



PROCEEDINGS

Eighty-Seventh Annual Session

Ochlocknee Association

Of Old Line Primitive Baptists

HELD WITH

Mt. Pisgah Church, Thomas County, Ga.

October 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1913.

OFFICERS:

ELDER E. R. RHODEN,
Moderator

J. W. GARDNER,
Clerk

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Proceedings of the Ochlocknee Association

The eighty-seventh annual session of the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association convened with Mt. Pisgah church, Thomas county, Ga., October 25-26-27, 1913.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder A. A. Knight of the Union Association. Text: Romans 5th chapter, 19th verse.

Prayer by Elder T. M. Mills.

- 1st. Read letters from the churches and minuted their state.
- 2nd. Elected Elder E. R. Rhoden Moderator, and J. W. Gardner Clerk.
- 3rd. Adopted last year's minutes as our course of business.
- 4th. Read the Decorum.
- 5th. Invited brethren and ministers of our faith and order to seats with us.
- 6th. Called for petitionary letters.
- 7th. Appointed Committees as follows:
 - On Preaching and Finance: Brethren F. M. Renfroe, J. H. Martin, T. S. Barrow, together with the messengers of this church.
 - On Business: Brethren L. H. Avery, Hugh Connell, J. R. Taylor, with the Moderator and Clerk.
 - On Deceased Ministers: J. W. Gardner.
- 8th. Called for Correspondence:
 - Received from the San Pedro Association: None.
 - From the Pulaski Association: Brother A. A. Turner, Elder J. T. Strawder, Elder J. H. Hall, Brother J. W. Watson.
 - From the Union Association: Elder Aaron Knight.
 - From the Flint River Association: Elder T. M. Mills.
- 9th. Called for petitionary correspondence.
- 10th. Appointed Elder Hugh Connell to write corresponding

letter.

11th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 8:30 o'clock.
Prayer by Elder E. Lindsey.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.
J. W. GARDNER, Clerk.

Monday Morning

The Association met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder A. A. Knight.

1st. Called the roll.

2nd. Renewed the call for correspondence:

Received from the San Pedro Association: None.

From the Pulaski Association: None.

From the Union Association: Elder J. W. McMillen.

From the Flint River Association: None.

3rd. Renewed the invitation to visitors and received:

From the Flint River Association: Elder W. H. Godwin, G. D. Stokes, R. H. Allegood, Elder A. J. McLeod, T. J. Davis.

From the Pulaski Association: S. T. Sheffield.

From the Union Association: None.

From the Mt. Enon Association: None.

From the Suwanee Association: None.

4th. Called for report of Business Committee, which was read and received and is as follows:

"We, your Business Committee, examined the corresponding minutes and find nothing to object to in them."

5th. Returned correspondence as follows:

First. To the San Pedro Association: None.

Second. To the Pulaski Association to be held with Pine Ridge church, which is three and one-half miles from the nearest station, which is on the G. S. & F. Railroad, Elder A. L. Pierce, Elder E. R. Rhoden, Elder Hugh Connell. To convene on Saturday before

the First Sunday in October, 1914.

Third. To the Union Association to be held with Union church, two miles from Milltown: Elder E. R. Rhoden, L. Johnson, J. H. Martin, G. J. Chitty, L. H. Avery. To convene on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October, 1914.

Fourth. To the Flint River Association to be held with Prosperity church, nearest point on railroad, Climax: Elder A. L. Pierce. To convene on Saturday before the First Sunday in November, 1913.

6th. Called for marked letters. Moved and seconded that Rocky Creek church be dropped from this body for the present. And also agreed that the next session of the Association be held with Live Oak church, convening on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1914. Nearest point on G. N. Railroad, Jackson.

7th. Called for Corresponding Letter; read and adopted.

8th. General Meetings to be as follows:

The First District, First Fifth Sunday in 1914, with Bethsaida church, nine miles west of Moultrie.

The Second District, Second Fifth Sunday in 1914, with Mt. Pisgah church, two miles east of Ochlocknee.

9th. Called for Circular Letter; read and adopted.

10th. Appointed J. W. Gardner to write next Circular Letter.

11th. Called for report of Finance Committee, which is as follows:

"We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows: We find as contributions the sum of \$50.15. We recommend \$30.00 for minutes and clerk's services \$20.15 to be divided among the visiting ministers. We recommend six hundred copies of minutes be printed, four hundred for the churches and two hundred for correspondence.

F. M. Renfroe, T. S. Barrow, J. W. Mills,
J. R. Lewis, J. H. Martin, Committee.

12th. Called for report on Deceased Ministers; read and adopted, and is as follows:

In Memory of G. W. Crumb, Licentiate.

