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OF THE
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ASSOCIATION



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FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

October 26, 27, 28, 1923

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, October 26th, 1923.

1. The services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Denson.

2. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. F. Denny. Eph. 4th chapter, 1 to 8 verse.

3. The conference was opened by Elder Isaac Jones, with praise and prayer.

4. On motion Elder J. C. Hooks was chosen moderator, and Elder E. L. Cobb clerk, who called Elder S. B. Denny, as assistant.

5. On motion visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

6. Elders A. D. Johnson, W. M. Monsees, J. S. Corbett were appointed to preach today and from following texts:

Elder A. D. Johnson, did not get text.

Elder W. M. Monsees, Esther, 4th chapter, 16 verse.

Elder Jas. S. Corbett did not get text.

7. Brethren W. C. Boyette, and J. B. Murry were appointed a committee on finance.

8. Letters from 23 churches were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters were called for to join this association. None were presented.

10. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations.

Contentnea—Minutes, Elder T. B. Lancaster, J. P. Tingle and H. L. Brake and others.

Little River—Minutes, J. T. Hinton, T. R. Barbour, D. H. Thompson and others.

Kehukkee—Minutes, Elder J. B. Harrell, J. C. Coleman, Eld A. B. Denson and others.

Seven Mile—Minutes, L. D. Hinnant, Y. P. Weaver, Elder P. E. Johnson and others.

White Oak—Minutes, Elder Isaac Jones.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Mayo—None.

Stanton River—None.

Abbott's Creek—Elder Samuel McMillan, R. E. Lamm.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, Elder C. B. Hall.

Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elder W. M. Monsees.

Salem—Minutes.

Main Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.

Fisher River—None.

Zion—Minutes.

Rowan River—Elder W. R. Craft.

White Water—Elder W. N. Thorpe.

11. Appointed our next session of the Association to be held with church at Aycock's to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1924 at 11 o'clock A. M. Elder C. F. Denny was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder S. B. Denny to be his alternate.

12. The following were appointed to visit sister associations as messengers:

Contentnea—Elder J. W. Gardner, J. R. Lindsey.

Kehukee—D. M. Morris, Elder S. B. Denny.

Little River—C. R. Bridgers, A. H. Toler, B. F. Smith.

White Oak—Elder J. C. Hooks, Elder J. T. Williams, W. H. Burch.

Lower Country Line—Elders J. W. Wyatt, R. H. Boswell, C. F. Denny and W. H. Burch.

Upper Country Line—Elders J. W. Wyatt, C. F. Denny and W. H. Burch.

Seven Mile—R. L. Scott, J. S. Rogerson, C. R. Bridgers.

Mill Branch—Elder J. W. Wyatt, A. T. Strickland.

Baltimore—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Delaware—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Delaware River—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Warwick—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Abbott's Creek—A. T. Strickland, J. B. Murry, W. C. Boyette.

Mayo—Elder C. F. Denny, J. W. Wyatt.

Staunton River—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Fisher River—Elder C. F. Denny.

13. Elders T. B. Lancaster, W. R. Harrington, A. B. Denson at the stand, D. A. Mewborn, R. B. Harrell, J. B. Tingle were appointed to preach in the house Saturday morning and from the following texts:

Elder D. A. Mewborn, 2nd Cor. 5:18 to 21.

Elder J. B. Harrell, Luke 2:25 to 32.

Elder J. P. Tingle, Deut. 32:2.

Did not get the other three brethren texts.

Elders P. E. Johnson and Xure Lee, W. N. Thorpe at the stand, Elders E. C. Jones, F. W. Keene, W. R. Craft were appointed to preach in the house Saturday after dinner and from the following texts:

Elder E. C. Jones, Isaiah 35:8.

Elder F. W. Keene, Ex. 13:13.

Elder W. R. Craft, Jer. 1:4.

Did not get the other three brethren texts.

Elders C. B. Hall, Samuel McMillan and Isaac Jones, at the stand Sunday morning and from the following tests:

Elder C. B. Hall, Accles., last chapter 10 to 13 verse.

