

Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Fourteenth
Annual Session
OF THE
Senter District
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Big Helton Church

ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
AUGUST 18, 19 AND 20,

❧[1967]❧

Next session convenes with Senter Church, located about 8 miles Northeast of Jefferson, N. C., just off highway 221, near Nathan's Creek School, on Friday before the second Sunday in September 6, 7 and 8, 1968.

OFFICERS

ELDER G. D. ROTEN Moderator
Fleetwood, N. C.

BROTHER EARL W. SEVERT Clerk
4798 N. Cherry St., Winston Salem, N. C. 27105



Proceedings

OF THE SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD AT BIG HELTON CHURCH

FRIDAY—August 18, 1967

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year, and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Donald B. Hazen from the Mt. Enon Association, Florida.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J. H. Blackburn from the Mates Creek Association, Ky., text Romans 8:29: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk.
3. Call for petitionary letters. Received none.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister Associations and churches. The following were seated, given the right hand of welcome:

Mountain Association, N. C.: Elder Walter Evans, Elder C. C. Sawyers, Bro. M. A. Jenkins and wife, Bro. Robert Cleary, Brother Lon M. Reeves and wife, Brother Troy Cleary, Brother Charlie Edwards, Brother Roscoe Williams, Brother J. Mack Osborne, Brother Clarence Ward, Brother Fred Hawks, Lic. Elmer Sparks, Brother Greene Ward, Brother Garnett Bold.

Mt. Zion Association, W. Va.: Elder D. C. Stover, Brother Larry Stover.

Mates Creek Association, Ky.: Elder J. H. Blackburn and wife, Brother Robie Lewis, Brother Ira Smith, Brother Lee B. Stiltner, Brother Johnnie H. Stiltner and wife, Brother Delbert Underwood and wife.

Pilgrims Rest Association, Fla.: Sister Cornelia Keen, Brother R. L. Keen.

Mt. Enon Association, Fla.: Elder Donald B. Hazen and wife.

Silver Creek Association, N. C.: Elder Gene F. Watson.

Independent Churches:

Walnut Cove Church, N. C.: Elder F. R. Moore, Brother R. J. Snyder.

Chestnut Grove Church, Va.: Elder H. B. Thomas.
Spoon Creek Church, Va.: Elder Leonard J. Corns.
St. Clairs Bottom Church, Va.: Lic. Hugh Blevins, Brother
L. H. Davis and wife, Brother Wiley B. Breer and wife, Sister
Nelia Price, Brother Dan C. Blevins, Brother Fred W. Cress,
Brother R. C. Price.

Montview Church, N. C.: Brother Frank A. King.

Bel Air Carmel Church, Md.: Brother Garry Blevins, Bro-
ther Everett Bare and wife, Sister Sibyl L. Davis.

Saints Delight Church, N. C.: Brother Tyrus Manuel, Sister
Lillian Manuel.

Harmony Grove Church, Va.: Elder Reuben Hawks, Jr.

5. The Moderator to make all temporary appointments in
this session.

(1) Committee on Finance: Elder C. O. Yates, Brother
Gaither Johnson, Brother Willard Hartzog.

(2) Committee on Arrangements: Elder Jack McGinnis,
Elder Wiley Hester, Brother B. O. Dolinger, Brother G. O.
Blevins.

3. Committee on Ministry: Brother G. O. Burgess, Brother
Lester Johnson, Brother Tom Fowler.

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet in the church
house Saturday morning 9:30 a. m. for conference.

7. To adjourn until 10:00 a. m. tomorrow with song and
prayer by Elder F. R. Moore from the Walnut Cove Church,
N. C.

SATURDAY—August 19, 1967

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with song
and prayer by Elder Gene F. Watson, from the Silver Creek
Association, N. C.

ON MOTION:

1. Roll called, absentees excused.

2. Reading of Constitution, also Rules of Decorum omitted.

3. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we con-
tinue seating all orderly, peace loving Primitive Baptist as
visitors. The Associations to be held Friday before the second
Sunday in September. To held the Association each year at
Senter Church.

4. Continue Correspondence with Powells Valley Association through minutes approved.

5. Rules of Decorum, and Constitution to appear in minutes.

6. That Minutes be mailed to all visitors.

7. To appoint the Clerk as Treasurer for overseeing printing of 600 copies of the Minutes, also distribution of same.

8. The Finance Committee handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same, to visiting Elders.

9. Next Association to convene at Senter Church, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1968. Located about eight miles northeast of Jefferson, N. C. just off highway 221, near Nathan's Creek School. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 6, 7 and 8, 1968.

