

MINUTES

of the
One Hundred Forty-Fifth Annual Session
of the
SENER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
SENER CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, and 13, 1998

The next session will convene with Beaver Creek Church, a brick building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC Take Hwy. 221 South about one mile to Hwy. 163 - about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

September 10, 11 and 12, 1999

OFFICERS

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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Milton Gunter from Northview Church, Danbury, NC.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Indian Creek Church.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Floyd South, Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator; Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. A letter was received from Horse Creek Church requesting that they come out of the Association and become an independent church. A motion was made and seconded that their request be granted. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia:

Brother Green Ward
Brother and Sister Cecil Wyatt
Elder and Sister Curtis Hash

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia:

Elder Eddie G. Lyle

Elder and Sister Schultz Pratt

Roaring River Association of North Carolina:

Elder Samuel E. Parrish

Original Bear Creek Association:

Brother Michael Lester

Little Yadkin River Association:

Brother L. B. Hawkins

Sister Margaret Hawkins

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Community Primitive Baptist Church, Stuart, Va.

Brother O'Bain Hylton

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC

Brother Paul V. Lemons

Brother Raymond J. Bibey

Northview

Brother Charles Joyce

Sister Janie Joyce

Elder Milton Gunter

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church, Glade Springs, Va.

Elder J. D. Cleek

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church

Elder Paul E. Williams

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church, Danville, Va.

Elder Dan Parker

Mont View Primitive Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
Elder Wayne Gibbons

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Brother Willard Hartzog
Brother Don Walters
Brother Larry Davis
Elder Floyd South

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:

Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Paul Bare
Brother Edward Roten
Brother Ray Roten
Brother Tony Jordan
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

Elder Bobby Absher
Elder Floyd South
Brother Don Walters
Brother Ray Roten
Brother Paul Bare
Brother Clyde Johnson

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service .
for conference.
7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.
8. Closed with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1998

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder C. O. Yates.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 1999 at Beaver Creek Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Beaver Creek Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1998

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	\$70.00
Big Helton	35.00
North Fork	100.00
Riverview	125.00
Roans Creek	80.00
Senter	355.00
Total	\$765.00
Received from donations Friday and Saturday	\$273.00
Balance in Savings	543.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	\$20.00
To the Assistant Moderator	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	20.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	520.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	403.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

- Elder James McNeill, Moderator
- Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
- Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
- Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Eddie Lyle

1521 Elliot Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694

Elder Samuel E. Parrish

86 Sycamore Lane, Laurel Springs, NC 28644

Elder Dan Parker

3849 R & L Smith Drive, Danville, Va. 24540

Elder Curtis D. Hash

2495 Rawen House Road, Independence, Va. 24348

Elder Wayne Gibbons

P.O. Box 15, Wallburg, NC 27373

Elder Paul E. Williams

230 Burnette Street, Richlands, Va 24641

Elder J. D. Cleek

2385 Chimney Top, Fall Branch TN 27656

Elder Milton Gunter

1105 Branscome Young Road, Danbury, NC 27016

Elder Schultz Pratt

429 Seneca Drive, P.O. Box 843 Glade Springs, Va. 27340

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Milton Gunter (introduced with prayer)

Elder Paul Williams (introductory sermon)

Elder Floyd South (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Dan Parker (introduced with prayer)

Elder Milton Gunter

Elder John Jackson (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:

Elder Schultz Pratt (introduced with prayer)

Elder Dan Parker

Elder Eddie Lyle (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)

Elder Wayne Gibbons

Elder J. D. Cleek

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Eddie Lyle

Elder Floyd South (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)

Elder Samuel Parrish

Elder Curtis Hash

Elder Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Elder C. O. Yates (introduced with prayer)

Elder Bobby Absher

Elder James McNeill

Brother Paul Bare (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night - April 11-16, 1999.

IN MEMORIAM



Ina McMillan McMillan

Sister Ina McMillan was born June 27, 1911 and died July 5, 1998.

Sister McMillan is survived by her husband, Letcher McMillan. Also surviving are two daughters, Zollie Wyatt and Doris Magaw; two sons, Harry and Howard McMillan. Two half-sisters survive - Edna Ruth Osborne and Margaret Ammons and one half-brother, John McMillan. Several grandchildren and several great grandchildren also survive.

The funeral of Sister McMillan was conducted at Grandview Memorial Chapel, Sparta, N.C. on July 8, 1998 by Elder Floyd South. Internment was in the Piney Creek Methodist Church Cemetery.

Sister McMillan had been a member of the Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church since January, 1985 where they joined by letter.

Sister McMillan attended church as long as she was able. She had been in declining health for a number of years.



Flossie Mae Arnold Roten

Flossie Arnold Roten was born in Ashe County on March 19, 1910 to Mary and Lark Arnold. She died November 27, 1997, after a long illness.

