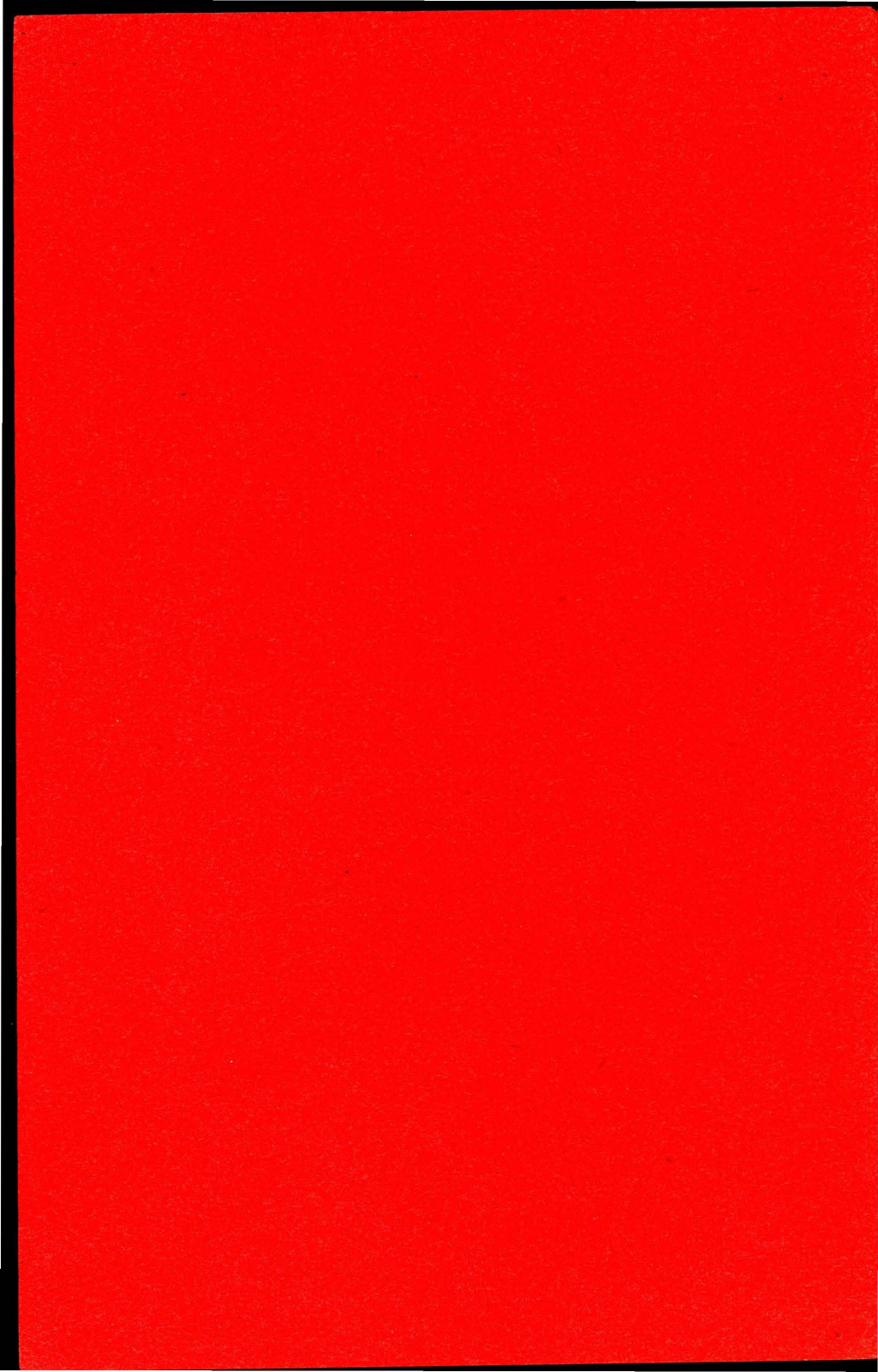


MINUTES
of the
Eleventh Session
of the
Lotts Creek Primitive
Baptist Association



Convened with the Church at
DeLoaches, Bulloch County, Georgia
October 22, 23 and 24, 1915

Eld. A. R. Strickland, Moderator, - - - Daisy, Ga.
A. S. Bacon, Clerk, - - - - - Pembroke, Ga.



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1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Murray, of the Upatoie Association, from Isaiah, 1st chapter, 8th verse.

2. After 20 minutes intermission the Association was called to order by Elder A. R. Strickland. Singing was followed with prayer by Elder J. A. Taylor, from the Ebenezer Association.

