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Ninety-First Annual Session

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OCONEE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With the Church at

MORIAH

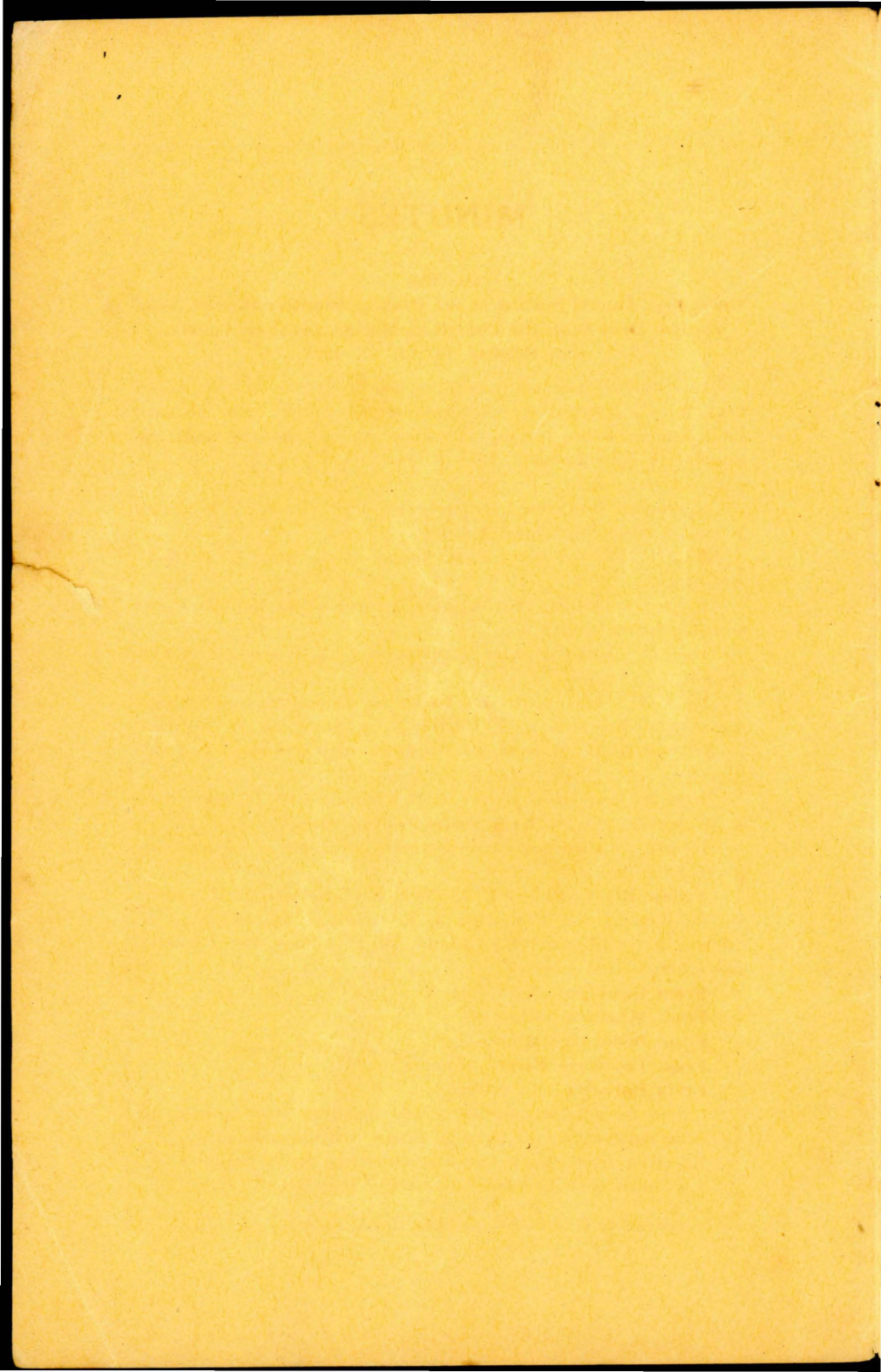
Madison County, Georgia

OCTOBER 10, 11, 12, 1928



J. M. ADAMS..... Moderator

W. H. ROBISON..... Clerk



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Ninety-first Annual Session of the Oconee Primitive Baptist Association, Held With the Church at Moriah, Madison County, Ga., October 10, 11, 12, 1928.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. W. West. Text, 5th chapter Second Corinthians, 21st verse: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Association began. Prayer by Elder J. M. Livsey.

Appointed Brethren J. L. McLeroy, J. F. Green, C. T. Carter to read letters from sister churches.

Item 1. Elected Elder J. M. Adams, Moderator; W. H. Robinson, Clerk.

Item 2. Invited visiting and corresponding ministers and brethren to seats with us.

Item 3. Adopted order of business of last session for this session.

Item 4. Appointed the following committee to arrange preaching: Brethren C. T. Carter, E. A. Shaw, R. W. Stewart, W. J. Poss, G. W. Malcom, Sr., together with messengers of this church.

Item 5. Appointed Elders J. F. Chandler, W. L. Allen, Bro. G. W. Malcom, Sr., to write corresponding letter.

Item 6. Called for correspondence from sister associations. Received from—

Yellow River—Elders R. L. Cook, J. C. Hewett, J. M. Livsey, W. W. West, T. C. West, Bro. J. F. Green, J. H. Adams, J. T. Garner, J. O. Adams, W. A. Adams, W. F. Adams, Bob Chandler and others—Send minutes.

From Ocmulgee—No tiding.

From Warwick—Minutes.

From Delaware—Minutes.

From Delaware River—Minutes.

From Euharlee—No tidings.

Called for visiting ministers and brethren from orderly association with whom we have no direct correspondence.

Received from Black Creek Association, N. C., minutes.

