

MINUTES
— OF THE —
EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
— OF THE —

Oconee Primitive Baptist
Association

Held With the Church at

BLACK'S CREEK,

Madison County, Georgia

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 1926



J. M. ADAMS	-	-	Moderator
W. H. ROBISON	-	-	Clerk

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Introductory sermon preached by Elder L. H. Hardy. Text: Matthew 25th chapter, 1st to 13th verses.

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

Appointed Elders R. L. Cook, J. W. Livsey and Bro. J. F. Green to read letters from the Churches.

Item 1. Elected Elder J. M. Adams, Moderator, and W. H. Robison, Clerk.

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

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

Item 4. Appointed the following committee to arrange preaching: Brethren J. B. Moon, Johnnie Harrison, C. T. Carter, W. J. Poss, G. L. Adams, together with messengers of this church.

Item 5. Appointed Elders J. H. Stewart, W. L. Allen, Bro. W. J. Poss to write corresponding letter.

Item 6. Called for correspondence from Sister Churches. Received from—

Yellow River—Elders R. L. Cook, J. M. Livsey, H. O. Nash, W. W. West, T. C. West, Brethren J. F. Green, J. H. Adams, J. C. Kennerly, J. T. Morgan, A. P. Cross, J. O. Adams, W. J. Ivey, W. F. Adams, and others, with Minutes.

From the Ocmulgee—Minutes.

From the Marietta—Elders O. F. Hembree, W. E. Hembree, Bro. O. S. Croker, with Minutes.

From the Warwick—Elder J. W. Wyatt, with Minutes.

From the Delaware River—Elder J. W. Wyatt, with Minutes.

From the Euharlee—Minutes.

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

Received from Echeconnee: Elder W. O. Meeks; From Black's Creek, N. C.: Elder J. W. Wyatt; From Hunting Quarter, N. C.: Elder L. H. Hardy; Bro. Jesse McKennon, Union Association.

Appointed correspondents to Sister Associations as follows:

To the Yellow River—Bethlehem church, Gwinnett county, beginning on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1927: Elders W. L. Allen, J. M. Adams, Brethren G. L. Adams, T. S. Lord, G. W. Malcom, R. P. Cheek, J. E. Benton, E. H. Engram and others, with Minutes.

To Ocmulgee—Mount Pleasant church, Jones county, beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1927: Elders J. M. Adams, W. L. Allen, Bro. J. L. McElroy, with Minutes.

To Marietta—Bethany church, Atlanta, Ga., beginning on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1927: Minutes.

To Warwick—To be named through sign of times. J. M. Adams.

To Delaware River—Southampton church, Bucks county, Pa., beginning on Wednesday before the First Sunday in June, 1927: Elder J. M. Adams, with Minutes.

To Euharlee—Bro. G. L. Adams, with Minutes.

Adjourned to 8:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

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

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

Called for Circular Letter written by Elder J. M. Adams. Was read and received it as ours.

Appointed Elder J. F. Chandler to write next Circular Letter.

Called for Corresponding Letter written by Elders J. H. Stewart, W. L. Allen and Bro. W. J. Poss, and adopted is as ours.

Appointed Union Meetings:

First District—Jack's Creek, Walton county, beginning on Wednesday and Thursday after Second Sunday in April, 1927.

Second District—Black's Creek, Madison county, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in April, 1927.

Appointed the next session of this body to sit with Mt. Zion Church, Clarke county, 5 miles west of Athens, Ga., 2 miles east of Bogart, Ga., on Seaboard Railroad, beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1927.

Appointed Brethren J. B. Moon, W. S. Brown and G. L. Adams to receive contributions.

Called for contributions and directed the Clerk to have 1,000 Minutes printed and distributed in usual way.

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

ELDER J. M. ADAMS, Moderator.

W. H. ROBISON, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday A. M.—Elder L. H. Hardy.

Friday P. M.—Elders W. E. Hembree, W. W. West.

