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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

EUHARLEE

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at New Home, Polk County, Ga.

September 20, 21, 22, 1924.

OFFICERS

Elder W. J. Cooper, Moderator, Armuchee, Ga., R. F. D. 2.

W. P. Barnes, Clerk, Anniston, Ala., 2212 Gurnee Ave.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday morning—Eld. E. T. Caldwell.

Saturday evening—Eld. T. P. Daniel.

Sunday A. M.—Eld. J. C. Medders and W. J. Cooper.

Sunday P. M.—Eld. W. J. Cheek and J. H. Johnson.

Monday A. M.—Eld. J. W. Dempsey, closed by the Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Eld. T. F. Hatch, Cedartown, Ga.

Eld. C. A. Clemons, Ringgold, Ga.

Eld. J. B. Waters, 62 Thornton Avenue, Dalton, Ga.

Eld. W. J. Cooper, Armuchee, Ga., R. 2.

Eld. J. H. Johnson, Rome, Ga. R. 4.

Eld. E. T. Caldwell, Rome, Ga., N. 2nd Avenue.

Eld. L. W. Cheek, Hiram, Ga., R. 1.

Eld. L. W. Spinks, Powder Springs, Ga., R. 3.

Eld. J. W. Dempsey, Ringgold, Ga.

Eld. J. M. Yarbrough, Aragon, Ga., R. 1.

LICENTIATES

Bro. W. J. Richardson, Cedartown, Ga.

Bro. T. A. Fields, Dallas, Ga., R. 5.

Bro. W. J. Clemons, Graysville, Ga.

Bro. T. O. Cowart, Ringgold, Ga., R. 3.

MINUTES

Of the Eighty-third Annual Session of the Euharlee Primitive Baptist Association held with the Church at New Home, Polk County, Ga., Sept. 20, 21, 22, 1924. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. E. T. Caldwell. Text Romans 11th chapter 29 verse—"For the Gifts and Calling of God are without repentance."

After one hour intermission the Messengers met in the house. Prayer by the Moderator. Called for and read the letters and enrolled the names of their delegates. On motion suspended the rules and received Bro. D. W. Caldwell, Messenger from Harmony Church with out a letter. On motion elected Eld. W. J. Cooper, Moderator and W. P. Barnes, Clerk, by ballot.

1st. Invited visiting brethren to seats from Association with which we do not correspond.

2nd. Called for petitionary Churches.

3rd. Called for correspondence.

From New Hope, Eld. T. P. Daniel, Licentiate J. T. Dailey, Brethren S. T. Williams, H. T. Jones, J. W. Halcombe.

From Fellowship, Eld. W. E. Nix and Minutes.

From Cane Creek, Eld. J. C. Medders, Brethren J. S. Kidd, H. T. Mitchell, R. A. Bridge, J. W. Thomson, M. M. Pitts.

4th. Appointed usual committees.

On Preaching, Eld. J. M. Yarbrough, Bro. W. J. Calaway, W. P. Barnes with the Church delegation, Eld. J. W. Dempsey, J. E. Broadaway.

To write Corresponding Letters, W. J. Calaway.

To Examine Circular Letter, Eld. C. A. Clemons, Bro. Augustus, Eld. J. H. Johnson.

To receive Contributions and divide same among the corresponding ministers, Eld. J. H. Johnson, Eld. J. W. Dempsey, Eld. J. M. Yarbrough.

To examine Corresponding Minutes, Eld. E. T. Caldwell, Bro. R. E. Wood, Bro. H. C. Baggett.

5th. Committee on Preaching reported preaching this evening by Eld. T. P. Daniel. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Eld. J. C. Medders followed by Eld. W. J. Cooper. Sunday evening followed by Eld. J. H. Johnson.

6th. On motion adjourned until 8:30 Monday morning, Sept. 22nd the Association met according to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Eld. J. W. Dempsey of the body.

7th. Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren.

8th. Called the roll and marked absentees.

9th. Renewed the call for correspondence, and received Eld. T. A. Cook, Brethren L. S. Jeffries, W. D. Powell, S. T. Williams, Jr., from New Hope.

10th. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and received.

11th. Called for Circular Letter, on motion was received on report of committee.

12th. Appointed Correspondence as follows to New Hope Minutes: To Cane Creek, Bro. M. M. Abney, Bro. C. C. Compton, Eld. W. J. Cheek, Eld. J. H. Johnson and Minutes; To Fellowship, Minutes.

13th. Appointed Union Meeting as follows: First District to be held with the church at South Lindale, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1925. Second District to be held with the church at Carrinth, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1925.

14th. Appointed the next Session of this body to be held with the church at Friendship, Catoosa County, Ga., four miles north of Ringgold on W. and A. R. R. on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1925.

15th. Eld. J. H. Johnson was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. W. J. Cheek, Alternate. Eld. J. W. Dempsey, to write Circular Letter.