3. Read letters and recorded names of messengers.

4. Appointed Elder A. R. Strickland, Moderator, and A. S. Bacon, Clerk.

5. Called for petitionary letters—none came.

6. Appointed Committees as follows:

To arrange preaching during this meeting: Brethren M. E. Cannon, W. H. Lanier, and E. A. Denmark, together with the Messengers of this Church. To arrange general meetings: Elder D. L. Caloway, and Brethren M. J. Green, and W. B. DeLoach. To receive contributions: Elders H. B. Wilkerson, D. L. Caloway, and Brother J. L. Rogers. To write corresponding letter: Elder H. B. Wilkerson and Brother F. C. Dyess.

7. Called for correspondence. Then came Elders R. D. Donahoe and J. W. Anderson from The Prince William's Association of S. C.; Bro. J. M. Collins from the Ebenezer Association of Georgia; Elder A. I. Warren from the Upper Canoochee Association.

8. Called for visiting brethren. Then came Elder J. M. Murray from the Upatoie Association; Elder H. W. Smith and Brethren C. E. Dewet and M. S. Simmons from the Prince Williams Association of S. C.; Elder W. E. Cribbs and Bro. T. J. Baswell from the Upper Canoochee Association.

9. The Committee appointed to arrange preaching reported as follows: Saturday, A. M., Elder A. I. Warren, followed by Elder R. D. Donahoe, and closed by the Moderator. Saturday, P. M., Elder H. W. Smith followed by Elder J. W. Anderson. Sunday, A. M., Elder J. A. Taylor, followed by Elder J. M. Murray, and closed by Elder H. Temple.

10. The committee to arrange general meetings reported as follows: Sanders Church, October, 1915; Inmans Creek, January, 1916; Red Hill, April, 1916; Ephesus, July, 1916; all to commence on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

11. Saturday morning, 8:30 o'clock.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing, followed with prayer by Elder R. D. Donahoe, from Prince Williams Association.

12. Called the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence—none came.

14. Appointed correspondents to the Ebenezer Association, Elder M. L. Riner, and Brethren M. E. Cannon, and E. J. Burnseed; to the Upper Canoochee Association, Elders A. R. Strickland, D. L. Caloway, and V. Y. Spivey, and Brethren W. H. Lanier and E. W. Parish; to the Prince Williams Association, Elders D. L. Caloway, M. L. Riner, and V. B. White, and Brethren D. L. Lanier and E. J. Burnseed; to the Flint River Association, package of Minutes.

15. Moved and seconded to receive the package of Minutes from the original Flint River Association. Read their corresponding letter and received same.

16. Committee to receive contributions report: For Minutes, \$32.50; for other purposes, \$82.00.

17. Corresponding letter read and received.

18. The next session of this body will convene with the Church at Little Flock, Tattnall County, Ga., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1916, five miles south of Collins, Ga., on the S. A. L. Ry.

19. Agreed to have 1,500 copies of these Minutes printed, the Clerk to have them printed and distribute the same.

20. *Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the Brothers, Sisters and friends for their hospitality during this meeting.

21. Motion for adjournment. Minutes read and received and the body adjourned Sunday morning according to previous arrangements. The Brethren preached to a large and orderly congregation.

ELD. A. R. STRICKLAND, Moderator.
A. S. BACON, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Lotts Creek Primitive Baptist Association—To Her Sister Associations, With Whom She Corresponds:

DEAR BRETHREN: We have been blessed by our All-Wise Providence to hold another session of our body in perfect peace and harmony. Since our Constitution our union has been a source of spiritual benefit to all of us. Our churches have doubled in number, and the membership to twice that when constituted. We reaffirm our protest against all digressions from the doctrine and practice left to the Church of Christ, Who is the Saviour of all of us. We ask our brethren and churches who have thus departed to lay aside those things that have caused so much confusion and division; and join in with us in working for things that make for peace. We have been much benefited by the messages of love brought to us by our visiting brethren. Our next session will be held with the Church at Little Flock, Tattnall County, Ga., 5 miles south of Collins, Ga., when we hope to meet a goodly number of the Lord's people.

ELD. H. B. WILKERSON.

BRO. F. C. DYESS.

Committee.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. A. BOWEN, Collins, Ga.
N. J. NEESMITH, Statesboro, Ga.
D. L. CALOWAY, Manassas, Ga.
H. B. WILKERSON, Claxton, Ga.
HOMER SANDERS, Statesboro, Ga.
M. L. RINER, Collins, Ga.
F. M. DONALDSON, Statesboro, Ga.
V. B. WHITE, Pembroke, Ga.
A. R. STRICKLAND, Daisy, Ga.
H. TEMPLE, Statesboro, Ga.
J. E. STRICKLAND, Ellabelle, Ga.
P. C. BANKS, Ellabelle, Ga.
V. Y. SPIVEY, Daisy, Ga.