10. Obituaries to appear in minutes.

11. Minutes to be read and approved.

12. Finance Committee reported as follows:

Received from the churches \$200.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator 10.00

To the Clerk 15.00

Printing and postage of minutes 75.00

Total Expenditures \$100.00

13. Adjourned through song and prayer by Elder H. B. Thomas from the Chestnut Grove Church, Va.

ELDER G. D. ROTEN, Moderator

BROTHER EARL W. SEVERT, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Evening at Stand:

Elder C. C. Sawyers, opened service.

1. Elder Donald B. Hazen, text, John 1:17

2. Elder F. R. Moore, text Zechariah 6:12

Friday Night at Beaver Creek Church:

Elder Leonard J. Corns, opened service.

1. Elder Donald B. Hazen, text Philippians 3:3

2. Elder F. R. Moore, text 1st Epistle Peter 1:1

Elder J. H. Blackburn, closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning at Stand:

Elder Donald B. Hazen, opened service

1. Elder Leonard J. Corns, text Eph. 2:8

2. Elder Reuben Hawks, Jr., text Rom. 7:9

3. Elder Gene F. Watson, text Rom. 12:1

Saturday Evening at Stand:

1. Elder H. B. Thomas, text Prov. 8:1
2. Elder D. C. Stover, text, Be ready when called in question to give a reason.
3. Lic. Hugh Blevins, text The Love of God
Elder Gene F. Watson, closed with prayer.

Saturday Night at Senter Church:

- Lic. Hugh Blevins, opened service.
1. Elder Donald B. Hazen
 2. Elder J. H. Blackburn
- Elder D. C. Stover, closed with prayer.

Sunday Morning at Stand:

- Elder D. C. Stover, opened service.
1. Elder J. H. Blackburn, text Jesus both a crucified and a risen Savior.
 2. Elder Walter Evans, text, Matthew 14:22
- Elder C. O. Yates, closed service with song and prayer.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

- Elder G. D. Roten, Fleetwood, N. C.
Elder W. E. Hester, Wilbar, N. C.
Elder Edd Severt, Ennice, N. C.
Elder C. O. Yates, Fleetwood, N. C.
Elder Jack McGinnis, 511 6th St., North Wilkesboro, N.C.
Elder Floyd F. South, West Jefferson, N. C.
Lic. Woodrow Craft, Fleetwood, N. C.

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

- | Churches | Clerks and Addresses | Church Messengers |
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| Bear Creek | —Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St., Winston-Salem, N.C. | —Earl Severt, Sisters Reeves Parsons, Ada Severt, Eld. Edd Severt alt. |
| Beaver Creek | —Bro. Clarence Brown, Rt. 2, Box 184, Crumpler, N. C. | —Eld. Floyd South, Bro. R. L. Speaks, Clarence Brown, R. Miller, alt. |
| Big Helton | —Bro. B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C. | —Brothers G. E. Kilby, G. O. Blevins, B. O. Dolinger, Sister Emma Dollinger, alt. |
| Horse Creek | —Bro. Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C. | —Brother Carl Ball, Millard Davis, Sister Lessie Ball, alt. |
| North Fork | —L. V. Johnson, Rt. 1, West Jefferson, N. C. | —Brother L.V. Johnson, Sisters Carrie Miller, Bessie Miller, Bro. J. F. Miller, alt. |
| Riverview | —Elder C. O. Yates, Fleetwood, N. C. | —Elder C. O. Yates, Brother Willard Hartzog, Elder Jack McGinnis |
| Roans Creek | —Bro. G. O. Burgess, West Jefferson, N. C. | —Brother Tom Severt, Brother G. L. Mash, Brother Frank Thompson |
| Senter | —Sister Annie Jones, Crumpler, N. C. | —Brothers Bertie Bare, Norman Brown, Tom Fowler, Arch McMillan, alt. |

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

- Bear Creek—Elders Dewey Roten, Wiley Hester, Edd Severt
Beaver Creek—Elders Dewey Roten, Floyd South.
Big Helton—Elders Dewey Roten, Wiley Hester.
Horse Creek—Elders Dewey Roten, C. O. Yates
North Fork—Elders Dewey Roten, Wiley Hester, Jack McGinnis
Riverview—Elder Dewey Roten, Ass't. C. O. Yates, Jack McGinnis.
Roans Creek—Elders Wiley Hester, Tom Ward, G. D. Roten.
Senter—Elders Dewey Roten, Wiley Hester, and Tom Ward.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes — Clerks and their Addresses

