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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BETHANY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1-2, 1927

INTRODUCTORY SERMON BY

ELD. A. J. BANKS

of Augusta, Ga.

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ELD. W. T. WALDEN, Moderator..... Powder Springs, Ga.

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After singing, and prayer by Eld. B. G. Parker, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. A. J. Banks of Augusta, Georgia.

BUSINESS SESSION—SEPTEMBER 30

1. Called for letters from the churches. The letters were read by Elders Lee Hanks, H. G. Mitchell and M. C. Banks, and the messengers enrolled.
2. All ordained ministers of the Association seated as messengers.
3. Eld. W. T. Walden was chosen moderator and Eld. Z. C. Hull clerk.
4. Invitation to visitors. Received Elders A. J. Banks of the Original Upper Canoochee Association; J. A. Monsees, W. O. Meeks, J. R. Hunt and Brother W. R. S. Mann of the Echeconnee, Eld. D. C. Banks of the Lott's Creek, Eld. B. G. Parker of the Mt. Zion, Eld. E. B. Bartlett of the Choctawhatchie of Alabama, Elders C. W. Miller and Thos. W. Alderton of the Kettocton Association of Virginia.
5. Called for Petitionary letters. Received letter from the West Atlanta Church. The Church was unanimously received into our body (see letter). Received Eld. Lee Hanks, Brethren J. Middlebrooks, W. T. Webb and C. R. Garner.
6. Committee on Finance. Appointed S. W. Dodgen, Walter Bartlett and J. W. Bolling.
7. Committee on Preaching. Appointed Elders H. G. Mitchell, M. C. Banks, Z. C. Hull, Bro. J. N. Fuller and messengers of Bethany Church.
8. Committee to Write Corresponding Letter. Appointed Elders W. T. Walden, M. C. Banks and Z. C. Hull.

9. Called for correspondence. Received from the—
OCMULGEE ASSOCIATION: Eld. W. J. Green and C. M. Hudson.
OCONNEE: No tidings.
PRIMITIVE WESTERN: J. C. Coleman.
BETHEL: J. H. Burson and S. W. Maxwell and wife.
EUHARLEY: Elders J. H. Johnson, J. M. Yarbrough, J. W. Dempsey, A. J. Cheek and Bro. C. R. Camp.
10. The Association adjourned until 9 A. M. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 1

After song, and prayer by Eld. W. J. Green, the Association met in business session.

1. Renewed invitation to visitors and correspondence.
 Received Eld. B. F. House of the Beulah Association of Alabama, Eld. Yancy Hicks, moderator of the Echeconnee Association and Eld. L. W. Spinks of the Euharley.
2. Renewed correspondence with our sister Associations, and correspondents enrolled as follows:
THE OCMULGEE: At Camp Creek Church, Coopers, Ga., Central R. R., Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1928. Elders Lee Hanks, H. G. Mitchell, W. T. Walden, Z. C. Hull; Brethren J. A. Davis, S. C. Holland, S. W. Dodgen and H. F. Upshaw.
THE PRIMITIVE WESTERN: At Hopeful, October 4, 5, 6, 1927. Elders Lee Hanks, Willis Hembree, and Bro. J. R. Jackson.
BETHEL: At Hopewell Church, twelve miles north of Bowden, Ga., Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1928. Elders M. C. Banks, H. G. Mitchell, W. T. Walden, Lee Hanks and Bro. J. R. Jackson.
EUHARLEY: The Church at South Lindale, five miles south of Rome, Ga., Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1928. Elders M. C. Banks, H. G. Mitchell, W. T. Walden, Lee Hanks and Brethren J. W. Bolling, J. R. Jackson and S. C. Holland.
3. **UNION MEETINGS:** The meetings will be held as follows:
 Cross Roads, the fifth Sunday in January.
 Colling Springs, Friday before the fifth Sunday in April.
 West Atlanta, Friday before the fifth Sunday in July.
4. Corresponding letter read and adopted.
5. Minutes distributed.
6. Clerk directed to have 1000 minutes printed and distributed as usual.
7. Appointed next session to convene with the Church at Friendship, Paulding Co., Ga., six miles from Villa Rica, Ga., Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1928.
8. *We desire to tender our thanks to Bethany Church and our many friends in Atlanta for their kind hospitality during our session.*
 ELD. W. T. WALDEN, Moderator.
 ELD. Z. C. HULL, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Marietta Old School Primitive Baptist Association, to Her Correspondents, Visitors and to All the Faithful in Christ Jesus, Greeting:

The Lord has blessed us to hold our sixty-seventh annual session. The meeting has been pleasant, indeed, and we thank the Lord, and praise His exalted name for His goodness and the many manifestations of His love.

We thank God that our corresponding and visiting ministers have come preaching the Gospel in love, without a *man-pleasing or man-fearing spirit*. We thank God for men who are willing to suffer for the truth's sake, and who stand uncompromisingly opposed to the doctrines of men.

