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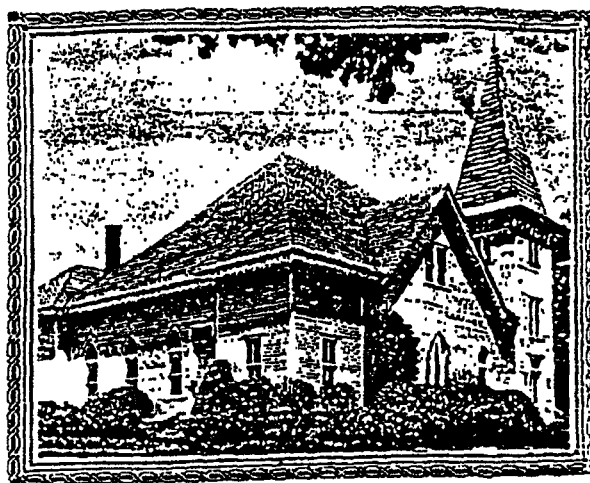
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**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**

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The Baptist Brethren that formed the Bethlehem church was dismissed from Tyger River church at the stated meeting House the Saturday before the first Sunday of April, with the help of the churches. was constituted on the third Saturday in July, the number of the members were 35.

Jo' Camp, from Bufflow  
→ Joroyal Barnett, Cedar Springs  
William Lancaster " "  
Charles Smith " "  
John Williams, Tyger River  
George Bruton " "  
Tobias Bright " "  
Joseph Woodruff, Bethel  
Robert Page "  
William Cockrills, Boiling Springs

## Rules of Decorum

- 1<sup>st</sup> Meetings for church business shall be stately holden at Bethlehem Meeting-House, on Saturday before the third Sunday in every Month unless the Church shall see cause hereafter to appoint another day.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Pastor shall act as moderator, but in his absence the Church shall choose one.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Any male member neglecting to attend Church meeting shall at the next render their reason for so doing, which if thought good they shall be requested to take their seat, but if their reason is not sufficient, they shall for the first be admonished, but should such conduct be continued, they shall be considered as disorderly members and shall be dealt with accordingly.
- 4<sup>th</sup> A majority shall rule in all cases except in case of fellowship, which shall require a unanimity.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Any person wishing to speak to the church shall rise and address the moderator.
- 6<sup>th</sup> It shall be considered a great disorder for any person to presume to speak before the person speaking shall have done.
- 7<sup>th</sup> No person shall absent himself in time of church business without leave of the moderator.
- 8<sup>th</sup> The church shall keep a fund for the purpose of defraying necessary expenses, in order to which there shall be a treasurer appointed whose business it shall be to receive and let out money according to the direction of the church.

## Abstract of Principles

- 1<sup>st</sup> We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three in one.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
- 4<sup>th</sup> We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and holiness.
- 5<sup>th</sup> We believe in the doctrine of Election, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.
- 6<sup>th</sup> We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the merits of Jesus

Christ.

7<sup>th</sup> We believe the Saints shall persevere in grace, and not finally fall away.

8<sup>th</sup> We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects and conscientiously do believe the true mode is immersion.

9<sup>th</sup> We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment.

10<sup>th</sup> We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11<sup>th</sup> We believe that no minister has a rite to the administration of the ordinances, only such as has been called of God, as was Aaron, and regularly baptized and approved of by the church, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery.

12<sup>th</sup> We believe that none but believers have a right to the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

## Records of Bethlehem Church

The business of Bethlehem Church has been regularly recorded from the time of its constitution down to the following date in a book which precedes this.

### January Meeting 1842

The church in conference, the case of Allen, a servant who had been suspended for a while was brought up, and after some discussion was laid over until our next meeting in course.

### Feb Meeting 1842

In church in conference brother Alexander Thomas was rec<sup>d</sup> by letter from *Unity Church*. Allen's case was post-poned until next meeting in course. A committee Consisting of Thomas Finch, James Foster, Thomas Hurt was appointed to endeavour to procure titles to a portion of land rounabout Bethlehem Church. On Sunday after Janurary meeting sisters Priscella Cimbrel, Sarah Cinabrel and Louisa Cinabrel applied for letters of dismifsion which were granted. Brother T. Hurt and J. Wingo were appointed to labour with brother Petty who was said to be in disorder.

### March Meeting 1842

1<sup>st</sup> A charge was preferred by brother Hezekiah Jackson against Allen a servant for having a seckond wife, while his first wife was living; laid over until our next meeting in course. 2<sup>nd</sup> The committee to procure titles for land round Bethlehem Church report that they have not yet finished the business assigned to them. 3<sup>rd</sup> At the request of brother Petty his case was laid over until next meeting in course. 4<sup>th</sup> Brother John Stephens and Lucinda his wife applied for letters of dismifsion which was granted.