Appointed correspondence to Sister Associations:

To Yellow River—Holly Springs, Newton Co., Ga., beginning on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1929—Elders J. M. Adams, J. H. Stewart, E. H. Engram, J. F. Chandler, E. A. Shaw, R. A. Cooper, R. P. Cheek, J. L. McLeroy, G. W. Malcom, Sr., J. C. Doster.—Send minutes.

To Ocmulgee—Crook Creek, Putnam Co., beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1929. R. A. Cooper, C. R. Garrett, J. C. Doster.—Send minutes.

To Delaware—Rock Springs Church, Lancaster county, Penna. in May 1929—J. M. Adams—Send minutes.

To Warwick—J. M. Adams—Send minutes.

To Delaware River—Kingwood Church at Lockton, New Jersey, beginning on Wednesday before the first Sunday in June, 1929.—Send minutes.

To Euharlee—Send minutes.

Adjourned to 8:30 Saturday morning.

Met at appointed time, after singing and prayer by Elder R. L. Cook.

Renewed invitation to visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us and welcomed all.

Called for circular letter written by Elder J. M. Adams. Read and received it as ours.

Called for Corresponding Letter written by Elder J. F. Chandler, W. L. Allen, G. W. Malcom, 'Sr., and accepted it as ours.

Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

First District—Mount Zion, Clarke county, 5 miles west of Athens, on Seaboard Railroad, on fourth Sunday and Saturday before in April, 1929.

Second District—Beaverdam, Winterville, Ga., on Georgia Railroad, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1929.

Appointed the next session of this body to be held with Mount Paron church, Walton county, Ga., 4 miles of Social Circle, on Ga. Railroad, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1929.

Appointed Brethren G. W. Malcom, R. A. Cooper, W. J. Poss to receive contributions.

Called for contributions and directed clerk to have 1,000 minutes printed and distributed in usual way.

On motion voted our thanks to the brethren and sisters, and friends for their kindness shown us while with them.

