

MINUTES

OF THE

Lower Canoochee Primitive Baptist

ASSOCIATION.

CONVENED WITH THE

Church at Upper Black Creek, Bulloch County, Ga.,

October 8th, 9th and 10th, 1897.

COLUMBUS, GA.:

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Of the Lower Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association, convened with the Church at Upper Black Creek, Bulloch County, Georgia, October 8th, 9th and 10th, 1897.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. H. Tempels. James ii. 24: "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."

2d. After an intermission of forty-five minutes the messengers from the several churches assembled in the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator. After singing, prayer by Eld. R. W. Durden.

3d. Called for the letters from the churches, which were handed in, read, and statistics minuted.

4th. Organized the body by electing Eld. M. F. STUBBS Moderator, and A. TRAPNELL Clerk.

5th. Invited visiting ministers and brethren of our faith to seats with us.

6th. Read the Decorum.

7th. On motion, agreed to take up the business of this Association as it stands on the minutes of last year's Association.

8th. Called for petitionary letters, and received a letter from Little Flock Church by Eld. J. Cribbs and J. D. Lynn; also, a letter from Middle Ground Church by E. M. McElvin and J. D. Bunce, and they being orthodox were received and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to said messengers.

9th. Appointed committees as follows:

To Arrange Preaching—W. D. Davis, H. Franklin and E. M. McElvin, with delegates of this church.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—Elds. J. H. Smith, H. B. Wilkinson and A. Brannen.

To Arrange General Meetings—Elds. J. L. Smith, W. M. Williams and D. R. McElvin.

To Write Corresponding Letter—J. Riggs, D. L. Rigdon and W. J. Blackburn.

On Finance—R. Dekle, J. W. Bennett and J. S. Franklin.

10th. Called for the report of the Committee for the Arrange-

ment of Preaching: Saturday 10 A. M., Eld. J. M. Thomas, followed by Eld. J. C. Williams. Sixty minutes' intermission. Eld. C. B. Spivey to preach, followed by Eld. A. W. Patterson. Sunday 10 A. M., Eld. J. Rowe to preach, followed by Eld. R. H. Barwick, the Moderator to close. Then arranged, after sixty minutes' intermission, for Eld. P. D. McDonald to preach, closed by the Moderator, but he being called away, Eld. J. L. Smith closed. Prayer by Eld. S. M. Anderson.

11th. Called for correspondence from sister Associations and received the following:

Prince Williams—Eld. J. M. Thomas, with minutes.

Echaconnee—Minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer—None.

County Line—Minutes.

Ochlochnee—Eld. R. H. Barwick, with minutes.

Primitive Pulaski—Eld. W. E. Pittman.

Alapaha River—W. B. Bird, with minutes.

Upper Canoochee—Eld. H. Tempels, R. W. Durden and S. M. Anderson, with a letter.

New Beulah—Eld. H. Hand, with minutes.

12th. Called for petitionary correspondence. None.

13th. On motion, adjourned to Saturday morning, 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Smith.

SATURDAY MORNING—8:30 o'clock.

14th. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. J. Rowe.

15th. Called the roll.

16th. Called for further correspondence, and received Eld. J. Rowe, from the Upatoie Association; Eld. J. C. Williams, from the Alapaha River Association; Eld. C. B. Spivey, from the Primitive Ebenezer; Eld. W. W. Riner and Bros. H. Marsh and B. R. Anderson, from the Upper Canoochee; Eld. T. J. Dillburn, from New Beulah; Eld. Morgan Brown and J. H. Woods, from Primitive Pulaski; Eld. A. W. Patterson, from Beulah Church. All received as visitors, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

17th. On motion, agreed that our next Association convene with the church at Deloach meeting house, Bulloch county, Ga., six miles northwest of Groveland, G. & A. R. R., on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1898.

18th. Called for the report of the Committee to Examine Corresponding Minutes, who report: We find nothing objectionable.

19th. Called for the report of the Committee to Arrange General meetings, which is as follows:

First—Emmaus, Bulloch county, Ga., October, 1897.

Second—Fellowship, Bulloch county, Ga., January, 1898.

Third—Middle Ground, Bulloch county, Ga., May, 1898.

Fourth—Reedy Creek, Tattnall county, Ga., July, 1898.

All to convene on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

20th. Called for the Corresponding Letter, which was read and adopted.

21st. Called for report of the Committee on Finance, who reported \$35.50 for minutes, and \$54.75 for visiting ministers.