### April Meeting 1842

The church being in conference. 1<sup>st</sup> took up Allen's case and after much debating, he was acquitted and restored to the fellowship of the church. 2<sup>nd</sup> The committee on the land about Bethlehem Church, report that they have had the land surveyed and they presented a plat of it to the church which was deposited with the clerk. 3<sup>rd</sup> Brother Petty's case was laid over until next meeting in course. 4<sup>th</sup> Littleton Bullman was excluded for gameing and drunkenefs. 5<sup>th</sup> Appointed T. Hurt, J. Foster, T. Finch to labour with brother F. Williams for disorderly conduct. 6<sup>th</sup> It was agreed that the following brethren should be sent for to attend our next meeting, and answer for absence. (Viz) Rowlin Gennings, David Harris, Jackson Mclerath, Hiram McCarely, Hiram McAbee. 7<sup>th</sup> Wilson a servant was excluded for stealing. 8<sup>th</sup> Brother Aaron M. Smith was received by letter from *Talladega County*.

of Bethlehem Church, which the committee presented which was read and rec<sup>d</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Agreed that the committee ascertain if possible the whole number of members who have ever belonged to this church; how many have joined by experience, by letter, dismissed, excluded, dead, etc. 3<sup>rd</sup> Brother James Bagwell, brother Rolin Ginnings and his wife made application for letters of dismissal, which were granted. 4<sup>th</sup> Brother R. Mofs was appointed to cite brother Jackson McCrath to attend our next meeting in course to answer to some unfavorable reports against him. 5<sup>th</sup> Appointed the following brethren (Viz) Jefee Wingo, Richard Mof, Thomas Hurt, R.J. Hurt, and James Foster in case of failure, our delegates to the association. R. Mofs to prepare the letter.

July Meeting 1843

Preaching by brother Landrum, the church then sat in conference: the committee made their report, which was rec<sup>d</sup>. brother Jackson M<sup>c</sup>Crath sent word that he would be here next meeting and answer for himself. The Afsociational letter prepared by R. Mofs was read and rec<sup>d</sup>.

August Meeting 1843

No Meeting, it being the time of the association.

September Meeting 1843

Preaching by brother Landrum, the church then sat in conference; 1<sup>st</sup> took up the case of brother Jackson M<sup>c</sup>Crath for drunkenness, curseing, and not attending church meetings, he not being present was excluded by a unanimous vote of the church.

Oct Meeting 1843

Preaching by brother Landrum, the church then sat in conference: brother Telemackus Tinsley made application for a letter of dismissal for himself and wife, which was granted.

November Meeting 1843

After preaching by brethren Hawkins and Woodruff the church sat in conference but there was no business to do. At night preaching by brother Landrum, the church again opened the door for reception of members and rec<sup>d</sup> six by experience, Viz. Jasper Bullington, W<sup>m</sup> H. Hurt, Nancy Finch, Oney Wingo, Sally servant of James Selman and Mary - servant of David Tanner. On Wednesday week after the above date there was preaching at the church and six persons joined by experience, Viz. Elias J. Wingo, James W. Hurt, Ransom Gennings, Robert W. Foster, John P. Finch, and Harriet L. Finch.

Dec<sup>r</sup> Meeting 1843

After preaching by brother Underwood the church sat in conference, and rec<sup>d</sup> brother Elijah Cooper by letter from Cedar Springs Church; and four others by experience (Viz) Davis Whitman, Robert J. Foster, William Hunt, Poley M. Gennings; and granted brother Hezekiah Jackson and Jane his wife letters of dismissal. The church and congregation then proceeded to call a minister to supply them for next year, and unanimously chose Rev. J.G. Landrum.

December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> there was preaching at the church, and two members were rec<sup>d</sup> by Experience (Viz) James Tapp jr and Jane Elder.

January Meeting 1844

After preaching by brother Landrum the church sat in conference and rec<sup>d</sup> two members by Experience, Viz. Elizabeth Foster and William Finch, and Jane Wingo by letter also granted brother Zechariah Wingo and Jane his wife letters of dismissal. Also excluded Drury M<sup>c</sup>Pherson for the sin of intoxication.

Saturday night preaching was continued at the church and four persons joined by

experience. Viz. William H. Golightly, Susan Golightly, James V. Hurt, and Simpson Gennings.

February Meeting 1844

After preaching by brother Landrum, the church sat in conference, and agreed to purchase a new bible and hymnbook; took up a collection for the above purpose, which amounted to eight dollars and 30 cents. Brother A.M. Smith was appointed to take charge of the money and purchase suitable books for the church.

March Meeting 1844

The church in conference; excluded Ally Oshields for bastardy.