ELDER J. M. ADAMS, Moderator.

W. H. ROBISON, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Wednesday A. M.—Elder W. W. West.

Wednesday P. M.—Elder J. C. Hewett.

Thursday A. M.—Elder R. L. Cook, J. M. Livsey.

Thursday P. M.—T. C. West, W. L. Allen.

Friday A. M.—Elder J. H. Stewart, J. F. Chandler.

NAMES OF VISITING MINISTERS

Elders W. W. West, J. C. Hewitt, J. M. Livsey, R. L. Cook,
T. C. West.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder J. M. Adams ----- Monroe, Ga.

Elder J. H. Stewart ----- Whiterville, R.

Elder J. F. Chandler ----- Danielsville, R.

Elder W. L. Allen ----- Monroe, Ga., R.

THE PLAN OR FORM OF OUR GOVERNMENT

Article 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the church in our union shall compose Association.

2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated "The Oconee Baptist Association".

4. The Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage; nor to infringe upon any of the interval rights of the churches.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by the members present, and who shall continue in office until the next election.

6. If a new church should desire to be admitted into this union, she shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator's giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. No church in the union shall have a right to more than two messengers, till she shall exceed one hundred members, and then she shall have a right to an additional messenger 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 vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated? And if there be a majority for it, it shall be aken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn; provided always that those be first considered which affect the union of 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 shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

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

12. There shall be no talking nor whispering in time of a public speech, nor reflections cast upon the speaker.

13. No member shall absent himself from the Association, without leave from the Moderator.

14. If any member shall break the rules of this decorum, he shall be immediately reprov'd by the Moderator.

15. It is the business of the Association,

1. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a correspondence with those Associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of communion may be preserved amongst the churches.

3. To give churches the best advice they can in matters of difficulty; and if the communion should be broken between any of the sister churches in the union, to enquire into the cause of the break, and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches, which they shall look upon to be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, till they be reclaimed.

4. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry, or assistants, if they shall judge it to be necessary.

5. To see that the Clerk keeps a regular recork of the transactions of the body, and that he be satisfied for his trouble.

6. To have the Minutes of the Association read and corrected if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise; and have them printed if they think proper.

7. To amend this Plan or Form of Government, at any time when a majority of the union shall deem it necessary.

8. To adjourn to any time or place which they may think to be most proper.

D. W. PATMAN, Clerk.

JOHN LACY, Moderator. 1823.

Circular Letter

The Oconee Association in session with the Church at Moriah, in Madison County, Georgia, sendeth greetings to all associations and churches with whom we correspond.

Dear Brethren:-

Having been appointed to write the Circular Letter we are hoping the Lord will direct our mind in the way of truth.

It has been my privilege to be numbered with you fifty-five years, and your company has been dear, and your union sweet, been made to sit with you in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

But few troubles have been among us since our constitution ninety-one years ago. We feel to hope that the Lord has led us thus far.

We feel to say, through thy precepts we get understanding, therefore hate every false way.

We have been grieved at the closing of the doors against us on account of the doctrine of predestination of all things, which we feel that has been handed down to us by our forefathers, and we feel to let it be recorded as our dying testimony as a fundamental principle of the doctrine taught in the scriptures and will stand without successful contradiction.

The creation of God embraces everything in time with a fixed purpose according to His will, counsel, decree or predestination, and there is nothing falling short of His purpose, coming to pass just as He saw it before time was, and the men and devils combined will not change one thing, for He will do His pleasure, having all power. Even the wolf in sheep's clothing will act his part in carrying out the will of Him who made him, and no more.

So if we live Godly in Christ Jesus we shall suffer persecution, and the wolf will be needed to do that work, because all things work together for good to God's people.

So let us bear hardness as a good soldier, for this warfare will soon be over. When this is read my name may be recorded in the list of the dead, this house of clay is giving way, so my hope is renewed day by day in the thought of that house that is not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

We look by faith for the things that eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither entered the heart of man, the things that God hath prepared for them that love Him.

