

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE
ASSOCIATION**

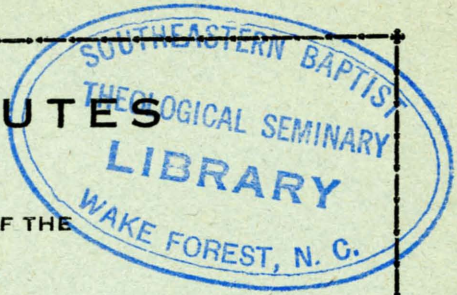
OF THE

REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

CONVENED WITH

**OAK CHAPEL CHURCH
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GEORGIA**

SEPT. 29 AND 30 AND OCT. 1, 1916



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY.

The Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association convened in its eighty-seventh annual session with the church at Oak Chapel, Montgomery County, Georgia, September 29th, 30th and October 1st, 1916.

1. Prayer by Elder W. A. Simmons of the Prince Williams Association. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder B. M. Jowers of the Flint River Association from Ephe. 2nd Chapter, 1-8 verses.

2. After one hour intermission the messengers from the several churches assembled in the house. Prayer by Bro P. H. Byrd of the body.

3. Called for and read letters from 13 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, M. A. Braddy and W. S. Durden with the messengers of Oak Chapel church.

To arrange General Meetings—J. B. Hall, J. J. Coleman, and Henry Kight.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—J. B. Johnson, J. P. Cannady and J. W. Durden.

To write Corresponding Letter—W. S. Durden, Lee Hanks, and J. B. Wilson.

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

9. Called for correspondence, and received the following:

From the Lotts Creek Association—Elders J. A. Bowen P. C. Banks, F. M. Donaldson. Primitive Ebenezer—Elds. W. W. Howell, G. W. Floyd, J. F. Collins, and Bros. J. H. Howell, B. S. Howell, E. J. Davidson, A. W. Davidson, J. M. Collins, M. A. Hall, T. J. Braswell, G. C. Young, R. W. Young.

Primitive Echeconnee—Not represented.

Prince Williams Association—Elders J. H. Rivers, and W. A. Simmons.

Upatoi—Not represented.

Mt. Olive—Not represented.

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

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY.

11. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. F. Collins of the Ebenezer Association.

12. Called the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence and received as visitors: Elder B. M. Jowers of the Flint River Association, Ga. Elder F. F. Eggleton of the Pig River Association, Va. Elder J. T. Reynolds of the Ocmulgee Association, Ga.

14. Appointed Correspondence as follows: To Lotts Creek Association—which convenes with Little Flock church five miles of Collins W. S. and Seaboard R. R., Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1916, Elders Lee Hanks, H. V. Hill, A. I. Warren and Bros. W. S. Durden, T. L. Lanier, J. J. Coleman, J. R. Hill, and J. P. Cannady.

To the Ebenezer Association—which convenes with the church at Horeb Empire, Ga., on the Southern R. R., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1917, Bros. W. S. Durden, T. L. Lanier, J. P. Cannady, J. J. Coleman, J. D. Morris, and Elders Lee Hanks, J. B. Wilson, H. V. Hill and A. I. Warren.

To the Mt. Olive Association—Whereas we have no correspondence from this Association, we suspend correspondence with them for the present.

To the Echeconnee Association—which convenes with the church at Elizabeth, Macon, Ga., on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September, 1917. Elders Lee Hanks, J. B. Wilson, H. V. Hill and P. H. Byrd.

To the Prince Williams Association—which convenes with the church at Black Creek, Hampton, S. C., on the C. & W. R. R. beginning on Saturday before the third Sunday in Oct. 1916, Elders P. H. Byrd, H. V. Hill, and A. I. Warren.

To the Upatoi Association—which convenes with Mt. Nebo church, Taylor County, Georgia, one-half mile from Charan on the A. B. & A., R. R. on Tuesday before the second Sunday in September 1917, Elders J. B. Wilson, Lee Hanks, and P. H. Byrd.

15. Called for report of committee to arrange General Meetings, who reports as follows: 1st—Pilgrims Rest in April, Second at New Hope in July. Each to begin on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

16. On motion appointed our next Association to convene with Oak Ridge church, Montgomery county, Georgia, 3 miles of Tarrytown and 3 miles of Kibbee on the M. D. & S. R. R.

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 \$25.00, and for visiting ministers \$45.00.

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

21. Called for miscellaneous business. On motion and second we agree to drop the present committee and appoint a committee to get up as nearly as possible the missing link in our record made by the sad division of our body and appoint said committee. J. R. Hill, Lee Hanks, J. B. Wilson, A. I. Warren, and S. M. Anderson.

We also agree to send a package of minutes to the Original Flint River Association which convenes near Cario, Georgia.

22. On motion adjourned for preaching and closed until our regular time in course. Prayer by Elder F. F. Eggleton, Bassett, Va.

Resolved, that the heart felt 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 on them all.

ELDER LEE HANKS, Moderator.

ELDER J. B. WILSON, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday Morning—Introductory, Elder B. M. Jowers.

Friday Afternoon—Elder J. H. Rivers, followed by Elder F. C. Banks.

