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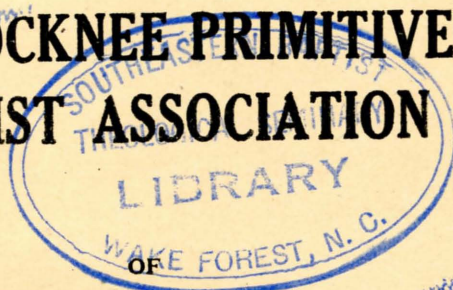
MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**OCHLOCKNEE PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**



Old Line Primitive Baptists

HELD WITH

ROCKY CREEK CHURCH, WORTH CO., GA.

October 25, 26, and 27, 1924

OFFICERS

ELDER E. R. RHODEN

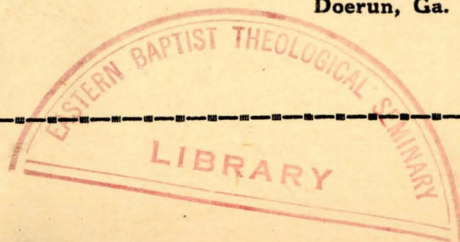
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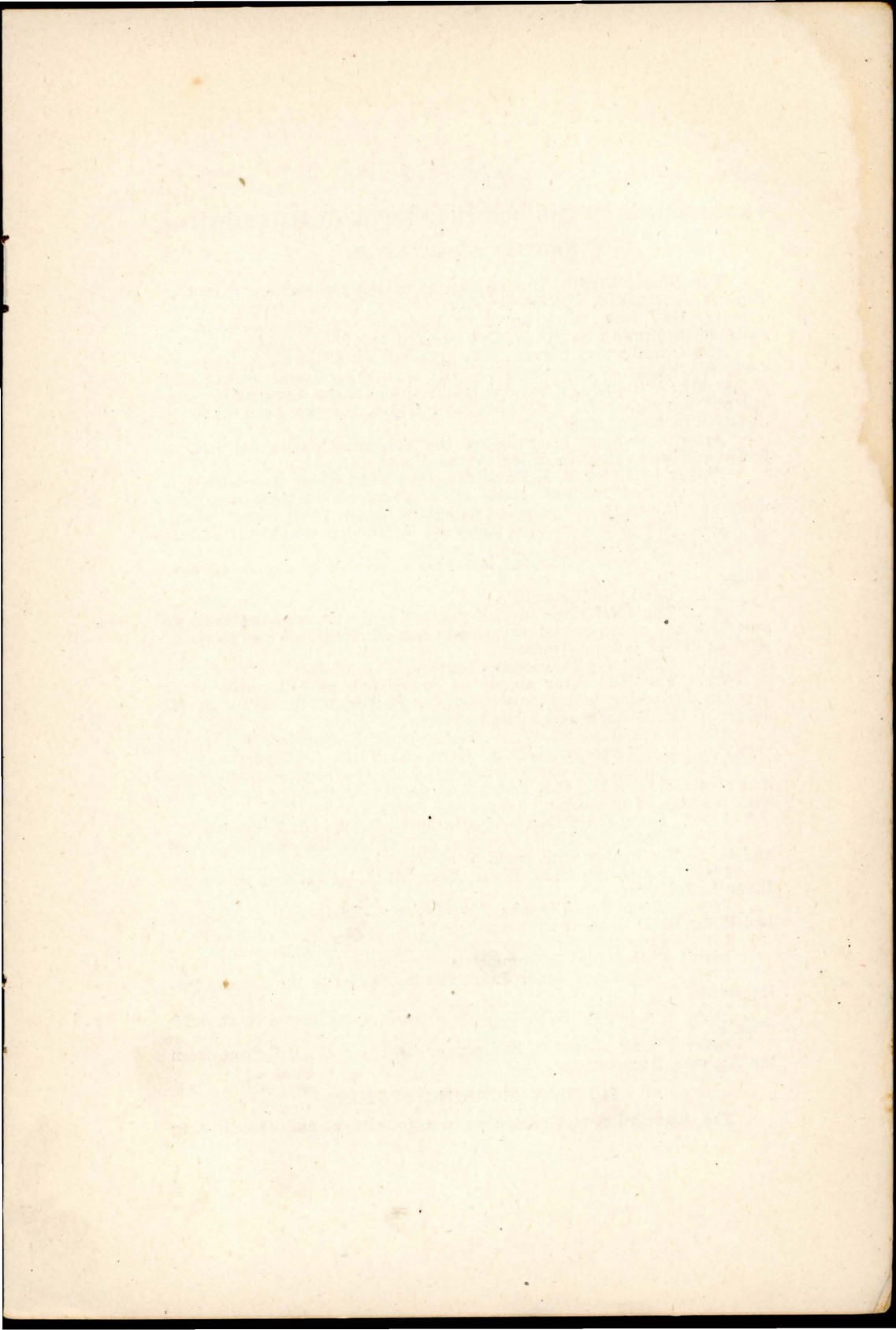
Moultrie, Ga.,