April Meeting 1844

The church in conference, 1<sup>st</sup> Brother James Foster asked for a letter of dismission for brother Elias Stephens and his wife; Brother Isham Hurt objected on the ground that there was a report in circulation, calculated to injure brother Stephens as a man and as a christian. The church then appointed the following brethren, a committee to see brother Stephens and consult with him about the matter and report at our next meeting Viz Isham Hurt, James Foster, Tho. Hurt, James K. Finch, and A.B. Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup> the bible and six hymnbooks, Watts and Rippon bound together purchased by brother A.M. Smith for the use of the church according to previous direction, and paid him 20 cents which the church lacked of placing enough in his hand to purchase the books. The church also tendered her thanks to brother Smith for his trouble in procuring the books 3<sup>rd</sup> Brother Thomas Hurt reported the following brethren for repeated non-attendance of church meetings, Viz Hiram M<sup>c</sup>Careley, Thomas Haynes, Joshua Taff, W<sup>m</sup> Miller and Ransom Bray. The church then appointed brother John Finch to cite brethren M<sup>c</sup>Carely and Hanes. Brother Harrison Knight to cite brother Taff.- brother Thomas Finch to cite brother Miller, and brother James Foster to cite brother Bray to attend our next meeting.

May Meeting 1844

1<sup>st</sup> Sister Polly Smith applied for a letter of dismission, but it was deferred until our next meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brother Stephens' case was postponed to next meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brethren Bray, Haynes and Miller attended meeting today and gave full satisfaction for their absence from church meetings heretofore.

4<sup>th</sup> H. M<sup>c</sup>Careley was excluded for non attendance at church meetings, and for sending brother William Petty a very abusive and insulting letter. Joshua Taff's case was postponed to next meeting, brother Harrison Knight was appointed to cite him to attend with us then.

June Meeting 1844

After preaching by Brother Landrum, the church sat in conference, 1<sup>st</sup> Took up the case of sister Polly Smith and after some discussion it was laid over until next meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Took up the case of brother Elias Stephens and after much discussion it was postponed. A committee consisting of A.M. Smith, H. Rainwaters and J.S. Wingo, were appointed to meet at brother A.M. Smith's on Friday next, together with the contending parties, for a more minute and thorough investigation of the matter, and report to the church at our next meeting in course. Brother Joshua Taff was present and gave full satisfaction.

3<sup>rd</sup> Elected delegates to the Association (Viz) R. Mof, J.S. Wingo, R.J. Hurt, Thomas Hurt, and A.J. Daniel in case of failure. R. Mof to prepare the associational letter.

July Meeting 1844

After preaching by brother Landrum the church sat in conference. 1<sup>st</sup> took up Sister Smith's

case, she not being present, but expecting to be with us next meeting it was postponed until then. 2<sup>nd</sup> The committee on brother Stephen's case report that they met according to appointment, but were unable to bring about a reconciliation between the parties, and handed to the moderator the charges which were brought before them at the meeting above named, which are as follows. Charge 1<sup>st</sup> Brother Elias Stephens is charged with saying a note which he gave to Daniel White with his father John Stephens, was given in the harvest field, and that he Elias signed his fathers name by his authority while putting up a shock of wheat, and that Daniel White was present, when in truth and in fact the note was dated in the month of december 18<sup>th</sup> - 1841 and given to White at Harvy Lancaster's at a muster Signed

James H. Finch

2<sup>nd</sup> Charge, Brother Elias Stephens is charged with affirming that his father John Stephens signed a note to Joel Hurt as his security, alledging that he done it with a steel pen, and afterwards admitted that he Elias signed his fathers name and that he had authority to do so. Signed \_\_\_\_\_ James H. Finch

The 1<sup>st</sup> charge was taken up, and after much debate, and explanation given by Brother Stephens, the church majority of the church acquitted brother Stephens: the minority yielded to the larger number in his favor. 2<sup>nd</sup> Charge was then taken up, and three witnesses brought forward who testified to the fact therein contained, and after much discufsjon both for and against brother Stephens, the question was put to the church by the modirator, whether brother Stephens should have a letter of dismision or not; upon voteing, the church showed herself to be equally divided. Much discufsjon again followed and upon a seckond voteing a majority appeared in his favor: the minority then consented to yield as before in the other charge except brother Isham Hurt who said he could not. The Afsociational letter prepared by R. Mofs was read and rec<sup>d</sup>.

August Meeting 1844

No meeting, it being the time of the afsociation.

