

**MINUTES
Of The
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
SENER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With
Horse Creek Church
Ashe County, North Carolina
September 6, 7, and 8
1985**

The next session will convene with Senter Church located between Jefferson, NC, and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 north out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles near Nathans' Creek School.

September 12, 13, and 14, 1986



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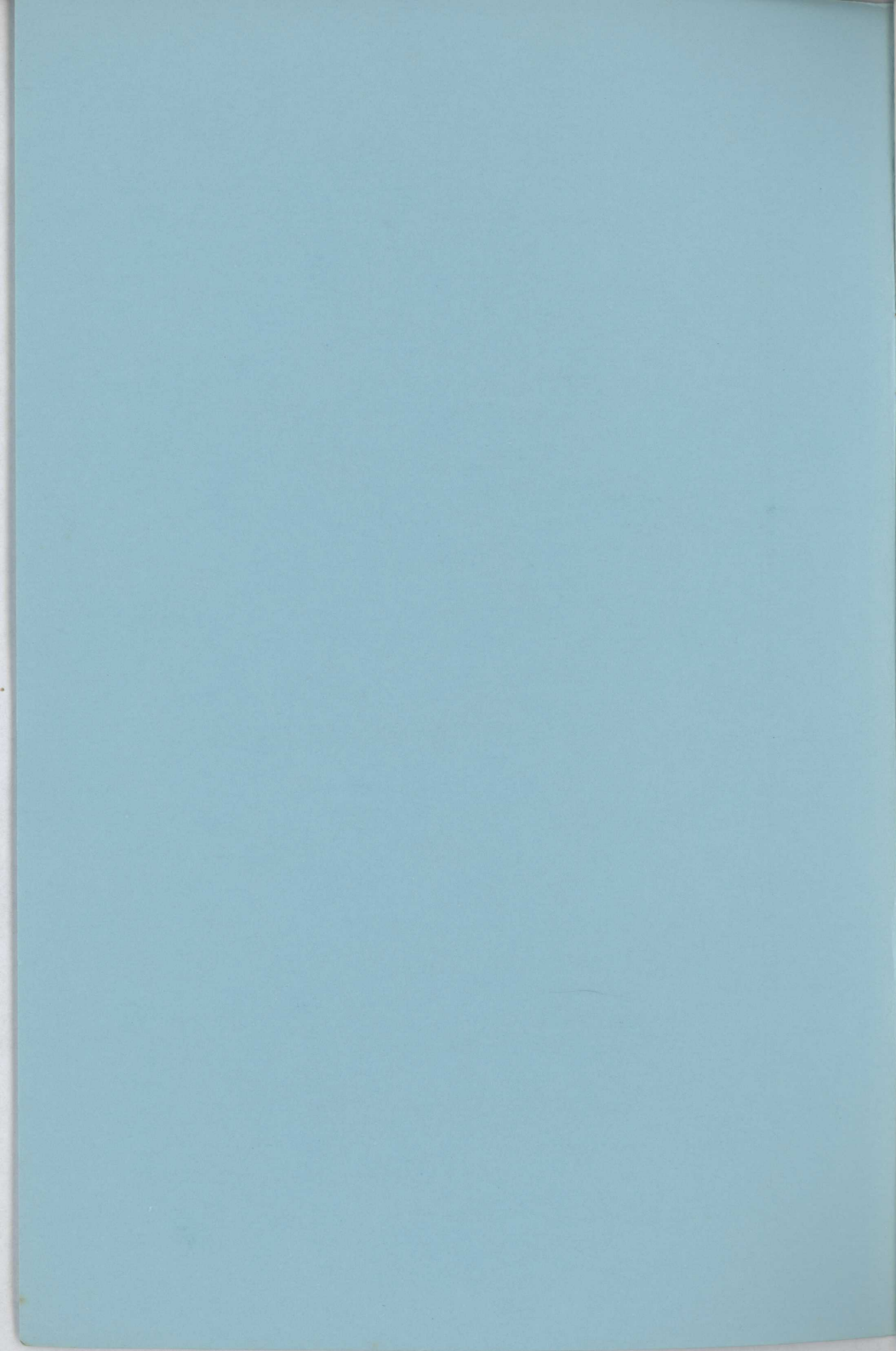
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PROCEEDINGS

of the
Senter District Primitive Baptist Association
Held at Horse Creek Church

Friday, September 6, 1985

The association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas, of the Senter Association of North Carolina.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Billy Yates of the Senter Association of North Carolina, text: Philippians, Chapter I, verse 6.

The Association was opened by prayer by Elder George McNure of the Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder Billy Yates as Moderator; Elder Steve Douglas as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Elder Floyd F. South as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.

