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Minutes.

Mountain Grove Church, Floyd County, Ga.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John Trent, of Washington. Text, 12 of 22 chapter of Revelations: 'And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the Throne of God, and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street, of it and on either side of the river was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits and yielded her fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree was for the healing of the nations.

After one hour intermission the Association met in the house. Prayer by Elder V. B. White, of the Yellow River Association.

Called letters of the different Churches, read and enrolled the names of messengers as table will show.

By acclamation elected Elder T. I. Samford moderator and A. W. Wilkins clerk.

1st. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Elder John Trent, from Washington Association present.

2nd Opened the door for petitioning churches 3rd. Appointed committees as follows: To arrange Preaching, J. M. Yarborough, W. Calaway, W. M. Highfield, and Church Delegation, Denis Teat, W. Davis.

4th. To examine circular letter: N. A. Hamrick, T. J. Bright and H. L. Dover.

5th. To write corresponding letter: Elder J. W. Cooper, Elder R. L. Hamrick and J. F. Turner.

6th. Committee on Preaching report Elder J. C. Hicks to preach this evening.

7th. Call for correspondence. From Newhope, Elder Thomas Carnes, J. P. Daniel, W. T. Lee, W. Ingram, J. L. Garner, W. P. Cole, J. T. Coplan and L. D. Dodson.

From Oconee no tidings.

From Fellowship, J. H. Caldwell.

From Marietta Old School, Elder H. G. Mitchel, Elder J. T. Abanatha, Elder B. M. Camp, and T. W. Williams.

From Cane Creek, Elder J. C. Hicks, Elder J. W. Munk, Elder W. Kiel, and J. F. Reed.

From Ware Wick Old School, Minutes.

From Delaware River, Minutes.

8th. By motion and second adjournment until 8:30 a. m. Sunday morning.

9th. Met according to adjournment, Prayer by Elder J. W. Munk.

10. Renewed call for visiting brethren.

11. Renewed the call for correspondence.

12. Called roll and marked absentees.

13. Called for corresponding letter, read and adopted.

14. Called for circular letter, examined and adopted.

15. To appoint correspondence as follows

To Newhope, Elders N. A. Hamrick, J. T. Morris and W. Whittaker.

To Cane Creek, Elder N. A. Hamrick, J. H. Johnson.

To Oconee send Minutes.

To Ware Wick send Minutes.

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To Yellow River send Minutes.

To Marietta Old School, A. W. Wilkins, D. W. Lowdermilk.

16. Appointed union meetings as follows:

First District to meet with the church at Euharlee on Friday before the third Sunday in July, 1907.

Second District to meet with the church at Millville on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August.

17. Appointed the next session of this body to be held with the church at Midway, Floyd county, Ga., 9 miles north of Rome on the Summerville road, 1 mile from Armuchee, commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1907.

18. Appointed Elder T. J. Samford to write circular letter.

19. Instructed the Clerk to superintend the printing of 800 of these minutes and distribute among the churches and Associations with whom we correspond.

20. Called for miscellaneous business.

21. We tendered our heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kind hospitality tendered us during our stay with them. Read and adopted these minutes.

A. W. WILKINS, C. C.

T. I. SAMFORD, M. D.

ORDER OF REACHING.

Sunday: 10⁰⁰ A. M., by Elder G. W. Jackson; followed by Elder H. G. Mitchell.

One hour intermission.

Then by Elder Thomas Carnes, followed by Elder V. B. White.

Monday, 19 A. M., by Elder W. Kiel; followed by Elder B. M. Camp.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

Floyd Count, Sept. 17th, 1906.

The Euharlee Primitive Baptist Association, now in session with the church at Mountain Grove, to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds:

Dear Brethren in the Lord: We are the highly favored of the Lord and by His mercies we have been permitted to hold another session of our body. Dear Brethren, we have been made to rejoice by the coming of your correspondence, laden with the Gospel of the love of God, holding up Jesus as the Savior of sinners without the aid of man. Let us give Him all the glory for our eternal salvation. Oh, how excellent is His name brethren. Let us bless His Holy name. For His mercies to us.

We desire a continuation of your correspondence and for which we have appointed messengers, the names of whom appear in the body of these minutes.

