



MINUTES

Of The

EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

**Original Upper Canoochee
Association**

Of The

Regular Primitive Baptists

Convened With

**OAK RIDGE CHURCH
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GA.**

October 5th, 6th and 7th, 1917.

OFFICERS:

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| Elder Lee Hanks, Moderator, | - | Vidalia, Ga. |
| Elder J. B. Wilson, Clerk, | - | Summit, Ga. |

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY.

The Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association convened in its eighty-eighth annual session with the church at Oak Ridge, Montgomery County, Georgia, October 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1917.

1. Prayer by Elder A. P. Tucker, of the Mt. Olive Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder A. P. Tucker, of the Mt. Olive Association. Text II Timothy, 4th Chapter and 2nd verse, "Preach the Word."

2. After one hour intermission the messengers from the several churches assembled in the house. Prayer by Elder H. B. Wilkinson of the Lotts Creek Association.

3. Called for and read letters from 14 churches.

4. Organized the body by re-electing Elder Lee Hanks moderator and Elder J. B. Wilson clerk.

5. Invited ministers and visiting members of our faith and order to seats with us.

6. On motion, omitted reading the Decorum.

7. Called for petitionary letters, received none.

8. Appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching—J. R. Hill, A. J. Youngblood and J. W. Durden.

To arrange General Meetings—T. N. Youmans, M. A. Braddy and Jas. Wilson.

To examine Corresponding Minutes—J. R. Hill, P. H. Byrd and Lloyd Bishop.

To write Corresponding Letter—Elders P. H. Byrd, Henry Swain and Lee Hanks.

On Finance—A. J. Youngblood, T. N. Youmans and M. A. Braddy.

9. Called for correspondence, and received the following:

From the Lotts Creek Association, Elder H. B. Wilkinson and Brother J. L. Sutton.

Primitive Ebenezer, Elders W. W. Howell, H. Temples, brethren R. M. Lord, D. J. Cannon, J. J. Cook, W. H. Mulles, A. W. Davidson, J. P. McCullough, Senate Arnold, Jack Scarboro, T. J. Braswell, Johnny Howell, Sol Peacock, and J. H. Howell.

Primitive Echeconnee, Not represented.

Prince Williams Association, Elder H. W. Smith.

Upatoi, Not represented.

On motion we take up correspondence with the New Beulah Association and received, Elder H. Hand and brethren I. H. Lord, D. H. Hartley, N. A. Turley, T. H. Hand, J. J. Creamer. We received as visiting brethren M. J. Carr and John M. Jennings from the Mountain Association of Va Elder J. N. Dunaway of Bethlehem church of Haley, Tenn. Elder J. T. Reynolds of the Ocmulgee Association.

10. On motion adjourned until Saturday at 8:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY

11. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother D. H. Hartley of the New Beulah Association.

12. Called the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence and received Elder H. Temples and Brother Henry Lamb of the Ebenezer Association.

14. Appointed correspondence as follows:

To Lotts Creek Association, which convenes with Beard's Creek church, 2 miles south of Easterling on the R. & G. railroad, and 5 miles east of Glennville; Elder Lee Hanks, brethren Lloyd Bishop, E. Brantley, J. M. Womock, J. M. Patrick and M. A. Braddy.

To the Ebenezer Association which convenes with the church at Pilgrim's Home 3 miles east of Suomi on the Southern railroad and 2 1-2 miles of Achord on the same railroad in Dodge County; Elders H. V. Hill, Henry Swain, P. H. Byrd, brethren J. M. Anderson, and Jas. Wilson.

To the New Beulah Association which convenes with Pleasant Hill church, 5 miles of Eastman, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1918, Elders H. V. Hill, Lee Hanks, J. B. Wilson, Henry Swain P. H. Byrd, W. E. Cribbs and Brother E. Brantley.

To the Prince Williams Association which convenes with Mill Creek church, Hampton County, S. C., 4 miles southwest of Cummings Station on the C. & W. C. railroad to begin on Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1917; Elder P. H. Byrd, brethren R. L. Lamb and Lloyd Bishop.

To the Echeconnee Association, which convenes with the church at Mt. Calvary, near Lizella; Elders Henry Swain, J. B. Wilson and H. V. Hill.

To the Upatoi Association, which convenes with County Line church 10 miles of Buena Vista, Ga., commencing Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in September 1918; Elders Henry Swain, H. V. Hill and J. B. Wilson.

15. Called for report of committee to arrange General Meetings who reported as follows: To hold one General Meeting at Mt. Zion on the fifth Sunday in September, 1918, commencing on Friday before, and two Centennial Meetings first at New Hope on the 5th and 6th of February, 1918. Second at Canoochee commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in June 1918.

16. On motion, appointed our next Association to convene with Hebron church, Emanuel County, Ga., at Garfield, on the Georgia & Florida railroad.

