

MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTRY LINE

**Primitive Baptist Association**

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

WOLF ISLAND,  
In Rockingham County, N. C.

AUGUST 19TH, 20TH AND 21ST,  
1899.

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## PROCEEDINGS.

- 1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elders D. R. Moore and P. G. Lester from Job 19:25-27.
- 2nd. The Association convened, and after prayer by A. B. Philpot proceeded to business.
- 3rd. Elder James A. Burch was chosen Moderator.
- 4th. The correspondents were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received:
  - From Kehukee—
  - From Black Creek—B. A. Scott, and Elders P. D. Gold and William Woodard.
  - From Little River—Elders J. A. Adams and W. J. Stephenson.
  - From Fisher's River—Elder J. A. Ashburn.
  - From Pigg River—Elders A. B. Philpot and B. L. Stultz.
  - From White Oak—Elder I. Jones.
  - From Mayo—Elder L. I. Bodenheimer, S. R. Biggs, and Elder J. M. Lewis and Bros. G. W. Carter, W. H. Warren, J. W. Moorefield and F. G. Southern.
  - From Eno—Bro. G. C. Farthing.
  - From Contentnea—Elder J. W. Gardner.
  - From Staunton River—Elder C. D. Bray and R. L. Shreves, W. H. Dawson, G. H. Thomas and others.
  - From Yellow River—Not represented.
  - From Abbott's Creek—Bro. B. F. White and Elders P. W. Willard and W. L. Boulding.
  - From New River—Elder P. G. Lester.
  - From Toisnot—Jesse A. Moore.
- 5th. Rules of Decorum were read.
- 6th. Letters from the several churches and their standing minuted in the statistical table.
- 7th. Elders C. D. Bray and B. F. Stultz were appointed to preach to-day (Saturday.)
- 8th. The Messengers of this church, with the Moderator and Clerk, were chosen a committee of arrangements; J. H. Combs and C. J. Terry a committee of finance.
- 9th. Adjourned the business of the Association until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

10th. Elder L. I. Bodenheimer opened the morning service from Jeremiah 22:6 and Elder P. D. Gold closed from Phil. 3: 13-14.

Elder A. B. Philpot opened the evening service from 1st Peter 1:18-20, which was closed by Elder I. Jones from Gen. 42:8.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

11th. The Association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder P. G. Lester proceeded to business.

12th. The committees of arrangements and finance reported and their reports were received and the committees discharged.

13th. Messengers appointed last year to visit sister Associations and section meetings generally attended, and those who did not were excused.

14th. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations as follows:

To Mayo—W. G. Dix, T. F. Ward, and Elder J. M. Harris.

To Kehukee—Elders James M. Harris and James Burch.

To Little River—Elders L. H. Hardy, J. A. Burch and J. M. Harris, and Bro. J. S. Ward.

To Contentnea—Elders James A. Burch and James M. Harris.

To Staunton River—Elders James M. Harris, James A. Burch and W. C. Jones, and Bros. E. R. Harris and C. A. Howard.

To White Oak—Elders J. A. Burch and W. C. Jones.

To Abbott's Creek—Elders James M. Harris and James A. Burch.

To Black Creek—Bro. J. H. Gooch and Elders James A. Burch, Jas. M. Harris and W. C. Jones.

To Fisher's River—Elders James A. Burch and R. T. Williams.

To Pigg River—Elders James M. Harris, James A. Burch, and Bro. R. T. Williams.

To Eno—Elders L. H. Hardy, James M. Harris and James A. Burch.

To Toisnot—Elder James M. Harris.

15th—The church at Surl petitioned the Association to appoint a presbytery to ordain Bro. J. W. Peed to the full functions of the ministry.

Agreed to continue to correspond with the Durham Association. col., by Minutes.

At the request of the church at Surl, the Association appoints a Presbytery of the following ministers to inquire after the qualifications of Bro. J. W. Peed, and if found orthodox, to set him apart to the full work of the ministry, and composed of the following ministers: Elders D. R. Moore, James A. Burch and Y. I. Chandler.

16th. Elders W. C. Jones, F. L. Oakley and Y. I. Chandler were appointed to attend a section meeting at Stories' Creek, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in April, 1900, and continue three days, and Elders F. L. Oakley, James A. Burch and Y. I. Chandler to attend another at Burlington on Friday before the second Sunday in April, 1900, and hold three days.

17th. Elder L. H. Hardy was appointed to write a circular letter to be read at the next Association, on Saturday.

18th. The finance committee reported as follows:

Received from Churches.....	\$25 70
Already in hands of the Clerk.....	16 72
Total.....	\$42 42

#### EXPENDITURES.

Clerk's Fees.....	\$10 00
For printing 1300 copies of the Minutes.....	16 00
Total.....	\$26 00
Balance in hands of Clerk.....	\$16 42
Paid over to finance committee for benefit of traveling ministers.....	10 00
Balance in hands of Clerk.....	\$ 6 42

The Circular Letter was read and received.

### CIRCULAR LETTER.

Since the date 1790 it has been our practice in North Carolina for the Baptist Associations to write letters and attach them to their minutes, and circulate them among the different associations of their faith and order as a medium of correspondence in the fellowship, union and association of the churches. This letter may tend to show some importance of God's people meeting in the name of the Lord, and conferring with each other for the faith of God, and the enjoyment of being built up in the most holy faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord tells us His foundation is in the holy mountain. "The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God, Selah, Psalm 87:1-3."