Elder Samuel McMillan, 15th chapter 1st Samuel, 1st verse.

Elder Isaac Jones, 9th chapter Romans, 8th verse.

14. Elders J. C. Hooks, E. L. Cobb, S. B. Denny, Brethren W. C. Boyette, J. B. Murray were appointed together with deacons of this church on committee of arrangements.

15. The messengers were called for and the names present were inserted in the statistical table.

16. The messengers appointed at our last session to visit the sister association were called upon to report, and those who failed to attend were excused.

17. The finance committee made the following report:

Received from churches -----	\$180.65
Paid for printing minutes and postage -----	30.00
Allowed for clerk services -----	15.00
Given to visiting ministers -----	135.65
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Total -----	\$180.65

18. The report was received and the committee discharged after disposing all the funds to the proper ones or places.

19. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association, failing to attend on Friday, may make his report to the clerk who is authorized to receive and record same.

20. Agreed that the constituiton and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

21. The Clerk is authorized to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations with whom we correspond, and record on our record.

22. The following brethren J. B. Murry, H. S. Whitley, A. T. Strickland were appointed to reserve order during the services on Satuday and Sunday, together with the deacons of this church.

Resolved that our thanks be tended to all the brethren and friends of this community, who have so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that the moderator give public expression at the close of the association.

This association adjourned to meet at the time and place ap-

pointed for our next annual session, with praise and prayer by the moderator.

- Elder J. C. Hooks, Moderators, Fremont, N. C.
- Elder E. L. Cobb, Clerk, Wilson, N. C.
- Elder S. B. Denny, Asst. Clerk, Wilson, N. C.

There was preaching Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights by all the ministers at the various homes in the neighborhood.

CONCLUSION

Brethren and friends made ample preparations in every way for this meeting, and kindly entertained us, and the Dear Lord blessed us with a large number of his ministering servants who came to us in the fullness of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ proclaiming "His unsearchable riches" to the comfort and consolation of His people.

Elder E. L. Cobb, Clerk.

The moderator dismissed the association by praise and prayer returning thanks to the brethren and friends for their kind hospitality extended to us throughout the meeting.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Church	Clerk or P. O. Address	No. Copies
1. Aycocks—	William Ricks, Fremont, N. C.	70
2. Beulah—	A. B. Atkins, Kenly, N. C.	100
3. Contentnea—	F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.	90
4. Creeches—	G. G. Creech, Micro, N. C.	40
5. Cross Roads—	C. L. Perry, Jr., Princeton, N. C.	30
6. Dudley—	W. H. Burch, Mount Olive, N. C.	12
7. Goldsboro—	A. H. Toler, Goldsboro, N. C.	30
8. Healthy Plains—	Hillard Boykin, Bailey, N. C.	35
9. Lower Black Creek—	Eld. J. C. Hooks Fremont, N. C.	70
10. Memorial—	M. R. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.	100
11. Mill Branch—	Alford Joyner, Rocky Mount, N. C. R 1	50
12. Nashville—	L. G. Edwards, Rocky Mount, N. C.	30
13. New Chapel—	Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C. R. 1.	25
14. Peach Tree—	Macon Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.	20
15. Pittman Grove—	C. R. Bridgers, Micro, N. C.	25
16. Sandy Grove—	J. B. Murry, Middlesex, N. C.	35
17. Sappony—	J. R. Lindsey, Nashville, N. C., R 1	40
18. Scotts—	I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C., R 2	35
19. Upper Black Creek—	Thomas Ferrell, Lucama, N. C.	85
20. White Oak—	Eld. E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	10
21. Wilson, N. C.—	J. W. Thorne, Wilson, N. C.	900
22. Elm City—	J. J. Thorne, Elm City, N. C.	15