17. We recommend the printing and distribution of 1000 copies of these minutes, the clerk to superintend the same and have \$10.00 for his services.

18. Called for and adopted the circular letter.

19. Called for contributions and received for minutes \$28.50 and for visiting ministers \$56.50.

20. Called for report of committee to examine corresponding minutes who reported nothing to claim our attention at present.

21. Called for miscellaneous business. By motion and seconded agreed to receive the report of the committee who was appointed to get up the missing link in our Associational record which is to be placed upon our record book and the committee dismissed.

22. On motion adjourned for preaching and closed until our regular time in course. Prayer by Elder W. W. Howell of the Ebenezer Association.

Resolved, that the heartfelt thanks of this association be tendered the brethren, sisters, and kind friends for their generous hospitality during this meeting and praying God's richest blessings to rest upon them all.

ELDER LEE HANKS, Moderator,
ELDER J. B. WILSON, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday morning—Introductory—Elder A. P. Tucker.

Friday afternoon—Elder H. Hand followed by Elder H. W. Smith.

Saturday morning—Elder J. N. Dunaway followed by Elder H. Temples.

Saturday afternoon—Elder J. T. Reynolds followed by Elder H. Hand.

Sunday morning—Elder H. B. Wilkerson followed by Elder W. W. Howell.

Closed by Moderator. Prayer by Elder H. W. Smith.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Original Upper Canoochee Association to the Sister Associations with Whom She Corresponds, Greeting:

By the providential care of a covenant keeping God we are again permitted to hold another session of our body in love and peace, for which we feel thankful.

Your most lovely correspondence has been much welcomed by us, and we feel thankful to be blessed, though unworthy as we are, to have such a place in your love and fellowship. We do most earnestly contend that discipline which belongs solely to the church, which is the highest authority on earth, and associations are only meetings of the churches, and were never designed for any other purpose except the meeting together for the worship of God. This being true, it naturally follows that, all troubles should be kept out of the Association. Each church should have and does enjoy the right under the scriptures to discipline her own members without interference by sister churches, so long as she follows strictly the gospel rule and order. We desire a continuation of your lovely correspondence.

Our next session will convene with Hebron church on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1918 at Garfield, Ga., on the Georgia & Florida Railway, where we hope to be greeted by a goodly number of your correspondents.

ELDER P. H. BYRD,
ELDER HENRY SWAIN,
ELDER LEE HANKS.

VISITING MINISTERS.

Elder W. W. Howell, Ebenezer Association, Danville, Ga.
Elder H. Temples, Ebenezer Association, Statesboro, Ga.
Elder H. B. Wilkerson, Lott's Creek Association, Claxton, Ga.
Elder J. N. Dunaway, Bethlehem Church, Decherd, Tenn.
Elder J. T. Reynolds, Ocmulgee Association, Macon, Ga.
Elder H. W. Smith, Prince William Association, Lena, S. C.
Elder H. Hand, New Beulah Association, Graham, Ga.
Elder A. P. Tucker, Mt. Olive Association, Moultrie, Ga.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

Elder S. M. Anderson, Summit; Elder H. V. Hill, Summit, Elder J. B. Wilson, Summit; Elder W. A. Beasley, Collins; Elder Lee Hanks, Vidalia; Elder Henry Swain, Graymont; Elder C. B. Spivey, Metter;; Elder J. J. Kersey, Adrian; Elder E. W. Powell, Statesboro; Elder A. I. Warren, Stillmore; Elder M. A. Ricco, Vidalia; Elder P. H. Byrd, Graymont; Elder W. E. Cribbs, Normantown, Ga.

LICENTIATES.

Lewis Meeks, Adrian, Ga., Isaac B. Wilson, Garfield, Ga.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, viz: The Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.
3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.
4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final preservation of the saints.
5. We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.
6. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are sacraments of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saint's feet an example, and that no man has a right to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.
7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.
8. We believe in a final judgment, in future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

DECORUM

1. This Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our body shall compose the Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with

their number in fellowship with those received, excommunicated or dead since our last Association.

3. This Union shall have a moderator and a clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, and who shall hold their office until the next election.

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

5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the Association, and the minutes then shall be read and amended if necessary, and signed by clerk and moderator.

6. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admission who, 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 delegation.

7. Each church shall have a right to send two delegates to this association, and no more.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the action of the association, unless withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the association.

9. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

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

11. There shall be no whispering or talking in time of public speaking, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

12. Whenever a case decided by vote, there shall be no debating on the subject.

13. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave of the moderator.

14. It is and has been the sense of the churches composing the Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association not to hold in fellowship any church, member or minister who holds the following: boards, conventions, missionary societies, Sunday schools, theological schools, Epworth leagues, instrumental music in worship of God, a salaried ministry, or assessing or taxing the members, Freemasonry, Odd Fellows, or other secret orders or religious societies that do now exist or may hereafter exist, found upon the wisdom of men, together with any of the modern attempts to reform the church of God.