Saturday Morning—Eld. J. T. Reynolds, followed by Eld. J. A. Bowen.

Saturday Afternoon—Elder W. W. Howell, followed by Elder J. F. Collins, followed by Elder W. A. Simmons.

Sunday Morning—Elder G. W. Floyd, followed by Elder F. F. Eggleton, followed by Elder F. M. Donaldson, closed by the Moderator.

VISITING MINISTERS.

Elder B. M. Jowers, Flint River Association, Seman, Ala.
Elder J. H. Rivers, Prince Williams Association, Hampton,
S. C. W. A. Simmons, J. A. Bowen, Lotts Creek Association,
Collins, Ga. P. C. Banks, Ellabelle, Ga. W. W. Howell
Ebenezer Association, Danville, Ga. J. F. Collins, Irwinton,
Ga. G. W. Floyd, Empire, Ga. F. M. Donaldson, Lotts
Creek Association, Statesboro, Ga. J. T. Reynolds, Ocmul-
gee Association, Macon, Ga. F. F. Eggleton, Pig River As-
sociation, Bassett, Va.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Original Upper Canoochee Association to the sister
Associations with whom she corresponds Greeting:

Through the ever abounding grace of our gracious Heavenly
Father we have been permitted to meet in another association-
al capacity and conducted the business in peace and harmony.
The churches report peace with some ingatherings, for which
we praise and adore our blessed Lord.

Your correspondents and ministers have come to us richly
laden with the gospel of Christ making glad our poor hearts.
We can exclaim like David "Behold how good and pleasant it
is for brethren to dwell together in unity." We are aware of
the fact that sad alienations exist in places among the Lord's
people which is wrong. We as the body of Christ and mem-
bers in particular should never introduce any thing, though
harmless it may seem, that would sever our fellowship. We
should all in love strive for the things that make for peace
and labor most tenderly to reclaim the erring. Let us ever
be satisfied with the good old faith and practice of the Lord's
house and be content to fight the good fight of faith under
the same old banner for which our fathers hazarded their
lives. Our desire is, "On earth peace, and good will toward
men." We desire a continuation of your lovely correspondence

Our next association will convene with Oak Ridge church on
Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1917, 3 miles from
Tarrytown and 3 miles from Kibbee, on the M. D. & S. R. R.

Where we hope to be greeted by a goodly number of your
Correspondents.

BROTHER W. S. DURDEN,
ELDER LEE HANKS, Moderator,
ELDER J. B. WILSON, Clerk.

ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

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

LICENTIATES.

Lewis Meeks, Adrian, Ga.; Isaac B. Wilson, Garfield, Ga.; P. H. Byrd, Graymont, Ga.

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 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. 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, founded 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 breach 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.

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 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.

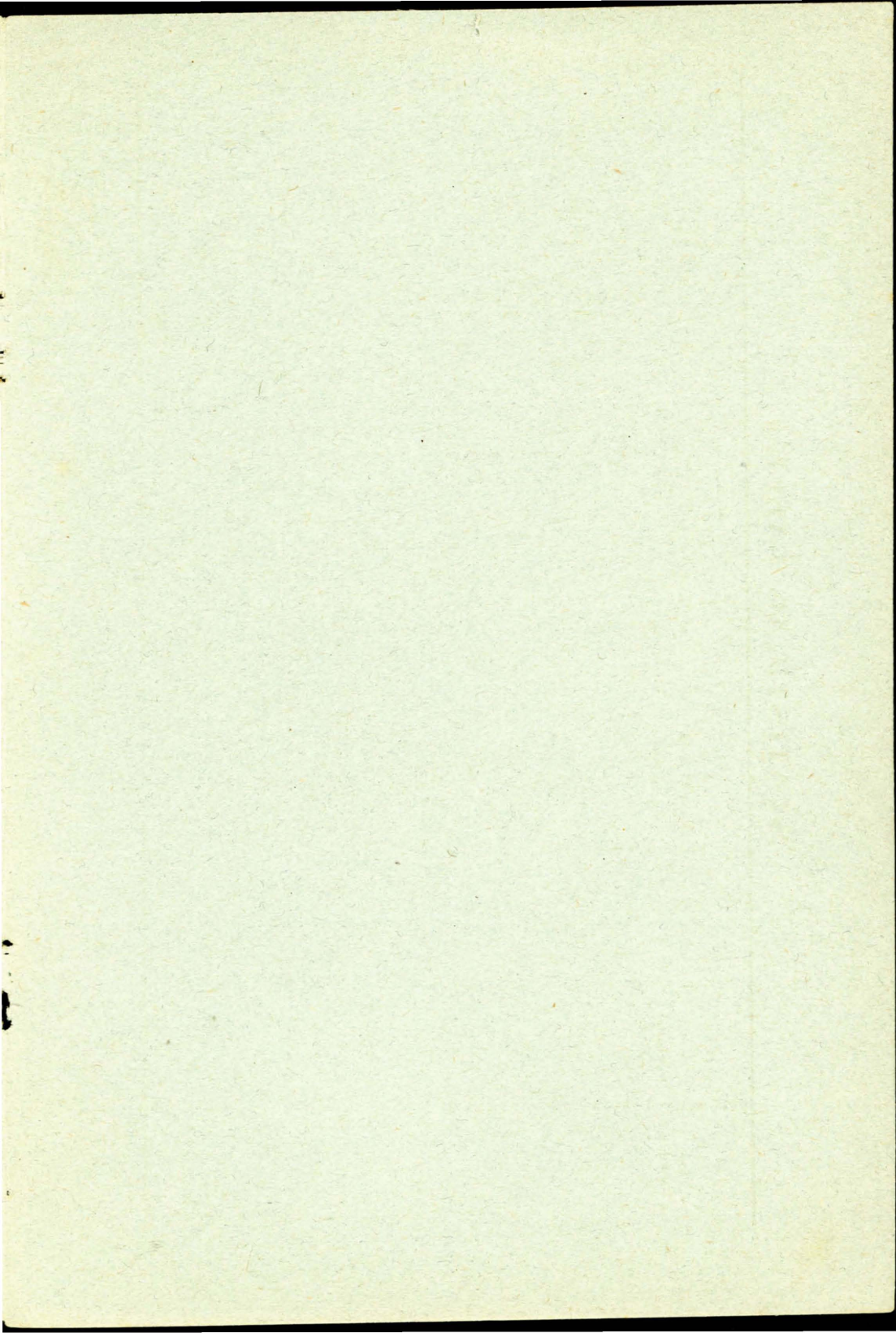
5. This association shall admit into its body any church whom they find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body she may do so at her best discretion, or on application, she may have a letter of dismission.

