



THIRTY-THIRD
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**New Beulah Primitive
Baptist Association**

HELD WITH THE

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

DODGE COUNTY, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 11, 12 AND 13, 1918



OFFICERS:

ELDER H. HAND, Moderator	- - -	Graham, Ga.
D. H. HARTLEY, Clerk	- - -	Graham, Ga.

**MINUTES OF THE
NEW BEULAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. B. Wilkinson of the Lotts Creek Association. Text Eph. 2:22-24. "Now therefore are we no more strangers, etc."

2. After one hour's intermission the messengers from the different churches assembled in the house. Prayer by Elder W. W. Howell of the Ebenezer Association. Letters from the churches were read and messengers names enrolled.

3. On motion elected Elder H. Hand Moderator, and D. H. Hartley clerk.

5. Invited visiting ministers and members to seats.

6. On motion read the decorum.

7. Called for correspondence from sister associations and received as follows:

From the Ebenezer, Elders W. W. Howell, G. W. Floyd, and brethren Robert M. Lord and T. J. Lord.

From the Lotts Creek, Elder H. B. Wilkinson.

From the Original Upper Canoochee, Elders Lee Hanks, W. E. Cribbs and brother J. J. Coleman.

On motion received Elder A. P. Tucker from the Mt. Olive Association as visitor.

8. Adopted the minutes of our last association as our order of business.

9. On motion appointed brethren I. H. Lord, J. L. Anderson, with the messengers of Pleasant Hill church as a committee on preaching and finance.

10. On motion appointed brother D. H. Hartley to write a corresponding letter.

SATURDAY 9:00 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

1. Prayer by Elder A. P. Tucker.

2. Roll call.

3. Renewed the call for correspondence and visitors and received from the Ebenezer, brethren Sinnet Arno'd, J. J. Elton, John Hinson, M. J. Usrey, J. T. Mullis, J. N. Mullis.

4. On motion appointed correspondents to sister associations:

To Lotts Creek association, Elder H. Hand and brother J. J. Creamer.

To the Original Upper Canoochee, Elder H. Hand and brethren D. H. Hartley, J. M. Giddens, J. J. Creamer and I. H. Lord.

To the Ebenezer, Elder H. Hand and brethren D. H. Hartley, I. H. Lord, J. J. Creamer and J. L. Anderson.

5. Read and adopted corresponding letter.

6. Appointed the next session of this association to convene with Mt. Carmel Church, Jeff Davis County, Georgia, six miles from Gra-

ham, Ga., on the Southern railroad. Commencing on Friday before Second Sunday in October 1919.

7. Committee on finance report \$29.00 sent up by the churches and agree to have 300 copies of these minutes printed, the clerk to superintend and distribute them and to have \$20.00 for same, the remaining \$9.00 to be divided among visiting ministers.

RESOLVED, That the heartfelt thanks of this association be tendered the brethren, sisters and friends for their generous hospitality during this meeting. We pray God's richest blessing to rest upon them all.

ELDER H. HAND, Moderator.

D. H. HARTLEY, Clerk.

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ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday a. m.—Elder H. B. Wilkinson.
Friday p. m.—Elder G. W. Floyd.
Saturday a. m.—Elder A. P. Tucker.
Saturday a. m.—Elder W. E. Cribbs.
Saturday p. m.—Elder W. W. Howell.
Saturday p. m.—Elder Lee Hanks.
Sunday a. m.—Elder H. B. Wilkinson.
Sunday a. m.—Elder G. W. Floyd.
Closed by the Moderator.

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ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

Elder H. Hand, Graham, Ga.
Elder Banks Lewis, Hazlehurst, Ga.
L. F. Watkins, Licentiate, Graham, Ga.

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VISITING MINISTERS.

Elder H. B. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga.
Elder Lee Hanks, Vidalia, Ga.
Elder W. E. Cribbs, Helena, Ga.
Elder G. W. Floyd, Empire, Ga.
Elder W. W. Howell, Danville, Ga.
Elder A. P. Tucker, Moultrie, Ga.