Saturday A. M.—Elder T. C. West, J. M. Livsey, W. O. Meeks.

Saturday P. M.—H O. Nash, O. F. Hembree, W. L. Allen.

Sunday A. M.—Elder R. L. Cook, L. H. Hardy, J. W. Wyatt.

NAMES OF VISITING MINISTERS.

Yellow River—Elders W. W. West, R. L. Cook, J. M. Livsey, T. C. West.

Marietta—Elders W. E. Hembree and O. F. Hembree.

Echeconnee—Elder W. O. Meeks.

Black's Creek—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Elder L. H. Hardy, Hunting Quarters, N. C.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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

Elder J. H. Stewart.....Winterville, Ga.

Elder J. F. Chandler.....Danielsville, Ga.

Elder W. L. Allen.....Social Circle, Ga.

Elder J. H. Boyd.....Jefferson, Ga.

Elder J. W. Lord.....Jefferson, Ga.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Oconee Association of the Primitive Baptist, in session with the church at Black's Creek, Madison county, Georgia, October 8th, 9th and 10th, 1926, to the churches of our Association and to all of our faith and order sendeth greetings.

Dearly Beloved in Christ Jesus Our Lord:

Once more we have been blessed to meet to worship together our Heavenly Father. The injunction is to preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine, for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.

We understand that Jesus is the Word and was in the beginning and was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the only begotten Son of God who came into the world to save His people, clothed with all power and wisdom that was necessary to do the work of His Father, and He said that He had finished the work His Father gave Him to do. Holy, harmless and undefiled and separate from sinners, yet he was made sin for us who knew no sin, that we should be made the righteousness of God in Him, hence His righteousness is imputed to us, so in the body of His flesh through death to present you holy, unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight, a wonderful work indeed for poor sinners who are in this warfare, the flesh against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh, contrary one to the other, so that we cannot do the things that we would.

So let us rejoice in the truth that we are not our own, but bought with a price and that price is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanseth us from all sin, not part, but atoned for all of our sins, hence man at his best state is altogether vanity. He was at His best state in the Garden when He was good. God had a wise purpose in putting the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden at the right place so it would accomplish His purpose, will and decree; nothing took place in that Garden contrary to His purpose. "For as I have purposed so shall it stand, and as I have thought so it shall come to pass."

There was a precious promise made to Abraham and his seed; then, too, Isaiah had so many sweet

visions. One was a virgin shall bear a son and shall call his name Emanuel. Another was, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace," referring to the same Word that should be preached; no other name given whereby we much be saved, hence, salvation is of the Lord. Just as this doctrine is in the singular, this doctrine is in the gospel which has the power of God unto salvation to the believer.

Our destiny is in His hands in time as well as in eternity. He leads his people and instructs them (as many as are led by the spirit of God are the sons of God). There is constraining power in the spirit, so good works are fruits of faith and the fruit of the spirit is faith. So this Word is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and the end has been seen from the beginning and all things are coming to pass just as they were seen, and all things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.

There is no power but of God, and He does as He pleases in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth and none can stay His hand and His will, decree and purpose are being executed in spite of man or devils. All the grace that was treasured up in Him for His people will be received by them, and not on any conditions upon their part. "For all that the Father has given Him shall come to Him and him that cometh He shall in no wise cast him out."

We feel that the above is part of the sound doctrine, and our association is enduring it, and contending for it in soberness and love. We feel that we have been kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, and we are proud of the sweet memory of our fathers who enjoyed the principles of this doctrine, and left the record of their day and generation.

Let us continue to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Our Articles show where we stand, and we want no change now, nor never will.

J. M. ADAMS.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Oconee Association, now in session with the church at Black's Creek, Madison county, Georgia., to the Associations with whom we correspond sendeth greetings:

Dear Brethren:

We have been blessed with the privilege of holding another peaceful session of our body, for which we feel thankful.

Your Messengers have come preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified, as the only one who can do the poor sinner any good.

