

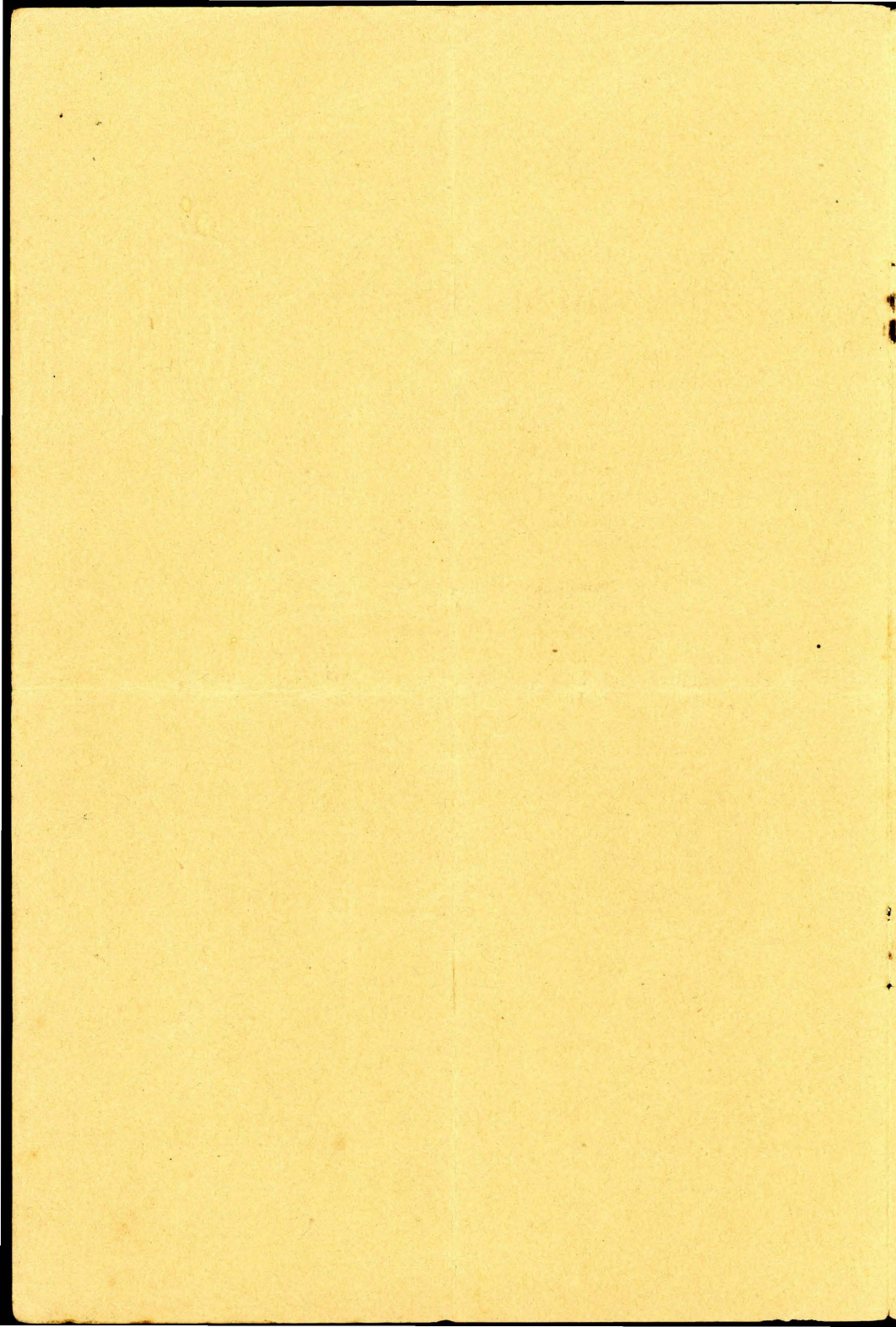
*Minutes of the Eighty-Sixth Annual Session of the*

# *Echeconnee Association*

*of Primitive Baptists*



*Held with the Church at Mt. Paron, Crawford County, Ga.  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sep. 22, 23, 24, 1914*





PROCEEDINGS OF THE

# Echeconnee Association

---

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY

1. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. M. Murray, of the Upatoi Association, from Luke xvi. 16.