J. M. CLARK

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE OCHLOCKNEE OLD LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Ninety-Eighth Annual Session of the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association convened with Rockey Creek Church, Worth County, Ga., four miles north of Crosland, on the A. B. & A. railroad, beginning Saturday, October 25, 26 and 27, 1924.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder C. A. Clemons form the Euharlee Association. His text being Isaiah eighth and eighteenth:—"Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel, for the Lord of hosts dwelleth in Mount Zion."

After one hour intermission the delegates assembled in the house and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder T. J. Davis from the Flint River Association.

1st. Called for and read letters from eleven churches, and minuted their state and enrolled delegates names. All report peace.

2nd. On motion elected Elder E. R. Rhoden moderator and J. M. Clark clerk by ballot.

3rd. On motion adopted last year's minutes as course of business.

4th. Read the Decorum.

5th. The Moderator invited visiting ministers and brethren of our faith and order to seats with us in our deliberations and to share with us in our joys and sorrows.

6th. Called for Petitionary Letters.

7th. The Moderator appointed committees as follows:—

On Preaching and Finance:—I. E. Tucker, J. R. Willis, J. N. Joiner, C. M. Roberts and L. H. Roberts.

8th. On Business:—W. W. Dermigny, T. S. Barrow.

9th. On Memorials:—G. W. Horn and F. M. Renfroe.

10th. Called for correspondence from the Sister Associations and received from the San Pedro Association Brother V. E. Blanton with package of minutes.

11th. From the Pulaski Association:—Brother J. T. Owens.

12th. From the Union Association:—Elder Duncan McCraney and G. B. McClendon with package of minutes.

13th. From the Flint River Association:—Received as visitor Elder L. Johnson.

14th. From the Allapaha Association:—Brother J. O. Waters and Elder W. D. Bryant with package of minutes.

15th. From the Suwanee Association:—No tidings.

16th. Called for Petitionary Correspondence.

17th. Appointed Elder J. W. Gardner to write the corresponding letter.

18th. On motion adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

After a song of praise, had prayer by Elder W. D. Bryant from the Alabama Association.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met according to adjournment and after a song

in October, 1925, when and where we hope to meet again. Till then, Farewell.

After a song of praise then prayer by Elder W. L. Bozeman of the Ochlocknee Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.
J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, as messengers and ministers of the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association, take this method of rendering unto you, the brethren, sisters and many kind friends of Rockey Creek church, who so kindly cared for us during our three day's stay with you. We seemingly cannot express our heartfelt thanks toward you for your kind and tender care toward us while with you. Therefore we ask the God of all grace to ever be with you all and that to keep you in the way of all righteousness, and finally save us all in that upper and better Kingdom is our prayer for His name's sake. Amen.

Wrote by J. M. Clark.

11th. Order of Preaching.

First Day Saturday Morning: —Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder C. A. Clemons from the Euharlee Association.

Saturday P. M.:—First by T. J. Davis from the Flint River Association.

Followed by Elisha Tucker from the Union Association.

Second Day Sunday A. M.:—First by Elder W. D. Bryant from the Alabaha Association.

Followed by Elder Duncan McCraney from the Union Association.

Sunday P.M.—First by Elder L. E. Pearce from the Pulaski Association.

Followed by Elder J. T. Strawder from the Pulaski Association.

Third Day Monday Morning:— First by Elder W. D. Bryant from the Alabaha Association.

Followed by Elder C. A. Clemons from the Euharlee Association, and closed by the Moderator Elder E. R. Rhoden.

ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

Elder E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.

Elder A. L. Pearce, Moultrie, Ga.

Elder E. Lindsey, Tifton, Ga.

Elder J. W. Gardner, Camilla, Ga.

Elder W. H. Godwin, Barwick, Ga.

Elder B. C. Lewis, Moultrie, Ga.

Elder W. L. Bozeman, Sumner, Ga.

Elder B. F. Brown, Hartsfield, Ga., Route No. 1.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall open and close with prayer.

2. The members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association; two-thirds of which form a quorum.

3. Members chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those received by experience and baptism and otherwise, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and dead since our last Association.