The next session of this body will be held with the church at Midway, situated 9 miles north of the city of Rome, Ga., beginning on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., in the year of our Lord 1907, where we hope to meet you again. Until then, dear brethren, farewell and may we be guided and directed by the spirit of the Lord, and be enabled to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, fully realizing that it is the Lord working in us both to will and to do His own good pleasure.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the brethren and sisters composing the Euharlee Primitive Baptist Association:

Dear saints in the Lord. It is our high privilege to again address you by circular letter. We call your attention to the XXI Chapter and 21 and 22 verses of St. John, which reads thus: Peter seeing Him sayeth to Jesus, Lord and what shall this man do. Jesus sayeth unto him, and if I will that he tarry till I come what is that to thee; follow thou me. Dear brethren, it is with our eyes that we see and behold things that we greatly rejoice in, but how often they mislead us, Jesus tells us to follow Him. Jesus Himself laid examples as well as the apostles that could be seen with the eye, but God is a Spirit and seeketh such to worship Him as do worship in spirit and in truth. God has been pleased to set up His Kingdom on earth and to prepare a people to worship and serve Him in His kingdom. He has set it up in the hearts and minds of his chil-

dren and when they are sitting together in Heavenly places and Jesus being with them manifestly they then feel like they never would be grieved at Jesus any more but at times it seems that service has become worship and joy is all they are able to behold. but after this great feast is over, lo we hear Jesus saying again: feed my sheep, and the little minister of Jesus Christ begins to look around and soetimes it is not a hard matter for him to find some one else that looks like he was more able than himself and he feels so poor he is almost offended, but Jesus says what is that to thee, come and follow me. Now he is forced to leave off things that he beholds with his natural eyes and begins to look with an eye of faith. He is obliged to look at things that are not seen with the natural eyes. Sometimes they would like to live and walk by sight, but without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is the gift of God, like all good and perfect gifts they all come down from above.

We will go back to the words of Peter again, "Lord and what shall this man do." Oh, how often the little children of God out side of the church begins to lok around at what others are doing or not doing and begins to measure by them whom the Apostle Paul said they were unwise indeed. They are unwise for they are cutting themselves out of what God was pleased to give them, which was the kingdom. As a body all are one in Christ. When one suffers all suffer, and in that sense we are to help bear each other's burdens, but when we fail to do as the Lord has commanded, then who shall help us. The great day of his wrath shall come and who shall be able to stand. The scripture does not answer that question but in honor of His great name I will say, no one has ever been able to stand, but their house is left unto them desolate. But when they can truthfully say from their hearts, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord then the Lord enables him to stand on the rock Christ Jesus.

The great question with Peter was, the time had come for him to stretch forth his hand and go, wheresoever he wouldst, not although he loved Jesus, yet the burden of the Lord was upon him, but the Lord had called him, and if others tarry I say unto you, Peter feed my sheep and feed my lambs. Oh, dear children of God, let us try to abide in the calling and and the same calling where with we were called, for He who called us is ever faithful, having Jesus as the man of our counsel. Yes, he is our high priest for ever and we are chosen in Him before the world was and now the Father has been pleased by the revelation of His Son to make known unto us of his choice. Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, the we should be called the sons of God. Our sins and iniquities we laid upon Jesus. He was sinless. He was God in the flesh. He was righteous, therefore He was able to make an offering that was acceptable unto God and this is the covenant that I will make with them after those days sayeth the Lord. I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now, where remission of these is no more offering for sin. Hebrews X, 16-17-18.

Still we have to account for our acts and while God loves his children he must chastise them if they do not follow his word. God's children, unworthy as John when he was called upon to baptise Jesus, but Jesus being our worthiness, let us look to him and try to do his bidding henceforth expecting till he come. May the Lord's blessings rest upon you all veer more.

ARTICLES OF FAITH. . .

1st. We believe in the only one true and living God, and that there is a trinity of persons in the God-head—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

2d. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the onry rule of Faith and Practice.

3d. We belive in the fall of Adam, and the imputation of sin to his posterity; in the corruption of human nature and the impotency of man to recover himself of his own free will and abilities.

4th. We believe in the everlasting love of God to His people and the eternal election of a definite numbr of the human race to grace and

glory; and that there was a covenant of grace, or redemption between the Father and Son before the world began in which their salvation is secured and that they, in particular, are redeemed.

5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

6th. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ will be effectually called regenerated, converted, sanctified and supported by the spirit and power of God, so they will preserve in Grace, and that not one of them be finally lost.

7th. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and follow after justification, and that they only justify us in the sight of men and angels and are evidence of our gracious state.

8th. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

10th. We believe that the Georgia Baptist Convention, the Missionary, Bible Tract, Sunday School Union and Temperance Societies together with the Theological Seminaries and other kindred institutions, falsely benevolent, are unscriptural, unsupported divine revelation, and therefore improper; and we believe that no individual who is united with or are the advocates of all or either of them should be held in fellowship by our churches.

AND AS FOR THE GOSPEL ORDER. ..

1. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have gained Christian fellowship with each other and have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another, and have agreed to keep up a Goodly discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

2. That Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and only law giver; and the government is with the body and is the privilege with each individual; and that the discipline of the Church is intended for reclaiming of those Christians who may be disorderly, either in principle or practice, and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory, and the peace and unity of the churches.