Finally, Brethren farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

July 8th, 1928.

JAS. M. ADAMS.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Oconee Primitive Baptist Association, now in session with the Church at Moriah to her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth christian greetings:—

Dearly Beloved Brethren:

Through the goodness and mercy of an allwise God we have been blessed to hold another session of our body in peace and love. We feel thankful for your correspondence, which have come preaching Jesus as a full and complete Savior. Our heart's desire is that the good Lord will keep us humble at each others feet, following after the things that make for peace and the things whereby one may edify another. The next session of our body will be held with the church at Mt. Paron on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, after the first Sunday in October, next, 1929, where we hope to meet again.

ELDER J. F. CHANDLER,

ELDER W. L. ALLEN,

BRO. G. W. MALCOM, Sr.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD SINCE OUR LAST SESSION

Rock Springs—Sister Molly Herndon, Sister Anna Adcock.

Black Creek—Sister Clemey Williams, Sister Elizabeth Swindle.

Shoal Creek—Deacon Bro. J. M. Daniel.

Mount Zion—T. N. Lester.

Mount Paron—Bro. G. C. Peters, Sister Susan W. Allen, Sister Sarah Autry, Sister Octavia Malcom, Bro. W. L. Towns.

Jack's Creek—Sister Francis A. Green.

Big Creek—Sister Lucy Harris.

Brown's—Sister Rhoda Carter and Sister Mattie Carter.

Moriah—Brother S. T. Murry and Sister Maud Chandler.

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAMES OF CHURCHES	NAMES OF MINISTERS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	Dead	TOTAL	Meeting Days	Minutes	Ministers
First District												
Rock Springs -	W. L. Allen, -	A. G. Adair - - - Rutledge	R. A. Cooper, G. C. Malcom					2	64	3	\$1.50	\$5.00
Monroe - - -	J. M. Adams,	R. P. Cheek - - - Monroe	J. M. Adams, R. P. Cheek					4	150	4	1.50	2.00
Mt. Zion - - -	J. H. Stewart	W. J. Poss - - - Athens, Ga	W. J. Poss, Ganary Malcom					4	150	4	1.50	4.00
Shoal Creek -	W. L. Allen, -	J. O. Doster - - - Campton	J. R. Garrett, J. O. Doster	1		1		1	22	1	1.50	2.00
Mt. Paron - -	Cook & Allen,	George Hollis, Social Circle	W. H. Harralson, Mat Peers		1			5	79	1	2.50	5.00
Jack's Creek -	R. L. Cook, -	G. W. Malcom - - - Monroe	W. H. Robison, G. W. Malcom	1				1	42	2	2.00	
Second District												
Beaverdam - -	J. H. Stewart,	C. T. Carter - - - Winterville	C. T. Carter, R. W. Stewart					5	3	1.00		
Union - - - -	J. H. Stewart,	G. L. Chandler - Danielsville	Thirston Lord, Nat Lord		1	1		20	1	1.50	3.00	
Lystra - - - -	J. F. Chandler	O. C. Parham, - Danielsville	O. C. Parham, H. H. Sorrell					19	3	1.50		
Big Creek - -	J. M. Adams,	W. T. Butler - - - - Athens	W. A. Bradberry, R. L. Edwards					1	14	1	1.50	1.50
Black's Creek,	J. H. Stewart,	N. S. Lord - - - - Commerce	E. A. Shaw, E. H. Engram					2	48	2	1.50	
Brown's - - -	J. M. Adams,	J. T. Harrison - - - Lexington	G. W. Brooks, J. T. Harrison	1				2	15	2	1.50	3.00
Moriah - - - -	J. F. Chandler	J. S. Whitworth - - - Colbert	W. S. Brown, W. A. Whitworth					2	34	4	2.00	8.00



