

Minutes of the Tenth Annual Session
of the
Lotts Creek Primitive
Baptist Association



*Convened with the Church at
Bethlehem, Bulloch County, Georgia
October 23, 24 and 25, 1914*



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1. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. John A. Jordan, of the Yellow River Association, from Titus, 2nd chapter, 1st verse.

2. After 50 minutes intermission the Association was called to order by Eld. A. R. Strickland. Singing was followed with prayer by Eld. Z. Cowart, from the Upper Canoochee Association.

3. Appointed Eld. A. R. Strickland, Moderator, and A. S. Bacon, clerk.

4. Read letters and recorded names of messengers.

5. Called for petitionary letters; 3 came, to-wit: Fellowship, Sanders Church, and Battle Creek, which were found orderly and orthodox and were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

6. Appointed Committees as follows:

To arrange preaching during this meeting—Eld. H. B. Wilkerson, and Brethren F. C. Dyess and W. C. Iler, together with the Messengers of this Church. To arrange general meetings—Eld. D. L. Caloway, G. R. Beasley and V. Y. Spivey. To receive contributions—Elds. H. B. Wilkerson, D. L. Caloway and Bro. W. R. Blasingame. To write corresponding letter—Eld. H. Temple and Bro. D. L. Rygdon.

7. Called for correspondence. Then came Elds. Lee Hanks, A. I. Warren, Z. Cowart, W. E. Cribbs, Henry Swain, H. V. Hill, and E. W. Powell, and Brethren J. M. Patrick and E. B. Holloway from the Upper Canoochee Association; Elds. H. W. Smith, R. D. Donnehoe, and J. H. Rivers, from the Prince Williams Association; Brethren E. J. and A. W. Davidson, from the Ebenezer Association, and

were received, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Called for visiting brethren. Then came Elds. T. J. Head, J. A. Jordan, and J. F. Almond, from the Yellow River Association; Eld. J. A. Taylor, from the Ebenezer Association; Eld. J. W. Bragg, from the Flint River Association, (Ala); Eld. W. A. Hubbard, from Pilgrims Rest Church, Tallahassee, Fla.; Bro. G. S. Woodcock, from the Alapaha Association.

9. The committee to arrange preaching reported as follows: Friday, P. M., Eld. W. A. Hubbard; Saturday, A. M., Eld. J. A. Taylor, followed by Eld. Henry Swain; Saturday, P. M., Eld. H. V. Hill, followed by Eld. Z. Cowart, and closed by Eld. J. H. Rivers; Sunday, A. M., Eld. J. F. Almond, followed by Eld. T. J. Head, and closed by Eld. J. B. Wilson; Sunday, P. M., Eld. J. W. Bragg, followed by Eld Lee Hanks and closed by the Moderator.

10. Committee to arrange general meetings reported as follows: Nevil's Creek, November, 1914; Ash Branch, January, 1915; Lower Lotts Creek, May, 1915; Beards Creek, August, 1915. All to commence on Friday before the 5th Sunday in their respective months.

11. Saturday morning, 8:30 o'clock.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing, followed with prayer by Eld. T. J. Head, from the Yellow River Association.

12. Called the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence.—Then came Eld. J. B. Wilson, from the Upper Canoochee Association.

14. Appointed correspondents to the Ebenezer Association, Elds. M. L. Riner and D. L. Caloway; to the Upper Canoochee Association, Elds. F. M. Donaldson, D. L. Caloway, H. B. Wilkerson, and V. B. White, and Brother W. H. Lanier; to the Prince Williams Association, Elds. Simon Burrough, F. M. Donaldson, V. B. White, and D. L. Caloway, and Bro. E. W. Parish; to the Flint River Association, Eld. M. L. Riner.

15. Committee to receive contributions report: For minutes, \$32.00; for other purposes, \$72.85.

16. Corresponding letter read and received.

17. The next session of this body will convene with the Church at DeLoaches, Bulloch County, Ga., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1915, four miles north of Daisy, Ga., on S. A. L. Ry.

