

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
UPPER COUNTRY LINE
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

GILLIAM'S, ALAMANCE COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA

July 23, 24 and 25, 1927



OFFICERS

DEACON E. R. HARRIS, Moderator Reidsville, N. C.
ELDER E. F. MCKINNEY, Assistant Moderator.....Hurdle Mills, N. C.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.....Altamahaw, N. C.
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk Reidsville, N. C.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of his own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they can utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principal of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principal or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the messengers to advise with each other in conference.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messengers shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.

8. No messengers shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE
ASSOCIATION

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. F. McKinney, from Isa. 10:10; followed by Elder B. B. McKinney, from Luke 10:21.

2. After an intermission for dinner, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder Frederick W. Keene, proceeded to business.

(a) Moved that the Clerk call the roll of the churches and mark all absentee messengers, which was agreed.

(b) Moved that we elect a Moderator for this session, whereupon Deacon E. R. Harris was elected, and given the permission to appoint an assistant, and he chose Elder B. F. McKinney as his assistant.

(c) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements shall consist of the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator, the Association Clerk, the Assistant Association Clerk, and the Messenger from Gilliam's Church, which was agreed.

(d) Moved that the Moderator appoint any necessary committees, which was agreed, and the Moderator appointed on Committee of Finance Brethren J. J. Lambeth and W. D. Blalock.

(e) Moved that the Clerk be allowed to call an assistant, which was agreed, and Elder T. A. Stanfield was called to his assistance.

3. Petitionary Letters were called for, but none received.

4. Messengers and visitors from corresponding associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated, to-wit:

Little River: Minutes—Elder E. C. Jones.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders J. W. Wyatt, H. F. Hutchens, and E. L. Cobb.

Fisher's River: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes—Elder Isaac Jones.

Mayo: Minutes—Elders J. F. and D. V. Spangler.

Kehukee: Minutes—Elder N. H. Harrison.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Bros. W. A. Warren and H. E. Satterfield, and Elder E. C. Oakes, and others.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes.

Contentnea: Minutes.

Pig River: Elders G. F. Dyer, J. B. Wade, J. F. Stigall, Brother George Minter, and others.

Smith's River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Minutes—Brothers J. H. Butcher, John F. Williams, and Sister Butcher.

New River: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Not represented.

Baltimore Association: Represented by Elder L. H. Hardy.

Salem: Minutes—Elder C. A. Davis and Brother J. M. Dennis, Elder W. A. Gourley and Sister Bessie N. Idol.

Mountain Association: Minutes. On motion Elder M. B. Martin was requested to correspond with the Moderator or Clerk of the Mountain Association to know their pleasure in correspondence, whether with us, or those affiliated with the J. R. Wilson disorder, as Lee Hanks.

Maine Conference: Elder F. W. Keene.

Seven Mile: Not representd.

Zion: Minutes.

Durham Association: (Col.) Minutes.

Elder L. H. Hardy, Huntings Quarters Church, N. C.

From Ormond Church, Fla., visitor Elder S. S. Pickett.

5. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line were received, read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

6. On motion the Association adjourned to meet again Monday morning, July 25, 1927, at 9 o'clock.

DEACON E. R. HARRIS, Moderator.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Assistant Moderator.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 25, 1927, AT 9 O'CLOCK

7. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder S. S. Pickett, proceeded to business.

8. The Messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called upon for a report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

9. Messengers who took appointment to visit sister Associations at their next sitting are as follows:

Little River: Minutes.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin, T. A. Stanfield, and B. F. McKinney.

Fisher's River: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin, J. W. Gilliam, B. F. McKinney, and Brother J. H. Dye.

Mayo: Minutes—Brothers G. W. Dix and T. W. Rice.

Kehukee: Minutes.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. King, and B. F. McKinney.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin, T. A. Stanfield, and B. F. McKinney.

Pig River: Moved that we ask for direct correspondence, and

Elder J. W. Gilliam, and Brothers Dix and Rice took appointments.
 Smith's River: Minutes.
 Staunton River: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam, and Brothers
 G. W. Dix, T. W. Rice, and R. A. Cox.
 New River: Minutes.
 Mill Branch: Minutes.
 Baltimore—Elder L. H. Hardy appointed as our correspondent.
 Salem: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam, and Brethren G. W. Dix
 and R. A. Cox.
 Mountain—Investigation regarding their preaching those in fel-
 lowship with the Wilson Disorder to be made and reported by Elder
 M. B. Martin.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Durham (colored): Minutes.

10. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held
 with the Church at Oak Grove, in Caswell County, North Carolina, to
 begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July
 1928, and continue three days. Elder T. A. Stanfield was requested
 to preach the introductory sermon and Elder B. F. McKinney to be
 his alternate.

11. The Finance Committee made the following report to the
 Association:

Contribution from the churches	\$140.50
Contribution from friends in the congregation.....	68.23

Total contribution from the Churches	\$208.73
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Recommendation for disbursements:

For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 copies....	\$ 36.00
For printing 500 Church Letter Reports.....	2.50
For Lumber for seats, lighting exp., bal. on cost of hauling water and ice, etc.	32.50
For the Clerk's service	15.00
For visiting ministers	112.08
To the credit of the Asso. in hand of Clerk.....	10.65

Total as above listed	\$208.73
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Moved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and
 the Committee excused, which was agreed.

12. Moved that the Clerk have 1,000 of these Minutes printed
 and distributed with the churches of our Association and among Sister
 Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

13. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching
 the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to
 hear and enjoy same, and now that our Association is drawing to a
 close, be it resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed;

(b) That we extend thanks to the brethren, sisters, and friends who have rendered assistance in taking care of the Association;

(c) That we extend thanks to the warehousemen of Burlington, N. C., for furnishing ice and water for the people in attendance.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association and their addresses:

Elder B. B. McKinney, Reidsville, N. C., Star Route.

Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.

Elder O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route #1.

Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, N. C.

Elder W. M. Monsees, Reidsville, N. C.

Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C., Route #1.

Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va., Route #3.

Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C., Route A.

Elder M. B. Martin, Altamahaw, N. C., Route #2.

CORRESPONDING AND VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder N. H. Harrison, Kehukee Association.

Elder George Dyer, Pig River Association.

Elder L. H. Hardy, Hunting Quarters Church, N. C.

Elder Frederick W. Keene, Maine Conference.

Elder H. F. Hutchens, Black Creek Association.

Elder J. W. Wyatt, Black Creek Association.

Elder J. F. Stigall, Pig River Association.

Elder E. C. Oakes, Lower Country Line Association.

Elder A. L. Holloway, Lower Country Line Association.

Elder E. L. Cobb, Black Creek Association.

Elder S. S. Pickett, Ormond Church, Fla.

Elder J. F. Spangler, Mayo Association.

Elder D. V. Spangler, Mayo Association.

Elder W. A. Gourley, Salem Association.

Elder E. C. Oakes, Little River.

Elder J. B. Wade, Pig River.

Elder C. A. Davis, Salem.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. F. McKinney from Isa. 40:10; and he was followed by Elder B. B. McKinney, from Luke 10:21.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder H. F. Hutchens—did not get his text.

Elder J. F. Stigall—Did not get his text.

At 4 O'clock:

1. Elder E. C. Jones—Gen. 1:3.
2. Elder C. A. Davis—Isa. 53:1.

At 7 O'clock:

- Elder E. C. Oakes—Did not get his text.
 Elder A. L. Holloway—General expositions.

Sunday Morning at 10 O'clock:

- Elder N. H. Harrison—I Tim. 6:15.
 Elder L. H. Hardy—Gen. 22:14.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder Isaac Jones—'I saw in the hand of him that sat upon the throne,' etc.

Elder E. L. Cobb—Eph. 2:8.

At 4:30:

- Elder George Dyer—John 12:24.
 D. V. Spangler—John 6:68.

At 7 O'clock:

- Elder J. W. Wyatt—Isa. 32:1-3.
 Elder J. B. Wade—Did not get his text.

Monday Morning:

- Elder F. W. Keene—Joshua 2:18.
 Elder S. S. Pickett—Matt. 17:8.
 Elder J. F. Spangler—John 5:25-29.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation of sessions since the Country Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

*Oak Grove	1910-1928
Lynches Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray's	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony	1907-1925
Reidsville	1908-1926
Gilliam's	1909-1927

*Appointed to be held.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 2.....	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.....	25
Country Line—Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C.....	15
Dan River—W. G. Dix, Ruffin, N. C., Route No. 2.....	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1.....	40
Harmony—W. A. Ward, Cedar Grove, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5.....	30
Lynch's Creek—Wm. Warren, Corbett, N. C.	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3.....	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5.....	25
Pleasant Grove—Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C., Star Rt.....	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3.....	55
Oak Grove—Robt. H. James, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1.....	20
New Hope—J. S. Knowles, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6.....	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C.....	38

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.....	18
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.....	18
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.....	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. No. 1.....	25
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.....	27
Little River—Robt. Smith, Benson, N. C.	
Mayo—S. G. Dobbins, Claudville, Va.....	20
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Roanoke, Va.....	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.....	18
Smith's River—Elder J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va.....	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, 147 Broad St., Danville, Va.....	18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.....	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.....	20
Mountain—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.....	15
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, Va.....	15
Seven Mile—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C.....	15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C.....	20
Durham (colored)—Brother Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., R. 5.....	20

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STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec'd by E. and B.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Prospect Hill	W. P. Warren, W. D. Burch W. D. Blalock						2	19	11.25
Bush Arbor	Eld. B. F. McKinney, J. E. Simmons, J. D. Simmons	2					1	44	11.25
Big Meadows	Eld. W. C. Jones, W. H. Crutehfield, N. P. Napier	1						12	2.00
Country Line	Eld. W. C. King, by request						2	6	5.00
Dan River	W. J. French, T. W. Rice, R. A. Cox							24	5.00
Gilliam's	T. W. Saunders, J. L. Rudd, P. N. Somers	2	1	1				25	21.00
Harmony	Bro. W. A. Ward*		1					12	2.00
Lick Fork	C. L. Apple, J. P. Lovelace*, C. L. Saunders						22	22	10.50
Lynche's Creek	William Warren*							4	3.00
McGray's	Robert Cates, Sister Lula Aldridge, A. G. Porterfield							14	8.00
Moon's Creek	Sister Belle Neal							4	1.00
Oak Grove	R. A. Poteat, Robt. H. Jones, Sister Gunn*							8	4.00
Pleasant Grove	Eld. T. A. Stanfield, G. W. Walker, W. H. Dare	1						49	11.00
Reidsville	Mrs. T. O. Carter, J. B. Gardner*, Chas. Delancy*, E. R. Harris					2		24	10.00
Wolf Island	R. A. Smith, J. H. Dye, J. W. Delancy						2	43	6.00
New Hope	Geo. R. Roberson, F. M. Walker, J. J. Somers*					2		14	7.50
Monticello	J. J. and H. W. Lambeth, C. P. O'Ferrell							13	12.00
Greensboro	Eld. O. J. Denny*, J. H. Combs, I. E. Neal	1			5			38	10.00
Totals		7	2	1	5	4		7375	140.50

Absentees marked*

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