4. This Association shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe on the internal rights of any church.

5. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be elected by ballot of the members present.

6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions. He shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the Chair shall be filled, but shall not vote except the body be equally divided.

7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association and the minutes taken shall be read and amended if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises. The Clerk shall also keep a file of the minutes to be presented at each Association, and shall be accountable for all money deposited in the hands of the Association.

8. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admittance which, upon examination is found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to its delegates.

9. Every church shall have a right to send two delegates to the Association and no more.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the attention of the Association except withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the Association.

11. Every person who speaks must rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted when speaking except when he departs from the subject.

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

13. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of public speech, nor reflection cast on the speaker.

14. Whenever a case is decided by a vote, there shall be no more debate on the subject.

15. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

16. The Association is in favor of preaching the gospel, the circulation of the scriptures, and the advantage of education, and recommend temperance and morality in general, but to her members in particular. Notwithstanding she is opposed to all modern institutions of men, such as missionary, bible tract and Sunday school societies, together with the Baptist State Conventions and theological schools and such like, because their connection with the church of God is unauthorized by the scriptures. As such we cannot fellowship them or admit to our church privileges any person who is connected therewith in anywise. Believing all such to be speculative in their nature and fruitful sources for corrupting the church. In relation to Free Masonry we recommend to our brethren who already be attached to that fraternity to immediately withdraw therefrom, and when brethren leave the church and join that fraternity, they are not such as follow after the things that make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another, Rom. 14:19, and as such, unless they manifest a suitable repentance and immediately withdraw therefrom, and make suitable acknowledgments, shall be rejected from the fellowship of the church.

of praise, then prayer by Elder L. E. Pearce from the Pulaski Association, then resumed business in regular order as follows:

1st. Called the roll.

2nd. Renewed the call for correspondents.

3rd. Extended invitations to visitors and received as follows:

From the Pulaski Association:—Elder L. E. Pearce.

All the messengers and visitors from the sister associations were received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

4th. Called for reports of the Business Committee and received report as follows:—

We, the Committee, have examined the minutes of the several Associations and find nothing objectionable.

W. W. Dorminy.

T. S. Barrow.

Approved by the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.

J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

5th. Called for report of the Finance Committee and received the following:—

We, the Committee on Finance, submit the following:—

We have received from the several churches the sum of \$77.65, as contribution and we recommend that five hundred minutes be printed, three hundred and fifty for the churches and one hundred and fifty for the correspondents, and that \$35.00 be given to the clerk for printing and distributing of the minutes and his services, and \$42.65 to be divided among the visiting ministers and correspondents. Also that the cost of the minutes be printed on last page of minutes.

I. E. Tucker.

J. R. Willis.

J. N. Joiner.

C. M. Roberts.

L. H. Roberts.

Approved by the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.

J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

MEMORIALS

6th. Called for report on Memorials and received the following report:—

We, your Committee on Memorials, beg to submit the following report. We find that it pleased the Lord to take from our midst one dear and much beloved Brother and Elder R. A. Luke, who was a faithful and much beloved member at Bethsaida church.

We, the Committee on Memorials, also find that it pleased the Lord to take from our midst our dear and much beloved brother and Deacon B. H. Crum. A faithful and much beloved member of TyTy church.

We, the Committee on Memorials, also find that it pleased the Lord to take from our midst our dear and much beloved brother and Deacon W. L. Alexander, a faithful member of Rocky Creek church.

F. M. Renfro.

G. W. Horn.

Approved by the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.
J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

7th. Returned correspondence as follows:—

To the San Pedro Association, to be held with Shiloh church, near Boyd, Taylor county, Fla., on the South Georgia railroad, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1925:—Elder B. C. Lewis and Brother F. M. Renfroe.

To the Union Association, to be held with Old Union church, Lanier county, Ga., one and one-half miles from Mill Town:—Brother W. W. Dorminy, Elder E. R. Rhoden, Brother J. M. Clark.

To the Flint River Association, to be held with New Hope church, Grady county, Ga., seven miles north of Cairo on the A. C. L. railroad, commencing on Saturday before the First Sunday in November, 1924:—Elder B. C. Lewis, Elder E. R. Rhoden, J. M. Clark, Elder W. L. Bozeman, H. R. Hutchenson, J. L. Taylor.

To the Alabama Association, to be held with Ramah church, Pearce county, Ga., three miles from Mashon, on the A. B. & A. railroad, from Blackshear eight miles north on the A. C. L. railroad:—Brother R. C. Lastinger and Brother J. R. Willis.