18. Agreed to have 1,500 copies of these minutes printed, the Clerk to have them printed and distribute the same.

19. *Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the Brothers, Sisters and friends for their hospitality during this meeting.

20. Motion for adjournment. Minutes read and received and the body adjourned Sunday morning according to previous arrangements. The Brethren preached to a large and orderly congregation.

ELD. A. R. STRICKLAND, Moderator.

A. S. BACON, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Lotts Creek Primitive Baptist Association—To Her Sister Associations, With Whom She Corresponds:

DEAR BRETHREN: We have been privileged to hold another session of our body in peace and harmony. All the churches report as being in an orderly condition, walking in the old paths as we are taught by the Scriptures, the rule of our faith and practices. We have been comforted by the sweet messages of love brought to us by the ministers of our Lord during this meeting. We hope to so live that we will always occupy a place in the affections of those who love the Lord, and thereby maintain the friendly correspondence of all orderly children of God. We desire a continuance of your visits and that the Good Lord will continue to be merciful to us all. The next session of this body will meet with the Church at DeLoaches, when we hope to meet a goodly number of the Lord's people.

ELD. H. TEMPLE,

BRO. D. L. RYGDON.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. BOWEN, Collins, Ga.
N. J. NESMITH, Statesboro, Ga.
D. L. CALOWAY, Manassas, Ga.
H. B. WILKERSON, Claxton, Ga.
WM. WILLIAMS, Claxton, Ga.
HOMER SANDERS, Statesboro, Ga.
M. L. RINER, Vidalia, Ga.
F. M. DONALDSON, Statesboro, Ga.
V. B. WHITE, Pembroke, Ga.
A. R. STRICKLAND, Willie, Ga.
H. TEMPLE, Statesboro, Ga.
J. E. STRICKLAND, Ellabelle, Ga.
PERRY C. BANKS, Ellabelle, Ga.

LICENTIATES.

SIMON BURROUGHS, Claxton, Ga.
A. C. McCORKLE, Register, Ga.
W. H. ANDERSON, Claxton, Ga.
V. Y. SPIVEY, Easterling, Ga.

VISITING MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Elder E. W. Powell, Statesboro, Ga.
Elder Z. Cowart, Summit, Ga.
Elder H. V. Hill, Summit, Ga.
Elder Lee Hanks, Vidalia, Ga.
Elder Henry Swain, Graymont, Ga.
Elder A. I. Warren, Stillmore, Ga.
Elder W. E. Cribbs, Lyons, Ga.
Elder J. B. Wilson, Summit, Ga.
Elder J. W. Bragg, New Market, Ala.
Elder W. A. Hubbard, Tallahassee, Fla.
Elder T. J. Head, Atlanta, Ga.
Elder John A. Jordan, Tucker, Ga.
Elder J. F. Almond, Atlanta, Ga.
Elder R. D. Donahoe, Brunson, S. C.
Elder H. W. Smith, Lena, S. C.
Elder J. H. Rivers, Hampton, S. C.

IN MEMORIAM

ELDERS J. H. SMITH AND M. M. MATTOX, FAITHFUL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST MINISTERS.

Eld. J. H. Smith died February 22nd, 1910, and was buried in Ash Branch Cemetery, February 23, 1910. Age 70 years and 9 months.

