

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Original Upper Canoochee
Association

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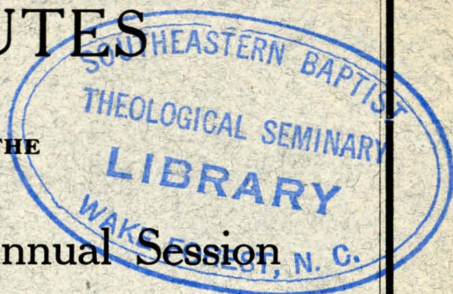
Regular Primitive Baptists

CONVENED WITH

Long Creek Church, Emanuel County, Ga.

October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1914

CITIZEN PUB. CO., DUBLIN, GA.



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FIRST DAY—FRIDAY

1. Prayer by Elder G. W. Floyd of the Ebenezer Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. H. Temples of the Lotts Creek Association. Text: "Experience."

2. Without any intermission, the messengers from the several churches assembled in the house. Prayer by Elder Lee Hanks of the body.

3. Called for and read letters from eleven churches.

4. Organized the body by re-electing Eld. S. M. Anderson, Moderator, and Eld. J. B. Wilson, Clerk.

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

6. On motion, omitted reading the decorum.

7. Called for petitionary letters and received none.

8. Appointed the following committees:

On Preaching: A. J. Youngblood, J. R. Hill and D. B. Smith; with the messengers of Long Creek church.

To Arrange General Meeting: Lee Hanks, J. R. Hill and A. J. Youngblood.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes: Lee Hanks, M. A. Brady and James Wilson.

To Write Corresponding Letter: Elders Lee Hanks, S. M. Anderson, J. B. Wilson.

On Finance: C. N. Wall, D. B. Smith, J. L. Mosley.

9. Called for Correspondents and received from Lotts Creek Association, Elder H. Temples; Primitive Ebenezer, Elder G. W. Floyd; Primitive Echeconnee, Package of

Minutes; Prince William's Association, Eld, W. A. Simmons and Bro. L. E. Rivers as a visitor; Upatoi, Package of Minutes; as a visitor, Elder W. A. Hubbrad from Pilgrim's Rest, Tallahassee, Florida.

10. On motion, adjourned until Saturday at 8:30 A. M.

SECOND DAY— SATURDAY

11. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. A. Simmons of the Prince William's Association, S. C.

12. Called the roll.

13. Called for further correspondents and received Elder J. W. Bragg, of the Flint River Association, Ala.

14. Appointed Correspondents, to-wit :

To Lotts Creek Association, which convenes with Bethlehem church, Bulloch county, Ga., near Statesboro, on the fourth Sunday in October, 1914, Elders H. V. Hill, A. I. Warren, W. E. Cribbs, Lee Hanks, and Brothers Nathan Durden and A. V. Holloway.

To the Ebenezer Association, which convenes with Mt. Carmel church, five miles north of McIntire, Ga., on the Central R. R., Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1915. Elders J. B. Wilson and Lee Hanks.

To the Echeconnee Association, which convenes with High Shoals church, a package of minutes.

To the Mt. Olive Association, which convenes with Pleasant Hill near Cordele, Ga., Eld. Lee Hanks.

To Upatoi Association, which convenes with Bethlehem church near Butler, Ga., Elders Lee Hanks and J. B. Wilson.

To Prince Williams Association, which is to convene with Mt. Pleasant church, three miles north of Fair Flax, Barnwell county, S. C., on the third Sunday in October, 1914, Elder Lee Hanks.

15. Called for report of committee to arrange General Meeting, who report as follows:

First: Oak Ridge. November, 1914; Second: Pilgrims Rest, May Third; Bethel, August, 1915. All on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

16. On motion, appoint our next Association to convene with Stillmore church in Stillmore, Ga., at the conjunction of the following railroads, B. & P., G. & F., and the Stillmore Air Line, at the usual times, to-wit: Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1915.

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

18. Called for and adopted circular letter.

19. Called for cotributions for minutes, and received \$28.20.

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

21. Called for miscellaneous business. By motion, appointed a committee to write an obituary of our dear and precious brother and elder, Henry Meeks, to-wit: Elders S. M. Anderson, Lee Hanks and J. B. Wilson.

22. On motion, adjourned for preaching, and closed until our regular time of meeting.

Prayer by Elder J. W. Bragg of the Flint River Association, Ala.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M., introductory, Elder H. Temples.

Saturday A. M., Elder W. A. Simmons, followed by Elder G. W. Floyd.

Saturday P. M., Elder W. A. A. Hubbrad, followed by Elder Lee Hanks, of the body.

Sunday A. M., Elder J. W. Bragg, followed by Elder G. W. Floyd. Closed by the Moderator.

VISITING MINISTERS.

Elder G. W. Floyd, Ebenezer Association, Empire, Ga.; Elder W. A. Simmons, Prince Williams Association, Burnson, S. C.; Elder H. Temples, Lotts Creek Association, Statesboro, Ga.; Elder W. A. Hubbrad, Pilgrim's Rest Church, Tallahassee, Fla.; Elder J. W. Bragg, Flint River Association, New Market, Ala.

Resolved: That the heartfelt thanks of this Association be tendered and is here tendered to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their hospitality during the meetng and praying God's richest blessings to rest upon them all.

Elder S. M. ANDERSON, Moderator.

