

MINUTES

Of The

EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Senter District

Primitive Baptist

Association



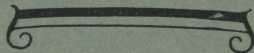
Held With

THE CHURCH AT BIG HELTON

Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

September 8-9-10, 1939



OFFICERS

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator ----- Tuckerdale, N. C.

F. T. MILLER, Clerk ----- Wagoner, N. C.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1939

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. W. Davis, Messenger of Senter Association, Text: St. Matthew, 5-6.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer, by Elder L. S. Saylor, a visitor from Powers Valley Association.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches except Silas Creek, Pleasant Grove, Beaver Creek, Cranberry.

2nd. On motion, organized the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis, Moderator and F. T. Miller, Clerk.

3rd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

4th. On motion, called for correspondents from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated and aided in counsel: St. Clair's Bottom—Elder H. M. Blevins and Bros. Wm. Blackwell and J. A. Bartley; Mountain—Elders C. B. Kilby, S. G. Caudill and S. P. Roberts; Indian Creek—Elder U. G. Nichols; Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone; Roaring River, Brother J. A. Miller.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren: The following came forward and were seated—St. Clair's Bottom—Bros. J. G. Perry, M. F. Greer and H. C. Sheets; Mountain—Bro. J. M. Wagoner; Abbot's Creek—Elder D. P. Broadway and Bro. C. B. Owens; Indian Creek—Elder E. O. Lilly; Fisher's River—Brother G. T. Jones and W. R. Morefield; Powers Valley—Elder L. S. Saylor; North District—Elder W. H. Cave and Brother C. L. Davis; Upper Mayo—Elder W. J. Brown.

6th. On motion, for moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session. He appointed to stand today, Elder W. H. Cave and W. J. Brown.

7th. On motion, appointed a committee on ministry composed of one messenger from each church.

8th. On motion, appointed a committee on finance as follows: J. F. Hartsog, Felix Bare and J. M. Weaver.

9th. On motion, appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elders G. D. Roten, W. W. Davis, Ed Ham, with moderator and clerk to sit with them—also transient and visiting brethren.

10th. On motion, appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: G. E. Kilby, T. E. Hartzog and Geo. Caudill.

11th. On motion, for committee on arrangements to sit at Brother Bob Blevins'.

12th. On motion, that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1939

The association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder H. M. Blevins.

1st. On motion, called on committee on arrangements to report. Report received and brethren discharged.

2nd. On motion, called roll, and erased absentees.

3rd. On motion, that we omit reading constitution and rules of decorum.

4th. On motion, called on committee who appointed correspondents to report. The report was as follows; St. Clair's Bottom—Elders Ed Davis, Ed Ham, Blair Kilby, Brothers G. E. Kilby and Hamp Davis; Mountain—Elder Ed Davis, Elder G. D. Roten, and Brother Hamp Davis; Fisher's Creek—Elders Ed Davis, W. W. Davis and G. D. Roten; Upper Mayo—Elder Ed Davis, Elder W. W. Davis, Elder G. D. Roten and Brother T. E. Hartzog; Roaring River—Elder Ed Ham and Brother F. T. Miller; Abbots Creek—Elder G. D. Roten and Brother F. T. Miller; Indian Creek—Elders Ed Davis and W. W. Davis.

5th. On motion, called on correspondents that were to go to sister associations to report. Reports received and brethren discharged.

6th. On motion, that we correspond with New River, Fisher's River, Washington, Ebenezer, Tenn., Nola Chucky consolidated, Kehuke, Ketcokton, and Powers Valley by Minutes.

7th. On motion, that we correspond with Fisher's River, Upper Mayo, and Abbots Creek associations by messengers.

8th. On motion, that we omit having the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these Minutes.

9th. On motion, called on committee on preaching to report, who reported for Saturday: 1st., Elder S. P. Roberts; 2nd., Elder C. B. Kilby; 3rd., Elder L. S. Saylor, and 4th., Elder H. M. Blevins. For Sunday—1st., Elder E. O. Lilly; 2nd., U. G. Nichols, 3rd., Elder F. P. Stone; 4th., Elder D. P. Broadway.

10th. On motion, that the next session of this association be held with Horse Creek church, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1940—about 16 miles west of Jefferson, N. C.

11th. On motion, that we have the Obituaries of Brother Jonathan Perry and Sister Elizabeth Ham printed in these Minutes.

12th. On motion, that we bear with the churches that failed to represent another year and that the preaching brethren visit them if possible.

13th. On motion, called on Finance committee to report who reported as follows:

Received from all churches -----	\$69.23
Allowed moderator -----	5.00
Allowed clerk -----	5.00
Allowed for printing and postage -----	30.00
Allowed Correspondents -----	29.23

Total to be paid out ----- \$69.23

Received from members and friends for correspondents and visiting preachers ----- 37.00

Total in all received ----- \$106.23

14th. On motion, that we appoint F. T. Miller clerk-treasurer and to superintend the printing of Minutes and to have 1,000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

15th. On motion, Minutes read and received.