Eld. M. M. Mattox died September 6, 1913, and was buried in Beards Creek Cemetery, September 8th, 1913. Age 73 years and 8 months.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS.	P. O.
Ash Branch	V. B. White.....	A. S. Bacon.....	Pembroke, - Ga.
Beards Creek	A. R. Strickland...	D. H. Purcell.....	Daisy
Bethlehem	J. H. Sanders.....	S. J. Riggs.....	Statesboro .. "
Andersons	A. R. Strickland...	J. A. Sikes.....	Manassas .. "
Battle Creek	A. R. Strickland...	D. H. Lynn.....	Collins .. "
Bethel	A. R. Strickland...	W. H. Dasher.....	Daisy
Columbia	V. B. White.....	H. D. Banks.....	Ellabelle .. "
DeLoaches	H. B. Wilkerson...	W. H. DeLoach...	Claxton
Ephesus	H. B. Wilkerson...	S. C. Banks.....	Register
Inmans Creek	J. A. Bowen.....	I. F. Keel.....	Elza
Emaus	H. B. Wilkerson...	E. J. Mitchell...	Claxton
Little Flock	C. B. Spivey.....	L. E. Lynn.....	Collins
Lower Mill Creek..	Homer Sanders....	G. R. Beasley....	Statesboro .. "
Upper Mill Creek..	H. Temple	J. N. Akins.....	Statesboro .. "
Nevils Creek	J. H. Sanders.....	J. N. Hendrix....	Blitch
Lower Lotts Creek.	H. B. Wilkerson...	H. J. Akins.....	Register
Lyons	Jesse O'Neal	Lyons
Lower Black Creek.	V. B. White.....	E. J. Burnseed....	Ellabelle
Red Hill	F. M. Donaldson...	W. C. Iler.....	Pembroke
Fellowship	Lee Hanks.....	David Lanier	Stilson
Sanders Church ...	J. H. Sanders.....	D. L. Rygdon.....	Statesboro .. "

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Additions				Subtractions			Total Membership	Sunday Meetings	Money for Minutes	For Other Purposes
			By Baptism	By Letter	Confession of Faith	Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deaths				
Ash Branch.....	Bulloch	W. H. Lanier, E. W. Parish.....	9	1	0	0	4	2	2	87	2	\$ 2 50	\$ 5 50
Nevils Creek.....	Bulloch	W. J. Blackburn, A. R. Newton..	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	17	1	1 00	1 50
Red Hill	Bulloch	W. C. Iler and Z. T. DeLoach..	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	61	1	1 50	4 00
Lower Lotts Creek.	Bulloch	W. R. Blassengame, J. A. Nevil..	9	1	0	0	0	0	2	133	4	3 50	10 15
Immans Creek.....	Bulloch	J. L. Sutton, F. P. Slumons.....	4	0	0	2	2	1	0	23	2	1 00	2 50
Bethel	Liberty	A. R. Strickland, V. Y. Spivey..	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	54	1	1 25	3 75
Battle Creek.....	Tattnall	R. H. Jones, H. D. Lynn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	50	..
Beards Creek.....	Tattnall	F. C. Dyess, D. H. Purcell.....	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	25	4	75	2 00
Lower Mill Creek..	Bulloch	G. R. Beasley, M. S. Rushing...	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	40	1	2 00	3 00
Ephesus	Bulloch	Simon Burrough, A. C. McCorkell.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1	1 50	3 50
Lyons	Toombs	M. M. Coleman, Jesse O'Neal...	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	20	3	1 00	..
Sanders Church...	Bulloch	J. H. Sanders, D. L. Rygdon....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	4	50	1 05
Andersons	Tattnall	D. L. Caloway, J. A. Sikes.....	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	102	2	3 00	6 50
Emaus	Bulloch	H. B. Wilkerson, E. J. Mitchell..	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	21	1	1 00	2 00
Upper Mill Creek..	Bulloch	H. Temple, M. E. Connon	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	3	2 00	5 45
Little Flock	Tattnall	W. H. Nail, J. G. H. Lynn.....	5	5	0	0	0	0	1	56	3	1 50	..
Lower Black Creek.	Bryan	E. J. Burnseed, W. W. Futch.....	13	0	0	0	3	0	2	59	4	1 50	5 50
Columbia	Bryan	T. M. Banks, Melly Morgan.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2	1 00	..
DeLoaches	Bulloch	P. A. Hagin, W. M. Beasley.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	72	2	2 50	8 75
Fellowship	Bulloch	D. T. Beasley, Daniel Lanier....	3	6	1	0	0	0	1	16	3	2 50	1 45
Bethlehem.....	Bulloch	I. L. Smith and J. I. Brannen..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	3	2 00	4 45

PREAMBLE.