The Churches of our Association are all in peace; our ministry is at a unit. The letters from the Churches show quite an increase in membership since our last session, for which we thank the Lord. We believe our ministry and those who visit us from time to time are contending for the apostolic doctrine and practice, and that the Gospel is preached in the spirit of love.

It is necessary that our Association go on record again, and specifically state that we stand uncompromisingly opposed to "*the doctrine of the absolute predestination of all things whatsoever come to pass*," and all kindred heresies. Our doors are closed to all who advocate or hold to such doctrine. We believe in salvation wholly by the Grace of God, and by Grace God's children are active in obedience.

We appreciate our correspondents and those who visit us who are satisfied with the apostolic doctrine, and especially invite your continued correspondence. Associations are a great blessing, when we meet together in unity and love, and for the one purpose of worshipping God.

We praise God for what we have seen, heard and hope we understand during this Association. May God bless His dear people everywhere, and peace, unity and love reign throughout Zion.

Our next session, if the Lord's will, will be held with the Church at Friendship, commencing Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1928.

ELD. W. T. WALDEN,
ELD. M. C. BANKS,
ELD. Z. C. HULL.

REMARKS BY THE CLERK

Owing to the large attendance, it was impossible to officially enroll all the visitors. Many visitors arrived after the business sessions closed. Governor L. G. Hardman attended the Sunday service. We wish to express our appreciation for the large attendance and the good order, and assure all visitors that they were welcome.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Amounts Received for Minutes and Expense of Visiting Ministers

Churches—	Minutes	Ministry
BETHANY	\$1.50	\$7.50
MACEDONIA	2.00	2.00
MALONEY SPRINGS	2.00	3.25
CROSS ROADS	1.50	1.75
CORINTH	1.25	2.00
COLLING SPRINGS	2.00	2.00
POWDER SPRINGS	2.00	3.05
NEW HARMONY	2.00	0.00
FRIENDSHIP	2.00	5.00
BETHLEHEM	1.00	1.00
WEST ATLANTA	2.00	10.00
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	\$19.25	\$37.55
Contributions while in session.....	13.25	78.90
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TOTALS	\$32.50	\$116.45

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Eld. W. T. Walden, Powder Springs, Ga.
 Eld. H. G. Mitchell, Hiram, Ga.
 Eld. Lee Hanks, 2 Edwin Place, Atlanta, Ga.
 Eld. J. T. Abernathy, Woodstock, Ga.
 Eld. O. F. Hembree, Alpharetta, Ga.
 Eld. W. E. Hembree, Alpharetta, Ga.
 Eld. W. T. Hill, Atlanta, Ga.
 Eld. M. C. Banks, Atlanta, Ga.
 Eld. J. J. Brown, College Park, Ga.
 Eld. J. H. Fuller.
 Eld. Z. C. Hull, Norris Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

LICENTIATES

W. R. Abernathy and W. S. Williams.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Introductory—Eld. A. J. Banks.
 Friday P. M.—Elders J. H. Johnston and B. G. Parker.
 Friday Night—Elders Thos. N. Alderton and J. W. Dempsey.
 Saturday A. M.—Elders D. C. Banks and J. R. Hunt.
 Saturday P. M.—Elders W. J. Green and J. M. Yarbrough.
 Saturday Night—Elders Yancy Hicks and L. W. Spinks.
 Sunday A. M.—Elders C. W. Miller and B. F. House.
 Sunday P. M.—Elders E. B. Bartlett and J. A. Monsees.
 Sunday Night—Elder A. J. Banks. Closed by J. A. Monsees.

VISITING ELDERS

C. W. Miller, Washington, D. C.	J. A. Monsees, Macon, Ga.
T. N. Alderton, Fredericksburg, Va.	W. O. Meeks, Loraine, Ga.
E. B. Bartlett, Headland, Ala.	J. H. Johnson, Rome, Ga.
B. G. Parker, Birmingham, Ala.	J. W. Dempsey, Ringold, Ga.
B. F. House, Opelika, Ala.	L. W. Spinks, Rockmart, Ga.
A. J. Banks, Augusta, Ga.	J. M. Yarbrough, Aragon, Ga.
D. C. Banks, Statesboro, Ga.	W. J. Cheek, Atlanta, Ga.
J. R. Hunt, Perry, Ga.	J. O. Moore, Lilburn, Ga.
W. J. Green, Gray, Ga.	P. C. Upshaw, Rosebud, Ga.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

BETHANY—E. L. Cole, 101 Marietta Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
WEST ATLANTA—A. E. Webb, 209 Powell St., Atlanta, Ga.
COLLING SPRINGS—J. W. Bolling, Smyrna, Ga.
CROSS ROADS—M. C. Banks, 1368 McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.
MALONEY SPRINGS—P. F. Daniel, Smyrna, Ga.
POWDER SPRINGS—S. C. Holland, Powder Springs, Ga.
BETHLEHEM—S. W. Dodgen, Pro-Tem., Smyrna, Ga.
CORINTH—W. E. Hembree, Roswell, Ga.
MACEDONIA—J. W. Abernathy, Rt. 1, White, Ga.
NEW HARMONY, W. A. Harris, Hiram, Ga.
FRIENDSHIP—J. N. Fuller, Rt. 5, Douglasville, Ga.