23. Little Vien—D. M. Morris, Selma, N. C. ----- 8

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Associations	Clerks or Moderator—Address	No. Copies
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	-----	30
Kehukee—R. L. Bailey, Robersonville	-----	45
Little River—R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C.	-----	25
Seven Mills—Eld. W. G. Turner, Dunn, N. C.	-----	10
White Oak—Eld. Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	-----	30
Upper Country Line—Eld. J. W. Gilliam, Jr., Altamahaw, N.C.	-----	20
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	-----	20
Mill Branch—M. Mears, Tabor, N. C.	-----	10
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	-----	10
Baltimore—Frank G. Scott, Coceysville, Md.	-----	8
Delaware—Eld. S. H. Durand, Southampton, Pa.	-----	8
Warwick—Elder H. C. Kerr, Middleton, N. Y.	-----	8
Delaware River—D. M. Doorhees, Pennington, N. J.	-----	7
Abbotts Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C., R 2	-----	14
Mayo—Elder J. A. Fagg, Walnut Cove, N. C.	-----	21
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va.	-----	16
Fisher River—Elder E. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C.	-----	21
Black Creek—E. L. Cobb	-----	100
Zion—H. F. Branson, Fancy Gap, Va.	-----	11

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Churches, Pastors, Clerks and Their Postoffices and the Time of Holding Yearly Meeting

1. Aycocks—Pastor, Eller J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, William Ricks, Fremont, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; Clerk, A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C.; Assistant Clerks, W. G. Smith, J. W. Woodard, Kenly, N. C.; September 3rd Sunday.
3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; R. F. D. 3; Clerk F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D., No. 3; October 3rd Sunday.
4. Creech's—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.
6. Dudley—Pastor, Eller J. B. Roberts, Saulston, N. C.; Clerk, W. H. Burch, Mount Olive, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4; August 1st Sunday.
7. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk A. H. Toler, Goldsboro, N. C. June 1st Sunday.

8. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; Clerk, W. B. Boykin, Blackstone, Va.; Assistant Clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.

9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, Amos Hayes, Wilson, N. C.; September 2nd Sunday.

10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, M. R. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.; October 1st Sunday.

11. Mill Branch—No pastor; Clerk, Alford Joyner, Rocky Mount, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1; August 1st Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; September 3rd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Nashville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk, Macon Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder Jesse Barnes, Smithfield, N. C.; Clerk C. R. Bridgers, Micro, N. C.

16. Sandy Grove—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Murry, Middlesex, N. C.; 1st Sunday.

17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Nashville, N. C.; Clerk, J. R. Lindsey, Nashville, N. C.; R. F. D., No. 1; September, 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D., No. 2; October 1st Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C. R. F. D. No. 3; Clerk, Thomas Ferrell, Lucama, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D., No. 4; Clerk, H. S. Ward, Rich Square, N. C.; August 1st Sunday.

21. Wilson—Pastor, Elder C. F. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk J. W. Thorne, Wilson, N. C.; August 4th Sunday.

22. Elm City—Pastor, Elder T. H. B. Pridgen, Elm City, N. C., R. F. D.; Clerk, J. J. Thorne, Elm City, N. C.; July 2nd Sunday.

23. Little Vine—Pastor, Elder J. W. Wyatt, Selma, N. C.; Clerk, D. M. Morris, Selma, N. C.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Elder Jesse Barnes	-----	Lucama, N. C.
Elder R. H. Boswell	-----	Wilson, N. C.
Elder G. W. Boswell	-----	Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3
Elder J. T. Collier	-----	Micro, N. C.
Elder S. B. Denny	-----	Wilson, N. C.
Elder John W. Gardner	-----	Goldsboro, N. C.

Elder J. C. Hooks	-----	Fremont, N. C.
Elder T. H. B. Pridgen	-----	Elm City, Route 1.
Elder J. T. Spencer	-----	Selma, N. C.
Elder J. T. Williams	-----	Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder J. W. Wyatt	-----	Selma, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb	-----	Wilson, N. C.
Elder R. E. Adams	-----	Wilson, N. C.
Elder C. F. Denny	-----	Wilson, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Joseph Pittman	-----	Micro, N. C.
Brother Macon Brantley	-----	Spring Hope, N. C.
Brother Johnnie Joyner	-----	Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother W. R. Hines	-----	Goldsboro, N. C. R 1.