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 Carl Williams
Sister Carl Williams
Brother Greene Ward
Sister Doris Richardson

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina

Elder J. N. Baucom

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina

Elder Gene F. Watson
Sister Barbara W. Reeves
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Dashie Whittington
Brother Roy Chason
Sister Ellie Chason

FLINT RIVER ASSOCIATION of Georgia

Liberated Wm. Glenn Hollingsworth
Sister Myrtle Hollingsworth

UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION of Georgia

Elder Goerge McNure
Elder Denver Hollingsworth

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia

Sister Virginia Hylton
Brother Willie Hylton

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia

Brother Glenn Blevins

Abbots Creek Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina

Brother Scott Bullard

Saints Delight Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina

Elder Wayne Gibbons

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

- A. Committee on finance:
Deacon Bertie Bare
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Don Walters

- B. Committee on arrangements:
Deacon Paul Miller
Brother Clyde Johnson
Deacon G. L. Mash
Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

- C. Committee on ministry:
Deacon Paul Bare
Elder Steve Douglas
Elder Floyd South

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

Saturday - September 7, 1985

The association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South of Beaver Creek Church, Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
 2. The reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted, but they are to be printed in the minutes.
 3. The committee on arrangements recommended that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.
 4. The committee on arrangements moved that Meadow Fork by words and actions has withdrawn from the Senter Association. One year will be given for reconciliation.
 5. That the moderator preach the introductory sermon next year - Elder Billy Yates.
 6. The next association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1986, at Senter Church.
- Night meeting will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 12 and 13, 1986 with Senter Church.
7. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 400 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.
 8. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
 9. Deacon Bertie Bare was appointed as treasurer to hold the funds for printing and postage of minutes.

10. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

11. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

12. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR- 1985

Received From Churches:

| | |
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| Beaver Creek | \$ 60.00 |
| Big Helton | 76.00 |
| Horse Creek | 35.00 |
| North Fork | 100.00 |
| Riverview | 82.00 |
| Roans Creek | 70.00 |
| Senter | 145.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES..... | \$568.00 |

Treasury Report:

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| Balance from last year | .00 |
| Paid out for printing and postage of minutes last year | \$300.00 |
| Treasurer returned from last year | .00 |
| Received from donations Saturday and Sunday ... | 306.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED | \$874.00 |

Expenditures:

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|--|-----------------|
| To the Moderator | \$ 10.00 |
| To the Assistant Moderator | 10.00 |
| To the Clerk | 60.00 |
| To the Assistant Clerk | 10.00 |
| To the Treasurer | 10.00 |
| Put in treasury for printing & postage of minutes | 300.00 |
| Misc. Horse Creek Church electric bill | 50.00 |
| To visiting elders | 524.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$874.00 |

BALANCE00

OBITUARIES



MRS. PEARL MCGINNIS MILLER

Mrs. Pearl McGinnis Miller was born at Idlewild, Ashe County, on February 22, 1899, to John and Malinda Craft and died at the home of her son, Jack McGinnis, at Route 1, North Wilkesboro, N.C. on June 9, 1985 at the age of 86 years.

She was the widow of Garnet E. Miller. Her first husband, Walter McGinnis, died in 1941.

Surviving are her son, Jack McGinnis, six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and four sisters, Ida Harless, Ruby Johnston, Orby Yates and Maggie Fielding.

She was a school teacher and a homemaker. She was a faithful and devoted member of the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church.

Her funeral was conducted by Elder Gene Watson and Elder C. O. Yates at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church and her body laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the second coming of our Blessed Lord.



MARGARET BARE COCKERHAM

Funeral services for Margaret Bare Cockerham, 91, of Route 1, Crumpler, who passes away Wednesday, July 10, 1985 at her home, were conducted at 2:00 P.M., Friday, July 12, at Senter Primitive Baptist Church. Officiating were Elder Steve Douglas and Elder Jesse Higgins. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Cockerham was born in Ashe County on July 31, 1893, to Isaac and Nancy Black Bare. She was the widow of Josua Cockerham.

Surviving are one son, Truitt Cockerham, Warrensville; three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Hudler, West Jefferson; Mrs. Clara Miller, Sparta; and Miss Jewel Lavana Cockerham of the home. Also surviving are six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cockerham united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church on December 12, 1927, where she remained a faithful member for 58 years.

CLAUDE EDGAR BARE

Claude Edgar Bare, 79, of Route 2, West Jefferson, died July 14, 1985 at Ashe Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 16 at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Steve Douglas and Elder Floyd South officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He was born May 29, 1906, to Harrison and Martha Bare. Surviving are his wife, Mary Viola Miller Bare; two daughters, Louise Hartzog and Nina Bare; two sons, Howard and Neal Bare; and one sister, Katie Holman. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He joined Riverview Primitive Baptist Church in 1963 where he remained a faithful member, serving as deacon for 21 years.