16th. Appointed to receive money for Minutes and to distribute Corresponding Minutes, Eld. J. M. Yarbrough, Brethren B. F. Heard, J. S. Kidd, Licentiate J. T. Dailey.

17th. Called for Miscellaneous Business: Committee to examine Corresponding Minutes, report we find nothing demanding the attention of the body.

18th. On motion instructed the Clerk to have 600 of these Minutes printed and distribute among the churches of our body and Corresponding Association and retain half of funds for his services.

19th. On motion gave an expression of thanks to the Brethren and Sisters and friends for their kind hospitality shown us while among them and may the Lord bless them is our prayers. Preaching this morning at 10 o'clock by Eld. J. W. Dempsey and closed by Moderator after singing a hymn and taking the parting hand. Dismissed by prayer, by the Moderator.

These Minutes read and adopted before preaching.

ELDER W. J. COOPER, Moderator.

P. O. Rome, Ga., R. 2.

W. P. BARNES, Clerk,

P. O. Anniston, Ala., 2212 Gurnee Ave.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Euharlee Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the Church at New Home, Sept 20, 21, 22, 1924, to our sister Association with whom we correspond sendeth greeting.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:—We feel thankful that your Messengers have had a mind to visit us again, preaching the sweet gospel of peace and salvation through Christ Jesus our Savior; and though our correspondence at this meeting has not been as full as we would wish, we hope and pray that we may still live in sweet fellowship with each other and you all, and that we again may have our hearts filled with joy and gladness with your coming and being with us at our next session, which is to be held (if the Lord is willing) with the church at Friendship, Catoosa County, Ga., four miles north of Ringgold on W. & A. R. R., commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1925. Until then farewell.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren:—

It is our privilege to again address you by circular letter. We will call your attention to the 7th verse of the 5th chapter of St. Mathew, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." These are the words of him who spoke as never man spoke. It is according to His mercy bestowed upon us that we are spared to assemble ourselves together in an association for the purpose of giving praise and honor unto Him who hath loved us and gave Himself for us. David truthfully said, "the mercy of the Lord endureth forever." We should be careful and not trample His mercy under our feet. Let us remember our low estate, when we were without strength, not feeling that the mercy of the Lord could ever reach our case. Yet all the powers of earth could not have kept us from begging for mercy. Not believing that the mercy and love of God was leading us into life, and bless His holy name he has said he would have mercy on their wrong heartness. So dear brethren we have a merciful and high Priest that is passed into the heavens and is now at the right hand of the Father, making intercessions for us according to the will of God.

In conclusion will say let us strive for the things that make for peace and be charitable toward each other. Farewell.

J. M. YARBROUGH.

ARTICLES OF FAITH AND SCRIPTURAL PROOF.

1st. We believe in the one true and living God, and that there is a trinity of persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

St. John 1-1, in the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. First John 5-7, for there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testiments are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

2nd Peter 1-21, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2nd Timothy, 3-16-17. All Scripture given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all works.

3rd. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the imputation of sin to his posterity, in the corruption of human nature and the impotency of man to recover himself of his free will and abilities.

Romans, 5-12. Whereof as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned Psalms 51. Behold I was shaken in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me.

4th. We believe in the everlasting love of God to His people, and the election of a definite number of the Human race to grace and glory; and that there was a covenant of grace, or redemption between the Father and the Son before the world began in which their salvation is secure and that they in particular are redeemed.

Jeremiah 31-3. The Lord hath appeared of old unto me saying, yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee.

2nd Samuel 23-5. Although my house be not so with God, yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant ordered in all things and sure for this is all my salvation and all my desire although he make it not to grow.

1st Peter, 1-2. Elect according to the fore knowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood Jesus Christ, grace unto you and peace be multiplied.

5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

Romans 5-1-9. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Much more than being now justified by His blood we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

6th. We believe all those who are chosen in Christ will be effectually called, regenerated, converted, sanctified and supported by the spirit and power of God, so that they will be preserved in grace, and not one of them will be finally lost.

St. John 10-27-28. My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me and I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. Jude 1-1. Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ and the brother of James to them that are sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ and called.

7th. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification and are evidence of our gracious state.

James 2-21-22. Was not Abraham our father, justified by works when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar. Seest thou how faith wrought with his works and by works was faith made perfect.

8th. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

1st Cor. 15-42-43, 44. So also is in the resurrection of the dead it is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption, It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is

sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body.

Math. 25-26. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal.

9th. We believe that no minister has the right to administration of the ordinances, only such as the regular called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

Acts 13-2-3. As they ministered to the Lord and fasted the Holy Ghost said separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work where unto I have called them and when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them they sent them away.

1st Tim. 1-14. Neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given thee by prophecy with the laying of the hands of the Presbytery.