CHURCHES AND DATES WHEN ASSOCIATIONS WERE HELD WITH THEM

1. Aycocks	-----	1903
2. Beulah	-----	1902-1917
3. Contentnea	-----	1912
4. Creechs	-----	1913
5. Cross Roads	-----	1911-1916
6. Dudley	-----	
7. Gollsboro	-----	1888
8. Healthy Plains	-----	1915
9. Lower Black Creek	-----	1905-1922
10. Memorial	-----	1904-1919
11. Mill Branch	-----	1911
12. Nashville	-----	1909-1920
13. New Chapel	-----	1891
14. Peach Tree	-----	1910
15. Pittman's Grove	-----	1921
16. Sandy Grove	-----	1923
17. Sappony	-----	
18. Scott's	-----	1908
19. Upper Black Creek	-----	1914
20. White Oak	-----	1907
21. Wilson	-----	1906

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and the Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 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 a speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfection, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or application than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from the irrelative churches certifying their appointments, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be

expressed. Their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

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

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

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

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for

the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel withing the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in ur churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers										Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions						
Aycocks	Eld. J. C. Hooks, Brethren W. G. Smith, Willie Minshew	2															77	\$ 8.00						
Beulah	Brethren A. B. Atkinson, C. F. Broadwell, S. E. Woodard	2															2	106	11.00					
Contentnea	Brethren W. F. Boswell, W. C. Boyette, J. B. Smith	1															3	93	10.00					
Creeches	Brethren A. W. Thompson, J. H. Creech, Troy Brown	3															4	48	8.65					
Cross Roads	Brethren C. L. Grevely, Andrew Brewer, B. P. Parrish																	31	8.00					
Dudley	Brethren L. Kana Fields, W. H. Burch																		13	2.50				
Goldsboro	Brethren B. F. Smith, W. H. Evans, A. H. Toler	1																1	34	10.00				
Lower Black Creek	Brethren R. L. Lucas, L. D. Mercer, Johnnie Barden	3																5	69	10.00				
Healthy Plains	Brethren G. C. Coleman, Jim Skinner, Hillard Eyrkin	2																2	37	5.00				
Memorial	Brethren J. T. Hooks, J. D. Pate, M. R. Hooks	1																1	6	109	8.00			
Mill Franch	Brethren Henry Adams, E. P. Weaver, John Joyner	2																7	1	54	6.00			
Nashville	Brethren A. J. Price, G. W. Womble, Henry Whitfield																		3	28	5.00			
New Chapel	Brethren W. R. Hines, Andrew Gurley, Eld. J. W. Gardner																		29	10.00				
Peach Tree	Brethren W. B. Walker, W. C. Sykes	1																	1	20	4.00			
Pittman's Grove	Brethren Lee Pope, R. L. Scott, C. R. Bridgers	14																	1	28	10.00			
Sandy Grove	Brethren J. B. Murry, H. S. Whitley, A. T. Strickland																			1	47	5.00		
Sappony	Brethren W. A. Joyner, W. D. Joyner, J. D. Jones																			1	40	4.00		
Scotts	Brethren Isaac Lamm, S. A. Lamm, David Bryant																			1	31	6.50		
Upper Black Creek	Brethren W. R. Barnes, J. W. Price, J. S. Rogerson	5																		1	4	10.00		
White Oak	Brethren J. I. Reasons, Frank Whitley, J. G. Owens	2																			4	19	4.00	
Wilson	Brethren R. E. Adams Eld. C. F. Denny, J. A. Stephenson																					4	86	22.50
Elm City	Brethren A. M. Whitley, Roscoe Page, J. J. Thorne	1																				2	18	5.00
Union Grove	Brethren D. M. Morris, Eld. J. W. Wvatt J. T. Lamm	1																				1	91	8.00



