

MINUTES

OF THE

Fellowship Association

OF

Primitive Baptists

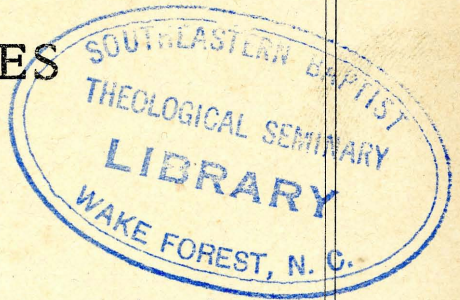
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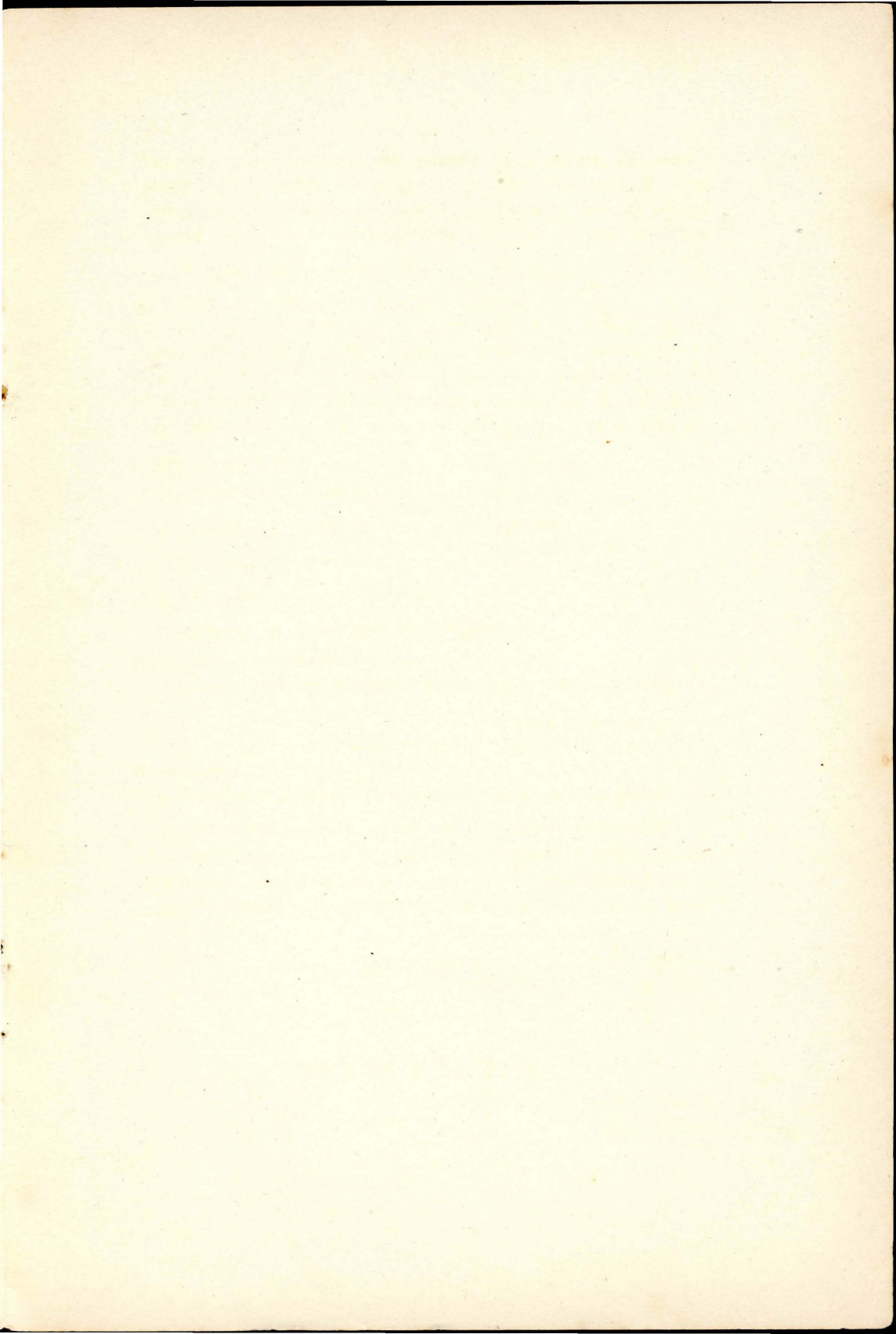
Church at Ramah, Buena Vista, Ga.,

Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st and 2nd, 1913.

W. W. CHILDS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Moderator.
C. W. LOWE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Clerk.

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PREAMBLE.

The church at Woodland, Ga., asked a number of her sister churches to meet with her on Friday before the third Sunday in July to consider the advisability of organizing a union of the churches in her territory which were not in any association.

The meeting was held as advertised, and we give below, the proceedings:

EPHESUS CHURCH, WOODLAND, GA., }
July 18th., 1913 }

Met according to previous appointment and received reports from churches as follows:

Ramah—G. R. Lowe and W. R. Benson.

Mount Pisgah—W. P. McCorkle.

Upatoie—H. M. Adams.