To the Pulaski Association, to be held with Little Flock church, Turner county, Ga., near Cloverdale on the Gulf Line railroad:—Brother W. T. Dean, Brother R. C. Lastinger, Elder W. L. Bozeman, Brother J. L. Taylor, Brother J. M. Clark.

To the Suwanee Association:—No tidings.

8th. The General Meetings will be held as follows:—

First District to be held with Bethsaida church, Colquitt county, Ga., beginning on Friday before the Second Fifth Sunday in 1925.

Second District, to be held with Sardis church, Colquitt county, Ga., beginning on Friday before the Third Fifth Sunday in 1925.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

9th. Called for, read and adopted Corresponding Letter and reads as follows:—

We, the Ochlocknee Association, now in session with Rockey Creek church, Worth county, Ga., Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 25, 26 and 27, 1924, To the Associations with whom we correspond, Sendeth Christian Love and Salutation:—

Dearly and much beloved Brethren and Sisters in the Lord:—It is through the kind and tender mercies of an All-Wise God that we have been spared and blessed to hold another session of our body in peace and love. Our representation is full; our churches all report peace and love; for which, if not deceived, we feel grateful and thankful to the Giver of Every Good and Perfect Gift. Our correspondence is not as full as we desire. Your ministers came to us preaching the gospel of the Son of God as we believe, in its purity, to the comfort and consolation of God's generations by faith and practice. We desire a continuation of your lovely correspondence. Our next session, the Lord being willing, will meet with Sardis church, Colquitt county, Ga., on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1925. When and where we hope to meet again. Till then, Farewell.

Wrote and signed by J. M. Clark.

10th. On motion adjourned to meet with Sardis church, Colquitt county, Ga., beginning on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday

17. We recommend to the churches composing this body to receive members that went off with the missionaries and all other Baptists at the time of their separation from us providing they bring satisfactory evidence of legal baptism with a suitable confession of faith, and not otherwise in disorder, and not to receive any who have been baptised by them since said separation only by experience and baptism.

18. This Association holds that if the union be broken between any of the churches and the breach cannot be healed to withdraw from them that may be deemed unsound in faith or immoral in practice until they be removed.

19. To invite visiting brethren from sister Associations of our faith and order to seats with us.

20. To keep a correspondence with other Associations of the same faith and order, so that a chain of communication may be preserved throughout the denomination.

21. If any member shall break the rules of this Decorum he shall be reproved by the Moderator.

22. These rules shall be read at every Association prior to entering on business.

23. The rules of this decorum may be altered or amended at any time by a majority of three-fourths of the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator
J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three in the God-head—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God by inspiration, and is our 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 or of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and not finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper, and washing of the saint's feet, are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only true baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