The glorious things that are spoken, are spoken by the inhabitants of the city of God, His kingdom in which He dwells, saying in his prayer to the Father that His people should be one as we are one, "I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one. John, 17:23" This being so the Father and the Son in the inhabitants of the City of God, they work in them to speak glorious things by the power of the Spirit of the Lord. Our fathers in Israel taught by him came together in his name and spoke often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon His name. They organized themselves in bodies of believing and baptized members of the church of Christ, the scriptures being their only rule of faith and practice under church rules to be governed by, having been baptized in the faith and practice of Christ and the apostles. They were then independent bodies of the followers of Christ, amenable to no man, nor set of men, but to Jesus Christ, the head of the church. When many such bodies were joined by the spirit and power they manifested a desire to associate with their sister churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion, and preserve correspondence with each other, sent their letters and messengers with greetings to each other, their state and standing at home, constituting themselves into associations of churches under such rules as they deemed necessary for their social government while in session serving the Lord, and when they were able to speak of the glorious things that the Lord had done in His city their hearts rejoiced together. The association, an assemblage of the churches, by messengers, has no power only as vested to the body by the assembling of the churches in council under such rules as the churches may devise for their government, when assembled in associated capacity with as many of our sister associations as we can have meet with us in fellowship and correspondence, that we may unite with them and they with us in telling and rejoicing in the glorious things done in the city of our God. We learn in Hassell's History, page 717, an account of the glorious things that the Lord had done, at the Kehukee Association in 1801. Elder Burkett having just returned from Tennessee and Kentucky brought the news from Kentucky and proclaimed from the stage that in that state there were about 6,000 persons who had within about eight months given satisfactory account of the work of grace in their souls, and been baptized. This had a wonderful effect on the congregation so that numbers were crying for mercy, and many praising and glorifying God. During that associational year the seasons were refreshing, about 1,500 members were added to the churches composing the Kehukee Association in two years. There is a proof of the work of the Lord in bringing his ser-

vants together in associations to tell of the glorious things of the city of our God. I often think of the poor soul crying for mercy and hearing of so many that do profess the Lord their Saviour while they can see no chance for a poor condemned sinner like they feel to be. All that they can do is to call for mercy, so much like the man that had an infirmity 38 years, and had no one to help him to be made whole until Jesus came. So mourners we must wait till Jesus comes, but when He begins a good work He will perform it to your eternal salvation and enable you to eternally enjoy the benefit of the glorious things of the city of our God. Now brethren let us continue in the footsteps of our fathers, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

I present this imperfect letter to your body subject to your amendments, reception or rejection. I subscribe my name as unable to write your circular letter in any honor to your name.

JAS. A. BURCH, Burlington, N. C.

Following Elders preached after 9 o'clock Monday, Wm. Woodard, P. G. Lester and W. J. Stephenson.

19th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Flat River, commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1900, and Elder Y. I. Chandler to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder James S. Dameron his alternate.

JAS. A. BURCH, Moderator.

C. A. HOWARD, Clerk.

W. A. WARREN, Ass't Clerk.

*Names of Clerks and Their Post Office Address.*

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Arbor .....	J. E. Simmons .....	Milesville, N. C.
Big meadow.....	Eli Buckner.....	Gravel Springs, "
Camp Creek .....	A. Blalock.....	Lyndover, "
Country Line .....	Y. I. Chandler.....	Fitch, "
McCray .....	J. Brooks.....	McCray, "
Dan River.....	S. F. Ward .....	Mayfield, "
Ebenezer .....	John Bowes .....	Gordonton, "
Flat River.....	W. T. Davis .....	Roxboro, "
Gilliams .....	J. W. Gilliam.....	Morton Store, "
Harmony.....	L. C. Murray.....	Pleasant Grove, "
Lynches Creek .....	W. R. Hawkins .....	Carr, "
Lick Fork.....	C. J. Terry .....	Reidsville, "
Mt. Zion.....	H. F. Wilkins.....	Red Banks, Va.
Moons Creek.....	J. R. Travis.....	Gatewood, N. C.
Prospect Hill.....	Dr. J. R. Hester .....	Prospect Hill, "
Pleasant Grove .....	T. A. Stanfield .....	Lenox Castle, "
Roxboro .....	G. T. Burch .....	Roxboro, "
Stories Creek.....	J. A. B. Walters .....	Roxboro, "
Surl .....	J. K. Duncan .....	Surl, "
Tar River .....	R. L. Newton.....	Berea, "
Wheeler.....	J. L. Phelps.....	Bushy Fork, "
Wolf Island.....	R. T. Williams.....	Reidsville, "
Burlington.....	J. S. Ward.....	Burlington, "

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

## NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

Names of Churches.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Dis'm'd by Letter	Exclud'd.	Deceased.	No. Fellowship	Finance.	
Arbor.....	1		1	1	7	74	1 00		
Big Meadow.....	2					23	1 50		
Burlington.....						8	50		
Camp Creek.....	2		3	3	2	50	1 50		
Country Line.....	3		3	1	1	13	50		
McCray.....						1	30	1 00	
Dan River.....						60	1 50		
Ebenezer.....						12	75		
Flat River.....						1	17	50	
Gilliams.....						1	18	90	
Harmony.....						1	75	2 50	
Lynchess Creek.....						1	11	50	
Lick Fork.....						19	75		
Mt. Zion.....						1	44	1 25	
Moon's Creek.....			1			6	1 44	1 50	
Prospect Hill.....						24	1 25		
Pleasant Grove.....				2		1	32	1 25	
Roxboro.....						1	42	1 00	
Stories Creek.....			2			1	35	75	
Surl.....			3			1	4	93	
Tar River.....						1	63	2 00	
Whealers.....						1	63	2 00	
Wolf Island.....	15	7	1	1	9	9	22	81	
Absentees marked thus*								15	25
								7	25
								1	70



