

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
Senter District
Primitive Baptist
Association

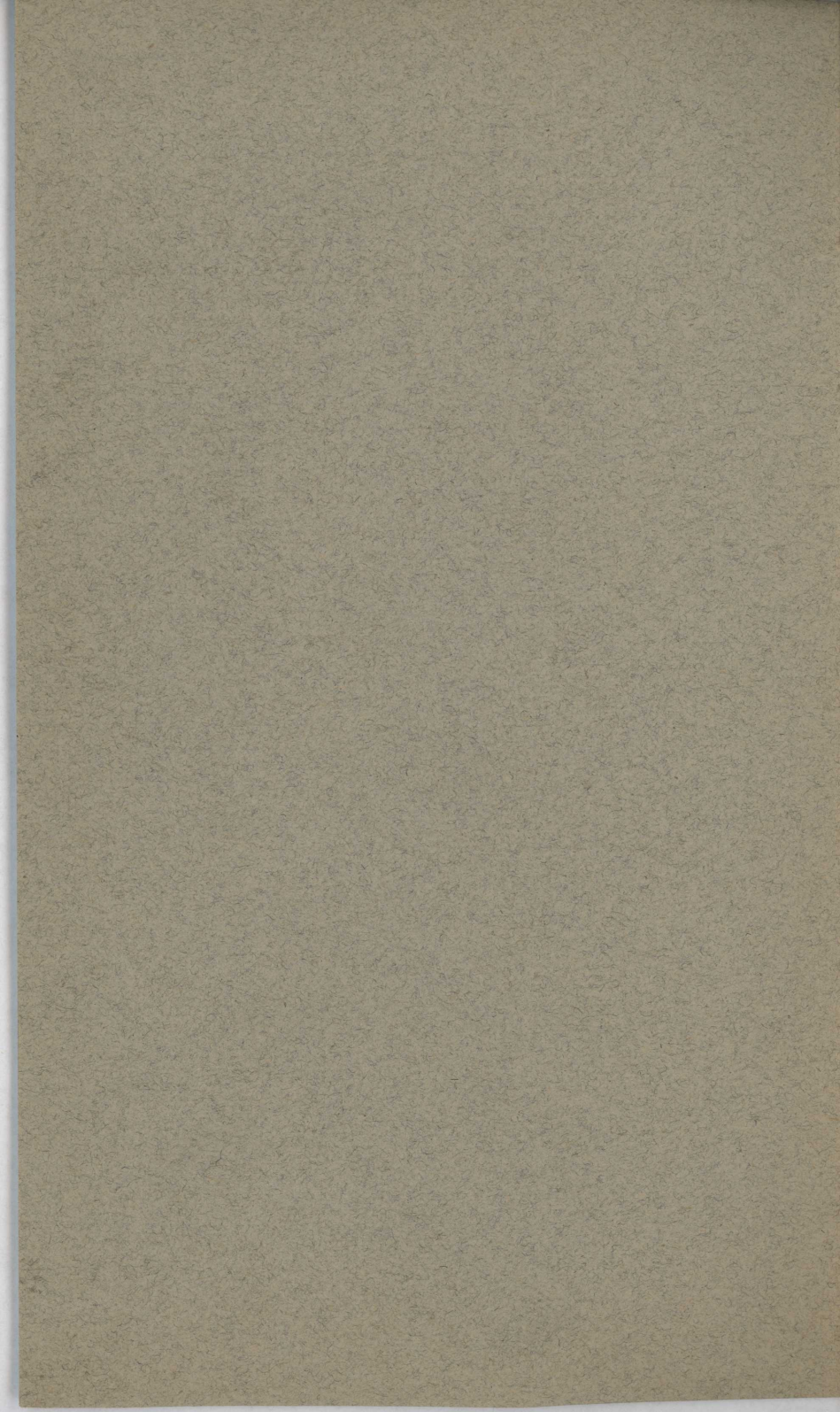
HELD WITH
The Church at Bear Creek
ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
September 12, 13 and 14, 1930

OFFICERS

ELDER F. E. THOMPSON Moderator
Nathans Creek, North Carolina

J. F. HARTZOG Clerk
Idlewild, North Carolina

F. T. MILLER Assistant Clerk
Wagoner, North Carolina



PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 12, 1930

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. E. O. Lilly, a correspondent from the Indian Creek association. Text, St. John 14 : 6.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer by Eld. G. L. Walker, a correspondent from the Indian Creek association.