22d. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations:

To Prince Williams—To convene with St. Paul's Church, Hampton county, S. C., one mile from Hampton, C. & W. C. R. R., Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1897, D. R. McElvin.

To the County Line—Minutes.

To the Alapaha River—To convene with Corinth Church, Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1897, three miles from Odum, on the Southern Railroad, Eld. J. L. Smith.

To the Echaconnee—To convene with Friendship Church, Upson county, Ga., one and a half miles from Crest, M. & B. R. R., Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1898, Eld. H. B. Wilkinson.

To the New Beulah—To convene with Bethany Church, Montgomery county, Ga., half mile north of Towns, Southern Railroad, Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1898, Eld. J. H. Smith.

To the Ochlochnee—To convene with Mt. Pisgah Church, Thomas county, Ga., two miles east of Ochlochnee, on the S. F. & W. R. R., Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1897, E. M. McElvin.

To the Primitive Ebenezer—Union Church, Washington county, Ga., three miles north of Sun Hill, C. R. R., Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1898, Eld. W. M. Williams.

To the Primitive Pulaski—To convene with Bethlehem Church, Berrian county, Ga., one and a half miles of Lenox, G. S. & F. R. R., Saturday before the First Sunday in October, 1898, E. M. McElvin.

To the Upper Canoochee—To convene with Antioch Church, Emanuel county, Ga., one and a half miles northwest of Durdenville, M. & S. R. R., Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1898, Eld. J. Cribbs.

23d. On motion, agreed to have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed, the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

24th. On motion, we request the churches of our Association to send up in their letters the date of the constitution of their respective churches, to our next Association.

25th. On motion, we agreed to amend our Articles of Faith by adding: "We believe in a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust."

26th. On motion, agreed that the 5th item of our Articles of Faith be so amended as to read as follows: "We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice."

27th. On motion, agreed that the 7th item of our Constitution be amended. Where it says "New Testament," we add the word "them," meaning the Old and New Testaments.

28th. On motion for adjournment, the minutes were read and amended, and adjourned to the stand.

SUNDAY MORNING—10 O'CLOCK.

The brethren came forward in the order of their names, and preached to a large congregation, and we hope it may be as bread cast upon the waters, to be gathered many days hence.

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt thanks to God for His preservation of us, and to the members of this church and friends of this community, for their hospitality to us during this meeting.

M. F. STUBBS, *Moderator*.

A. TRAPNELL, *Clerk*.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Lower Canoochee Association, to her Sister Associations with whom she Corresponds—Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD—Through the goodness and mercy of God, we have been permitted to hold another session of our Association in love. Our churches were all represented, and reported in peace among themselves. We feel glad to have your friendly correspondence and visits. May the Lord direct us aright, and enable us to live in your affection.

Our next Association will convene with the church at Deloach meeting house, Bulloch county, Ga., six miles northwest of Groveland, G. & A. R. R., Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1898, at which place we hope to meet you with your friendly correspondence.

M. F. STUBBS, *Moderator*.

A. TRAPNELL, *Clerk*.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

FRIDAY P. M.—Eld. Morgan Brown preached from 2 Tim. ii, 17, followed by Eld. H. Hand.

SATURDAY A. M.—Eld. J. M. Thomas preached, followed by Eld. J. C. Williams.

SATURDAY P. M.—Eld. C. B. Spivey preached from 2 Tim. iv, 2, followed by Eld. A. W. Patterson.

SUNDAY 10 O'CLOCK A. M.—Eld. J. Rowe preached, followed by Eld. R. H. Barwick. Lord help me. Sixty minutes. Eld. P. D. McDonald preached from 2 Tim. iii, 16, closed by Eld. J. L. Smith. Prayer by Eld. S. M. Anderson.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

H. B. WILKINSON.....	Green, Bulloch County, Ga.
J. L. SMITH.....	Arlen, Bulloch County, Ga.
J. H. SMITH.....	
M. F. STUBBS.....	Statesboro, Bulloch Co., Ga.
M. M. MATTOX.....	Belknap, Bryan County, Ga.
JORDAN CRIBB.....	Collins, Tattnall County, Ga.
J. B. BOWEN.....	Excelsior, Bulloch Co., Ga.
W. M. WILLIAMS.....	Jimps, Bulloch County, Ga.

LICENTIATES.