His strong faith in the Lord was truly revealed many times, and just before he died, he asked the Lord to bless all his family. That leaves us with a precious memory and gives us much comfort, a gift far greater than earthly possessions. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

HARLEY OSCAR BLEVINS

Harley Oscar Blevins, 81, of Crumpler, died August 21, 1985 at the Britthaven Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, August 24, at Badgers Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating were Elder Steve Douglas, Elder Floyd South and Reverend Gary Teague. Burial followed in the Ashelawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Blevins was born to Pondexter and Matilda Cave Blevins in Grayson County, Va. Surviving are three sons, Wayne Blevins, Warrens ville; Arel Blevins of North Wilkesboro; and Carl Blevins of Crumpler; four daughters, Goldie Speeks of New Jersey; Louise Harris of Kannapolis; Loraine Lambert of Crumpler; and Pauline Adolph of Crumpler. Three sisters survive, Hassie Stamper of White Top, Va., Leath Bingham of West Virginia; and Laura Jenkins of Laurel Springs. Also surviving are twenty grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten, Lake Ashe Road, Fleetwood, NC 28626
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Elder C. O. Yates, Route 2, Fleetwood, NC 28626

Elder Jack McGinnis, Route 1, Box 212,
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Elder Billy Yates, Route 1, Sparta, NC 28675
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Elder Floyd F. South, Route 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694
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Elder Steve Douglas, Route 1, Box 466, Crumpler, NC
28617

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

BEAVER CREEK - Elder Floyd South

BIG HELTON - Elder Steve Douglas

HORSE CREEK - Elder Steve Douglas

NORTH FORK - Elder Steve Douglas

RIVERVIEW - Elders Jack McGinnis and C. O. Yates

ROANS CREEK - Elders Floyd F. South and Billy Yates

SENDER - Elder Steve Douglas;

Elder Dewey Roten, Associate Pastor

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and Number of Minutes Clerk and Their Addresses

| | |
|--|----|
| BEAVER CREEK: Don Walters, Route 2, Box 129, Fleetwood, NC 28626 | 20 |
| BIG HELTON: Bertie Bare, Crumpler, NC 28617 | 20 |
| HORSE CREEK: Grover Burchette, Route 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 | 10 |
| NORTH FORK: Grover Burchette, Route 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 | 20 |
| RIVERVIEW: C. O. Yates, Route 2, Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626 | 30 |
| ROANS CREEK: G. L. Mash, Route 1, Box 56, Jefferson, NC 28640 | 35 |
| SENER: Bobby Absher, Route 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617 | 45 |

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

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|--|----|
| Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, VA 22727 | 20 |
| Mountain: Roy Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333 | 20 |
| Bear Creek: William J. Sparks, 3540 Beroth Circle, Pfaftown, NC 27040 | |
| Silver Creek: Johnny D. Freeman, 167 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645 | 20 |
| North Carolina Collection: The Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 | 2 |
| The Primitive Baptist Library: Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244 | 2 |
| The American Baptist Historical Society: 1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620 | 2 |
| Wake Forest University: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Box 7777, Reynolds Sta., Winston-Salem, NC 27109 .. | 2 |
| The Christian Baptist Library: P.O. Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220 | 2 |

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 Saturday and Sunday in May

Senter-2nd Saturday and Sunday in June

Riverview-3rd Saturday and Sunday in June

Horse Creek-4th Saturday and Sunday in June

North Fork-1st Saturday and Sunday in July

Big Helton-3rd Saturday and Sunday in July

Roans Creek-4th Saturday and 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 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 Associations 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 give 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 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.

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 member 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 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 letter 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 Convention 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 scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible, is the written work 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 a.m., and fourth Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile toward Boone, NC. Turn left on Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

BIG HELTON—Sunday, 2:00 p.m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgill, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

HORSE CREEK-Sunday (only), 11 a.m., following the fourth Saturday. A white, wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. 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 Warrentsville, NC. Located between Warrentsville NC, and Trade, TN. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrentsville, NC. About one mile, you will come to the North Fork of New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

RIVERVIEW - The first and third Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., following the third Saturday. A brick church building located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, NC. Turn left on state road No. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

ROANS CREEK-Fourth Saturday, 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, 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.

SENER-Second Saturday, 11 a.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC, and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles near Nathan's Creek School.

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCH ORGANIZED | | CHURCHES | MESSENGERS | COMMUNION MONTH | SUNDAYS OF MEETINGS | ORDAINED ELDERS | LIBERATED | RECEIVED BY BAPTISM | RECEIVED BY LETTER | RESTORED TO FEL. | DISMISSED BY LETTER | EXCLUDED | DECEASED | TOTAL MEMBERSHIP | CONTRIBUTION |
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| 1785 | BEAVER CREEK | Brother Letcher McMillan, Brother Larry Davis, Brother Don Walters, Alternate, Elder Floyd South | | May | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | \$ 60.00 |
| 1840 | BIG HELMON | Bertie Bare | | July | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 76.00 |
| 1840 | HORSE CREEK | Brother Calvin Barker | | June | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 35.00 |
| 1785 | NORTH FORK | Brother Grover Burchette | | July | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 100.00 |
| 1898 | RIVERVIEW | Deacon Willard Hartzog, Deacon Paul Miller, Brother Clyde Johnson, Alternate, Bro. James McNeil | | June | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 27 | 72.00 |
| 1869 | ROANS CREEK | Deacon G. L. Mash, Brother Guy Reeves, Brother Willard Bare, Alternate, Richard Bare | | July | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 70.00 |
| 1829 | SEENTER | Brother Bobby Absher, Deacon Bertie Bare, Deacon Paul Bare, Alternate, Brother Norman Brown | | June | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 59 | 145.00 |
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TOTALS

See Directory For Time of Meetings

