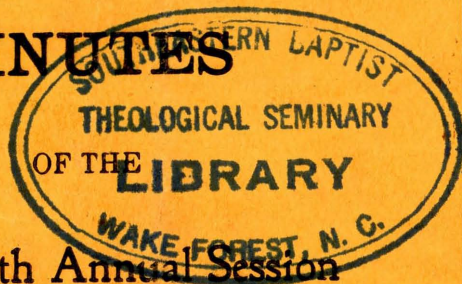


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Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

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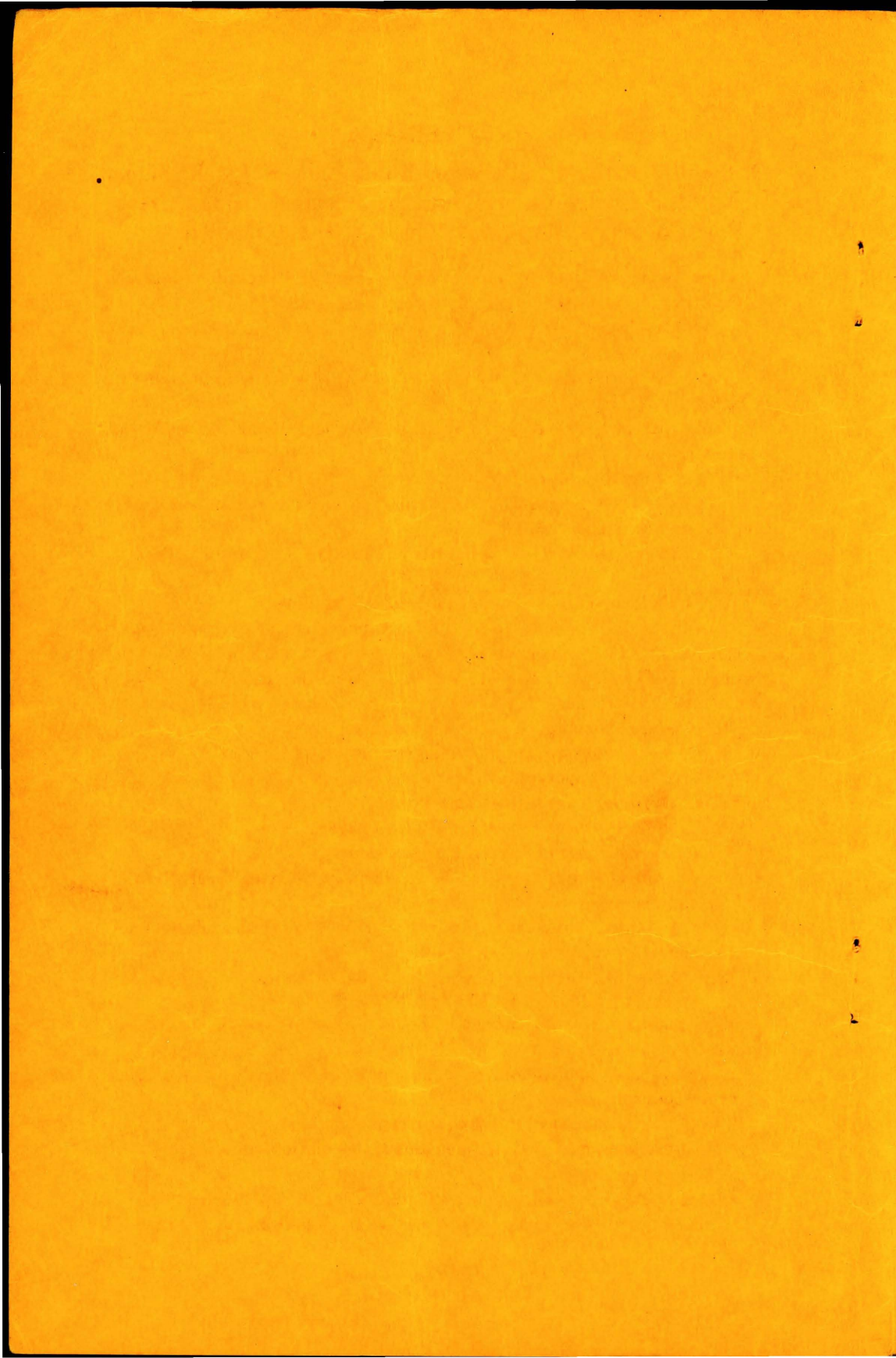
Blue Ridge Primitive  
Baptist Association

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Held with the Church at GRASSY CREEK,  
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10th, 11th, 12th 1928.

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## PROCEEDINGS

Of the fifty-sixth annual session of the Blue Ridge Primitive Baptist Association, held with the church at Grassy Creek, Polk County, Tenn., Aug. 10th, 11th and 12th, 1928.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer by Elder W. A. Gregory, of Tennessee, and Nolychucky Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. H. Weaver. Text 1st. Cor. 1:30.

