jefferson, N. C., road No. 163.

BIG HELTON—Sunday (only) 2 p. m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, N. C. Take Highway 194 from Lansing, N. C. to Sturgills, N. C., turn left, church about one mile on left side of road.

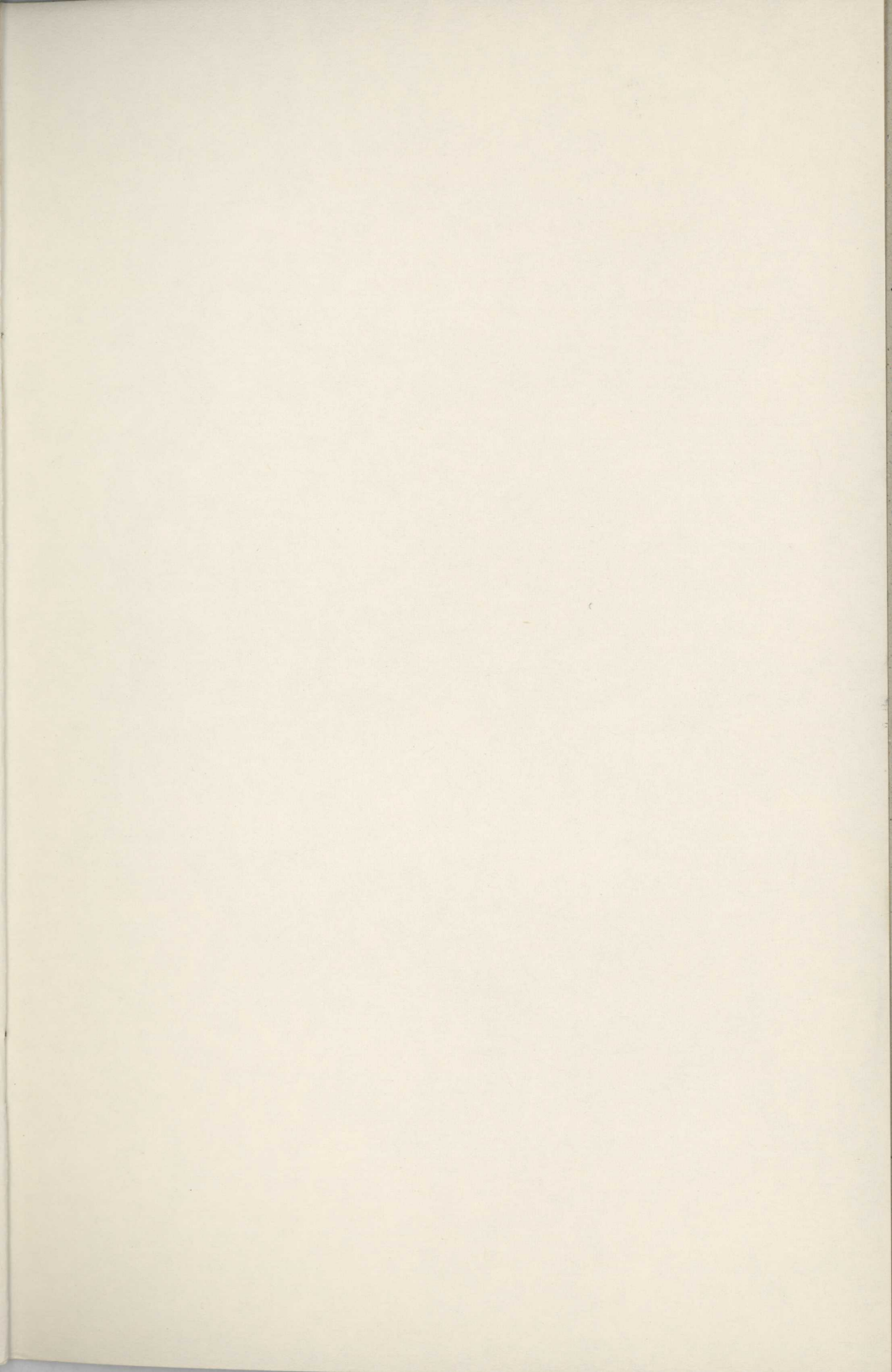
HORSE CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the fourth Saturday. A white wood frame building about four miles north-N. C., to Lansing, N. C. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile, west of Lansing, N. C. Take Highway 194 from West Jefferson, turn left on 1324, follow 1324 to Joe Hampton road, follow to end of pavement, turn left to church.