Sister Roten was married to Elder Dewey Roten who died January 9, 1988. Elder Roten served the Primitive Baptist Church of the Senter Association for many years.

Sister Roten joined the North Fork Primitive Baptist Church and later moved her membership to the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church.

Sister Roten was preceded in death by one son, Gwyn Roten. She is survived by four sons, George, Edward, Dane and Ray; two daughters, Mary Bare and Elva Bumgarner. Also surviving are a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sister Roten was a loving wife and mother and was always supportive of Elder Roten in his ministry. She cared for Elder Roten for a number of years after he became ill.

Sister Roten's funeral was conducted on November 30, 1997 by Elder Calvin Yates and Elder John Jackson. Her body was laid to rest in the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection morning.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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West Jefferson, NC 28694
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Elder Floyd South 278 South Avenue
West Jefferson, NC 28694
Telephone: (336) 246-7456

Elder Steve Douglas 5700 Garvey Bridge Road
Crumpler, NC 28617
Telephone: (336) 982-2958

Elder James D. McNeill 5862 U.S. 221 North
Crumpler, NC 28617
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Elder John Jackson 1103 Tom Jackson Road
Boone, NC 28607

Elder Bobby Absher 183 Old Ridge Road
Crumpler, NC 28617
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Beaver Creek	Elder James McNeill
Big Helton	Elder Steve Douglas
North Fork	Elder John Jackson
Riverview	Elders C. O. Yates, James McNeill
Roans Creek	Elder Floyd South
Senter	Elder James McNeill

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters	20
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694	
Big Helton Elmer Ham	15
2214 Deep Ford Road, Lansing, NC 28643	
North Fork Kenny McNeill	20
236 Cranberry Creek Road, Laurel Springs, NC 28644	
Riverview Dan Miller	30
270 Joe Lyalls Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694	
Roans Creek Elder Floyd South	25
278 South Avenue, West Jefferson, NC 28694	
Senter Bobby Absher	45
183 Old Ridge Road, Crumpler, NC 28617	

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: <i>Aubrey E. Utz</i>	
Madison, VA 22727	20
Mountain: <i>Roy Truitt</i>	
102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333	20
Bear Creek: <i>Allen Copple</i>	
Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203	20

Silver Creek: <i>Elder Gene Watson</i>	
145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645	20
North Carolina Collection: <i>The Library</i>	
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	2
The Primitive Baptist Library: <i>Elon College</i>	
4023 North, NC 87 Elon College, NC 27244	2
The American Baptist Historical Society	
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620	2
Wake Forest University: <i>The Z. Smith Reynolds Library</i>	
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109...	2
The Christian Baptist Library	
PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220	2
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association:	
Rt. 1, Box 14, Bluefield, WV 24701	20
The Primitive Baptist Library:	
416 Main Street, Carthage, IL 62321	2
St. Clair's Bottom Association: <i>Blaine Owens</i>	
103 Jefferson Drive, Bristol, VA 24201.....	20

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

- Beaver Creek:** 4th Sunday in May
- Senter:** 2nd Sunday in June
- Riverview:** 3rd Sunday in June
- North Fork:** 2nd Sunday in July
- Big Helton:** 3rd Sunday in July
- Roans Creek:** 4th Sunday 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, failings or imperfections, 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 breaks the Rules of 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.

14. The pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

15. Delegates of the host church to select the elder to preach the introductory sermon.

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 Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 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 letters, excluded and dead since last Association.

3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. 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 have any internal right over any church in the union.

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

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

7. 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.

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

9. 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.

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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

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

16. 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.

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beaver Creek - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 AM, and fourth Sunday, 2:00 PM A brick building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 south about one mile to Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

Big Helton - Second and third Sundays, 11:00 A.M. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgills, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC to Sturgills, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the highway.

North Fork - Second and fourth Sundays, 10:30 A.M. Take Hwy. 88 West from Warrensville. Approximately 1 1/2 miles turn right on Staggs Creek Road. Continue on Staggs Creek Road approximately 1 mile. Church is at the intersection of Staggs Creek Road and Glenn Miller Road.

Riverview - From the intersection of 221 and 163 near West Jefferson go south on 221 approximately .3 mile. Turn left on Nettle Knob Road, go three miles to the Lower Nettle Knob Road. Go 3.5 miles to the Phillips Gap Road, turn right about 1 mile. the brick church is on the left of the road.

Roans Creek - Sunday, following fourth Saturday of each month, 11:00 A.M. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Senter - First Sunday night, 7:00 PM. second Saturday night, 7:00 PM, and Sunday following, 2:00 PM. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles. Located on Nathans' Creek School Road.

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