1. On motion read and received letters from all our churches except Silas Creek, and seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

2. Organized the Association by appointing Eld. F. E. Thompson moderator and J. F. Hartzog clerk, who called Brother F. T. Miller to assist him.

3. Called for petitionary letters, when a letter from Reddies River was presented and referred to the committee on arrangements.

4. Called for correspondents from sister associations when the following came forward and were seated and aided in council:

From St. Clairs Bottom, Eld. C. N. Tilson, Brethren J. G. Perry, W. C. Davis. Mountain, Eld. J. D. Vass, Bro. R. F. Edwards. Indian Creek, Elds. E. O. Lilly and G. L. Walker. Silver Creek, Eld. R. A. May, Brethren W. A. Bentley, C. L. McGee. Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated, Minutes. Washington, Minutes. New River, Minutes. Kehukee, Minutes. Original Bear Creek, Minutes. Ebenezer, Minutes. Ketocton, Minutes. Dan River, Minutes.

5. Called for transient or visiting brethren when the following came forward and were seated. St. Clairs Bottom, Brethren J. L. Miller and Ellis Sheets. Mountain, Eld. J. A. Moxley, Brethren T. A. Fender, I. C. Reynolds, A. L. Caudill, V. W. Reeves. Indian Creek, I. W. Kilby. Original Bear Creek, Sister J. P. Coffey. Dan River, Eld. J. R. Wilson. Silver Creek, Sister R. A. May. Senter, Elds. J. A. Cave, G. W. Barker, Brother F. L. Colvard.

6. For the moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

7. Appointed a committee on the ministry as follows: Brethren J. M. Davis, J. H. Eldreth and G. E. Kilby, with the messengers of this church.

8. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Brethren F. T. Miller, E. D. Severt and T. E. Hartzog.

9. Appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elds. B. H. Blevins, Ed Davis, G. D. Roten, W. C. Carter and Brother W. D. Lyall, with the moderator and clerk, correspondents and transients invited to sit with them.

10. Appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Brethren J. M. Davis, W. M. Anderson and J. M. Weaver.

11. For the committee on arrangements to sit at Brother S. J. Miller's.

12. Adjournment till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. Ed Davis.

Saturday Morning, September 13, 1930

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday, and was called to order by praise and prayer by Eld. J. R. Wilson, a visitor from Dan River association.

1. On motion for the committee on arrangements to report, who reported. Report received and the committee discharged.

2. To take Reddies River church into our body.

3. To waive reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4. Called on correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister associations to report. Report received and brethren discharged.

5. To correspond with New River, Washington, Fishers River, Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated, Ebenezer, and Mountain associatious by minutes.

6. To have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these minutes.

7. Called on the committee who was appointed to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report, who reported as follows: To St. Clairs Bottom, Elds. Ed Davis and F. E. Tompson. Silver Creek, Eld. F. E. Thomson. Indian Creek, Eld. Ed Davis. Report received and the brethren discharged.

8. To have the Obiuaries of Sister Mary A. Hartzog and Bro. John Atwood printed in these minutes.

9. That the next association be held with Big Helton church, 17 miles north of Jefferson, N. C., and 5 miles north of Lansing, N. C., a R. R. station, to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1931.

10. Appointed a committee to visit Silas Creek church to know the reason why they failed to represent in the association, as follows: Elds. G. D. Roten and G. W. Barker.

11. Called on the committee on the ministry to report, who reported for Saturday—1st, Eld. G. L. Walker; 2nd, Eld. R. A. May; 3rd, Eld. E. O. Lilly; For Sunday—1st, Eld. C. N. Tilson; 2nd, Eld. J. R. Wilson; 3rd, Eld. E. O. Lilly; 4th. Eld. Ed Davis. Report received and the brethren discharged.