Dear Brethren: Again it has pleased the Giver of every good and

perfect gift to remove from us our beloved Brother G. W. Crumb while in the beginning of his usefulness and just when we were looking forward to the time when our own poor hearts would be rejoiced to hear from him some of the many good things that God has in store for his humble poor. But we bow our heads and say "Thy will be done." We would not say that our Brother was without faults. Who is there? or, who is without fault. No man who ever breathed the air of heaven, has been in the ages past or in the ages to come without fault, but one, only One and He was Godlike and God.

Our Brother's faults were never undertaken to be concealed, but his manly character, his devotion to his Master, his love for his brethren, his care and denial for his loved ones, his readiness to lend his hand to charity, to forgive injury, so overshadow his faults, that we omit them. His work is done.

Our hearts go out to his loved ones in their bitter bereavements. May they be endowed with a sufficiency of God's Grace to try and imitate the example he has left behind. Thanks be to the religion of our God that when life's uneven journey is over we know and our Brother knew and believed that the soul is immortal and will live hereafter. Then to the dead He sayeth "Arise," and to the living "Follow me" and the Voice still sounding on from the centuries that are gone to the centuries that shall be. This Voice has called our Brother and he has obeyed.

13th. On motion adjourned to meet at Live Oak church on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1914.

Prayer by Elder A. L. Pearse.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.
J. W. GARDNER, Clerk.

Resolved,

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to our brethren and sisters of Mt. Pisgah church, and kind friends of the vicinity, for their kindness, attention and care during our stay among them, and pray

that God may abundantly bless them according to his tender mercies.

Order of Preaching

Saturday morning the Introductory Sermon by Elder A. A. Knight of the Union Association. Text: Romans 5:19.

Saturday afternoon Elder J. W. McMillen, of Union, followed by Elder J. W. Williamson.

Sunday morning, Elder T. M. Mills, followed by Elder J. T. Strawder.

Sunday afternoon, Elder W. H. Godwin, followed by Elder Henry Hall.

Monday morning, Brother S. T. Sheffield, followed by Elder A. J. McCleod. Closed by the Moderator.

Address of Ministers

Elder W. Z. Stripling, Lenox, Ga.

Elder D. N. Williams, Claxton, Ga.

Elder A. L. Pearse, Moultrie, Ga.

Elder E. Lindsey, Tifton, Ga.

Elder Hugh Connell, Barwick, Ga.

Elder E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.

Licentiates

J. W. Gardner, Pavo, Ga.

L. Johnson, Moultrie, Ga.

W. H. Singleton, Pavo, Ga.

Corresponding Letter

We, the Ochlocknee Association, now in session with Mt. Pisgah church, to our sister associations with whom we correspond:

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ,---Through the mercies of our God we are blessed to hold another session of our body. All our churches report peace save one (Rocky Creek). And on account of some of the churches having dropped her, we thought best to do likewise for the present. Our representation is not quite full. Our correspondence, we also regret, is not full. Your ministers have come as we believe in power and spirit of Israel's God. And our hearts have been made to rejoice again in the God of our salvation.

Our next session, the Lord willing, will be held with Live Oak church, Colquitt county, Ga., two miles east of Jackson and seven miles north of Moultrie, on the Georgia Northern Railroad, where we hope to meet you again. Farewell.

Circular Letter

Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Lord,-- Having been appointed to write the circular letter for this session, I call your attention to John (3:1) "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God." We are also taught that God is Love. Then it was that same love that he gave us, and commanded us that we love one another with the same love fervently. Then Brethren if we do this we must not grieve one another with our walk and our talk. But treat each other kindly in love. Knowing that this same love casteth out fear and evil speaking of one another in the love and fear of God. Knowing that this love is all we need in this world and the world to come, then if we have this love for each other we will never be afraid nor ashamed to meet one of our brethren, because we love God and them, and love to talk of His love. Then we prove our love by our devotion to each other. And not grieve that Holy Spirit of Love. Now may that love ever abide with us all.

Amen.

Rules of Decorum

1. This Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. The members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our Union shall compose the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association; two-thirds of which shall form a quorum.
3. Members chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those received by experience and baptism and otherwise, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and dead since our last Association.
4. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe on the internal rights of any church.
5. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen of the members present.
6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions; he shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair shall be filled, but shall not vote except the body be equally divided.
7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association, and the minutes taken shall be read and amended, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises. The Clerk shall also keep a file of the minutes to be presented at each Association, and shall be accountable for all money deposited in the hands of the Association.
8. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admittance, which, 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 delegates.
9. Every church shall have a right to send two delegates to the Association, and no more.
10. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the attention of the Association, except withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the Association.
11. Every person who speaks must rise from his seat and ad-

dress the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted when speaking except when he departs from the subject.

12. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave of the Association.

13. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of public speech, nor reflections cast on the speaker.

14. Whenever a case is decided by a vote, there shall be no more debate on the subject.

15. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

16. This Association is in favor of preaching the gospel, the circulation of the scriptures, and the advantages of education, and recommends temperance and morality in general, but to her members in particular; notwithstanding she is opposed to all modern institutions of men, such as Missionary, Bible, Tract, and Sunday School Societies, together with Baptist State Conventions and Theological Schools and such like, because their connection with the church of God is unauthorized by the scriptures. As such, we cannot fellowship them, or admit to our church privileges any person who is therewith connected in any wise, believing all such to be speculative in their nature and fruitful sources for corrupting the church. In relation to Free Masonry we recommend to our brethren who may already be attached to that fraternity to immediately withdraw therefrom, and when brethren leave the church and join that fraternity, they are not such as follow after the things that make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another. Rom. 14:19. And as such, unless they manifest a suitable repentance, and immediately withdraw therefrom, and make suitable acknowledgements, shall be rejected from the fellowship of the church.

17. We recommend to the churches composing this body to receive members who went off with the Missionaries and all other Baptists at the time of their separation from us, providing they bring satisfactory evidence of a legal baptism with a suitable confession of faith, and not otherwise in disorder, and not to receive any who have been baptized by them since said separation only by experience and baptism.

18. This Association holds that if the union be broken between any of the churches and the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from them that may be deemed unsound in faith or immoral in practice until they be removed.

19. To invite visiting brethren from sister Associations, and ministers of our faith and order, to seats with us.

20. To keep a correspondence with other Associations of the same faith and order, so that a chain of communication may be preserved throughout the denomination.

21. If any member shall break the rules of this decorum, he shall be reproved by the Moderator.

22. These rules shall be read at every Association prior to entering on business.

23. The rules of this decorum may be altered or amended at any time by majority of three-fourths of the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.

J. W. GARDNER, Clerk.

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three in the God-head--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God by inspiration, and is our rule of faith and practice.

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

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the state he is in by nature, of his own free will and ability.

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

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and

sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and not finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper, and washing the saints' feet, are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only true baptism is by immersion.

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

11. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands by the presbytery.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.

J. W. GARDNER, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERK AND THEIR POSTOFFICE	PASTOR	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Exper. and Bapt'm	Received by Let.	Rec'd Conf. Faith.	Restored.	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Days	Contributions	Sunday of Annual Meeting
Pleasant Hill	G. W. Taylor, Moultrie, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden	E. R. Rhoden, G. W. Taylor	1					2	21	3	\$3 15	3	June
Bethel	Abe Ingram, Barney, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden	W. C. Singleton J. W. Gardner		2				1	29	2	\$5 00	1	Sept
Sardis	Benj. Baker, Ellenton, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden	J. H. Martin, G. J. Chitty	12	4					258	4	\$7 00	4	Sept
Live Oak	J. W. Clark, Jackson, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden	J. L. Herndon, J. R. Taylor	5	1					158	1	\$5 00	1	Aug
Harmony	D.F.Chapman, Barwick, Ga.	J. A. Chitty	F. M. Renfroe, Hugh Connell		5				4	71	4	\$4 00	4	Aug
Mt. Zion	H. M. Chastain, Coolidge, Ga.	A. L. Pearse	D. Clark, T. S Barrow	2	2					141	1	\$3 00	1	Sept
Bethsaida	L. Johnson, Moultrie, Ga.	A. L. Pearse	L. Johnson, S. Roberts		2					24	3	\$4 00	3	Sept
Pleasant Grove	L. H. Avera, Moultrie, Ga.	A. L. Pearse	L. H. Avera, A. L. Pearse	1			2	4		51	2	\$4 00	2	Sept
Mt. Pisgah	V. C. Hand, Ochlocknee, Ga.	J. W. Williamson	John W. Mills, J. R Lewis	2	2				2	27	2	\$4 45	2	July
Bethlehem	L. J. Renfroe, Quitman, Ga.	J. L. Harris	J. F. Malony, L. J. Renfroe					1	13	19	2	\$4 00	2	Oct
Ty Ty	J. L. Lawson, Tifton, Ga.	W. Z. Stripling	E. Lindsey, R. L. Lastinger		2	2				338	2	\$3 50	2	Sept



