

MINUTES
OF THE
One Hundred Nineteenth
Annual Session
OF THE
Senter District
Primitive Baptist Association

Held With
SENER CHURCH
ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8, 9, AND 10,

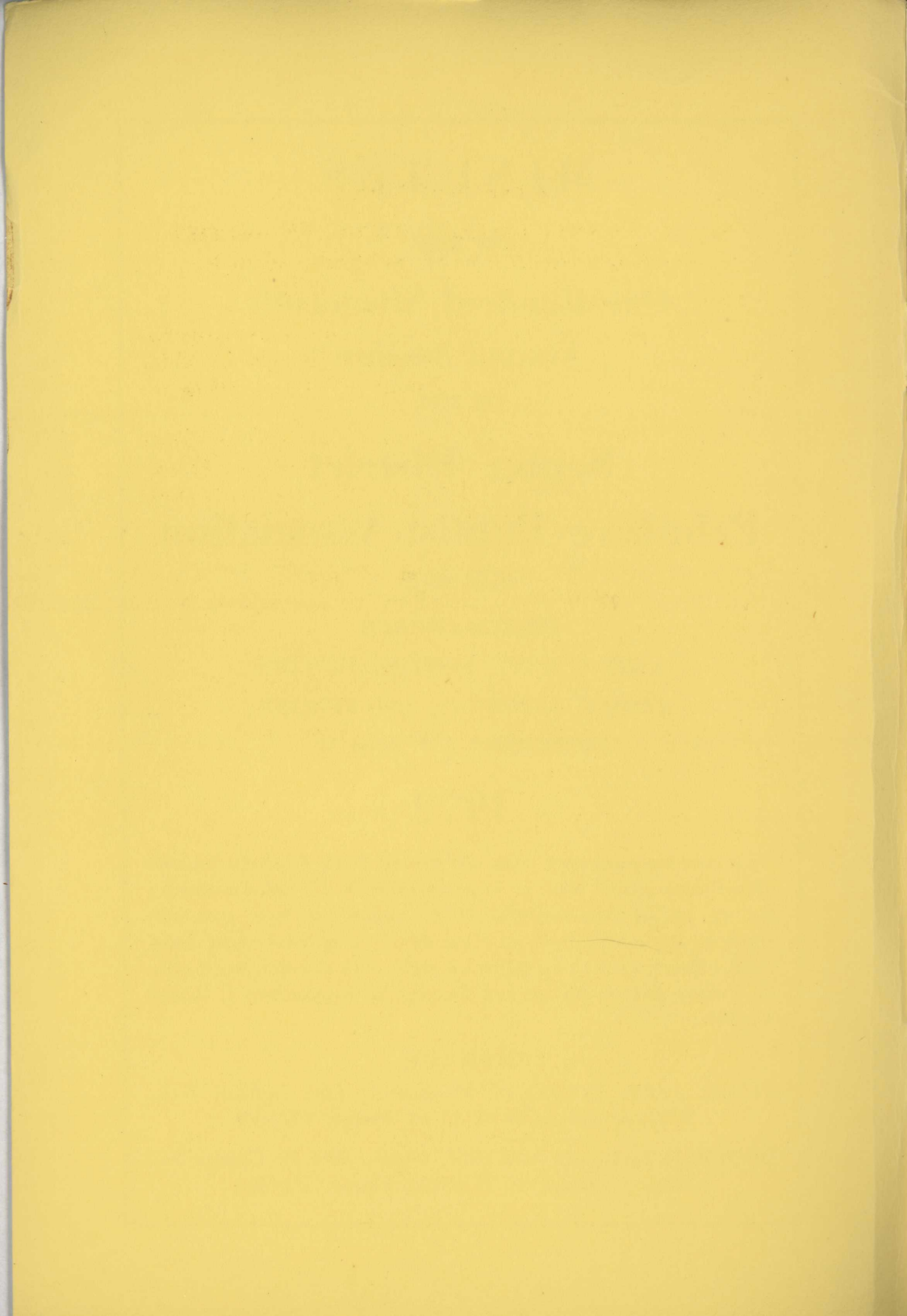
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Next session convenes with the North Fork Church, located about three miles west of Warrentsville, N. C. Take Highway No. 88 out of Warrentsville, N. C. about one mile you will come to the North Fork of New River, take first right hand road, church about two miles on right side of road, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September 7, 8, and 9, 1973.

OFFICERS:

**ELDER JACK MCGINNIS, Moderator, 4380 Ogburn Ave.,
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105, Phone: 767-8328**

**BROTHER EARL W. SEVERT, Clerk, 4798 N. Cherry St.,
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105, Phone: 767-6851**



Proceedings

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

FRIDAY — September 8, 1972.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Bernie Leonard, of the Saints Delight Church of Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Leonard J. Corns of the Spoon Creek Church of Va. Text: Ephesians, chapter 2, verse 8. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches read, Correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder Jack McGinnis, Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, 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. G. R. Douglas
Sister G. R. Douglas
Bro. M. A. Jenkins and Wife
Bro. Willie Joines
Bro. Cleve Gambill
Sister R. Cleve Gambill
Elder Walter Evens
Bro. Elmer R. Sparks
Bro. Lon M. Reeves and Wife
Bro. J. Mack Osborne and Wife
Bro. Roscoe Williams
Sister Lula R. Crouse
Sister Beulah Reeves
Sister Elma Waddell Reeves
Sister R. E. Marsh

Elder W. R. Hawks
Bro. A. C. Holloway
Bro. Greene Ward
Bro. Foster W. Truitt and Wife
Sister Hiatt Lineback
Bro. Jack Reeves
Bro. Robert Cleary
Bro. Troy Cleary
Sister Grace Rector
Bro. Albert B. Richardson
Bro. Clarence Ward
Bro. Arol Choate

Original Bear Creek Association: of N. C.