12. Appointed the clerk treasurer and to superintend the printing of the minutes; to have 1000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

13. Called on the committee on finance to report, who reported:

Received from all the churches.....		\$89.10
Allowed the Moderator.....	\$ 5.00	
Allowed the Clerk.....	5.00	
Left in hands of the Moderator and Clerk to use as they see fit.....	36.45	
Left in hands of the Clerk for printing Minutes and other expenses	42.65	
Totals.....	\$89.10	\$89.10

14. To read the Minute. Minute read, corrected and received.

15. Resolved, That we return thanks to God for His mercies, and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kindness to us during this association.

We now adjourn to the time and place of our next meeting.

Prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER F. E. THOMPSON, Moderator
J. F. HARTZOG, Clerk
F. T. MILLER, Assistant Clerk

Preaching Sunday

1. Elder C. N. Tilson.....Text, Ruth 2 : 9
2. Elder J. R. WilsonDid not get the text
3. Elder E. O. Lilly.....No special text
4. Elder E. DavisText, St. John 5 : 25

This closes another harmonious session of the Senter Association.

CLERK.

OBITUARIES

MARY A. HARTZOG

Mary Ann, daughter of Elder Jacob Faw and Mary Faw, was born in Ashe county, North Carolina, August 19, 1834. departed this life at Bluefield, W. Va., August 9, 1929, making her stay on earth 94 years, 11 months and 20 days.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church of Christ at Oldfields and was baptized by her father January 30, 1848.

She was married to Center Jones December, 1854, who died while serving in the War Between the States at Cumberland Gap in the year 1864. To this union four children were born, two of whom survive—Mrs. A. J. Long of Bluefield, W. Va., and Dr. H. C. Jones of Logan, W. Va. Two sons preceded her to the Great Beyond—Columbus who died when small, and Dr. A. F. Jones who died at Bluff City, Tenn., several years ago.

In February, 1879, she married David W. Hartzog, who died April 7, 1900. By this union she has two step-sons and four step-daughters who survive.

Thus setting an example to her now third generation that there is pleasure in obeying dear Jesus. When the church at Oldfields went out, or went off, to the Union Baptist, in about the year 1868, she joined the Primitive Baptist church at Beaver Creek. In the year 1998 she took her letter from Beaver Creek and was one of the constituting members of River View church, April 2, 1898, and held her membership there in honor to the church, always filling her seat unless providentially hindered. And after she was 85 years of age she would walk three and a half miles over rough and hilly road to attend her church meeting.

She was granted a letter of dismissal from River View church with her daughter, and grand-daughter Alvirda Long, the third Saturday in June, 1925, and was in the constitution of Bluefield Primitive Baptist church of Bluefield, West Virginia.

She enjoyed remarkably good health and at the age of 94 years she attended communion meeting on her birthday.

She lived a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church more than eighty-one years. She passed away so quietly that one who watched over her dying bedside said, "If that is death, I am not afraid of it."

Funeral services were conducted by Elder S. J. Priddy at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Long, and her body laid to rest in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bluefield, West Virginia.

Written by her step-son,

J. F. HARTZOG.

JOHN WESLEY ATWOOD

John Wesley Atwood was born in Alleghany county, N. C., October 28, 1860, departed this life December 21, 1929, making his stay on earth sixty-nine years, one month and twenty-three days.

He was married to Miss Mary Ann Caudill December 27, 1880. To this union no children were born. He professed a hope in Christ September, 1883, joined the church of Christ, the Primitive faith, at Roans Creek on the fourth Sunday in October, 1884, and was baptized into the fellowship of the church on the fourth Sunday in July, 1885, by Elders James Shumate and Adam Wagoner. He lived a faithful member of said church, always filling his seat when possible till death claimed him. He was also a deacon of the church. During his sick-

ness he never complained, but bore his sickness patiently to the end. The memorial services were conducted by Elder Ben Caudill and his body was laid to rest in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Our acquaintance with him was that his life was a great blessing to his country, his neighbors and connections, a faithful husband and companion. To know him was to love him. His chaste, walk and conversation was of a Godly man leaving an example on earth worthy the imitation of all faithful believers in Christ. We do not mourn for him as those who have no hope, but say, Dear Brother and Husband, sleep on! It will not be long till there will be a great reunion in that sweet by and by.