Elder J. B. WILSON, Clerk.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

Elders S. M. Anderson, Summit, Ga.; L. Cowart, Summit, Ga.; H. V. Hill, Summit, Ga.; J. B. Wilson, Summit, Ga., W. A. Beasley, Soperton, Ga.; Lee Hanks, Vidalia, Ga.; Henry Swain, Graymont, Ga.; H. Lee Kight, Ohoopee, Ga.; C. B. Spivey, Metter, Ga.; J. J. Kersey, Adrian, Ga.; E. W. Powell, Statesboro, Ga.; A. I. Warren, Stillmore, Ga.; W. E. Cribbs, Lyons, Ga.; Rico, Kibby, Ga.

LICENTIATES

Licentiates: H. H. Lamb, McLeod, Ga.; Lewis Meeks, Ardian, Ga.; Isaac B. Wilson, Summit, Ga.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

**The Original Upper Canoochee Association to the Sister Association
With Whom We Correspond, Greetings:**

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

Through the love of God, and the all-abounding grace of our dear Heavenly Father, we, as poor finite beings, have been blessed to hold another Association in peace, union, love, and fellowship, for which we desire to thank and praise the God of all grace who has been so good and merciful to us.

Your precious ministers have gladdened our poor hearts with the precious Gospel of Christ. We have most gladly received your correspondence and desire to so live as to preserve that unity among orderly Primitive Baptist.

It has ever been a principle endorsed by Primitive Baptist, that when a member is excluded, it is from every Primitive Baptist church on earth, and to recognize said excluded member without official investigation and labor is gross disorder; or expelled factions of churches are separated from us; churches and ministers identified with and endorsing said disorder, are equally guilty by toleration, and their official works cannot be recognized.

Let us as ministers remember that we are servants of our churches and not bosses. Let us all be good and kind to each other and to love one another with pure hearts fervently.

Brethren in the ministry, let us not become envious or jealous of each other. We need all the gifts, whether great or small, and should love and appreciate them. May we in love strive for the things which make for peace and exhort one another to love and good works. Little children, love one another.

We desire a continuation of your lovely correspondence.

Our next session will convene with the church at Stillmore, Ga., Friday, before the First Sunday in October, 1915.

LEE HANKS,
S. M. ANDERSON,
J. B. WILSON.

Committee.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—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 scriptures 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. The 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 the 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 breach, and use her endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches that may be unsound in faith or immoral in practice, until they be 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

Of the Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association.

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 messenger's 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 Word 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	Year Constituted	COUNTY	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	MESSENGERS	Baptized	Confession of Faith	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommended	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Money for Minutes	Sabbath of Meeting	Communion Meetings
Bethel.....	1908	Emanuel	J. B. Wilson.....	R. L. Lamb, Summit, Ga.....	J. B. Wilson..... Jas. Wilson.....							1	16	1 25	3	May and Aug.
Canoochee.....	1819	"	Lee Hanks.....	E. T. Coleman, Graymont, Ga....	W. R. Brown..... S. M. Anderson.....	1				3	1	2	60	3 00	1	May and Aug.
Hebron.....	1804	"	S. M. Anderson.....	W. M. Johnson, Garfield, Ga.....	J. M. Wammock..... D. M. Cannady.....	8		1	1		1	2	63	2 00	4	May and Aug.
Long Creek.....	1888	"	S. M. Anderson.....	C. P. Williams, Midville, Ga.....	C. N. Wall.....	1							24	1 70	2	May and Aug.
Mt. Zion.....	1873	"	J. J. Kersey.....	Nathan Durden, Norristown, Ga....	Nathan Durden.....	2					1		61	2 25		May and Aug.
Mt. Nebo.....	1806	"	A. I. Warren.....	R. L. Wrenn, Lyons, Ga.....	J. L. Mosley..... A. J. Youngblood.....					3			19	1 50	2	May and Aug.
New Hope.....	1818	"	C. B. Spivey.....	T. N. Youmans, Swainsboro, Ga....	T. N. Youmans.....					2			46	2 00	2	May and Aug.
Oak Ridge.....	1891	Montgomery	D. J. Callaway.....	H. B. Braddy, Kibby, Ga.....	Algerean Braddy.....			1	1	1	1		44	2 00		April and Aug.
Pilgrims' Rest.....	1909	Johnson	C. B. Spivey.....	W. D. Riner, Meeks, Ga.....	J. M. Anderson.....	1		4		2	1	3	62	2 00		July
Rock Hill.....	1900	Emanuel	H. V. Hill.....	Ira Thigpen, Soperton, Ga.....	S. H. Hutchinson.....		2	1			4	2	62	2 00	3	May and Aug.
Rosemary Hill.....	1875	"	F. M. Donaldson.....	J. H. Oliff, Summit, Ga.....	Richard Donaldson..... J. E. Edenfield.....	3							34	2 00	2	
Stillmore.....	1880	"	W. E. Cribbs and A. I. Warren.....	W. B. Cannady, Stillmore, Ga.....	W. B. Cannady.....		1	8		1		1	31	2 25	1	May and Aug.
Oak Chapel.....	1911	Laurens	H. V. Hill.....	J. M. Tharp.....	By a letter..... Lee Hanks.....						1	1	6	1 00		
Vidalia.....	1912	Toombs	Lee Hanks.....	J. S. Kingery, Vidalia, Ga.....	D. B. Smith.....	2		4		2			17	2 00	2	June
Louis.....	1900	Jenkins	S. M. Anderson and Noah Smith.....	D. W. Johnson, Summit, Ga.....	A. D. Lawrence..... D. W. Johnson.....	1						1	24	1 25	3	May and Aug.