16th. On motion, resolved that we return thanks to God for his mercies and to the brethren and sisters and kind friends for their hospitality to us during this session. We now adjourn until the time of our next meeting. Prayer by moderator.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator,
F. T. MILLER, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

For Saturday: 1st, Elder S. P. Roberts; 2nd, Elder C. B. Kilby; 3rd, Elder L. S. Saylor; 4th, Elder H. M. Blevins.
For Sunday: 1st, Elder E. O. Lilly; 2nd, Elder U. G. Nichols; 3rd, Elder F. P. Stone; 4th, Elder D. P. Broadway.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND POST OFFICES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	Sly, N. C.
Elder W. W. Davis	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby	Rugby, Va.
Elder Ed Ham	Whitetop, Va.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches & No. Minutes	Clerks and Post Offices
Senter—70	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—50	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Bear Creek—25	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek—25	E. D. Severt, Jefferson, N. C.
River View—25	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—50	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pleasant Grove—15	Ed Davis, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Pond Mountain—75	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek—45	Carl Ball, Lansing, N. C.
Big Helton—80	G. E. Kilby, Sturgills, N. C.
Silas Creek—20	C. N. Davis, Lansing, N. C.
Cranberry—20	M. B. Taylor, Sparta, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

St. Clair's Bottom—30	C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.
Mountain—50	J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.
Indian Creek—60	J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.
New River—60	J. M. Dickerson, Floyd, Va.
Fisher's River—50	G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.
Washington—40	G. B. Sutherland, Hayti, Va.
Tenn. Nolachucky con.—30	Z. R. Williams, Crosby, Tenn.
Kehukee—40	B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.
Ketocton—30	C. W. Miller, Roselyn, Va., Box 86
Ebenezer—30	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powers Valley—30	L. S. Saylor, Pineville, Ky.

Obituaries

JONATHAN PERRY

Jonathan Perry was born in Ashe county July 6, 1856, and departed this life March 30, 1938, making his stay on earth seventy-nine years, eight months and twenty-four days.

He was married to Alvok Sheets March 9, 1878. To this union was born fourteen children four of which preceded him to the Great Beyond. He is also survived by thirty-seven grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren and one sister.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Horse Creek Primitive Baptist church in the year 1884, later moving his membership to Big Helton Primitive Baptist church where he remained a faithful member till death. He never allowed the business affairs of life to interfere with his Saturday church meetings. Not only did he attend his local church services but, prior to his failing health he traveled hundreds of miles yearly to attend services of other churches. He took special interest in the young ministers of the church advising them, pointing out and overlooking their mistakes and always urging them on.

He was versed in the Bible and his chief interest seemed to center in the church; nevertheless he was very active in civic life outside the church. He served several years as clerk of the church. He was very patient during his affliction, always approving anything done for his comfort, and never complaining about his condition.

The church has lost a faithful member, his wife a faithful husband, and the children a devoted father, but heaven has gained their loss.

“Sleep on dear father,
Take thy rest
God called you home
He thought it best.”

Written by his daughter, Mrs. M. V. Spencer.

MRS. ELIZABETH HAM

Elizabeth, wife of William Ham and daughter of Richard and Emline Perry, was born Sept. 15th, 1862. She passed from this life July 13, 1938, making her stay on earth 75 years, 9 months, 29 days.

Elizabeth was married to William Ham 1884. To this union were born 7 children, 5 of whom are still living. She also leaves one sister and 5 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss, but our loss is her eternal gain. She was loved by all who knew her and had a kind word for everyone.

She professed a hope and joined the Primitive Baptist church at Horse Creek on Dec. 29th, 1883, where she lived a devoted Christian until death.

She was a strong believer in the doctrine of Salvation by grace. The church has lost a good member. She was afflicted a long time, but bore it with patience till the end.

We feel she is now resting in her Spiritual home, with all redeemed ones. We know we shall never again see mother as she was in this world, yet we hope to see her again in that spiritual home. A house not made with hands. What a glorious thought. There will be no more giving up our loved ones nor sad good byes.

Written by her bereaved children.

S T A T I S T I C A L T A B L E

CHURCHES—Names of Messengers and Pastors

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SENDER—H. M. Bare, Felix Bare, J. A. Reeves, Pastor, W. W. Davis---	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	70	\$10.10	
ROANS CREEK—F. T. Miller, F. O. Thompson; Pastors, Elders W. W. Davis, Ed Davis	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	39	5.00	
BEAR CREEK—G. W. Caudill, Callie Severt; Pastor, Eld. W. W. Davis---	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	48	4.23
RIVERVIEW—J. F. Hartzog, J. C. McNeill, T. E. Hartzog; Pastor, W. W. Davis	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	5.50
NORTH FORK—G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller, J. M. Weaver; Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	51	20.15
POND MT.—Elder Ed Davis, J. H. Eldreth; Pastor, Elder Ed Davis---	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	74	5.00
HORSE CREEK—Carl Ball; Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	33	3.00
BIG HELYTON—W. W. Davis, Ed Ham, G. E. Kilby; Pastors, Ed Davis, W. W. Davis, Blair Kilby, Ed Ham	3	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	84	16.25

BEAVER CREEK—Not represented
 PLEASANT GROVE—Not represented,
 SILAS CREEK—Not represented
 CRANBERRY—Not represented