10th. We believe that the Georgia Baptist Convention, the Missionary, Bible Tract, Sunday School Union and Temperance Societies together with the Theological Seminaries and other kindred institutions falsely called benevolent are inscriptural, unsupported by divine revelation and therefore improper, and we believe that no individual who is united with or is the advocate of fall or either of them, should be held in fellowship by our churches.

St. John 18-36. Jesus answered, my kingdom is not of the world. If my kingdom were of this world then would my servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Galatians 2-21. I do not frustrate the Grace of God for if righteousness come by law, then Christ is dead in vain.

AND AS FOR THE GOSPEL ORDER

We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have gained Christian fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

2. That Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and the only law giver; and the government is with the body, and is the privilege with each individual; and that the discipline of the church is intended for reclaiming to those Christians who may be disorderly, either in principle or practice, and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory and the peace of unity of Churches.

3. That water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel to be continued until the Lord's second coming, and to be administered only by orderly Baptist ministers regularly ordained.

4. That true believers in Christ Jesus are the only subjects of baptism, and that a burial (in water) is the mode.

5. That none but regularly baptised church members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the duty of every Heaven-born soul to become a member of the visible church to make profession to their faith, to be legally baptised, so as to have a right to, and partake of the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet every legal opportunity during life.

THE DECORUM

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen from different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge to be the best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their numbers in full membership, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Euharlee Primitive Baptist Association.

4. This Association shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor by which they can infringe upon the internal rights of the churches.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, who shall be of the body and who shall hold their office until re-elected.

6. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Union, they shall

petition by letter and delegates and upon examination, found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. No church in the Union shall have more than two delegates until they have exceeded one hundred members, and then they shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty after the first hundred.

8. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the Union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated or not, and if there be a majority for, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided, always that these be first considered which effects the union of the churches.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. Every person who speaks in debate, must rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from his subject.

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

12. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech, nor casting reflection on the speaker; he shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise cast reflection on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light of ideas.

13. No person shall abruptly break or absent himself from the Association without leave for it.

14. The several names of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, called over as often as the Association may require.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member provided the chair is filled—and he shall have no voice except the Association be equally divided.

16. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the Association.

17. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

18. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union, when it is necessary.

19. The Association shall have the power to provide for—

1. The general union of the churches.

2. To preserve inviolable chain of communion among the churches.

3. To give the churches all the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

5. To correspond with other Associations.

6. The Association shall have power to exclude any church in the Union which shall violate the rules of this Association or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants who may be present at the time of sitting when they shall judge necessary.

8. The Association may have the power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think convenient to the churches in the Union.

9. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10. The Association shall receive correspondence from other Associations by the Moderator extending to their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1924.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERK—ADDRESS	MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Bapt.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deaths	Membership	Meeting Days	Minutes Fund
First District												
Valley Grove	J. W. Spinks	T. A. Climer, Lindale, Ga.	Eld. T. F. Hatch, T. A. Climer									
Silver Creek	J. H. Johnson	R. E. Morris, Silver Creek, Ga., R. 1	Elds. J. H. Johnson, J. M. Yarbrough				1			17	2	\$1.50
Euharlee	J. H. Johnson	W. P. Calhoun, Rockmart, Ga. R. 5	M. T. Gentry*, W. P. Calhoun				1	1		31	2	3.00
Antioch	E. T. Caldwell	G. G. Burkhalter, Rome, Ga.	Eld. E. T. Caldwell, J. H. Caldwell							14	1	2.00
S. Lindale	J. H. Johnson	R. E. Wood, Cave Spring, Ga., R. 2	W. J. Calaway, R. E. Wood	2	1				1	30	4	2.00
New Home	J. H. Johnson	J. E. Broadaway, Silver Creek, Ga.	Eld J. W. Dempsey, J. E. Broadaway	1				1		33	3	3.00
Union	J. W. Spinks	H. C. Baggett, Draketown, Ga., R. 1	Eld. W. J. Cheek, H. C. Baggett				2		2	22	4	3.00
2nd District				2	1		1	1	1	45	3	3.00
Plesant Hill	W. J. Cooper	W. A. Long, Linger, Ga.	Eld. W. J. Cooper, W. A. Long	1						16	1	1.50
Melville			Not represented									
Harmony	J. W. Dempsey	W. C. Poach, Calhoun, Ga.	D. W. Caldwell							19	3	.50
Friendship	J. W. Dempsey	Augustus Peters, Ringgold, Ga. R. 4	J. A. George, A. Peters		1			1	1	35	2	4.00
Midway	W. J. Cooper	T. L. Caldwell, Protom, Rome, Ga.	F. M. Davis*, W. P. Barnes			1	2		4	31	2	3.00
Corrinth	C. A. Clemons	A. J. Sims, address not given	Eld. C. A. Clemons, J. T. Clemons	2					2	22	1	3.00
				8	3	1	7	4	11	315		\$28.50

Absentees marked *