August 30<sup>th</sup> --- 1844

After preaching by brother Landrum, the church sat in conference. 1<sup>st</sup> Sister Smith's case was mentioned as the first on record, but after some remarks it was laid over until our regular meeting in course. 2<sup>nd</sup> Elias Stevens' case was called up next, and a motion offered to reconsider the whole matter; some discufsjon ensued, finally the motion carried. The church then took up the first charge, it was read by the moderator, and freely Spoken upon by all who wished to speak. The question was then taken whether the church was satisfied with Elias Stevens from what he and others had said in his defence, answered by voteing, no 24, yes 17. The seckond charge was then taken up, and minutely considered, and spoken upon by all who wished to say any thing. The question was then taken whether he had satisfied the church answered by voteing, no 26, yes 14. -- 3<sup>rd</sup> The church then agreed to have a protracted meeting to commence with our October meeting in course, and that the following ministers and brethren be invited to attend (Viz) T. Roberson, R. Woodruff, S. Drummond, A. Ray, C. Ray, J.C. Green, J. Barton, S. Gipson, C. Barnett. 4<sup>th</sup> Gave Sister Jennett Stephens a letter of dismifsjon.

September Meeting 1844

No meeting in Consequence of the *Holly Spring* Camp meeting.

Oc' Meeting 1844

Preaching Commenced on friday and was Continued until monday evening by brethren Woodruff and Landrum; church conference on Saturday.

1<sup>st</sup> Took up the case of Sister Smith: it was postponed until next meeting. Brother William Finch was requested to cite her to attend.

2<sup>nd</sup> Granted a letter of dismissal to Sister Martha M<sup>pherson</sup> and daughter Andilla.

3<sup>rd</sup> A letter was granted to Capt. Smith's negro Mahala.

4<sup>th</sup> Excluded Jefse Mason for being found guilty of forgery or fraud. Robert W. Foster Clerk pro Tem

Jefse Mason was dismissed from Bethlehem Church on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1834, and it is said, has not given his letter in any where Since. Richard Mofs C.C.

Nov Meeting 1844

The church in conference, 1<sup>st</sup> took up Sister Smith's case, she being present: Brother John Finch objected to her getting a letter, on the ground that she refused to give obligations for rent, while she held possession of some of his land. 2<sup>nd</sup> for false statement as to the contract being dissolved, between her husband and himself. A motion was made seckoned, that the parties labour privately for reconciliation; the parties retired, and after a while came in stating that they had settled their difficulty. Brother Thomas Hurt informed the Church that brother Alexander Thomas was reported to be in disorder, by profane swearing: Brother John Hatchet stated that he had heard him, and others of his neighbors. The church appointed the Clerk to write to him on the Subject. Sister Polly Smith obtained a letter of dismissal.

December Meeting 1844

After preaching by brother Landrum the church Sat in conference; brother James Foster informed the church that brother W<sup>m</sup> Finch was reported to be in disorder; the church appointed brethren James K. Finch and R.J. Hurt to labour with him and report at our next meeting in course. The church then called Rev. J.G. Landrum to supply her as a minister during the next year.

January Meeting 1845

Preaching by brother Landrum; in conference, 1<sup>st</sup> took up the case of Alexander Thomas, from whom nothing could be heard but repeated disorder; therefore he was excluded.

2<sup>nd</sup> Took up the case of W<sup>m</sup>. Finch, charged with drunkenefs and profane swearing; after deliberative consideration he was excluded.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brother Gregory Johnson was reported to be in disorder by intoxication; brother Alexander Brice was appointed to cite him to attend our next meeting in course. The church then agreed to choose a person at our next meeting in course, to serve her as a deacon.

Feb Meeting 1845

No meeting in consequence of a rainy day.

March Meeting 1845

The church in conference, 1<sup>st</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from brother Johnson, but not being satisfactory, brother W<sup>m</sup> Miller was appointed to cite him to attend our next meeting in course. 2<sup>nd</sup> Agreed to choose 2 deacons; the result showed that brethren Jefse Wingo and Hiram Rainwaters were the choice of the church. The two brethren above named consented to serve.

April Meeting 1845

The church in conference, 1<sup>st</sup> Application was made for letters of dismissal for sister Caroline Golightly and brother Davis Whitman, their letters were granted.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brother Johnson attended and gave satisfaction.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brother T. Hurt informed the church that brother F. Williams had again been intoxicated: he was present and made acknowledgement which did not satisfy the whole

church. therefore he was excluded.

4<sup>th</sup> Agreed to meet the called Af[sociation] at *Pleasant Grove church* on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May next. A.J. Daniel, R. Mofs, J.K. Finch, J.S. Wingo, me[s]singers.

May Meeting 1845

No business done to be recorded.

June Meeting 1845

1<sup>st</sup> Brother Elisha Gennings' Case was again taken up and finally he was restored. 2<sup>nd</sup> The church proceeded to elect delegates to the af[sociation], Viz. R. Mofs, T. Hurt, R.J. Hurt, H. Rainwaters, and J.S. Wingo in case of failure. R. Mofs to prepare the af[sociational] letter.

July Meeting 1845

The af[sociational] letter prepared by R. Mofs was read and rec<sup>d</sup>.

August the 8<sup>th</sup> 1845

Preaching by brother Landrum, the church then sat in conference and dismissed four members (Viz) Nancy Finch, Dolly M<sup>a</sup>Abee, Elizabeth Johnson, and Sally Johnson.

