

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighty-Second Annual Session
OF THE
Echeconnee Association
Of Primitive Baptists
HELD WITH
Emmaus Church,
Upson County, Georgia,
September 20th, 21st, 22nd, 1910.

OFFICERS

ELDERS. T. BENTLEY, MODERATOR, CULLODEN, GA.

W. S. BLOODWORTH, CLERK, - THOMASTON, GA.

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The Eighty-Second Annual Session of the Echeconnee Association of Primitive Baptists was held with the church at Emmaus, Upson County, Georgia, September 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1910.

1st. After prayer, by Elder W. M. Bullard of the Upatoie Association, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder T. S. Dalton of the Ketocton Association of Virginia, from Matt. 3 Chap. 2 verse, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

2nd. After prayer, by Elder H. B. Wilkinson of Lott's Creek Association, the Association was organized by the Moderator. The letters from the churches were called for and read; and the names of Messengers enrolled.

3rd. Proceeded to permanent organization, the election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Elder S. T. Bentley as Moderator and W. S. Bloodworth as Clerk.

4th. Appointed Usual Committees:

On Preaching—J. S. McGhee, F. Danielly, C. E. Bayne, F. J. Reeves, F. B. Hancock and H. L. McKenney.

To Write Corresponding Letter:—Jeff D. McGhee.

On Contributions and Distribute Corresponding. Minutes:—H. L. McKenney, J. W. Fielder, F. W. Hammock, C. L. Pender and M. H. McElmurray.

5th. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

6th. Called for correspondence from sister Associations and received as follows:—

From the Upatoie—Elder W. M. Bullard and Brother J. W. Goins.

From the Marietta Old School—Package of Minutes.

From the Harmony—Package of Minutes.

From the Primitive Ebenezer—No tidings.

From the Ocmulga—Brother J. W. Newton.

From the Original Upper Canoochee—No tidings.

From the Kehukee of North Carolina—Package of Minutes.

7th. Called for petitionary letters and received one from Elizabeth Church, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia, petitioning membership in our body. Her petition was granted and same manifested by the Moderator extending to her Messenger the hand of fellowship.

8th. Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Sept. 21st, 1910.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. J. Heard of the body.

1st. Called the roll and dispensed with reading decorum.

2nd. Called for further correspondence from sister Associations and received from the Upatoie Brethren W. C. Childs and J. A. Adams.

3rd. Suspended regular order of business to receive visitors from sister Associations and churches with whom we are not in formal correspondence; and received Elder T. S. Dalton of the Ketocton Association of Virginia; Elder H. B. Wilkinson of Lott's Creek Association of Georgia and Brother B. A. Brown of Pleasant Hill Church, Turner County, Ga.

4th. Resumed regular order of business and renewed invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.

5th. Returned correspondence to Sister Associations:

To the Upatoie—To convene with the church at Mt. Zion in Macon County, Georgia, at ideal on A. B. & A. R. R. on Tuesday after first Sunday in September 1911, Elders W. J. Heard and Lee Hanks and Brethren C. L. Pender, M. H. McElmurray and B. A. Childs.

To Marietta Old School—To convene with the church at Collins Springs, Cobb County, Ga., on the Marietta electric car line on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1910. A package of Minutes.

To the Harmony—To convene with the church at Mar's Hill, Calhoun County, Ga., on Friday before the Second Sunday in October 1910. 2 1-2 miles west of Edison on G. F. & A. R. R., Elders Lee Hanks and S. T. Bentley.

To the Primitive Ebenezer—To convene with the church at Myrtle Springs on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1910, 3 miles from Toombsboro on Central R. R., Elder Lee Hanks.

To the Ocmulga—To convene with the church at Fellowship on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1911 in Jasper County, Ga. 6 miles west of Monticello on Central R. R. Elders W. J. Heard and Lee Hanks; and brethren J. M. Fredrick, J. S. McGee and J. W. Fielder.

To the Original Upper Canoochee—To convene with the church at Rock Hill 7 miles from Soperton on M. D. & S. R. R. on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1910. Elders Lee Hanks and I. Grant; and brother W. W. Harris.

To the Kehukee—Return Minutes.