Bro. Carl Edwards and Wife
Elder C. M. Mills
Sister Veadie F. Davis
Bro. T. E. Broadway and Wife

Silver Creek Association: of N. C.

Bro. Roy Chason
Sister Ellie Lou Chason
Sister Dolly Wagner

Chambers Creek Association: of Texas

Bro. A. D. Blevins and Wife
Sister Maggie E. Fielding
Elder M. R. Altom

New Liberty Association: of W. Va.

Bro. Finley Ratliff
Sister Bernice Ratliff

Mt. Zion Association: of W. Va.

Bro. William Foster
Sister Lucille Foster
Elder Don Lilly
Elder A. L. Neely

Independent Churches:

Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church: of Va.

Elder Leonard J. Corns

Bro. Noel L. Wilson and Wife

Troutdale Church: of Va.

Bro. Millard F. Greer

Sister Zenna P. Richmond

Sister Leona Adams

Spoon Creek Church: of Va.

Lic. R. L. Jefferson

Sister R. L. Jefferson

Loves Grove Church: of N. C.

Elder R. L. Rodgers

Pine Grove Church: of Va.

Elder Jess B. Higgins

Abbots Creek Church: of N. C.

Bro. B. R. Dillard

St. Clair's Bottom Church: of Va.

Bro. Daniel C. Blevins

Bro. Fred W. Cress

Claiborne Street Church: of Va.

Bro. J. S. Lawrence and Wife

White Oak Springs Church: of N. C.

Bro. W. H. Bondurant and Wife

Saints Delight Church: of N. C.

Elder Bernie Leonard

Salisbury Church: of N. C.

Elder C. A. Livengood

Reddies River Church: of N. C.

Sister Annie Whittington Pierce

Cold Springs Church: of Ky.

Bro. J. D. Bolt and Wife

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

1. Committee on Finance:

Bro. Bertie Bare

Bro. Carl Ball

Bro. B. O. Dolinger

2. Committee on Arrangements:

Bro. G. O. Blevins

Bro. G. L. Mash

Bro. George Dewey Roten

3. Committee on Ministry:

Elder C. O. Yates

Elder Ed Severt

Elder G. D. Roten

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet Saturday morning 9:45 a. m. at Senter Church for conference.

7. To adjourn until 10:00 a. m. Saturday with song and prayer by Elder M. R. Altom of the Chambers Creek Association of Texas.

SATURDAY — September 9, 1972.

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with song and prayer by Lic. R. L. Jefferson of the Spoon Creek Church of Va.

ON MOTION:

1. Roll call, omitted.

2. Reading of the constitution, also rules of Decorum omitted.

3. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we continue seating all orderly, peace loving, Primitive Baptist as visitors. The next Association to be held on Friday

before the Second Sunday in September, 1973, at North Fork Church.

4. Rules of Decorum and Constitution to be printed in minutes.

5. That minutes be mailed to all visitors.

6. To appoint the Clerk as treasurer for overseeing the printing of 600 copies of the minutes, also distribution of same.

7. That the Finance Committee handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same, to visiting Elders.

8. Obituaries to appear in minutes.

9. Finance Committee reported as follows:

Received from Churches	\$289.00
Treasurer returned from last year	65.00
Received from stand Saturday and Sunday	155.00
Total Received	\$509.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	\$ 20.00
To the Clerk	35.00
Printing and postage of minutes	85.00
Janitorial service at Nathans Creek School	35.00
To visiting Elders	234.00
Total Expenditures	\$409.00
Balance in Treasury	\$100.00

10. We wish to express our appreciation for the use of the Nathans Creek School building, where the Association was held on Saturday and Sunday.

11. Minutes be read and approved.

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

Elder Jack McGinnis, Moderator

Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Bernie Leonard, opened, with Prayer

Elder Leonard J. Corns, Introductory

Elder M. R. Altom, closed, with Prayer

Friday Evening:

Lic. C. A. Livengood, opened, with Prayer
Elder Bernie Leonard
Elder M. R. Altom

Friday Night at Senter Church:

Elder W. R. Hawks, opened, with Prayer
Elder Jess B. Higgins
Elder C. M. Mills

Saturday Morning:

Lic. R. L. Jefferson, opened, with Prayer
Elder Hugh Blevins
Elder C. M. Mills
Elder Jess B. Higgins

Saturday Evening:

Elder Leonard J. Corns
Elder R. L. Rodgers
Elder Don Lilly
Elder A. L. Neely, closed, with Prayer

Saturday Night at Senter Church:

Elder Walter Evans
Elder A. L. Neely

Sunday Morning:

Elder Jack McGinnis, opened, with Prayer
Elder A. L. Neely
Elder M. R. Altom

Sunday Evening:

Elder Walter Evans
Elder G. D. Roten
Elder M. R. Altom, closed, with Prayer

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

Obituaries

MR. ALLEN ALEXANDER SHEETS

Allen Alexander Sheets, 71, of Fleetwood, N. C. died Friday, March 24, 1972 at his home. The funeral was held at the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church. Burial was in the Calloway family cemetery.