Sep<sup>r</sup> Meeting 1845

After preaching by brother Landrum the church sat in conference; 1<sup>st</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup> Sister Mary Ann Finch by letter from *Unity Church*; 2<sup>nd</sup> Granted letters of Dismif[sion] to the following brethren and sisters who wished to emigrate (Viz) brother R.J. Hurt and Wife Minervy; and mother Jane; brother William Tapp; brother Thomas Hurt and Wife Elizabeth, and son James; Sarah M<sup>a</sup>Pherson; and Jefse Wingo and his wife Jane; and William Hurt and wife Angeline; and Sister Lucindia Hurt. Preaching was continued on monday and Tuesday; and three members were rec<sup>d</sup> by experience; (Viz) Jane C. Hurt, William J. Wingo and Josiah Hatchet.

Oc<sup>r</sup> Meeting 1845

Preaching by brother Landrum; rec<sup>d</sup> Sister Mary Ann Foster by experience; and granted letters of dismif[sion] to the following members. (Viz) Rebecca Foster, William J. Wingo, A.J. Daniel and three of his servants; Fillis, Alberry, and Mary.

Nov<sup>r</sup> Meeting 1845

Preaching by brother Landrum; the church in conference received sister Adaline Brice by experience: and brother W<sup>m</sup> Tapp and his wife Mary Ann by letter. And granted letters of dismif[sion] to E.M. Cooper, Abby Vaughn, and Ransom Bray. Brother Landrum informed the church that he should not supply the church as pastor for the next year; therefore the church agreed to choose one at our next meeting in course.

The church also agreed to choose at our next meeting three persons to serve her as deacons.

Dec<sup>r</sup> Meeting 1845

The Church being in conference, agreed to elect the above number of deacons; after voting it appeared that the choice of the church was for brother Abner Foster, brother Spencer Foster and brother James Tapp. The church and congregation then elected her minister for the next year: the majority appeared in favor of Rev. Richard Woodruff. A Committee was then appointed to inform him that he was chosen. Letters of dismif[sion] were granted to brother Jasper Bullington, brother W<sup>m</sup> Harrison Golightly and Susan his wife. Thomas Finch was excluded at his own request.

January Meeting 1846

Preaching by brother Woodruff; the church then sat in conference and rec<sup>d</sup> two members by letter; (Viz) Robin and Mariah his wife. from *Clark Station Church, Wilks County Georgia*:

the above named members are Servants of Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Homes.

Feb Meeting 1846

No meeting on Saturday, it being a rainy day.

March 6<sup>th</sup> - 1846

The three deacons chosen at December meeting was ordained by a presbytery consisting of Rev. J.G. Landrum, R. Woodruff, M.C. Barnett, and [space left] Dixon.

March Meeting 1846

After preaching by brother Woodruff the church sat in conference: brother James Foster asked for a letter of dismissal for W<sup>m</sup> Pollard; some objection was made, and after some time spent relative to his case, he was excluded for going off without a letter of dismissal; and for qualifying to some property while moving which was perhaps not his own.

Appointed a committee consisting of James Tapp, I. Hurt, R. Smith, R.W. Foster and J. Stroble to examine the church building and ascertain what repairing is necessary; and to devise a plan to do it. The Committee to report by Friday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in next month. Agreed to send for brethren John Monk, and Noah Hammett to attend our next meeting and render reasons for their long absence. Agreed that it shall be the duty of the moderator to enquire for and concerning absent members, according to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rule of Decorum.

April Meeting 1846.

Preaching by brother Woodruff; the church then sat in conference and rec<sup>d</sup> three members by letter (Viz) Josiah Hatchet and Mary his wife from *Mount Pleasant Church*; and Elizabeth Knight from *Green Pond Church*; Brother Monk Attended and gave Satisfactory reasons for his absence. Brother Wood was appointed to cite brother Noah Hammett again to attend our next meeting in course. The Committee on repairing the church made their report which was adopted.

May Meeting 1846.

Preaching by brother Woodruff; Noah Hammett's case was postponed to next meeting.

June Meeting 1846.

Preaching by brother Woodruff; Noah Hammett's case was postponed to next meeting; appointed brother Woodruff to cite brother Joshua Taff to attend our next meeting and give reasons for his long absence.

July Meeting 1846.

In conference, Noah Hammett gave satisfaction. J. Taff's case postponed.

August Meeting 1846.

Preaching by brother Woodruff; Joshua Taff was excluded for not attending meetings. Rec<sup>d</sup> by experience Stephen Sprinkles and Thomas M. Petty. The church elected the following persons delegates to the association (Viz) A.B. Foster, James Tapp, Rich<sup>d</sup> Mofs, J. Hatchet, and J.K. Finch in case of failure. R. Mofs to prepare the associational letter.