Clerk is also authorized to send a package of minutes to the Ketocton Association of Virginia, and Elder W. J. Heard agreed to represent our body in that Association.

6th. Called for Contributions sent up by the churches, and received for Minutes \$25.25 and for Associational purposes \$59.60.

7th. Appointed Union Meetings as follows:—

First to convene with the church at Fellowship, Houston County, Ga. 5 miles southeast of Powersville on Central R. R. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after first Sunday in April 1911.

Second to convene with the church at Mt. Calvary on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July 1911 in Monroe County, Ga., near Moran's on M. & B. R. R.

8th. Appointed the next session of this body to convene with the church at Beaver Creek on Tuesday after third Sunday in September 1911, two miles southwest of Bonaire on G. S. & F. R. R. in Houston County, Ga.

9th. Agreed to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

10th. Called for, read and adopted corresponding letter.

11th. Read and adopted Minutes, and after prayer by Elder T. S. Dalton of the Kettocton Association of Virginia, adjourned.

Elder S. T. Bentley, Moderator.
W. S. Bloodworth Clerk.

Order of Preaching.

Tuesday P. M.—Elder W. M. Bullard, of the Upatoie, followed by Elder J. T. Young of the body.

Wednesday A. M.—Elder Lee Hanks of the body followed by Elder H. B. Wilkinson of Lott's Creek Association.

Wednesday P. M.—Elder T. S. Dalton of the Kettocton of Virginia, followed by Elder I. Grant of the body.

Thursday A. M.—Elder T. S. Dalton of the Kettocton of Virginia. Closed by the Moderator.

The Association is not unmindful of the kindness and hospitality shown us by the brethren and friends of Emmaus church and would be ingrates indeed if we were. We therefore take this method of rendering the thanks of this body for such manifest hospitality and commend you to the love and mercy of the God we love.

Corresponding Letter.

The Echenonnee Association now in session with Emmaus church Upson County, Ga., to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, Greeting:

Our beloved brethren and sisters, once more we have been permitted to assemble together, exchange christian greeting, engage in the singing of psalms, confessing our sins, invoking Divine guidance, edified and comforted by the expounding of gospel truths by a goodly number of our ministerial brethren, all to the honor and glory of God we trust.

Our next session, the Lord willing, will convene with the church at Beaver Creek, Houston County, Ga., on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September 1911 two miles south-west of Bonaire on the G. S. & F. R. R. when and where we hope to meet many of your correspondents again.

Our heart's desire and prayer is, dear kindred in Christ, that you each of you and all of you may be daily and hourly overshadowed by his continued goodness and mercy, and kept from the evil of the world.

Elder S. T. Bentley, Moderator.
W. S. Bloodworth, Clerk.

Resolution.

Whereas, the Primitive Baptists have been greatly disturbed by the introduction of new and unscriptural practices in their worship viz; instrumental music, secret orders and other things of like character, therefore be it resolved that we declare against these measures in our churches together with all others that practice or affiliate with the same.

Ministers of The Echeconnee Association and their Post-Offices.
Elder S. T. Bentley, Culloden, Ga.

“ Lee Hanks, Macon, Ga.

“ W. J. Heard, Walden, Ga.

“ J. A. Monsees, Macon, Ga.

“ J. T. Reynolds, Byron, Ga.

“ J. W. Stanford, Kathleen, Ga.

“ J. T. Young, Lizella, Ga.

“ B. F. Williamson, Macon, Ga.

“ Isaiah Grant, Roberta, Ga.

“ B. C. Caldwell, Bullochville, Ga.

“ L. W. Allman, Griffin, Ga.

Visiting Ministers.

Elder T. S. Dalton, Front Royal, Virginia,

“ W. M. Bullard, Phoenix City, Ala.

“ H. B. Wilkinson, Ga.

Decorum.

1. The 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 will serve them during the session; using the pastor 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 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 in 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.

1st. 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.

2nd. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5th. 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.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7th. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

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

9th. 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.

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

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

12th. 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.