LICENTIATES

A. C. McCORKELL, Register, Ga.
W. H. ANDERSON, Claxton, Ga

VISITING MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

ELDER J. A. TAYLOR, Danville, Ga.
ELDER J. M. MURRAY.
ELDER A. I. WARREN, Stillmore, Ga.
ELDER R. D. DONAHOE, Brunson, S. C.
ELDER H. W. SMITH, Lena, S. C.
ELDER J. W. ANDERSON, Hampton, S. C.
ELDER W. E. CRIBBS, Lyons, Ga.

IN MEMORIAM

ELDERS J. H. SMITH AND M. M. MATTOX, FAITHFUL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST MINISTERS.

Eld. J. H. Smith died February 22nd, 1910, and was buried in Ash Branch Cemetery, February 23, 1910. Age 70 years and 9 months.

Eld. M. M. Mattox died September 6, 1913, and was buried in Beards Creek Cemetery, September 8th, 1913. Age 73 years and 8 months.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	P. O.
Ash Branch	V. B. White	A. S. Bacon	Pembroke .. Ga.
Andersons	A. R. Strickland ..	J. A. Sikes	Manassas .. "
Bethlehem	J. H. Sanders	S. J. Riggs	Statesboro .. "
Beards Creek	A. R. Strickland ..	D. H. Purcell	Daisy
Battle Creek	A. R. Strickland ..	H. D. Lynn	Collins
Bethel	A. R. Strickland ..	W. H. Dasher	Daisy, 3
Columbia	V. B. White	H. D. Banks	Ellabelle
DeLoaches	H. B. Wilkerson ..	W. H. DeLoach	Claxton
Ephesus	H. B. Wilkerson ..	S. C. Banks	Register
Emaus	H. B. Wilkerson ..	E. J. Mitchell	Claxton
Inmans Creek	J. A. Bowen	I. F. Keel	Elza
Lyons	W. E. Cribbs	J. C. O'Neal	Lyons
Lower Mill Creek ..	J. H. Sanders	G. R. Beasley	Statesboro .. "
Lower Lotts Creek ..	H. B. Wilkerson ..	H. J. Akins	Register
Lower Black Creek ..	V. B. White	E. J. Burnseed	Ellabelle
Mt. Carmel (Fellowship)	E. W. Powell	D. L. Lanier	Stilson
Nevils Creek	E. W. Powell	T. B. Hendrix	Blitch
Little Flock	C. B. Spivey	L. E. Lynn	Collins
Upper Mill Creek ..	H. Temple	J. N. Akins	Statesboro .. "
Sanders Church	J. H. Sanders	L. E. Lindsey	Statesboro .. "
Red Hill	F. M. Donaldson ..	W. C. Iler	Pembroke .. "

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	COUNTY	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Additions				Subtractions			Total Membership	Sunday Meetings	Money for Minutes	For Other Purposes
			Baptized	By Letter	Confession of Faith	Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deaths				
Ash Branch	Bulloch	W. H. Lanier, E. W. Parish	4	1			2	1	1	88		2 00	6 25
Andersons	Tattnall	Eld. D. L. Caloway, J. A. Sikes	7	1	1	1		2		109	5	2 00	2 95
Bethlehem	Bulloch	J. I. Brannen, S. J. Riggs	6						3	56		2 00	75
Bethel	Liberty	A. R. Strickland, V. Y. Spivey	2				2	1		51		1 25	3 75
Battle Creek	Tattnall	R. H. Jones, J. E. Jones	3	2				11		11	1	50	1 50
Beards Creek	Tattnall	F. C. Dyess, H. M. Kicklighter	4	4					1	32	4	1 00	4 00
Columbia	Bryan	P. C. Banks, H. D. Banks	1				1		1	23	3	1 00	2 00
DeLoaches	Bulloch	P. A. Hagan, M. J. Green	4				1	1	2	72		2 50	5 00
Ephesus	Evans	A. C. McCorkell, C. M. Anderson								24	3	1 50	4 20
Emaus	Bulloch	W. H. Anderson, H. B. Wilkerson								21	1	50	2 85
Inmans Creek	Bulloch	L. B. Edenfield, F. M. Durden	4					1	26	12	1	1 00	4 25
Lyons	Toombs	M. M. Coleman, L. L. Bazemore		2			1			19	1	1 00	
Lower Mill Creek	Bulloch	E. N. Waters, T. D. Foxworth	1					1	1	39	1	2 00	3 00
Lower Lotts Creek	Bulloch	S. L. Nevils, John G. Nevils	1					2	2	130	4	3 50	10 50
Lower Black Creek	Bryan	W. W. Futch, E. J. Burnseed	3				1	1		58	4	1 50	2 35
Mt. Carmel (Fel- lowship)	Bulloch	D. L. Lanier, U. M. Davis	7	1	6		1			29	3	75	1 25
Nevils Creek	Bulloch	W. J. Blackburn, R. R. Hendrix	1						2	19	3	1 00	1 75
Little Flock	Tattnall	J. A. Bowen, M. E. Lynn	1				1	1		53	3	1 50	3 50
Upper Mill Creek	Bulloch	N. J. Neesmith, M. E. Cannon	4				1		1	39	1	2 00	5 15
Sanders Church	Bulloch	J. H. Sanders, D. L. Rygdon	8					1		14	4	1 00	2 00
Red Hill	Bulloch	Z. T. DeLoach, E. A. Denmark	2					1	1	64	1	2 00	5 00