Fellowship—W. A. Mann and Wm. Culpepper.

Columbus—R. H. Barwick.

Ideal—A letter.

After hearing from the churches, organized a Union, and appointed Elder R. H. Barwick, moderator and G. B. Caldwell, clerk. On motion appointed a committee consisting of one from each church to draft a form of business. Committee as follows: Geo. R. Lowe, W. P. McCorkle, B. C. Smith, W. A. Mann, H. M. Adams and R. H. Barwick.

Committee reports as follows:

When the storm of confusion and division of the past few years struck the Upatoie Association of Georgia, several of the churches were dropped from the roll, not because they were convicted of any disorder, but because they refused to declare

non-fellowship for their brethren, and join with the Association in her unscriptural work of wholesale slaughter.

These churches have been standing still until now, waiting to see the salvation of God. They have gone on with their meetings as before, and the Lord has blessed them with a reasonable degree of spiritual prosperity and growth. They now feel that the time has come when it would be proper for them to come together in a yearly meeting, for the purpose of promoting brotherly love and Christian fellowship. They still adhere to the principles upon which they were constituted, and upon which they have stood all these years.

In thus forming a new organization of churches, they do it with the distinct understanding that nothing in this organization shall at any time interfere with the internal rights of any church; that each church is as free to transact her own business in the house of God, as if no such organization existed.

We regret the circumstances that forced this move upon us, and we take this step with no ill will in our hearts toward any; but with a prayer that God will bless all his dear people everywhere with the spirit of supplication and with the graces of the Holy Spirit.

We, your committee, beg to report the following order of business: We recommend that this Union be called the Fellowship Association of Primitive Baptists.

The introductory sermon shall be preached by an Elder chosen by the church with which the Association is held.

Reading letters and enrolling names of messengers and statistics of the churches.

The moderator and clerk of the church where the Association is held, shall be moderator and clerk of the meeting.

All visiting elders and brethren and sisters of the same faith and order invited to seats with us.

The moderator shall appoint a committee on preaching and one on finance.

Call for contributions from the churches.

Agreed to hold the sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September of each year.

Appoint the next session of the Association.

Met Sunday morning, pursuant to adjournment. Read and adopted the resolution and order of business as suggested by the committee. Agreed to hold the first session of this Association with Ramah Church, Buena Vista, Ga., beginning on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1913.

There being no further business, adjourned in order.

R. H. BARWICK,

Moderator.

G. B. CALDWELL,

Clerk.

In accordance with the above proceedings, the churches came together with Ramah Church, Buena Vista, Ga., on Tuesday, September 30th, 1913.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder S. H. Whatley, of the Ocklokonee Association, from Matt. xvii 1-5.

Called for and received letters from nine churches and recorded their statistics.

Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

Appointed as a committee on preaching brethren W. R. Benson, S. L. Fleming, B. C. Smith, A. J. Taylor and Clarence Bussey.

Appointed as a committee on finance brethren G. R. Lowe, W. P. McCorkle and J. W. Anderson.

Agreed to hold the next session of this body with the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1914.

We feel to thank God, the Giver all good gifts, for the peace and harmony and prosperity of our brotherhood, and we pray and pledge ourselves to work for a continuance of this, the greatest of all blessings.

We thank the people of Buena Vista and vicinity for their kind hospitality extended to us while in their midst, and for their unstinted and untiring efforts for our comfort and entertainment.

We pray that God may bless them all in temporal things necessary, and bless them in their souls.

W. W. CHILDS,

Moderator.

C. W. LOWE,

Clerk.

Order of Preaching.

TUESDAY A. M.—Elder S. H. Whatley.

TUESDAY P. M.—Elder T. I. Samford.

TUESDAY NIGHT—Elder R. H. Barwick.

WEDNESDAY A. M.—Elders H. Bussey and M. F. Stubbs.

WEDNESDAY P. M.—Elders J. T. McArthur and W. W. Childs.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT—Elder S. H. Whatley.

THURSDAY A. M.—Elders R. H. Jennings and W. W. Riner.

THURSDAY P. M.—Elders R. H. Barwick and M. F. Stubbs.

The congregations were large and orderly, and a deep spiritual interest was manifested in each service.

The preaching was in power, and many souls rejoiced in the Word.

C. W. LOWE, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Received By Baptism	Confession Of Faith	By Letter	Dismissed By Letter	Dead	Excluded	Total	Contributions
Ramah	L. M. Mathis, S. L. Fleming							36	\$27 00
Butler.....	A. C. Jones	2		3				16	4 50
Columbus	H. Bussey, R. H. Barwick.....	5		2		1	1	34	8 00
Ideal	H. F. Taylor, A. J. Taylor, J. M. Guy.....	1						11	3 50
Fellowship	J. W. Anderson.....	1						48	6 00
Ephesus	B. C. Smith	2		1				34	6 25
Mt. Pisgah	S. A. Chapman, W. J. Brady, W. P. McCorkle.....							22	5 00
Upatoie	Clarence Bussey.....	1			1	1		12	6 50
Cusseta	J. R. Pate, R. I. Barbaree	2						15	3 20