2. After prayer by Elder J. T. Reynolds, the Moderator proceeded to the organization.

3. The letters from the churches were called for, read, and the names of the messengers enrolled.

4. The organization was perfected by the election of Elder S. T. Bentley moderator, and F. M. Greene clerk.

5. The usual committees were appointed as follows:

On Preaching—F. W. Hammock, B. F. Williamson, B. A. Hartley, F. Danielly and M. H. McElmurray.

To Write Corresponding Letter—J. H. Mullins.

On Finance and Distribution of Corresponding Minutes—

E. P. Childs, R. Fain Hicks and J. H. B. Butts.

6. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

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

Upatoi—Elder J. M. Murray.

Marietta—

Harmony—

Primitive Ebenezer—

Ocmulgee—Elders W. J. Greene, J. T. Glover, J. T. Reynolds and B. M. Green, Brethren J. H. Williamson, G. W. Webb, J. W. Newton and J. T. Cannon.

Mt. Olive—B. A. Brown.

Original Upper Canoochee—Elder Henry Swain.

Kehukee, of North Carolina—

Primitive Western—A. M. Keith.

8. Called for petitionary correspondence from sister associations.

9. Suspended regular order of business to receive visiting brethren, and received Elder W. A. Hubbard, of Pilgrim's Rest Church, near Tallahassee, Fla.

10. Adjourned with prayer by Elder W. J. Greene, to meet at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.



## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was led in prayer by Elder J. M. Murray.

1. Returned correspondence to sister associations as follows:

Upatoi—Elders W. J. Heard, I. Grant and S. T. Bentley, and Brethren M. H. McElmurray, J. W. Grant, R. E. Wright and W. E. Champion.

Marietta Old School—Send minutes.

Harmony—Send minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer—Elders B. F. Williamson and J. T. Young.

Ocmulgee—Elder J. A. Monsees.

Original Upper Canoochee—Send minutes.

Kehukee, of North Carolina—Send minutes.

Mt. Olive—F. W. Hammock, A. W. Childs, W. W. Harris, M. H. McElmurray and J. H. B. Butts.

Primitive Western—Elders B. F. Williamson and I. Grant, and Brother W. R. S. Mann.

2. Received contributions from all sources \$78.75; reserved \$24.25 for minutes, and \$54.25 for associational purposes.

3. Appointed the union meetings as follows:

First—To convene with the church at Bethlehem, Bibb County, in Macon, Georgia, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1915, and embracing three days.

Second—To be arranged.

4. Appointed the next meeting of this body to convene with the church at High Shoals, Monroe County, eight miles from Milner, and seven miles from Goggins, Ga., on the C. of Ga. Railroad, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1915, and embracing three days.

5. The Clerk was ordered to have 1000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

6. Called for, read, and adopted the corresponding letter.

7. The minutes were read, approved, and adopted, and after prayer by Elder I. Grant, the Association adjourned.

The Association takes this method of thanking all the brethren and friends of Mt. Paron Church for their kindness and hospitality to our body while in their midst. May the richest blessings of God rest and abide with you all evermore.

ELDER S. T. BENTLEY, Moderator.

F. M. GREENE, Clerk.



### CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Echaconnee Association in Session with the Church at Mt. Paron, Crawford County, September 22, 23, 24, 1914 to Her Sister Associations With Whom She Corresponds—Greeting:

Dearly Beloved in the Lord—Through the kind providence of our God we have been blessed with meeting together in love, peace and harmony. The coming of your messengers has made our poor hearts glad in hearing them proclaim the glad tidings of salvation by grace and grace alone. Love has prevailed throughout our meeting, with Christ exalted as our Prince and Saviour. We are glad to receive your messengers. We desire that you continue to come in the spirit of love and fellowship, that God's name may be blessed at all times.

