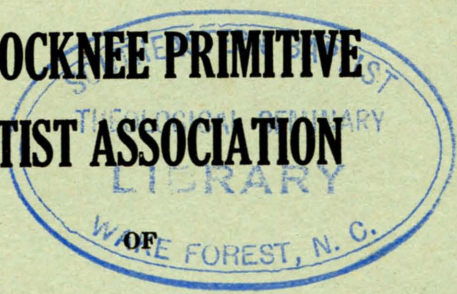


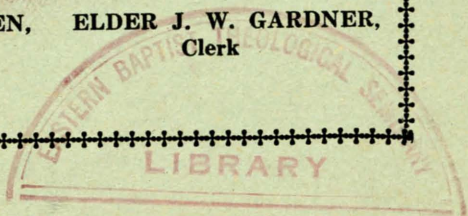
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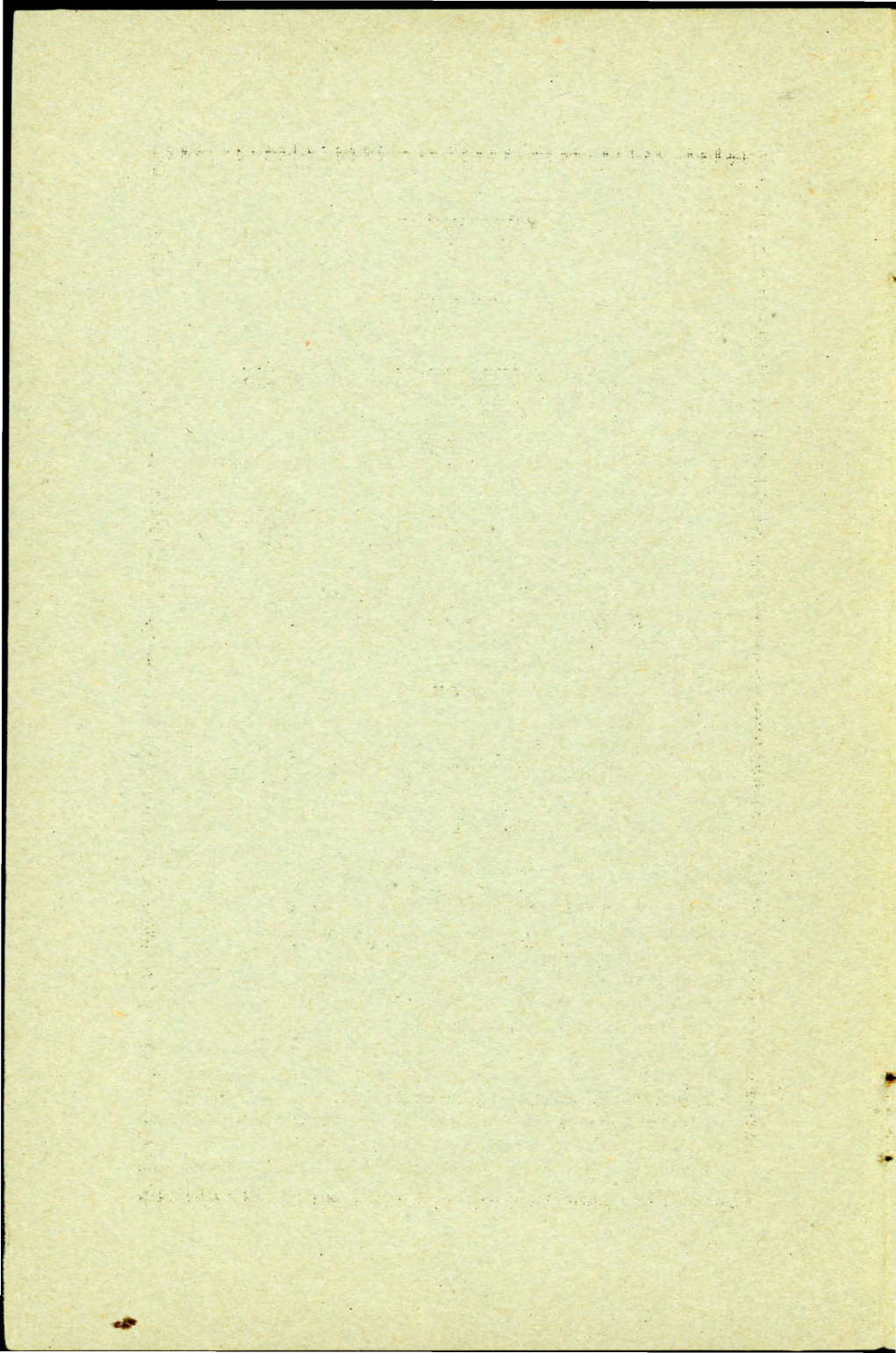
**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**OCHLOCKNEE PRIMITIVE**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**Old Line Primitive Baptists**  
**HELD WITH**  
**MT. ZION CHURCH**  
**October 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1922**



**OFFICERS:**

**ELDER E. R. RHODEN,**      **ELDER J. W. GARDNER,**  
**Moderator**                      **Clerk**







Ninety-sixth Annual Session of the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association convened with Mt. Zion church, six miles west of Cooledge on the A. B. & A. Railroad, beginning on Saturday, October 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1922.