PREAMBLE

The organization of this association is the result of an effort on the part of the DeLoach church and other peace-loving Primitive Baptists to unite all the Primitive Baptist churches in Bulloch and Bryan counties, State of Georgia.

Inasmuch as that effort failed in part, the churches now forming the Lower Canoochee, proper, refusing to unite under the circumstances, which is their privilege, to which privilege none of the churches object, for churches are free and, of right ought to be, to remain in such condition as they severally feel most acceptable with God our Savior and our Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, seeing it impossible to unite all the churches in peace in the Lower Canoochee and live together in peace in the Lower Canoochee Association we, the churches desiring union and fellowship with one another, have agreed in our several conferences to meet DeLoach church according to invitation and promise this 20th day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five, for the formation of the Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association.

We are at peace with all Primitive Baptists everywhere, who are walking in the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have received authority to form this union.

We, as an association of churches, come together on the following Rules and Articles of Primitive Faith:

RULES

1. This Association shall meet annually by the authority of the churches, to worship God.
2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers, and the names of said messengers shall be inserted in the letters from the churches.
3. This Association shall be governed by its own rules, but no rule shall be binding on any church.
4. No church shall be admitted into this Association, unless found sound in faith.
5. Any church may withdraw from this Association at the discretion of the church.
6. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by the Messengers present.
7. This Association shall open its business by singing and prayer.
8. All business shall come into this Association by motion and second; and every motion that is seconded shall be decided, except it be withdrawn by the mover.
9. There shall be no talking in time of a public speech, nor reflection on the speaker.
10. No person shall be interrupted in the time of a public speech, unless he departed from the subject in debate; and then only by the Moderator.
11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
12. A majority of this Association shall govern in all cases, except the majority depart from the Rules and Articles of Faith herein expressed.
13. No person shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
14. A majority may amend or alter these rules at any time.

15. It shall be the duty of this Association to keep the minutes of all its proceedings and have them published in pamphlet form for distribution among the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Old and New Testaments scriptures are the perfectly inspired word of God, and the only infallible standard of faith and practice.

2. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.

4. We believe Jesus Christ to be the son of God.

5. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final perseverance and preservation of the saints.

6. We believe nothing takes place by chance, but God's foreknowledge embraces all things.

7. We believe God predestinated some men and angels to eternal life through Jesus Christ, His Son, before the foundation of the world.

8. We believe God the Father calls, the Son redeems, and the Holy Ghost regenerates the very same person.

9. We believe the Children of God are called from death to life independently of all creature instrumentality, and are justified solely by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

10. We believe man was created in the beginning, in the image of God, very good and upright, but of his own will, without any compulsion and undeceived, he transgressed the laws of God.

11. We believe good works are such only as God has commanded in His Holy Word.

12. We believe the preaching of the Gospel is not to give life to the dead (for God alone can do that) but is to warn, teach, exhort, comfort and edify, reprove and confirm the living children of God.

13. We believe those who believe the Gospel should be baptized, that is, be immersed in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

14. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saints' feet an example to be engaged in by all the orderly children of God.

15. We believe that no man has the right to administer the ordinances but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe a Primitive Baptist church is an organized body of Christ, and to maintain its identity, must stand aloof from the world and all the worldly so-called churches, religious societies and institutions, such as Sunday Schools, theological seminaries, mission boards and conventions, and all oath-bound secret societies, which are plainly contrary to the example of Christ and His Apostles.

17. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and unjust, the former to life and the latter to damnation.

18. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come a second time in the body of this world, and after raising the dead will judge the human race in righteousness and send the wicked into everlasting punishment and will welcome the righteous to everlasting happiness in His Holy image and presence.