Sunday August Meeting 1846.

Rec<sup>d</sup> Peggy by experience, a Servant of W.T. Tanner. The meeting continued for 16 days in succession and the following persons were rec<sup>d</sup> during its progress. Viz, Littleton Bullman restored; the following by Experience Simpson Walden, Perry Bullington, Angeline Gennings, Kinsman Seay, Moses Foster, David Bullington, Hannah, a servant of W<sup>m</sup> Selman, Zadoc Clanton, Lucinda Petty, Caroline Walden, Wiles V. Hunt, Fanny, Servant of M<sup>r</sup> Hunt, Martha Walden, Minerva, Servant of M<sup>r</sup> Hunt, Stephen Ally, John Petty, Thomas Finch, jun<sup>r</sup>, Elijah D. Petty, Juda Gennings, Andrew H. Miller, James

J. Foster, Stephen, a Servant of M' Miller, James M. Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Margaret E. Miller, Matilda Ally, Starlin Owens, James Finch, jun, John L. Finch, Elizabeth J. Finch, John M'Crath, Culpertia Gennings, Reuben and Susannah, Servants of J. Foster, Molly Servant of R. W. Foster, Mitty, servant of S. Miller, Nancy servant of J. P. Miller, Joshua Tapp, James M. Bowden, Andrew Smith, Malicia Haines, Thadus Taff, Simon, servant of J. Hatchet, Green, servant of J. Hatchet, Elias, servant of R. W. Foster, William Hatchet, William Taff, John Gennings, Clementina Knight, Thomas Hatchett, Charlotte Green, Susana Taff, Elizabeth J. Hatchett, Ann Rainwaters, Lewis Green, Unner a Servant of A. B. Moore, Kitty Wright, Miles M'Careley, Solomon, Rose, Mary, Sharlott, and Nathan servants of J. Stroble, Malifsa servant of S. Evans, Seley, Servant of J. Foster, Sally servant of A. Cunningham, Nancy Cox, Margaret Cox.

September Meeting 1846.

The church being in conference, granted a letter of dismifsion to Sister Patsy Edwards. The afsociational letter prepared R. Mofs was read and rec<sup>d</sup>. Thursday night after the above meeting, there was meeting at the church and one member rec<sup>d</sup> by Experience Viz Allen a Servant of A. B. Moore.

At the time the Afsociation convened four [3 circled above the word 'four'] of the above members remained not baptised. (unreported)

Oc<sup>t</sup> Meeting 1846.

Preaching by brother Woodruff; the church then Sat in conference and rec<sup>d</sup> by letter Sister Nancy Finch; and Sister Louisa Hanes by experience; and granted a letter of dismifsion to Sister Elizabeth Hatchet. Appointed brother H. Rainwaters to cite brother John Monk to attend our next meeting.

Saturday night, rec<sup>d</sup> by experience Ralph, servant of A. B. Moore. Sunday, rec<sup>d</sup> by experience sister Cynthia Knight.

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1846.

Preaching by brother Woodruff, the church in conference granted letters of dismifsion to Andrew Smith; J. H. Seay; and three servants, Abby, America and Sarah. Called brother Landrum to supply us for next year. brother Monk gave satisfaction.

Dec<sup>r</sup> Meeting 1846

Preaching by brother Woodruff, the church in conference granted a letter of dismifsion to brother John Monk; and excluded Elleck and Malifsa servants formerly of Joel Hurt for lying. Also Sandy, a servant, who had rec<sup>d</sup> a letter of dismifsion in the year of 1838 and mooved to Georgia was reported by a letter from Mr. Wiley Selman to be guilty of fornication. not haveing given his letter of dismifsion in to any church. He was excluded.

January Meeting 1847

Preaching by brother Landrum, the church in conference granted letters of dismifsion to brother Isham Sprouse, Stephen Sprinkles and Elizabeth his wife. Agreed that the committee have the house repaired, and the church to furnish the meanes. Sunday, granted a letter of Dismifsion to sister Permelia Hammett.

Feb<sup>r</sup> Meeting 1847.

Preaching by brother Barnett, the church in conference rec<sup>d</sup> by letter five members (Viz) Daniel Stephens and Nancy his wife. Thornton M'Cerely and Mary his wife and Dolly M'Abec. Also granted a letter of dismifsion to Sister Martha Williams. Agreed that the

existing between brethren Hiram McAbee and W<sup>m</sup> Petty. The church appointed a committee to Settle it. Viz James Foster, Isham Hurt, Thomas Trammel, A.B. Foster, Richard Mofs, Joseph Hatchett, W<sup>m</sup> West, Alexander Brice, W<sup>m</sup> Miller, J.K. Finch. To meet at *Bethlehem church* on the fifth Saturday in this month at ten o'clock.

Nov. Meeting 1853.