E. M. McELVIN.....	Statesboro, Bulloch Co., Ga.
D. R. McELVIN.....	Arlen, Bulloch County, Ga.

CHURCHES AND THEIR OFFICERS.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES
1 Ashes Branch.....	Bulloch	J. H. Smith.....	Jason Southwell.....	.....
2 Bethlehem.....	Bulloch	J. L. Smith.....	Joshua Riggs.....	Sam, Ga.
3 DeLoach's.....	Bulloch	Jordan Cribbs.....	W. H. DeLoach.....	Green, Ga.
4 Emmaus.....	Bulloch	Jordan Cribbs.....	H. B. Wilkinson.....	Green, Ga.
5 Ephesus.....	Bulloch	W. M. Williams.....	S. Berrough.....	Green, Ga.
6 Fellowship.....	Bulloch	M. F. Stubbs.....	H. J. Proctor, Jr.....	Proctor, Ga.
7 Lane's.....	Bulloch	J. L. Smith.....	T. J. Knight.....	Arlen, Ga.
8 Lake.....	Bulloch	S. M. Anderson.....	J. Everett.....	Excelsior, Ga.
9 Lower Lott's Creek.....	Bulloch	J. B. Bowen.....	Eli Kennedy.....	Jimp, Ga.
10 Lower Black Creek.....	Bryant	J. H. Smith.....	J. M. Newman.....	Pembroke, Ga.
11 Little Flock.....	Tattnall	Jordan Cribbs.....	L. E. Lynn.....	Collins, Ga.
12 Middle Ground.....	Bulloch	D. R. McElvin.....	W. A. Groover.....	Statesboro, Ga.
13 Nevel's Creek.....	Bulloch	W. M. Williams.....	D. L. Rigdon.....	Gem, Ga.
14 Old Mill Creek.....	Bulloch	J. H. Smith.....	N. W. Woodcock.....	.....
15 Reedy Creek.....	Tattnall	J. F. Jarrel.....	J. C. Sapp.....	Elton, Ga.
16 Statesboro.....	Bulloch	M. F. Stubbs.....	W. Stubbs.....	Statesboro, Ga.
17 Spring Grove.....	Bryan	E. M. McElvin.....	C. W. Harvey.....	Belknap, Ga.
18 Savannah.....	Chatham	M. F. Stubbs.....	T. J. Denmark.....	Savannah, Ga.
19 New Bethlehem.....	Bulloch	J. H. Smith.....	Jason Riggs.....	Sam, Ga.
20 Upper Lotts Creek.....	Bulloch	J. L. Smith.....	J. S. Franklin.....	Bloy, Ga.
21 Upper Black Creek.....	Bulloch	J. L. Smith.....	A. J. Ilir.....	Harvel, Ga.
22 Upper Mill Creek.....	Bulloch	S. M. Anderson.....	Asbury Bland.....	Portal, Ga.

CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, The assemblage of delegates at Lime Stone Church, Washington county, Georgia, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1829, from the several churches, viz: New Hope, Hebron, Lime Stone, Hines, Mill Creek, Fox Bay, Canoochee, Lake, Upper Black Creek, Bethlehem, Little Briar Creek, Gum Log and Bethesda, having then and there agreed and covenanted together to become united in one body, called the United Baptist Conference, or Association; but at the Association held at Lower Lotts Creek, Bulloch county, in the year 1847, agreed then to become two bodies, for convenience, called Upper and Lower Canoochee Associations, and we, the Lower Canoochee Association, composed of the several churches, viz: Nevills' Creek, Mill Creek, Lower Lotts Creek, Lake, Fellowship, DeLoache's, Upper Black Creek, Ash's Branch, Bethlehem, Upper Lotts Creek, Spring Grove, Lower Black Creek, Columbia, Anderson's, Fox Bay, Sun Light, Cedar Creek, Beard's Creek, Bethel, Lane's, Upper Mill Creek, Bay Branch, do agree to unite on the following principles:

1. This Association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.
2. This Association will be composed of Messengers from the several churches, so that each church may have two Messengers, if they choose, and no more, and the Messengers' names shall be inserted in their letters.
3. This Association shall have power to make its rules to govern itself, while in session, but none of the rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free, and of right ought to be.
4. It shall be the duty of this Association to give her best advice, in cases of difficulty, and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.
5. The Association may admit into its body any church whom they find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also, if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body, she may do so at discretion, or, on application, have a letter of dismission.
6. As the love of money is the root of all evil, and has produced so much distress among people, and we, wishing to live in peace, therefore, this Association shall not encourage religious speculations called missionary, or by any other name, under pretence of supporting the gospel.
7. We, the churches composing this Association, believing the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, declare we take them for the rule of our faith and practice.