The introductory sermon was preached by W. H. Tomlinson, of the Union Association, the text being found in II Cor. 12:9, "And He said unto me, My Grace is Sufficient for thee."

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

Prayer by Elder J. W. McMillian.

First. Called for and received letters from eleven churches and minuted their state.

Second. Elder E. R. Rhodes Moderator and Elder J. W. Gardner, Clerk.

Third. Adopted last year's minutes as course of business.

Fourth. Invited brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

Sixth. Call for petitionary letters.

Seventh. Appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching and Finance: Brethren J. M. Clark, J. W. Strickland, W. T. Dean with messengers of this church.

On Business: W. W. Donany, C. F. Horn and O. J. Beasley.

On Memorials: I. E. Tucker, W. C. Singleton.

Eighth. Called for the correspondents of the Associations and received from the San Pedro Association, J. E. English.

From the Pulaski Association, none.

From the Union Association: Elders W. H. Tomlinson and J. W. McMillian.

From the Flint River Association: Elders T. J. Davis and R. A. Luke.

## Monday Morning Session

The session convened according to adjournment.

Elder W. H. Tomlinson.

First. Called the Roll.

Second. Renewed the call for correspondents.

Third. Extended invitations to visitors.

San Pedro Association.

Union Association, J. D. Shaw.

Pulaski Association, Elder J. T. Strawder.

Alapaha Association.

Swanee Association.

Chipola Association, Elder S. T. Sheffield.

Fourth. Called for report of Business Committee and received reports as follows: We have examined the minutes of the several associations and find nothing objectionable. Signed by O. J. Beasley, C. F. Horn, W. W. Dominey.

Fifth. Returned correspondents as follows:

To the San Pedro Association to be held with Mt. Nebo church in La Fayette county one mile east of Day, Florida on the L. A. Pond G. Railroad, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1923. W. C. Singleton.

To the Union Association to be held with New Ramey church, Ray City on the G. F. Railroad, beginning on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1923. Elders E. R. Rhoden, J. W. Gardner, J. H. Horn, J. T. Taylor.

To the Flint River Association to be held with Zion Hill church three miles north east of Cotton on the Flint River Western Railroad, beginning on Saturday before the first Sunday in November 1923. J. M. Clark, J. S. Taylor, J. W. Strickland, B. H. Hancock and J. W. Gardner.

To the Alabama Association to be held with Big Creek church Wayne County, Georgia, beginning on Friday before the First Sunday in November 1923, eight and one-half miles west of



Scriven, Georgia on the A. C. L. Railroad, nine miles north east of Bristol, Georgia on the A. B. & A. Railroad. Elders B. F. Brown and E. R. Rhoden.

To the Sewanee Association to be held with Prospect church twelve miles north east of Genoa on the G. S. & F. Railroad, beginning on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September 1923. Elder E. R. Rhoden.

To the Pulaski Association to be held with Lebanon church four miles west of Arabi on the G. S. & F. Railroad, beginning on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1923. Elders B. F. Brown and J. W. Gardner, J. S. Taylor and G. L. Lastinger.

Seventh. General meetings will be held as follows:

First District. To be held with Pleasant Hill church, Moultrie, Georgia, beginning on Friday before the first Fifth Sunday in 1923.

Second District. To be held with Harmony church two miles east of Barwick on Friday before the second fifth Sunday in 1923.

Eight. Called for report on Finance and received the following:

We, the committee on Finance, submit the following: We have received from the several churches the sum of \$82.90 as contributions. We recommend that five hundred minutes be printed, three hundred and fifty for the churches and one hundred and fifty for correspondents and thirty dollars be given to the clerk for printing and distributing of the minutes and his service. \$52.50 be divided among the visiting ministers and correspondents. Also that the cost of minutes be printed on the last page of the minutes. Signed by J. M. Clark, W. J. Dean, J. W. Strickland, W. B. Floyd and T. S. Barrow.

Ninth. Called for report on memorials. Nothing to report.

Tenth. On motion adjourned to meet with Bethel church, eight miles east of Pavo, on the Georgia Northern Railroad, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in 1923 in October, when and where we hope to meet you again. E. R. Rhoden, Moderator, J. W. Gardner, Clerk Prayer by Elder B. F. Brown.

### Resolution of Thanks.

We tender a vote of thanks by this body to Mt. Zion church and to the many kind friends who so kindly cared for us while

in their midst. We ask the God of all good and perfect gifts to be with them while they sojourn here in this world, and if it can be His Holy Will, to take them unto Himself in that upper and better world is our prayer. Signed, Elder E. R. Rhoden, and Elder J. W. Gardner.