Preaching by brother Landrum, the church in conference; The committee on the case of H. M<sup>a</sup>Abee and W<sup>m</sup> Petty report that case settled amicably. Granted letters of dismissal to the following persons (Viz) Elizabeth Steell, R.P. Bullington, Josiah Hatchet, Elizabeth Selman, Ally Selman, Sally Servant of Mrs. Selman. The church and congregation called Rev. Richard Woodruff to preach next year.

Dec<sup>r</sup> Meeting 1853.

No preacher attended, the church Sat in conference and granted letters of dismissal to brother James V. Hurt and Temperance his wife; also to brother Robert J. Foster and Mary Ann his wife; and Excluded Nancy Finch for liveing with a man who has another wife.

January Meeting 1854.

Preaching by brother Woodruff, the church in conference. Restored Nancy a Servant of J.P. Miller. And granted a letter of dismissal to brother W.P. Gennings.

Feb Meeting 1854.

Preaching by brother Woodruff, the church in conference. Rec<sup>d</sup> by Experience Rachel and Nelly, Servants of Mrs. N.M. Moore. Rec<sup>d</sup> by letter brother Alexander Alexander, and Mary his wife, from *Uniry Church*; also Mary his Servant. Granted a letter of dismissal to sister Nancy Gray. Rec<sup>d</sup> by experience Mary Servant of A. Holtshouser.

March Meeting 1854.

Preaching by brother Barnett, the church in conference granted brother Miles M. Knight a letter of dismissal. Agreed to build a pool for baptising; A.B. and S. Foster to circulate a Subscription for that purpose and report next meeting.

April Meeting 1854.

Preaching by brother Woodruff; The church appointed a committee to superintend the building of the pool and drefs house: Viz. A. Alexander, J. Foster, A.B. Foster, S. Foster and H. M<sup>a</sup>Abee.

May Meeting 1854.

Preaching by brethren Landrum and Woodruff; in conference brother Woodruff asked leave of the church to be absent in July and August; request granted.

June Meeting 1854.

Preaching by brother Woodruff; the church in conference. elected delegates to the afsociation (Viz) A.B. Foster, Spencer Foster, J.J. Foster, Josiah Hatchet and A. Alexander in case of failure. R. Mofs to prepare the afsociational letter.

July Meeting 1954.

Preaching by brother Woodruff, the church in conference. rec<sup>d</sup> by letter brother H.R. Curtis and Sarah F. his wife, from *Mill Creek Church, Person Co, N.C.* The afsociational letter prepared by R. Mofs was read and rec<sup>d</sup>.

August Meeting 1854.

No businefs done to be recorded.

Sept Meeting 1854.

No preacher attended; the church in conference agreed to elect at our next meeting in course

two deacons: also a minister to supply us next year.

Oct Meeting 1854.

Preaching by brother Woodruff, the church in conference restored Mary Servant of J. Stroble; and granted brother Thomas Petty a letter of dismissal. Elected two deacons Viz. J.J. Foster and A. Allexander to be ordained on Friday before our next meeting in course. Elected Rev. M.C. Barnett to be our minister next year. Brother Spencer Foster reported brother W<sup>m</sup> Petty as charged with having been intoxicated. after hearing evidence on both sides a majority of votes were given for his acquital.

Nov. Meeting 1854.

There were a good many meetings about this time; and a protracted meeting at the regular time; during which the following persons joined by Experience James Gennings, Allexander Wiles Biter, Ally Knight, Jane and Harriet, servants of J.P. Miller. Restored R.W. Foster. Dismissed Harrison Gennings, John Petty, Lucinda Hurt, R.W. Foster and Elizabeth his wife. H. M<sup>a</sup>Abee and S.B. Foster requested a new hearing in the case of W<sup>m</sup> Petty charged with intoxication, request granted, to be tried next meeting. John Finch made application to be restored to the fellowship of the church, his case was laid over. On Sunday received by experience John servant of A. Allexander. on Monday by experience Pinckney Biter.

Dec<sup>r</sup> Meeting 1854.

Brother Woodruff attended and held a prayer meeting, after which church conference. Restored James M<sup>c</sup>Careley, Rec<sup>d</sup> by experience W<sup>m</sup> Finch and Adaline Cunningham. Dismissed J.M. M<sup>c</sup>Careley, James M<sup>c</sup>Careley, W<sup>m</sup> Miller and Lucey, his wife. Thomas Trammel and Rachel his wife and daughters Nancy, and Eliza Jane; and Elizabeth Drummond. Also Pinckney L. Trammel. Brother Petty's case was then taken up, and much proof was produced for and against him and much talking followed until it was late in the evening when the church adjourned.