We have a desire in our hearts to still contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and to have that fervent charity in our hearts that beareth all things and hopeth for the love, peace and good will of God's people.

Brethren, we desire a continuation of your correspondence and an interest in your prayers.

The next session of our body will be held with the church at Mt. Zion Church, Clarke county, Ga., 6 miles west of Athens, Ga., 4 miles east of Bogart, on the S. A. L. Railroad.

ELDER J. H. STEWART,

ELDER W. L. ALLEN,

ELDER W. J. POSS,

—Committee.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD SINCE OUR LAST SESSION.

Black's Creek Church—Bro. S. M. Swindle, Sister Elnora Lord.

Rock Springs—Bro. A. C. Jones, Sister Lou Almand.

Jack's Creek—Sister Josie Cleghorn.

Mt. Paron—Deacon George Thomas.

Mt. Zion—Sister Susie Harper.

Shoal Creek—Sister Viola Harris and Sister Fannie Harris.

Moriah—Bros. James M. Rice, John Sailors, Sister Linnie E. Whitworth, Martha S. Edwards.

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAMES OF CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Dead	TOTAL	Meeting Days	Minutes	Ministers
First Dist.												
Rock Springs.	W. L. Allen..	A. G. Adair.....Rutledge	G. C. Malcom, John Malcom					2	68	3	\$1.50	\$3.50
Monroe	J. M. Adams.	R. P. Cheek.....Monroe	R. P. Cheek, G. W. Peters					14	4	1.50	3.00	
Mt. Zion	J. H. Stewart	W. J. Poss.....Athens	W. J. Poss, Ganaway Malcom					1	26	4	1.50	2.50
Mt. Paron ...	Cook & Allen	George Hollis, Social Circle	J. H. O'Kelly, George Hollis	1				1	85	1	2.50	5.00
Shoal Creek .	J. F. Chandler	J. O. Doster.....Campton	C. R. Garret, J. O. Doster					2	24	1	1.50	2.00
Jack's Creek.	R. L. Cook...	G. W. Malcom.....Monroe	W. H. Robison, G. W. Malcom			1		1	50	2	2.00	
Second Dist.												
Beaverdam ..	J. H. Stewart	C. T. Carter....Winterville	Carter, R. W., J. H. Stewart	1				4	3	1.00		
Union	J. H. Stewart	G. L. Chandler, Danielsville	J. R. Adams, G. L. Chandler				2	21	1	1.50		
Lystra	J. F. Chandler	O. C. Parham, Danielsville	H. H. Sorrells, J. B. Moon					19	3	1.50		
Big Creek ...	J. M. Adams.	W. T. Butler.....Athens	W. A. Bradbury R. M. Hanson					13	1	1.50	1.50	
Black's Creek	J. H. Stewart	N. S. Lord.....Commerce	E. H. Engram, E. A. Shaw	4				2	53	2	1.50	
Brown's	J. M. Adams.	J. T. Harrison...Lexington	G. W. Brooks, J. Z. Harrison					15	2	1.50	3.00	
Morish	J. F. Chandler	J. L. Whitworth....Colbert	J. E. Benton, W. S. Brown	3				4	35	4	2.00	1.00

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Eld C. W. Mangum

My Dear Brother

in hope of Life.

I just keep thinking
of you and yours,
and wonder if you
think of me.

I send you this minute
to let you know that
I am thinking of you
I had my birth day
cake yesterday and
it had 77 on it
of red Pomegranate
sued, but I only
ful to be 47.
I am still enjoying
the signs and the one

Love Pilgrim, my
brother W.A. had a good
time with your reports
& hope to visit you again
as you may see from
this print.

What about Eld Hasell
sitting up the Wilson
side in the last Long
March, the multitude
of concord is not,
safe now is it, I.
I guess Eld Hank will
be safe with Eld Pittman
and cover now.
I have not seen him in
over a year and I can
make out another year
with me a good long with
your little Bro Y. Williams