15. It is the duty of this association to provide for the general union of the churches; to give her best advice in matters of difficulty and if the union between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the break, and use her endeavors to remove

the difficulty; but if the break cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches that may be unsound in faith or immoral in practice until they are reclaimed.

16. To invite ministers and brethren of our faith to seats with us.

17. These rules shall be read at every meeting of this association previous to entering on business.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.

2. This Association shall be composed of messengers, from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers if they choose and no more, and the messengers' names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. This association shall have power to make its own rules to govern itself while in session, but none of its rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free, and of right ought to be.

4. It shall be the duty of this association to give her best advice in case of difficulty, and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.

5. This association shall admit into its body any church whom they find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body she may do so at her best discretion, or on application, she may have a letter of dismission.

6. As the love of money is the root of all evil and has produced so much distress among Christians, and we wishing to live in peace, therefore this association shall not encourage any religious speculations called missionary, or by any other name, under pretense of supporting the gospel.

7. We, the churches composing this association, believing the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Words of God, declare that we take the New Testament for the rule of our faith and practice, for we are not under the law, but under grace.

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | Yr. Constit'd | COUNTIES | PASTORS | CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES | MESSENGERS | Baptized | Con. of Faith rec'd by Let. | Restored | Recomm'd | Excluded | Died | Prs. Mem'ship | Money for Minutes | Money for Ministers | Sabbath Mts. | COM. MT |
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| Bethel | 1908 | Emanuel | J. B. Wilson | R. L. Lamb Summit, Ga. | J. B. Wilson Jas. Wilson | 4 | | | | | | 20 | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | 3 | May, August |
| Canoochee | 1818 | " | H. Temples and H. V. Hill | E. T. Coleman Graymont, Ga. | J. R. Hill | | | | | 1 | | 62 | 3.00 | 5.00 | 1 | May, August |
| Hebron | 1804 | " | F. M. Donaldson, P. H. Byrd | Wm. Johnson Garfield, Ga. | H. Swain P. H. Byrd | 2 | | | | | 3 | 65 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 4 | May, August |
| Long Creek | 1888 | " | S. M. Anderson | C. P. Williams Midville, Ga. | Lloyd Bishop S. M. Anderson | 1 | | | | | | 29 | 1.25 | 5.00 | 2 | May, August |
| Mt. Zion | 1873 | " | J. A. Bowen | D. R. Durden Norristown, Ga. | J. W. Durden | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | | 39 | 2.00 | 5.00 | 4 | May, August |
| Mt. Nebo | 1806 | " | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Hope | 1818 | " | C. B. Spivey | T. N. Youmans Swainsboro, Ga. | A. D. Youngblood T. N. Youmans | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | 49 | 2.00 | 5.00 | 2 | May, August |
| Oak Ridge | 1891 | " | M. A. Rico | H. B. Braddy Vidalia, Ga. | M. E. Moore J. J. Peacock | | | 1 | | 3 | | 36 | 2.00 | 10.00 | 1 | April, August |
| Oak Chapel | 1911 | Montgomery | J. A. Bowen | J. M. Tharp Soperton, Ga. | Ira Thigpen J. P. Cannady | 1 | 3 | | | | | 27 | 1.50 | 5.00 | 2 | May, August |
| Louis | 1900 | Jenkins | S. M. Anderson | D. W. Johnson | E. L. Johnson D. W. Johnson | | | | | | | 22 | 1.00 | 3.00 | 3 | May, August |
| Pilgrims Rest | 1909 | Johnson | H. V. Hill | W. D. Riner Kite, Ga. | J. M. Anderson | 1 | | | 4 | | | 57 | 2.00 | | 4 | July |
| Rock Hill | 1900 | Emanuel | H. V. Hill | S. H. Hutcheson Soperton, Ga. | J. D. Morris | 16 | | | 4 | | 1 | 67 | 1.50 | 3.00 | 3 | May, August |
| Rosemary Hill | 1875 | Candler | | J. H. Olliff Summit, Ga. | J. B. Lanier T. L. Lanier | | | | | 1 | 2 | 35 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 2 | May, August |
| Stillmore | 1880 | Emanuel | A. I. Warren J. B. Wilson | W. B. Cannady Stillmore, Ga. | C. A. Durden A. I. Warren | | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | 41 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 1 | May, August |
| Vidalia | 1912 | Toombs | Lee Hanks | Joe B. Johnson Vidalia, Ga. | Lee Hanks E. Brantley | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 4 | 22 | 1.00 | 2.00 | | | June |
| | | | | | | 26 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 561 | 27.25 | 54.50 | |