He leaves two brothers and six sisters, a faithful and loving companion and a host of connection and friends to mourn their loss.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from the Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in convention, with the Senter Church, 21st October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

Article 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 appointments, 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 letter, 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 classical 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 of 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 in 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 with-

drawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number 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 expense 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 moneys 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 regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly 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 the Churches to endeavor to preserve a chain of Communion amongst the Churches; to give the Church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any Church fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those moneys contributed by the Churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

19. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations.

20. To invite any distant brother in the ministry of our Faith and Order to a seat in the Association who may be present at the time of their sitting.

21. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think proper.

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 any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no-wise 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 but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking till he gives 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 privilege 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 reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

Ordained Elders and Their Post Offices

Elder F. E. Thompson	Nathans Creek, North Carolina
Elder Ed Davis	Whitetop, Virginia
Elder J. A. Cave	Troutdale, Virginia
Elder B. H. Blevins	Troutdale, Virginia
Elder G. W. Barker	Lansing, North Carolina
Elder Wiley Carter	Whitetop, Virginia
Elder G. D. Roten	Clifton, North Carolina

Licentiatees and Their Post Offices

David Sullivan	Husk, North Carolina
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Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Senter	J. L. Wyrick	Crumpler, N. C.	75
Roans Creek	F. T. Miller	Wagoner, N. C.	30
Bear Creek	S. J. Miller	Wagoner, N. C.	25
River View	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.	50
Beaver Creek	E. D. Severt	Jefferson, N. C.	25
North Fork	F. M. Miller	Clifton, N. C.	55
Pleasant Grove	J. J. Lyall	Lansing, N. C.	15
Pond Mountain	J. H. Eldreth	Whitetop, Va., R. 2 ..	75
Horse Creek	A. C. Sheets	Lansing, N. C.	50
Big Helton	J. Perry	Whitetop, Va.	85
Silas Creek	Amanda Kilby	Lansing, N. C.	20
Troutdale	John W. Sanders	Troutdale, Va.	50
Reddies River	P. H. Whittington	Wilbar, N. C.	50

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
St. Clairs Bottom	J. A. Blevins	Chilhowie, Va.	40
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	60
Silver Creek	C. L. McGee	Boomer, N. C.	25
Indian Creek	F. L. Akers	Ellison, W. Va.	60
New River	J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	55
Fishers River	G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.	50
Washington	J. J. Counts	Cleveland, Va.	45
Ebenezer	O. F. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va.	30
Tenn. & Nolachucky	Z. R. Williams	Cosby, Tenn.	30

STATISTICAL TABLE

Names of Messengers and Pastors

Churches	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismiss. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Senter	2	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	109	\$13.15
Roans Creek	4	.	.	6	.	.	.	1	3	44	6.15
Bear Creek	1	.	.	2	.	.	1	1	1	35	2.50
River View	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30	10.00
Beaver Creek	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	28	2.00
North Fork	1	1	1	1	.	.	1	1	1	39	23.10
Horse Creek	4	.	1	.	.	.	1	1	1	36	5.00
Pleasant Grove	3	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	20	.50
Silas Creek											
Pond Mountain	2	1	.	5	.	.	.	.	1	86	8.00
Big Helton	3	3	.	3	2	.	.	.	6	94	10.45
Troutdale	3	1	.	.	.	.	1	2	2	44	3.25
Reddies River	2	.	.	2	.	.	1	3	1	57	5.00

J. L. Wyrick, Felix Bare, F. E. Thompson. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson
 F. T. Miller, W. D. Lyall, S. J. Dancy. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson.
 S. J. Miller, Geo. Severt, Garvy Barnes. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson.
 J. F. Hartzog, A. B. Miller, T. E. Hartzog. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson
 E. D. Severt, P. T. McNeill, R. P. McNeill. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson
 G. D. Roten, James Weaver, Avery Johnson. Pastor, Eld. G. W. Barker
 A. C. Sheets. Pastor, Eld. G. W. Barker
 Letter. Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten
 Not represented
 Ed Davis, T. H. Eldreth. Pastor, Eld. Ed Davis
 W. C. Carter, G. E. Kilby, J. M. Davis. Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis, W.
 G. Barker and W. C. Carter
 B. H. Blevins, W. M. Anderson, J. W. Sanders. Pastor, Eld. F. E.
 Thompson
 P. H. Whittington, D. F. Whittington, N. C. Snyder. Pastors, Elds.
 S. G. Caudill and R. A. May