Brother Sheets was born in Ashe County to Jacob and Alpha Houck Sheets. He was a retired construction worker and was a member of the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Illa South Sheets; a daughter, Mrs. Bly St. John, of Fleetwood, N. C.; two sons, Lenny Sheets, of Rt. 6, Mocksville, N. C. and Benny Sheets, of the home; two sisters, Mrs. H. B. Miller, of Fleetwood, N. C. and Mrs. Oscar McNeill, of Marion, Va.; and a brother, Wiley Sheets, of Fleetwood, N. C.

As a member of the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church he was a good and faithful member until death

Sleep on Brother, take the Peaceful rest,
God called you home, He thought it best.

By the Clerk

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.
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, C. O. Yates
 North Fork — Elder Dewey Roten
 Riverview — Elders Jack McGinnis, C. O. Yates, G. D. Roten
 Roans Creek — Elders G. D. Roten, E. G. Lyle
 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.	25
Beaver Creek: Ralph Miller, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694	25
Big Helton: B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.	60
Horse Creek: Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694	15
North Fork: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Warrentsville, N. C.	30
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626	30
Roans Creek: G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, N. C.	45
Senter: Annie Jones, Rt. 2, Crumpler, N. C.	55

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ezenezer: 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.	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 peace-loving 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 no way 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 privil-

eges 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 reproved 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 expressed 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 let-

ter 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

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elders	Rec. by Exp. & Bapt.	Restored by Rel.	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek	Elder Edd Severt, Sister Lessie Craven, Sister Ruth Parsons, Sis. Bell Miller, Alt.	May	1	1	1						16	\$ 30.00
Beaver Creek	Bro. Gaither Johnson, Bro. George Miller, Bro. Ralph Miller, Bro. Gordie Severt, Alt.	May	4								15	20.00
Big Helton	Bro. G. O. Blevins, Bro. B. O. Dolinger, Sis. G. O. Blevins, Sis. Paul Dolinger, Alt.	July	3								41	51.00
Roans Creek	Bro. G. L. Mash, Bro. G. O. Burgess, Bro. Frank Thompson, Bro. Tom Severt, Alt.	July	4	2							45	30.00
North Fork	Bro. Ben Roten, Bro. Grover Burchette, Sis. Floss Roten, Sis. Hettie Sapp, Alt.	Aug.	1								25	36.00
Riverview	Elder C. O. Yates, Bro. George Dewey Roten, Sis. Orby Yates, Sis. Janet Hartzog, Alt.	June	3	3						1	32	39.00
Horse Creek	Bro. Millard Davis, Bro. Carl Ball, Sister Lessie Ball, Alt.	June	4								5	15.00
Senter	Bro. Bertie Bare, Bro. Steve Douglas, Bro. Bob Absher, Bro. Norman Brown, Alt.	June	2	2						2	71	68.00
TOTAL											3 250	\$289.00

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 Sturgills, 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 northwest of Lansing, N. C. Take Highway 194 from West Jefferson, N. C., to Lansing, N. C. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile, 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 Warrensville, N. C. Located between Warrensville, N. C. and Trade, Tenn. Take Highway No. 88 out of Warrensville, 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.

comes to the North Fork of New River, take first right hand road, church about two miles on right side of road.

RIVERVIEW—Third Sunday April 7 p. m. and Sun-
day 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. 1247, go about six miles, church on left side of road.

BOONE CREEK—Fourth Sunday 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.

SEVENTY—Second Sunday, 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.

WATER CREEK—First Sunday—10:30 a. m. and
11 a. m. A brick church building located about one and
a half miles west of Dunnington, N. C. Take Highway 100 from
Lenoir, N. C. to Dunnington, N. C. Turn left on
state road No. 1247, go about one mile, church on left side
of road.

HORSE CREEK—Sunday (only) 10 a. m. following the
fourth Sunday. A white wood frame building located about
two and a half miles northwest of Lenoir, N. C. Take Highway 100 from
West Jefferson, N. C., to Lenoir, N. C. From Lenoir, go
west on Highway 1247, go about one and a half miles and
turn left on state road No. 1247, go about one mile, church
on left side of road.

NORTH FORK—Sunday (only) 2 p. m. following the first
Sunday. A white wood frame church building located
about three miles west of Waverlyville, N. C. Located be-
tween Waverlyville, N. C. and Trade, N. C. Take Highway
No. 88 out of Waverlyville, N. C., about one mile, church on
left side of road.