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 Corresponding 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. Return 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 have printed.
9. Call for Corresponding Letter.
10. Read Minutes and adjourn.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	COUNTIES.	Post Office	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Confession of Faith.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total Number.	Sabbath Meeting.	Money for Minutes.	Money for Ministry.
Ebenezer....		Upson.....	Thomaston..	Not represented.....												
Good Hope....	W. T. Hall.....	Upson.....	Thomaston..	Not represented.....												
Mt. Carmel....	W. A. White....	Crawford..	Thomaston..	Elder S. T. Bentley, F. W. Hammock, W. B. White.....	S. T. Bentley....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	62	3	2 00	\$1 25
Salem.....	Job D. McGhee.	Crawford..	Knoxville...	Elder I. Grant, Jeff D. McGhee, Fain Hicks.....	Isaiah Grant....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	69	2	1 50	3 80
Providence...	F. Danielly....	Crawford..	Roberta....	Julius S. McGhee, F. Danielly, B. A. Childs.....	S. T. Bentley....	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	66	4	1 00	2 00
Fellowship...	J. H. M. Cliett..	Houston....	Powersville..	J. T. Ingram, C. L. Pender.....	W. J. Heard....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	2	2 00	4 00
Bethlehem....	F. W. Williams..	Bibb.....	Macon.....	J. S. McGhee, J. H. Meeks, F. W. Williams.....	W. J. Heard....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	2	2 00	3 00
Friendship...	W. S. Bloodworth	Upson.....	Thomaston..	J. H. B. Butts, W. S. Bloodworth, C. E. Bayne.....	J. H. Gresham...	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	1	1 00	5 55
Pleasant Hill.	J. D. Cherry....	Houston....	Dunbar....	M. I. Jones, J. M. Frederick.....	S. T. Bentley....	4	5	0	1	5	4	7	110	1	2 00	2 00
Sardis.....	T. M. Nash.....	Bibb.....	Macon.....	Elder W. J. Heard, J. W. Fielder.....	J. W. Stanford..	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	41	4	2 00	3 00
Mt. Paran....	W. J. Marshall..	Bibb.....	Lizella....	M. H. McElmurray, R. E. Wright, R. J. Hancock.....	W. J. Heard....	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	69	3	2 00	3 00
Beaver Creek	J. R. Hunt.....	Houston....	Powersville..	J. R. Hunt, J. W. Davidson, W. S. Farr.....	J. T. Young....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	56	1	1 50	3 50
Shiloh.....	T. E. McCallum..	Bibb.....	Lizella....	C. L. McCallum.....	J. T. Reynolds..	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	25	1	1 00	1 00
Harmony....	I. R. Bloodworth	Pike.....	Meansville..	T. E. Whittle, C. W. Sullivan, Chas. Kersey.....	J. T. Young....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	2	75	2 00
High Shoals.	T. M. Mullins..	Monroe....	Goggansville.	P. M. Mullins.....	Lee Hanks.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	36	3	50	4 75
Mt. Calvary..	W. W. Harris...	Monroe....	Moran's....	R. H. Bazemore, W. M. Harris, Joel Bagley.....	B. F. Williamson	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	40	2	1 00	3 00
Concord.....	O. H. Post.....	Pike.....	Concord....	J. B. C. Madden.....	J. A. Adams....	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	18	3	1 00	1 00
Griffin.....	F. M. Gardner..	Spalding...	Griffin.....	G. L. Hamilton, J. P. Witt, W. D. Evans.....	B. F. Williamson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	4	50	1 50
Emmaus....	H. L. McKenney.	Upson.....	Thomaston..	F. J. Reeves, F. B. Hancock, H. L. McKenney.....	Lee Hanks.....	5	2	1	0	1	0	1	56	2	2 00	3 25
Barnesville..	E. P. Childs....	Pike.....	Barnesville..	D. L. Caldwell, H. C. Dickey, H. T. Parham.....	W. J. Heard....	1	0	0	0	1	1	58	4	1 00	4 00	
Emmaus....	A. M. Keith....	Coweta....	Newnan....	J. W. Parks.....	Lee Hanks.....	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	22	2	50	3 00
Elizabeth....	J. S. Tabor....	Bibb.....	Macon.....	Elder Lee Hanks.....	B. C. Caldwell..	1	8	0	0	0	1	1	19	1	75	3 00
					Lee Hanks.....								12	3	50	2 00

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