ELDER S. T. BENTLEY Moderator.

F. M. GREENE, Clerk.

### ORDER OF PREACHING

Tuesday morning—Introductory sermon, by Elder J. M. Murray.

Tuesday afternoon—Elder W. A. Hubbard, followed by Elder J. T. Glover.

Wednesday morning—Elder Henry Swain, followed by Elder W. J. Greene.

Wednesday afternoon—Elder W. J. Heard, followed by Elder J. T. Reynolds.

Thursday morning—Elder Henry Swain, followed by Elder Hardy Phillips.

### MINISTERS OF THE ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION

Elder S. T. Bentley, Culloden, Ga.  
Elder W. J. Heard, R. 3, Macon, Ga.  
Elder J. A. Monsees, Macon, Ga.  
Elder B. F. Williamson, Lizella, Ga.  
Elder I. Grant, Roberta, Ga.  
Elder B. C. Caldwell, Fayetteville, Ga.  
Elder F. L. Fuller, Gay, Ga.

### VISITING MINISTERS

Elder W. J. Greene, Clinton, Ga.  
Elder Henry Swain, Graymont, Ga.  
Elder J. T. Reynolds, Macon, Ga.  
Elder J. T. Glover, Wayside, Ga.  
Elder Hardy Phillips.  
Elder W. A. Hubbard, Tallahassee, Fla.  
Elder J. M. Murray, Ellaville, Ga.

### DECORUM

1. This association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose producing letters from their churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, on confession of faith, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Echeconnee Association providing for themselves a moderator and clerk, who shall serve them during the session; using the paster of the church where they assemble or choosing one from the body as they please.

4. As one of the cardinal tenets of faith of the Primitive Baptists is that the Old and New Testaments are our only rule of faith and practice and as the Bible recognizes no other religious disciplinary power but the church, where God, in His wisdom, mercy, and in honor to His Son, placed it.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union, they may petition by letter and delegates, and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association may require.



7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a true record of the proceedings of the association.

8. The minutes of the association shall be read and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association adjourns.

9. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

10. To correspond with sister associations of the same faith and order.

11. The association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the union.

12. It is also agreed that nothing shall be so construed in the above as to interfere with the fellowship and communion of the churches or brethren of this union, or with those with whom we may correspond, directly or indirectly; and nothing shall be presented to this body, as a query, or question bearing on the same, but shall be considered by the churches, as we believe is directed by the Holy Scriptures.

---

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons 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 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 fallen state he is in by nature, by 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 Ghost.

8. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances. We believe that immersion is baptism.

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

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.

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

---

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### FIRST DAY

1. The introductory sermon will be delivered.

2. Call for and read letters from the churches and enroll the names of messengers.

3. Choose a moderator and clerk.

4. Appoint committees as follows:

On Preaching.

To write Corresponding Letter.

On Contributions and to Distribute Minutes.