PETITIONARY LETTER

FROM THE WEST ATLANTA CHURCH

We, the West Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church, to the Ministers and Messengers Composing the Marietta Old School Primitive Baptist Association, Greeting:

Dearly Beloved in the Lord: We send this, our petitionary letter, to you desiring admission into your body, by the hands of Eld. Lee Hanks, Brethren J. A. Middlebrooks, W. T. Webb and C. R. Garner. This letter will inform you that we are in peace among ourselves and with all sister Churches of like precious faith. We have the Gospel preached to us in its purity by our beloved and esteemed pastor, Eld. W. T. Walden, and others. We, as a Church, hold to the faith and practice upon which ours, and all orthodox Primitive Baptist Churches were constituted, to-wit:

“THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD; PREDESTINATION AS TAUGHT IN THE BIBLE (Rom. 8:29-30), (Eph. 1:5), (2 Tim. 1:9), (John 15:16), (1 Thess. 5:9); ELECTION OF A DEFINITE NUMBER OF ADAM'S RACE TO GRACE AND GLORY (Eph. 1:4), (Peter 1:1-5), (Psalms 65:4), (2 Thess. 2:13); TOTAL DEPRIVITY OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS IN A STATE OF NATURE (Rom. 3:9-23, 5:12); THAT JESUS, ON THE CROSS, made a special atonement for all the sins of all His people; that all

for whom Christ made satisfaction shall be effectually called, regenerated, preserved by grace, resurrected and glorified in heaven independent of any human means or instrumentalities. We believe the Primitive Baptist to be the Organic Church of God, and as such should stand aloof from all institutions of men, religious or secret oath bound. We, as a Church, ratified your Corresponding letter, 1926, in closing your doors against

"Arminianism, Russellism, and the Absolute Predestination of Sin and Wickedness, which was the doctrine of the Nicolaitans and the Heathen Mohamit."

On account of you and our Church refusing to fellowship that *absolute heresy*, the Yellow River Association refused to allow our letter read at their last session, Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1927, stating that it would be "*a bomb in the camps*," and it was advocated on the floor in the Association by one of their preachers, *that God predestined sin and wickedness*. Our messengers denounced said heresy and withdrew from the Association, because of their official alliance with that doctrine. The Yellow River dropped the Marietta because of their condemnation of that heresy. We love the Yellow River Brethren and do trust that they will rid themselves of that fatalistic doctrine which makes the child of God as an irresponsible machine, under a physical law, and makes no distinction between foreknowledge and predestination, and makes God the predestinator of all sin and wickedness, and leaves the devil without an office.

We believe in good works as taught in the Bible to spiritually born children of God, and that God's children need the grace of God continually, but God is with His people and furnishes them enabling grace to do whatever He commands them to do, and they are blessed in the doing and chastised for their disobedience. We, as a Church, want "*the old paths*" and are unwilling to accept the perverse doctrines of men. Preaching the truth unifies and heresy destroys the organic life of the Church.

We do pray that God may be with you all in your Association, and that sweet love and harmony may abound.

Done by the Church in Conference, September 29, 1927.

ELD. W. T. WALDEN, Mod.
A. E. WEBB, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there is a trinity of persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
2. That the Scripture of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

CHURCHES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Baptised	Restored	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Confession of Faith	Excommunicated	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Days
Bethany	J. A. Monsees	H. F. Upshaw, J. A. Davis, F. P. Nall	9	0	13	0	1	0	0	48	3
West Atlanta	W. T. Walden	Lee Hanks, J. A. Middlebrooks, C. R. Garner	4	0	10	3	0	0	1	83	2
Colling Springs	Z. C. Hull	S. W. Dodgen, J. W. Bolling, W. T. Hill	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	39	4
Cross Roads	Z. C. Hull, M. C. Banks	Z. C. Hull, J. Mitchell, P. L. Moss	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	20	1
Maloney Springs	M. C. Banks	P. F. Daniel, Sister E. Magerety	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	13	3
Powder Springs	W. T. Walden	N. T. Walden, A. D. Hardy, S. C. Holland	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	4
Bethlehem	J. J. Brown	L. Johnson, W. F. Lazenby	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1
Corinth	O. F. Hembree	D. F. Hembree, J. Stewart, W. E. Hembree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1
Macedonia	J. T. Abernathy, W. E. Hembree	E. L. Hunt, W. T. Abernathy, W. R. Abernathy	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	1
New Harmony	J. C. Hewett	I. G. Mitchell, W. A. Harris, J. Robbins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3
Friendship	M. C. Banks	J. N. Fuller, A. M. Smith, L. N. Fuller	6	0	0	2	0	1	0	38	4