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CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The New Beulah Primitive Baptist Association, to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, greeting:

Dear Brethren: Through the goodness and mercy of an alwise God we have held another association in sweet peace and harmony.

We have most gladly received your lovely correspondence and especially your ministers who have come to us richly laden with the gospel of Christ, gladdening our poor hearts, for which we desire to thank and praise the God of all grace. We desire a continuance of your correspondence and do so much appreciate these annual associational meetings which are, and should be, solely to worship God without the slightest authority over the churches as discipline belongs solely to the church and she cannot transmit her disciplinary power to an association to be discussed or adjusted. Churches should recognize the official acts of one another, ever remembering that when a member is excluded from one Old Baptist church he is excluded from every church on earth and the only redress for him is to be restored by the church that excluded him, or if sister churches officially labor or withdraw from a sister church, said act should be recognized by all of like precious faith. We desire for all of our dear people to ever strive in love and the most tender manner for the things that make for peace. We are brethren, one family and so much need each other and in order to preserve peace among us we must earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints. Remembering that we are all subject to mistakes and should be kind, tender, loving, forbearing and live at each others feet. We believe the Primitive Baptist to be the Church of God and as such we should labor to unify all humble Primitive Baptists upon sound gospel principles. Our arms are open to receive and fellowship all who are willing to live upon the faith and practice upon which our dear people were organized and for which they have contended for nearly nineteen centuries. Our next session will convene with Mt. Carmel Church, Jeff Davis County, Georgia, Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1919, where we hope to be greeted again by your lovely correspondence.

ELDER H. HAND, Moderator.
D. H. HARTLEY, Clerk.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association will open with prayer.
2. The members of the association shall be chosen by the churches and will be expected to furnish letters showing their appointment, also the state of their churches, and change since the last session.
3. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by the messengers. The Moderator shall keep order and the Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings. Minutes should be approved by the body and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.
4. Any church known to be of the same faith and order with the churches of this association may upon application be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her messengers.

5. The number of messengers coming from each church is supposed to be two, but a greater number may be allowed from large churches by consent of the churches.

This association believing that the local churches of Christ are the only proper authority to decide and pass upon questions of order and Orthodoxy, agree that this body is here as a worshipping assembly shall not attempt to consider, settle or pass upon matters of disciplinary character, but will leave all questions of this kind to be determined by the churches themselves in their own individual capacity. Should any church of this association depart from order by tolerating any unscriptural institutions, or becoming guilty of any other disorders the sister churches may in their discretion investigate and labor with said disorderly church and upon failure to reclaim her from her errors, they may protest against such departures and refuse her sister relation. The church's action shall determine the relationship of such disorderly church to the association. It is agreed that all constitutional laws and rules of decorum not in harmony with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

These rules shall be read at the opening of each session.

The moderator will be expected each day of the meeting to invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the written word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
8. We believe that the Saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the Saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that the true mode of Baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
11. We believe that no man has the right to administer Baptism or the Lord's Supper, except such as are regularly called and come under the hands of the Presbytery.
12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust and a General Judgment.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS POSTOFFICES	MESSENGERS	PASTORS	Baptized	Received by letter	Confession of faith	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Association Fund	Time of Annual Meetings
Beulah	D. H. Hartley	D. H. Hartley	W. E. Cribbs										
	Graham, Ga....	I. H. Lord	H. Hand	4	1	3	3	...	...	2	29	\$13	July
Pleasant Hill ..	J. R. Giddens	J. R. Giddens											
	Eastman, Ga...	W. G. Fowler	Lee Hanks	7	1	...	1	1	...	...	20		6 Aug.
Ebenezer	J. L. Anderson	James Creamer											
	Hazlehurst, Ga.	J. L. Anderson	W. E. Cribbs ..	1	...	...	1	1	3	...	27		5 Aug.
Mt. Carmel	T. T. Lewis	H. Hand	A. I. Warren										
	Graham, Ga. ...	E. P. Hutchison	H. Hand	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	33		5 Aug

