

Also, in 1799, the lottery issue was debated and after some discussion the association declared that it was not agreeable to Holy Scripture for church members to purchase tickets in a lottery. This same meeting produced another acclamation—July 4 would be a day of fasting to call upon God to "revive religion in the souls of men."

On May 26, 1798, Fountain Creek was not present at the associational meeting, but records were sent with Garner listed as pastor, along with delegates William Avant and Charles Williams. Probably because of the above factors, it was impossible for them to be present. Also, it is recorded that 18 shillings was given to the association for its work. It was not until May 25, 1799 that Fountain Creek actively participated in the association. Elder or Pastor Garner, along with William Sweet made up the delegation. This year the church reported a full account to the association. Three baptisms, four dismissals by letter, five excommunications, one restored member, and 120 members were recorded. Twelve shillings were given to the association for its work, and nine pence was given for the cause of missionary activities.

For the remaining years of 1800 to 1803 in affiliation with Portsmouth, limited participation existed. In 1801, one hundred and twenty members were listed, and William Sweet and B. Johason were messengers with twelve baptisms, one by letter, two excommunications, two deceased members, and nine shillings were contributed for associational work. In 1802 and 1803, no information was sent to the annual meetings.

In 1804, Fountain Creek was dismissed from the Portsmouth Association to form a new one, the Meherrin Baptist Association. Also at this time, the Hays's Creek, Geneto Creek, and Reedy Creek churches joined in. During the remainder of the Garner years, the church's participation in the