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 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

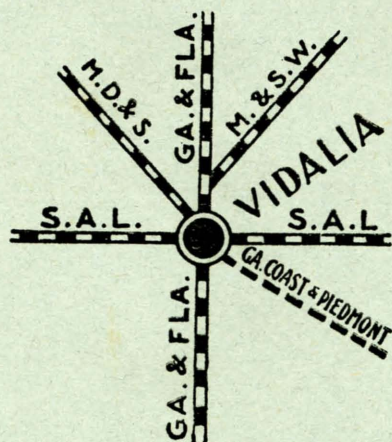
Churches	Year Constituted	Counties	Pastors	Clerks and Postoffice	Messengers	Baptized	Con. of Faith	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	Recommended	Excluded	Died	Pres. membership	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministers	Sabbath Mts.	Com. Meetings
Bethel	1908	Emanuel	J. B. Wilson	R. L. Lamb.	J. B. Wilson	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	16	\$ 1 25	\$ 1 25	3	May & August
Canoochee	1819	"	H. V. Hill	Summit, Ga. E. T. Coleman.	R. L. Lamb J. R. Hill	5	0	2	0	2	1	6	63	3 00	4 00	1	May & August
Hebron	1804	"	F. M. Donaldson	Graymont, Ga. Wm. Johnson.	J. M. Patrick J. M. Wammock	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	66	2 00	8 10	4	May & August
Long Creek	1888	"	S. M. Anderson	Garfield, Ga. C. P. Williams.	J. B. Hall C. N. Wall	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	28	1 15	5 00	2	May & August
Mt. Zion	1873	"		Midville, Ga. D. R. Durden.	J. W. Durden	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	42	2 00	0	1	May & August
Mt. Nebo	1806	"		Norristown, Ga.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	25	00	0	
New Hope	1818	"	C. B. Spivey	T. N. Youmans.	A. J. Youngblood	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	2 50	5 00	2	May & August
Oak Ridge	1891	"	M. A. Rico.	Swainsboro, Ga. H. B. Braddy.	T. N. Youmans H. J. Kight	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	2 00	2 00	1	May & August
Oak Chapel	1911	Montgomery	J. A. Bowen	Vidalia, Ga. J. M. Tharp.	J. P. Cannady J. J. Coleman	6	0	3	0	0	1	0	23	1 25	3 00	2	May & August
Louis	1800	Jenkins	S. M. Anderson	Soperton, Ga. D. W. Johnson	By Letter	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	22	1 25	2 00	3	May & August
Pilgrim's Rest	1909	Johnson	C. B. Spivey	W. D. Riner.	E. H. Hutcherson	1	0	0	1	4	4	0	60	2 00	00	4	July
Rock Hill	1900	Emanuel	H. V. Hill	Kite, Ga. S. H. Hutcherson.	W. D. Riner J. D. Morris	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	52	1 50	3 00	3	May & August
Rosemary Hill	1875	Candler		Soperton, Ga. J. H. Oliff.	S. Wi son W. S. Durden	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	3 00	5 00	2	May & August
Stillmore	1880	Emanuel	A. I. Warren	Summit, Ga. W. B. Cannady.	W. B. Cannady	2	0	2	0	4	2	0	45	2 00	5 00	1	May & August
Vidalia	1912	Toombs	Lee Hanks	Stillmore, Ga. Joe B. Johnson.	Lee Hanks Joe B. Johnson	1	2	5	0	1	0	0	24	1 00	2 00	4	June
TOTAL						20	3	17	2	14	14	6	551	\$25 00	\$43 45		



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