Bear Creek: Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St. Winston Salem, N. C.	25
Beaver Creek: G. A. Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.	25
Big Helton: B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.	60
Horse Creek: Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.	25
North Fork: L. V. Johnson, West Jefferson, N. C.	30
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Fleetwood, N. C.	30
Roans Creek: G. O. Burgess, West Jefferson, N. C.	45
Senter: Annie Jones, Crumpler, N. C.	55

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: Carroll R. Shuler, Stanley, Va.	25
Mates Creek: Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	25
Mountain: Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.	25
Mt. Zion, J. R. Lilly, Box 345, Hinton, W. Va.	25
Piney Grove: S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.	25
Powells Valley, Ray Wells, 113 Melbourne Rd. Oak Ridge, Tenn.	25
United P. B.: Elder Allen Easter, Hillsville, Va.	25

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

- Bear Creek—1st Sat. and Sun. May 4 and 5, 1968
- Beaver Creek—4th Sat. and Sun. May 25 and 26, 1968
- Senter—2nd Sat. and Sunday June 8 and 9, 1968
- Riverview—3rd Sat. and Sun. June 15 and 16, 1968
- Horse Creek—4th Sat. and Sun. June 22 and 23, 1968
- North Fork—1st Sat. and Sun. July 6 and 7, 1968
- Big Helton—3rd Sat. and Sun. July 20 and 21, 1968
- Roans Creek—4th Sat. and Sun. July 27 and 28, 1968

WISHING WELL

To our visiting brethren and friends we of the Senter Association wish at this time to thank you most heartily for your grand display publicly in personally attending our recent gathering.

In unity there is strength.

—Clerk

OBITUARIES

CHARLIE HAMPTON MILLER

Charlie Hampton Miller, son of the late Talton M. and Nancy Snyder Miller, was born in Wilkes County February 29, 1884 and departed this life October 10, 1966, at the age of 82 years, 7 months and 11 days.

He was married to the former Miss Alice Black who preceded Him in death on May 22, 1964.

He is survived by 1 son: Walter C. Miller of Jefferson, N. C.; 4 daughters: Mrs. Chessie Bowers and Mrs. Ruth Severt both of Jefferson, N. C.; Mrs. Mary Hubbard of Taylorsville, N. C. and Mrs. Dare Faw of Millers Creek, N. C.; 13 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Noah Miller of Jefferson; 3 sisters: Mrs. Ida Bare of Jefferson, N. C.; Mrs. Ollie Boggs of Mansfield, Ohio; and Mrs. Katie Smith of Fleetwood.

He professed faith in Christ and joined Bare Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Oct. 1st Saturday 1953 where he remained a member until his passing.

We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

LONNIE THOMAS JONES

Lonnie Thomas Jones was born April 4, 1897, departed this life August 18, 1967, making his stay on earth 70 years, 4 months, and 14 days.

Funeral service was held at Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Sunday, August 20, 1967 by Elder Dewey Roten, Elder Walter Evans, Elder Wiley Hester, Rev. Clate Kilby.

Burial in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

He joined the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church, August, 1964, where he remained a faithful member as long as his health permitted.

JESSIE ABNER SEVERT

Jessie Abner Severt, was born June 23, 1894, departed this life October 28, 1966. Making His stay on earth 72 years, 4 months, and 5 days.

Funeral service was held at Helton Valley Baptist Church, October 31, 1966, by Rev. Carl Haga, Elder Dewey Roten, Rev. W. E. Burchette, Rev. Harold Hawkins.

Burial in the Walls Family Cemetery.

He joined the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church September, 1952, where he remained a faithful member until death.

EMMA MILLER

Emma Miller was born August 16, 1886, departed this life August 16, 1967, making her stay on earth 81 years.

Funeral service was held at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church, Friday, August 18, 1967 by Elder Dewey Roten, Rev. R. H. Stone.

Burial in the Riverview church cemetery.

She joined the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church in early life where she remained a faithful member (about 65 years) as long as health permitted her to attend.

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 nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing 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 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 than the title of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member 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 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 from the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Association, at their annual meetings in A. D. 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 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 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 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 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 Constitution, 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 the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elders	Licensed Gifts	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
	Bear Creek	1	2	1	1					3	20
Beaver Creek	4	1								25	20.00
Big Helton	3							2	1	54	27.00
Horse Creek	4			1						12	16.00
North Fork	1									25	20.00
Riverview	3	3	1	2					2	36	33.00
Roans Creek	4						1			44	26.00
Senter	2			4						67	33.00
Total		6	1	8			1	2	6	283	200.00