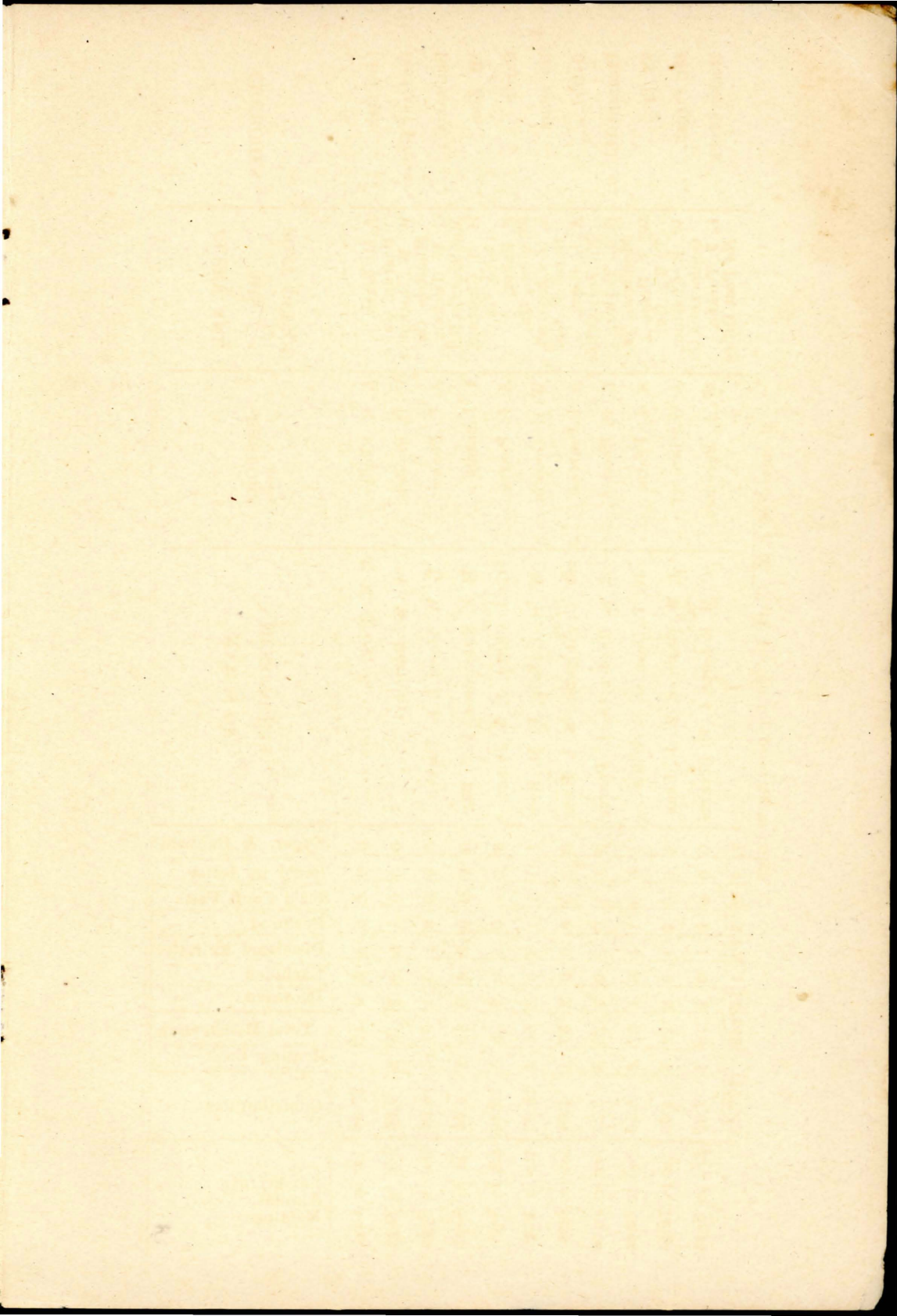
11. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands by the presbytery.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.
J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

CHURCHES	CLERK AND HIS POST OFFICE	PASTORS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Exper. & Baptism	Rec'd by letter	Rec'd Conf. Faith	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Days	Contributions	Sunday of Annual Meeting
Live Oak-----	J. M. Clark, Doerun, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden----	J. M. Clark, B. C. Lewis---	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	1	\$7.00	1st in Aug.
Pleasant Grove--	W. W. Dorminy, Moultrie, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden----	W. W. Dorminy-----	0	3	0	1	3	1	2	45	2	9.00	2nd in Sept.
Bethsaida-----	G. W. Tucker, Moultrie, Ga. R. 1.	A. L. Pearce-----	G. W. Horn, I. E. Tucker--	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	61	3	10.00	3rd in Sept.
Mt. Zion-----	H. M. Chastain, Cairo, Ga.	L. Johnson-----	H. R. Hutchinson, T. S. Bar- row	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	35	1	4.00	1st in Sept.
Sardis-----	B. Baker, Ellenton, Ga.	A. L. Pearce-----	G. J. Chitty, J. N. Joiner--	0	2	1	0	5	0	0	55	4	10.90	4th in Sept.
Harmony-----	S. N. Chapman, Barwick, Ga.	W. H. Godwin---	W. H. Godwin, F. M. Ren- froe	1	1	1	1	3	0	2	64	4	10.00	4th in Aug.
Bethel-----	A. L. Hiers, No Post Office	A. L. Pearce-----	W. C. Singleton, A. L. Hiers	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	37	1	4.00	1st in Sept.
Pleasant Hill----	G. L. Taylor, Moultrie, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden----	E. R. Rhoden, A. L. Pearce	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	26	3	5.25	3rd in June
Ty Ty-----	W. T. Dean, Ty Ty, Ga.	A. L. Pearce-----	W. T. Dean, J. R. Willis---	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	37	2	6.50	2nd in Sept.
Mt. Pisgah-----	W. E. Chastain, Ochlocknee, Ga.	J. W. Gardner----	J. W. Gardner, W. E. Chas- tain	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	1	4.00	1st in July
Rocky Creek-----	E. J. Tucker, No Post Office	W. L. Bozeman--	C. M. Roberts, L. H. Roberts	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	19	3	7.00	3rd in Sept.
				6	9	2	3	17	1	10	443		\$77.65	

Received of J. M. Clark \$20.00 for printing minutes



Bethel Church

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