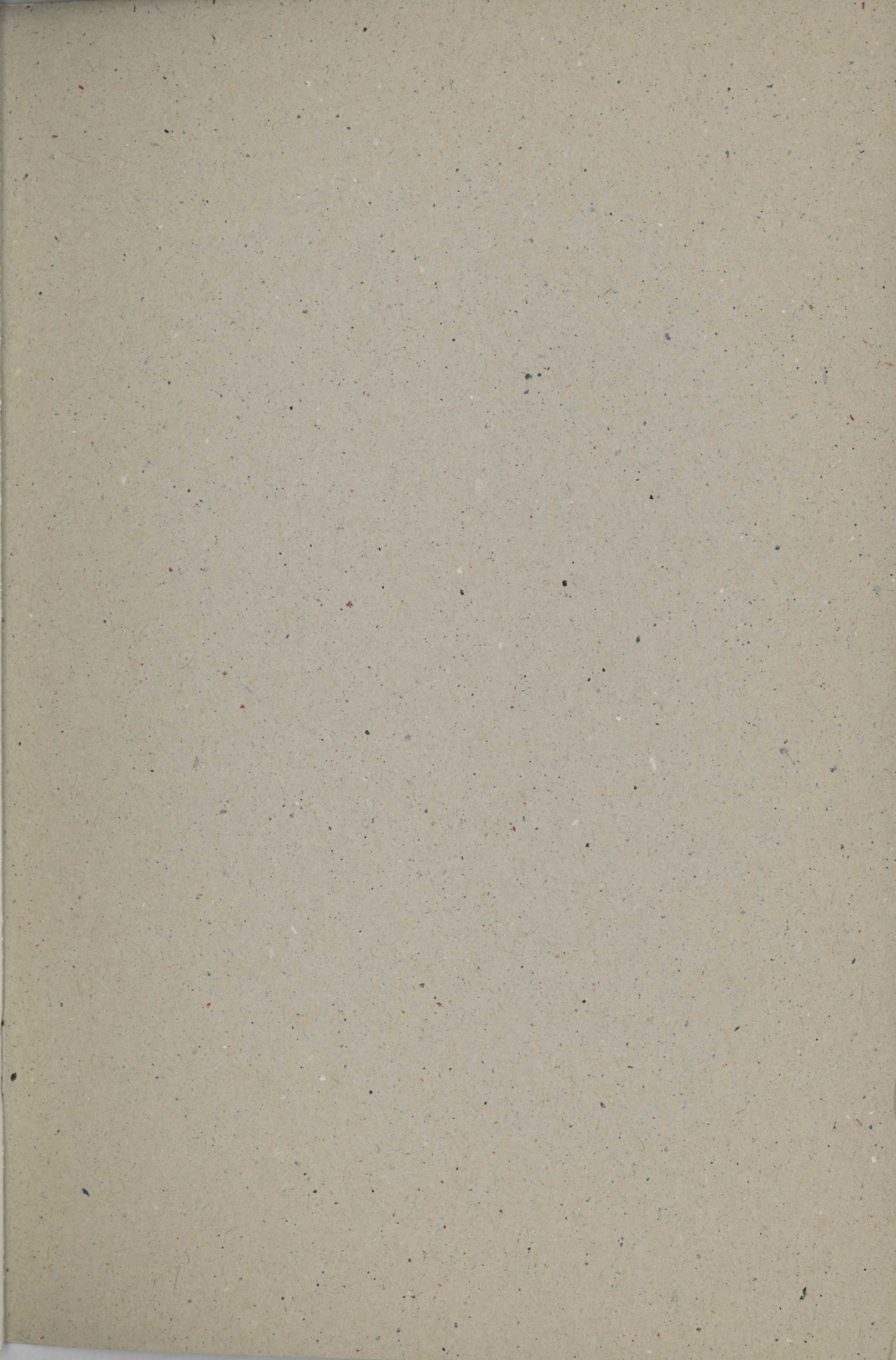
NORTH FORK—Sunday (only) 2 p. m. following the first Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building, located about three miles west of Warrentsville, N. C. Located between Warrentsville, N. C. and Trade, Tenn. Take Highway No. 88 out of Warrentsville, N. C., about one mile you will come to the North Fork of New River, take first right hand road, church about two miles on right side of road.

RIVERVIEW—Third Saturday night 7 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a. m. A brick church building, located about eight miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take Highway 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, N. C. Turn left on state road No. 1147, go about six miles, church on left side of road.

ROANS CREEK—Fourth Saturday, 2 p. m. and Sunday, 11 a. m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, N. C., and Laurel Springs, N. C. Take Highway No. 88 out of Jefferson, N. C. about seven miles, church on left side of road.

SENER—Second Saturday, 11 a. m. and Sunday, 2 p. m. A brick church building, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles, near Nathan's Creek School.





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