There were a great many meetings by day and night at *Bethlehem church* during the interval of time between the two last monthly meetings at which the following persons joined by Experience Thomas Finch, Polly Finch, Ann Biter, Mary Foster, Martha A. Knight, Berry Bagwell, John Smith, John Biter, W<sup>m</sup> J. Foster, John Finch, jr., Richard Foster, Jr., Hiram M<sup>a</sup>Abee, jr., Sarah Ann Allexander, Ransom Foster, Robert Daniel, Alberry M<sup>a</sup>Abee, Samuel Smithwick, Elizabeth Gennings, Miles Finch, George Finch, Harvey Sprinkles, Allexander Bullman, Rosa Jane Finch, Eleanor Cunningham, Nancy Ann Biter, Jane Allexander, Ann Hurt, Malinda Hurt, Simpson West, Omy Servant of Hiram M<sup>a</sup>Abee. Restored John Finch, Sr. and Stephen, servant of James Foster. Rec<sup>d</sup> by experience Harriet Servant of W<sup>m</sup> Hunt. Allexander servant of M<sup>m</sup> Moor. Bob, servant of M<sup>m</sup> Moore, also by experience Margaret Hunt, and Telitha, Servant of James Foster. Also granted letters of dismissal to John Finch, Sen. and George Finch, his son.

January Meeting 1855.

Preaching by brother Barnett. The church in conference Rec<sup>d</sup> by letter brother Edward H. Willis and Sister Catharine Willis from *Unity Church, Spartanburg District, S.C.* Took up the case of brother Petty, more evidence was produced for and against him. finally the matter was settled by all parties concerned agreeing to mutually bear and forgive each other.

Feb. Meeting 1855.

Preaching by brother Barnett, the church in conference granted a letters of dismissal to Sister Jane Monk, and brother John Mclerath.

Oct. Meeting 1855.

Prayer by brother Curtis; the church in conference agreed to call a minister for next year. Brother M. C. Barnett was chosen. Dr. Curtis obtained leave to exercise in publick.

Nov Meeting 1855.

Preaching by Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Farrow and prayer by brother M. C. Barnett. the church in conference rec<sup>d</sup> by experience Sister Jaquelin I. Hunt. Brother A. B. Foster reported Ralph a servant of M<sup>r</sup> Moor, to be living in disorder, a committee was appointed to investigate that matter and report next meeting. Granted letters of dismifision to brother A. B. Foster, and Oney his wife, and their two sons William and Ransom. Also to brother Harrison Knight and Sarah his wife and their two daughters. Martha Ann Elizabeth and Ally Kafandra. Also to Fillis and Sarah, Servants of Capt. John Snoddy. The meeting continued for several days, during the same the following persons joined by Experience (Viz) Martha J. Sprinkles, James Cunningham, John Sprinkles, Mary C. Hurt.

Dec<sup>r</sup> Meeting 1855.

Preaching by brother Barnett, the church in conference, called for report of Committee on Servant Ralph's case, they reported that they conversed with him, he acknowledged the offence and asked forgiveness, promising to try to do so no more. He was forgiven. Rec<sup>d</sup> by letter Sister Avaline Sprinkles. Brother A. B. Foster having mooved away, sent to the church its titles for land. They were put in the hands of Deacon A. Allexander for safe keeping. Rec<sup>d</sup> by experience Sister Jane Brice.

January Meeting 1856

Divine service by brother Barnett. The church in conference. Rec<sup>d</sup> by letter Andrew J. Jennings. Granted letters of dismifision to W<sup>m</sup> Finch, John Finch, Mary Finch, Rosa J. Finch. and James Jennings. Also to Miles Finch.

Feb. Meeting 1856

Preaching by brother Barnett, the church in conference granted letters of dismifision to the following persons. Viz. Rebecca Saxton, Thomas Finch, and Eleanor his wife. Also Polly Rogers, and Thursey Studdin. Rec<sup>d</sup> by letter brother Daniel Stephens, and Nancy his wife, and their four daughters, Lucy, Caroline, Sarah, and Nancy.

March Meeting 1856.

Preaching by brethren Farrow and Barnett. No businefs done to be recorded.

April Meeting 1856.

Preaching by brother Barnett. the church in conference agreed to take up a collection in order to purchase more Sabbath Scool books. A committee consisting of S. Smithwith, A. Allexander, I. Hurt, R. Mofs, and J. J. Foster were nominated to purchase as many books as the amount collected would pay for.

May Meeting 1856.

No preacher came. the church in conference. J. K. Finch laid on the table two written charges against brother Henry R. Curtis. A copy of the same is as follows.

May 17<sup>th</sup> -1856.

1<sup>st</sup> Henry Curtis is charged before *Bethlehem Church* of contracting of many debts and of leaving the State and them not settled.

2<sup>nd</sup> And of being takened with a bail writ and of leaving the State. and his sucurity to suffer in his place.

(Signed) J. K. Finch

R. Mofs was appointed to write to him. relative to the above matter: and direct the letter to