The organization of this association is the result of an effort on the part of the DeLoach church and other peace-loving Primitive Baptists to unite all the Primitive Baptist churches in Bulloch and Bryan counties, State of Georgia.

Inasmuch as that effort failed in part, the churches now forming the Lower Canoochee, proper, refusing to unite under the circumstances, which is their privilege, to which privilege none of the churches object, for churches are free and, of right ought to be, to remain in such condition as they severally feel most acceptable with God our Savior and our Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, seeing it impossible to unite all the churches in peace in the Lower Canoochee and live together in peace in the Lower Canoochee Association we, the churches desiring union and fellowship with one another, have agreed in our several conferences to meet DeLoach church according to invitation and promise this 20th day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five, for the formation of the Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association.

We are at peace with all Primitive Baptists everywhere, who are walking in the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have received authority to form this union.

We, as an association of churches, come together on the following Rules and Articles of Primitive Faith:

RULES.

1. This Association shall meet annually by the authority of the churches, to worship God.

2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers, and the names of said messengers shall be inserted in the letters from the churches.

3. This Association shall be governed by its own rules, but no rule shall be binding on any church.

4. No church shall be admitted into this Association, unless found sound in faith.

5. Any church may withdraw from this Association at the discretion of the church.

6. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by the Messengers present.

7. This Association shall open its business by singing and prayer.

8. All business shall come into this Association by motion and second; and every motion that is seconded shall be decided, except it be withdrawn by the mover.

9. There shall be no talking in time of a public speech, nor reflection on the speaker.

10. No person shall be interrupted in the time of a public speech, unless he departed from the subject in debate; and then only by the Moderator.

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

12. A majority of this Association shall govern in all cases, except the majority depart from the Rules and Articles of Faith herein expressed.

13. No person shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

14. A majority may amend or alter these rules at any time.

15. It shall be the duty of this Association to keep the minutes of all its proceedings and have them published in pamphlet form for distribution among the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe the Old and New Testaments scriptures are the perfectly inspired word of God, and the only infallible standard of faith and practice.

2. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.

4. We believe Jesus Christ to be the son of God.

5. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final perseverance and preservation of the saints.

6. We believe nothing takes place by chance, but God's foreknowledge embraces all things.

7. We believe God predestinated some men and angels to eternal life through Jesus Christ, His Son, before the foundation of the world.

8. We believe God the Father calls, the Son redeems, and the Holy Ghost regenerates the very same person.

9. We believe the Children of God are called from death to life independently of all creature instrumentality, and are justified solely by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

10. We believe man was created in the beginning, in the image of God, very good and upright, but of his own will, without any compulsion and undeceived, he transgressed the laws of God.

11. We believe good works are such only as God has commanded in His Holy Word.

12. We believe the preaching of the Gospel is not to give life to the dead (for God alone can do that) but is to warm, teach, exhort, comfort and edify, reprove and confirm the living children of God.

13. We believe those who believe the Gospel should be baptized, that is, be immersed in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

14. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saints' feet an example to be engaged in by all the orderly children of God.

15. We believe that no man has the right to administer the ordinances but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe a Primitive Baptist church is an organized body of Christ, and to maintain its identity, must stand aloof from the world and all the worldly so-called churches, religious societies and institutions, such as Sunday Schools, theological seminaries, mission boards and conventions, and all oath-bound secret societies, which are plainly contrary to the example of Christ and His Apostles.

17. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and unjust, the former to life and the latter to damnation.

18. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come a second time in the body of this world, and after raising the dead will judge the human race in righteousness and send the wicked into everlasting punishment and will welcome the righteous to everlasting happiness in His Holy image and presence.