5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

6. Call for correspondence from sister associations.

7. Call for petitionary churches.

---

#### SECOND DAY

1. Call the roll and read Decorum.

2. Call for further correspondence from sister associations.

3. Renew the invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.

4. Renew correspondence to sister associations.

5. Receive contributions and distribute corresponding minutes.

6. Appoint union meetings.

7. Appoint the next session of this body.

8. Agree on the number of minutes to be printed.

9. Call for corresponding letter.

10. Read minutes and adjourn.



# Statistical Table

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	PASTORS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Red by Ex. & B.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dis'm'd by Letters	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sun. of Meeting..	Contribution	
												For Minutes.	For Ministers
Good Hope													
Mt. Carmel ...	W A White, Musella .....	S T Bentley .....	F W Hammock, S. T. Bentley, A. W. Childs.....	2	2	1	68	3	\$ 1.50	5.25			
Salem .....	Joe D McGhee, Knoxville.....	Isaiah Grant .....	I Grant, Joe D McGhee, R T Hicks .....	3	2	1	70	2	1.00	2.00			
Providence ...	F Danielly, Roberta .....	S T Bentley .....	F Danielly J S Sandefur, T A Kendrick .....			1	63	4	1.00	4.00			
Friendship ....	L L Butts Pickard .....	S T Bentley .....	J B Reeves, A S Kersey, J H B Butts.....		1		37	1	1.00	5.00			
Bethlehem ...	A F Jones, 431 Vineville Ave., Macon .....	J H Gresham .....	D C Wallace, J W Grant, J A Moore .....	2	2	1	9	5	3	103	1	2.00	5.00
Fellowship ...	T J Jones, Bonaire .....	W J Heard .....	F M Greene, J H M Chiett, W E Champion .....	1		1	44	2	2.00	3.00			
Pleasant Hill ..	J D Cherry, Byron .....	W J Greene .....	J M Frederick .....				2	40	2	1.50	2.00		
Sardis .....	T M Nash, Macon .....	W J Heard .....	B A Hartley, J W Fielder, T M Nash .....			3	2	62	3	2.00	3.00		
Mt. Paron .....	W J Marshall, Lizella .....		M H McElmurray, W. J. Mar- shall B F Williamson .....		1	1	1	49	1	2.00	3.00		
Beaver Creek ..	J W Davidson, Bonaire.....	J T Reynolds .....	J M Hunt, W O Brown, J W Davidson .....				1	19	1	1.00	1.00		
Shiloh .....	E T McCalum, R, Macon.....	J T Young .....	Willis Bartlet, Wm. Greene.....		2		28	2	1.00	3.00			
Harmony .....	J R Bloodworth Meansville.....	J A Monsees .....	J W Kersey, J G Willingham.....			1	3	1	24	1	.50	2.50	
High Shoals ..	T M Mullins, Goggansville.....	B F Williamson .....	J H Mullins, W R S Mann, T N Mullins .....		2	2	34	2	1.00	3.50			
Mt. Calvary ...	J H Bagarley, Smarrs.....	J T Reynolds.....	J H Bagerley, W W Harris W Jones .....				18	3	1.00	2.00			
Concord Griffin .....	C T Elliott, Griffin .....	B F Williamson..	W D Evans, G L Hamilton C T Elliott .....			5	44	3	2.00	3.00			
Emmaus .....	M L Hancock, Crest .....	W J Heard .....	F B Hancock .....			1	2	49	4	2.00	4.00		
Barnesville ...	E P Childs, Barnesville.....	B F Williamson..	E P Childs .....	1		2	1	18	4	1.00	2.00		
Elizabeth .....	L F Hanks, Macon .....	J A Monsees .....	F B Wilder, Eld. J A Monsees		3	1	2	17	284	1.00	2.00		
												\$24.50	\$54.25

532 345 42 62



**Subscribe for**

## **The Primitive Baptist**

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

It contains articles from Old Baptists all over the United States, and more reading matter than any other Old Baptist paper published. Price, \$1.25 a year. To ministers and widows \$1.00 a year.

## **The Good Old Songs**

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Is the best song book on the market. Contains the best from the Sacred Harp, Southern Harmony, Christian Harmony, and others. The false sentiment in so many of the books the Baptists have used has been eliminated, and hence "The Good Old Songs" is an Old Baptist song book. Well bound in leather and stiff board sides, and printed with clear type. Prices, \$1.25 each, \$7.10 per half dozen, \$13.75 per dozen, prepaid. Agents wanted everywhere.

**Ask for Book and Bible Catalogues**

**Cayces & Turner**

**Martin,**

**Tennessee**

*ma*