After an intermission of 45 minutes, the association was called to order by the Moderator.

After singing, prayer by Elder O. B. Garrison, of the Little River Association.

The Association proceeds to business:

1. Called for and read letters from the churches and enrolled messengers' names. (See table.)
2. Elected Elder J. H. Weaver, Moderator, and Milford Parker, Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.
4. Invited ministers, brethren and sisters to seats.
5. Called for correspondence. Received from the Little River Association Elders M. M. Morton, Jr., O. B. Garrison and W. E. Cagle; Brethren G. W. Dockery, Floyd Cagle, C. E. Cook, W. H. Weaver; Sisters Dora Garrison, Alice Cagle and Ethel Cook.

From the Tennessee and Nolychucky Association, Elder W. A. Gregory, Sister W. A. Gregory and Sister Alex Gregory.

6. Appointed committees as follows:

On Divine Services—Brethren J. B. Weaver and W. F. Davenport, C. F. Beckler with delegation from this church.

On Deceased members—Bro. W. B. Humphreys, Elder J. M. Mooney

On finance—Elders J. W. Parker and H. L. Smith.

7. Appointed Elder H. L. Smith to write the corresponding Letter to our sister Associations.

8. Adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

After singing and prayer by Elder M. M. Morton, Jr., of the Little River Association.

9. Called roll and marked absentees.
10. Read Abstract of Principles and Rules of Decorum.
11. Renewed the call for petitionary letters.
12. Renewed the call for correspondence.
13. Renewed the invitation to ministers, brethren and sisters to seats.

14. Appointed the next session of this Association to convene with the church at Tickanetley, Gilmer county, Georgia, 15 miles east of Ellijay, Ga., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in August 1929.

15. Elected Elder J. M. Mooney to preach the next introductory sermon, and that Elder H. L. Smith be his alternate.

16. Called for reports of committees. Reports received and committees discharged.

17. On motion, that we send as correspondence to sister associations as follows:

To the Tennessee and Nolychucky association—Elders J. M. Mooney and H. L. Smith.

To the Towalaga Association—Elders J. W. Parker, J. H. Weaver and J. M. Mooney.

To the Little River Association—Elders J. W. Parker and J. M. Mooney, Brethren Milford Parker, Fred Beckler, J. B. Weaver, A. H. Green, Frank Davenport, Arvil Clayton and William Garrett.

18. On motion that we insert our corresponding letter to our sister associations in our minutes.

19. On motion ordered the clerk to have 250 copies of the minutes printed and that the clerk have the balance of the minute fund for his services.

20. We desire to tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends of this church for the kindness shown us during this association.

21. Read minutes and adjourned in peace and love to the time and place above mentioned and dismissed by singing, handshaking and prayer.

Elder J. H. Weaver, Moderator.

Milford Parker, Clerk.

### CORRESPONDING LETTER

We the Blue Ridge Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the church at Grassy Creek, to our corresponding Associations—Greetings:

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

We through the mercy of a covenant-keeping God, have been permitted to hold this our fifty-sixth annual session of our body in peace, love and fellowship.

Dear brethren, we feel uplifted by your coming in our midst.

We hope this correspondence will continue and nothing arise to sever this union, and to this end have chosen our beloved brethren whose names appear elsewhere in our minutes whom receive sound in the faith.

The next session of our body will convene with the church at Tickanetley on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1929. We hope to meet you and many others at our next association.

Brethren, pray for us, and may the Lord preserve us, is our prayer.  
Written by Elder H. L. Smith.

### ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday morning—Introductory sermon Elder J. H. Weaver.  
Friday afternoon—Elder O. B. Garrison.  
Friday night—Elders H. L. Smith and W. A. Gregory.  
Saturday morning—Elder W. A. Gregory.  
Saturday afternoon—Elders M. M. Morton, Jr., and L. E. Payne.  
Saturday night—Elder W. E. Cagle.  
Sunday morning—Elders O. B. Garrison and J. H. Weaver.

### DECEASED MEMBERS

We your committee on deceased members, find that God has visited some of our churches with death, to-wit:

Tickanetley has lost four of her members—Bro. Willie Akins, Sisters Rachel Ralston, Roxie Holden and sister Jane Long age 82 years.

Blue Ridge has lost one member—Sister Luvenia Curbow, born Sept. 24, 1860 and died Jan. 31, 1928. Lived a member of the church about 50 years. We hope our loss is their gain.

Elder J. M. Mooney

Bro. W. B. Humphries

### FINANCE

We your committee on Finance, find:

Sent in by the churches for minutes the sum of.....\$15.10

Elders J. W. Parker,

H. L. Smith, Committee.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. Parker.....	Diamond, Ga.	James Long.....	Pisgah, Ga.
G. E. Brown.....	Hiawassee, Ga.	J. H. Weaver.....	Alpharetta, Ga.
J. M. Mooney.....	Quill, Ga.	H. L. Smith.....	Doogan, Ga.