3. The water Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel to be continued until the Lord's second coming, and to be administered only by orderly Baptist ministers regularly ordained.

4. That true believers in Christ Jesus are the only subjects of baptism, and that a burial (in water) is the mode.

5. That none but regularly baptised church members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the duty of every Heaven-born soul to become a member of the visible Church, to make a confession of their faith, to be legally baptised, so as to have a right to, and partake of the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet at every legal opportunity during life.

THE DECORUM. ..

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen from the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their numbers in full fellowship those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

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

4. This Association shall have no power to lord over God's heritage nor by which they can infringe upon the internal rights of the churches.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, who shall be of the body and who shall hold their office until re-election.

6. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator, giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. No church in the Union shall have more than two delegates until they shall exceed one hundred members and then shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty after the first hundred.

8. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the Union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated or not, and if there be a majority for, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided, always, that those be first considered which effect the Union of the churches.

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

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

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

12. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in time of public speech, nor cast reflections on the speaker; he shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise cast reflections on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light of idea.

13. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

14. The several names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association may require.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair is filled—and he shall have no voice except the Association be equally divided.

16. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the Association.

17. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

18. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union, when it is necessary.

19. The association shall have the power to provide for—

1. The general Union of the Churches.

2. To preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches.

3. To give the churches all the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire into the cause why the Churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

5. To correspond with other Associations.

6. The Association shall have power to exclude any Church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants who may be present at the time of their sitting when they shall judge necessary.

8. The Association may have the power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think convenient to the Churches in the Union.

9. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10. The Association shall receive correspondence from other Associations by the Moderator extending to their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE CHURCHES

CHURCHES	COUNTY	P O.	PASTOR	CLERK	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Bap.	Rec'd by Let.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deaths	Membership	Meeting Days	Minutes
FIRST DISTRICT														
Valley Grove....	Polk.....	Cedartown, Ga	R. S Hamrick	W. J. Richardson	R. S Hamrick, N. A. Hamrick	0	0	4	0	0	0	28	1	1.50
Silver Creek....	Floyd.....	Seney, Ga. ..	T. I. Samford.	T. C. Calaway ..	T. I. Samford, T. I. Bright....	2	0	0	0	0	0	53	2	1.50
Euharlee.....	Polk.....	Rockmart, Ga.	T. J. Bright...	J. S. Spinks	W. W Camp, M. F. Gentry....	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	3	1.25
Providence.....	Cherokee (Ala)	Cave Spring "	N. A. Hamrick	J. A Lumpkin..	W. N. Aighdell, J. D. Baker....	0	2	1	0	0	0	30	4	1.50
Antioch.....	Floyd.....	Rome, Ga	W. J. Cooper	J. F. Turner.....	J. F. Turner, W. J. Wimpee....	1	2	0	0	0	0	24	3	1.50
Mountain Grove..	Floyd.....	Lindale, Ga ..	R. L Hamrick	R. E. Wood.....	Davis Teat, W. E. Wood.....	0	5	0	0	0	0	30	3	1.50
New Home.....	Polk.....	Silver Creek, ..	T. I. Samford	J. E. Broadway..	J. P. Morris, W. J. Calaway....	0	2	0	0	0	0	27	4	1.50
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SECOND DISTRICT.														
Pleasant Hill....	Floyd.....	Rome, Ga....	W. J. Cooper..	Sanford Moore...	W. A. Long, W. J. Cooper.....	0	1	1	0	0	0	21	1	1.50
Melville.....	Chattooga	Lyerly, Ga....	J. W. Stanford.	J. M. Yarbrough	H. T. Davis, J. M. Yarbrough..	0	1	0	0	0	0	30	4	1.50
Emmans.....	Chattooga.....	Subligna, Ga.	None	T. A. Gray	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	.25
Harmony.....	Gordon.....	Calhoun, Ga..	B. R. Bray....	C. A. Clemons..	B. R. Brap, C. A. Clemmons....	0	3	9	0	0	0	22	3	1.00
Friendship.....	Catoosa (Ga.).	Gray sville, Ga	B. R. Bray....	A. Petters.....	A. Petters, W. H. Joy.....	0	0	1	0	1	0	20	2	1.00
Midway.....	Floyd.....	Armuchee, Ga	W. J. Cooper.	W. P. Barnes ..	A. H Caldwell, W. P. Barnes	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2	2.00
Dyke's Creek....	Floyd.....	Rome, Ga....	T. I. Samford	G. A. Burkhalter	A W Wilkins, D W Landermilk	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	1.50