RULES

BY WHICH THE LOWER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE GOVERNED WHILE IN SESSION.

1. This Association shall be composed of Messengers from the churches whose names are inserted in their letters.
2. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by Messengers present.
3. This Association shall open by singing and prayer.
4. This Association shall attend to all petitions and queries found in the letters from the churches, and make such regulations and give such advice as they think proper.

5. All business shall come into this Association by a move and a second, and every move that is seconded shall be taken up by the Association and decided, except it be withdrawn by the mover.

6. There shall be no talking in time of public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

7. No person shall be interrupted in time of public speech, unless he departs from the subject in debate, and then only by the Moderator.

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

9. A majority of this Association shall govern in all cases, and no member shall absent himself without leave from the Moderator.

10. All violations of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator.

11. A majority of the Association may alter and amend these rules at any time.

12. Whereas, There are so many institutions of men (so-called Benevolent) and believing it to be our duty to provide for a general union of the churches, we therefore declare non-fellowship with all the unscriptural institutions of the day, such as Theological Schools, State Conventions, Missionary Societies, Bible Societies, Tract Societies, Temperance Societies (so called), and kindred relations, holding them to be unscriptural.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, viz: The Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.

3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.

4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final preservation of the Saints.

5. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

6. We believe that Baptism, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of Saints' feet an example, and that no man has the right to administer the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper but such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.

7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.

8. We believe in a final judgment, in a future reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

9. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Conf'n of Faith	Recommended	Restored	Expelled	Dead	Total	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministers	Sabbath Meetings
1 Ashes Branch	J. H. Smith, B. G. Lanier .....	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	39	\$ 2 00	\$	2
2 Bethlehem.....	A. Brannon, Joshua Riggs	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	67	3 00	5 00	2
3 Bethlehem, New	Martin Riggs, M. S. Rushing .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	1 50	...	3
4 DeLoach's	E. G. Roggers, J. W. Bennett	8	1	...	3	...	2	3	72	2 00	2 65	2
5 Emmaus.....	H. B. Wilkinson, J. H. Lee .....	...	1	...	2	1	1	...	9	75	1 00	1
6 Ephesus.....	W. M. Williams, S. C. Banks	4	...	...	3	...	1	...	23	1 00	1 00	3
7 Fellowship	U. M. Davis, J. M. Martin	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	37	1 50	5 00	4
8 Lane's	D. R. McElvin, J. A. Wornock	3	1	...	7	...	...	...	41	1 50	3 50	1
9 Lake	A. Trapnell, H. Franklin	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	61	2 50	7 00	1
10 Lower Lott's Creek	James Riggs, R. Dekle	6	...	...	...	...	...	3	39	2 00	2 25	4
11 Lower Black Creek	J. Banks, M. Dixon	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	29	2 00	...	4
12 Little Flock	J. Cribbs, J. D. Lynn	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	1 25	1 75	3
13 Middle Ground.....	E. M. McElvin, J. A. Bunce	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	23	1 00	2 00	4
14 Nevels Creek	D. L. Rigdon, J. Blackburn	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	23	1 00	...	1
15 Old Mill Creek.....	W. N. Lee, N. W. Woodcock .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	21	1 25	...	1
16 Reedy Creek	J. C. Sapp, J. C. Anderson	10	...	...	...	3	...	...	60	2 00	...	2
17 Statesboro	M. F. Stubbs, W. D. Davis	9	...	1	4	...	...	...	25	1 50	6 10	1
18 Spring Grove	C. W. Harvey, W. J. Clanton .....	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	16	75	3 00	3
19 Savannah	G. S. Corgill, B. F. Hagin .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	19	1 00	5 00	3
20 Upper Lott's Creek	J. L. Smith, J. S. Franklin	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	50	2 00	5 00	4
21 Upper Black Creek	W. J. Richardson, M. C. Jones	12	1	...	2	...	...	1	55	2 50	3 00	3
22 Upper Mill Creek	M. E. Cannon, Asbury Bland .....	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	23	1 50	1 50	3
Totals.....		80	14	3	27	6	8	13	775	\$35 50	\$54 75	