### LICENSED

J. G. Clayton.....	Quill, Ga.	L. E. Payne.....	Crandall, Ga.
	Levi Long.....		Pisgah, Ga.

### LIBERATED

Arvil Clayton.....	Roy, Ga.	Jonas Carter.....	Quill, Ga.
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### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Tickanetley—G. W. Mooney.....	Quill, Ga.
Zion—Milford Parker.....	Quill, Ga.
Fellowship—W. F. Davenport.....	Dyle, Ga.
Grassy Creek—Effie Beckler.....	Rt. 1, Copperhill, Tenn.
Blue Ridge—L. A. Green.....	Doogan, Ga.

### NAMES OF MESSENGERS

Tickanetley—J. W. Parker, J. H. Weaver, J. M. Mooney.
Zion—Milford Parker, J. B. Weaver, D. S. Newberry.
Fellowship—W. F. Davenport, Elisha Davenport, J. L. Parker.
Grassy Creek—W. B. Humphries, D. B. Beckler, J. K. Addison.
Blue Ridge—A. H. Green, Fred Beckler, A. L. Green.

## ABSTRACTS OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in only one true and living God and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one. Proof: John 1:1; 1st Epistle of John 5:7; 1st Cor. 8: 5-6

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. See 2nd Timothy 3:16; 2nd Peter 1:20-21.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election. See Peter 1:2 and 2:9; and 2nd Thess. 2:13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. See Rom. 3:23 and 5:12; Gal. 3:22.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability. 2nd Cor. 5:21; 1st Cor. 1:30; Isaiah 14:6.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ being imputed to them. See 2nd Cor. 5:21; 1st Cor. 1:30; Isaiah 14:6.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. See Eph. 1:1-6; John 6:45; 2nd Tim. 1:9.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never fall away. See John 10:28-30; 1st Epistle of John 3:9 and 5:9.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and the mode of baptism is immersion. See Matt. 28:19-20; Rom. 6:4; Luke 17:29-30; John 13:13; 1st Timothy 1:10.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment. See John 5:28-29; 1st Cor. 15:42; Heb. 9:27; Rev. 20:12-15.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. See Matt. 25:46; Dan. 12:2.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of Jesus Christ only he who is regularly called of God and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. See Heb. 5:4 Ex. 28:1; 2nd Timothy 1:6.

13. We believe it to be our duty to beware of false teachers, whose object is to divert the minds of men from the true worship of God, and lead them to place their confidence in the creature, as well as to depart from the good works of the Gospel and to regard the institutions and inventions of men. See 2nd Peter 2:1-3; Col. 2:8-18.

14. We believe that ministers of the Gospel ought to be unblamable, both in life and doctrine, and if found otherwise ought to be deposed from that office, and no man ought to take that honor unto himself but he that is called of God, as was Aaron; that the duties of such are to feed the flock of God, which is among you, not for filthy lucre or by constraint, but of a ready mind, being examples to the flock in conversation, faith and charity. See Titus 1:6-9; 1st Tim. 3:5; Acts 20:28; Peter 5:2-3.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union shall compose this association.

2. Members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Blue Ridge Primitive Baptist Association.

4. This association shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor to infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

5. This association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be annually chosen by the members present, and who shall continue in office until the next election.

6. If a new church should desire to be admitted into this union she shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. No church in this union shall have a right to more than three delegates.

8. No query shall come under the consideration of the Association unless sent upon the church letter.

9. Every motion and second shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the moderator.

12. There shall be no talking or whispering in the time of a public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the moderator.

14. If any member shall break the rules of this decorum he shall be immediately reprov'd by the moderator.

15. It is the business of this Association: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To keep up a correspondence with those associations of the same faith and order that a union may preserve among the churches. (3) To give the churches the best advice they can in matters of difficulty, and if the communion should be broken between any of the sister churches in the union, to inquire into the cause of the breach and use their best efforts to remove the cause of the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches which they shall look upon to be unsound in principle and immoral in practice, till they shall be reclaimed. (4) To admit any of the brethren in the ministry assistance if they shall judge it to be necessary. (5) To see that the clerk keeps a regular record of the transactions of this body and that he be satisfied for his trouble. (6) To amend this plan or form of government at any time when a majority of the union deems it necessary. (7) To adjourn to any time and place which they think to be most proper.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COUNTY	State	Ordained Ministers		Liberated	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deaths	Total Membership	Meeting Days	Minutes
				Licensed											
Tickanetley	J. W. Parker J. M. Mooney	Gilmer	Ga.	4	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	4	99	4	\$5.00
Zion	J. M. Mooney J. G. Clayton	Gilmer	Ga.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	2.00
Fellowship	J. W. Parker J. G. Clayton	Fannin	Ga.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	3	3.00
Grassy Creek	H. L. Smith	Polk	Tenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	2.00
Blue Ridge	H. L. Smith	Polk	Tenn	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	2	3.00