### **Order of Preaching.**

Introductory sermon by Elder W. H. Tomlinson.

Saturday afternoon. Elder J. J. Johnson from Flint River Association followed by Elder S. T. Sheffield of the Chipola Association.

Sunday morning. Elders G. H. Fowler, of Alapaha Association, J. W. McMillian, of Union Association.

Sunday afternoon. Elders T. J. Davis, Flint River Association, J. T. Strawder, Pulaski Association.

Monday morning. Elder W. H. Tomlinson, Union Association. Closed by Moderator.

### **Address of Ministers.**

A. S. Pierce, Moultrie, Ga., E. S. Lindsey, Tifton, Ga., E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga., J. W. Gardner, Camilla, Ga. W. H. Goodwin, Barwick, Ga., B. C. Lewis, Moultrie, Ga., W. L. Bozeman, Sumner, Ga., W. A. Brown, Doerun, Ga.

### **Corresponding Letter.**

We, the Primitive Baptist Association of Ochlocknee, now in session with Mt. Zion church, Thomas county, Georgia, Oct. 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1922 to the Association with whom we correspond sendeth Christian love and Saluation. Dearley and much beloved brethren in the Lord, through the kind and tender mercies of an all wise God, we have been spared and blessed to hold another session our body in peace and love. Our correspondence is not as full as we desire. Your ministers came to us preaching the glad tidings of Salvation by grace much to the comfort of the Lord's humble poor. For which we desire to be thankful to the God of our Salvation. We desire a continuation of your correspondence. Our next session, the Lord willing, will be held with Bethel church, Brooks County, Georgia, eight miles east of Pavo, on the Georgia Northern Railroad, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1923, at which time and place we hope to meet with you again—until then, farewell.

(Signed) R. C. LASTINGER.



### 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 shall form a quorum.
3. Members chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with their 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 chosen 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. s
8. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admittance, which, upon examination, if 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 Scripture, and the advantage of education, and recommends 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 Convention 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 therewith connected in any wise, 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 may 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.-4-19. And as such, unless they manifest a suitable repentance and immediately withdraw therefrom, and make suitable acknowledgements, shall be rejected from the fellowship of the church.

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, and ministers of our faith and order to seat 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 demoination.

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.

### 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 scroiptures of the Old and New Testaments to be 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 preserve in grace and not finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper, and washing 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. W. GARDNER, Clerk.

CHURCHES	CLERK AND HIS POSTOFFICE	PASTORS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Exper. and Bapt'm	Received by Letter	Rec'd Conf. Faith	Restored	Dismis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Days	Contributions	Sunday of Annual Meeting
Live Oak-----	J. M. Clark, Doerun, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.	J. M. Clark, C. F. Horne-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	1	\$11.00	1st in Aug.
Pleasant Grove--	W. W. Dominy, Moultrie, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.	J. W. Strickland, W. W. Dominy--	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	46	2	\$10.00	2nd in Sept.
Beth-Saide-----	I. H. Rooks, Doerun, Ga.	A. L. Pierce, Albany, Ga.	I. E. Tucker, G. W. Horne-----	6	2	0	1	0	1	1	61	3	\$ 8.50	3rd in Sept
Mt. Zion-----	H. M. Chastain, Cairo, Ga.	J. J. Johnson, Cairo, Ga.	W. B. Floyd, T. S. Barrow-----	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	37	1	\$ 4.00	1st in Sept.
Sardis-----	Ben Baker, Ellington, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.	J. H. Martin, G. J. Chitty-----	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	61	4	\$17.05	4th in Sept
Harmony-----	S. N. Chapman, Barwick, Ga.	W. H. Godwin, Barwick, Ga.	W. H. Godwin, F. M. Renfroe-----	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	63	4	\$ 5.00	4th in Aug.
Bethel-----	F. B. Willis, Barney, Ga.	Duncan McCraney	W. C. Singleton, J. M. Rodgers-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	1	\$ 5.00	1st in Sept.
Pleasant Hill-----	J. L. Taylor, Moultrie, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden, A. L. Pierce-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	3	\$ 6.25	3rd in June
Ty Ty-----	W. T. Dean, Ty Ty, Ga.	A. L. Pierce, Albany, Ga.	W. T. Dean, R. C. Lastinger-----	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	30	2	\$ 6.05	2nd in Sept
Mt. Pisgah-----	J. R. Lewis, Ochlocknee, Ga.	J. W. Gardner, Camilla, Ga.	J. W. Gardner, O. J. Beasley-----	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	27	1	\$ 5.00	1st in July
Rocky Creek-----	T. B. Hall, Omega, Ga.	W. L. Bozeman, Sumner, Ga.	W. L. Bozeman, J. L. Sutton-----	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	20	3	\$ 5.00	3rd in Sept.
TOTAL-----				14	4	1	3	2	3	8	447		\$82.85	

Received of J. W. Gardner \$22.50 for printing 500 Copies of Minutes.



