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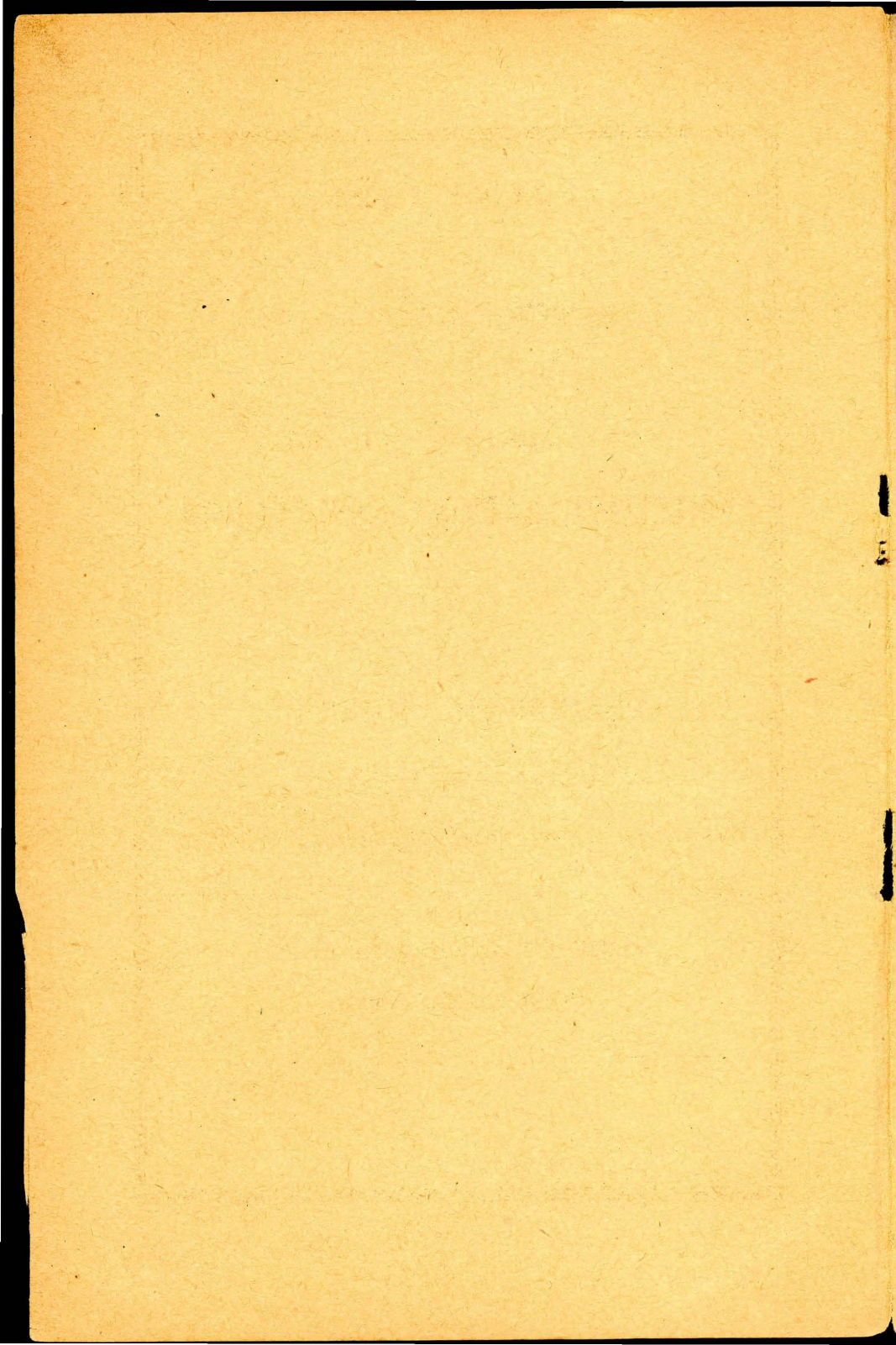
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PROCEEDINGS

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Alabama River Primitive Baptist Association.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Osteen, of Union Association, from John i.3, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

After thirty minutes intermission the delegates assembled in the house, when the association was called to order by the former moderator. After prayer by Elder D. L. Calloway, of Lotts Creek Association, proceeded to business.

1. Read letters from eighteen churches and minuted their state and enrolled delegates' names.
2. Re-elected Elder J. T. Minshew moderator, and John Thomas clerk, by ballot.
3. Read the decorum and invited ministers to seats with us.
4. Called for petitionary letters and received none.
5. Appointed Bretheren J. R. Dowling, S. R. Jordan and J. B. Jordan with the delegates of this church a Committee on Preaching and Finance: Elder B. A. Thornton, Brethren John Roberts and D. F. Cole, with the moderator and clerk a Committee on Business.
6. Called for correspondence from sister associations and received from the Union Association a statement by Elder J. A. Osteen.
7. Appointed Elders W. L. Harper and W. M. Hyers to write the corresponding letter.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY.

Met according to yesterady's adjournment.

After prayer by Elder J. A. Osteen, of the Union Association, called the roll and proceeded as folows:

8. Called for further correspondence and received from

the Suwanee Association, minutes by Elder E. J. Groover.

Received a statement from the Ebenezer Association by Elder B. C. Lewis.

Received as visitors from the New Beulah Association Elder H. Hand and Brother T. Bland.

Received from the Lotts Creek Association statement by Eder D. L. Calloway and Elder B. H. Wilkerson as visitors.

9. Called for marked letters, and agreed by motion and second that we hold the next session of our body with Providence church, Ware county, Ga., about three miles west of Manor, on the A. C. L. R. R. beginning Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1911.

10. Called for report of Committee on Business. We your committee have examined corresponding minutes and find nothing objectionable and we recommend the same course of business as appears in last year's minutes.

We, the Alabaha River Primitive Baptist Association protest against all musical instruments in the worship of God; federal government; ministerial support; protracted meetings; alien baptism. We therefore, take this method of informing our brethern everywhere of this action of the churches, and will say we cannot consistently use any ministers in our churches or stand with these unscriptured measurers. We believe in aiding the ministry as the scripture teach.

Report received.

Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:

To the Suwanee Association, to be held with the church at Little Springs, in Bradford county, Fla., two miles south of Dukes and one and one-half miles north of Weatherington on the A. C. L. R. R. ,to convene on the fourth Saturday in September, 1911, Elders H. J. J. Markes and W. L. Harper and Brethren J. W. Davidson and S. P. Wainright.

To the Union Association to be held with Mt. Paron church Berrin county Ga., six miles north of Allapaha. on the A. C. L. R. R., and one and one-half miles from Gladis, on the Ocilla Southern R. R.; Elders H. J. J. Markee and W. L. Harper and Brethern, B. W. James and D. F. Cole.

Lotts Creek Association, to be held with the church at Lower Black Creek, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1911, three miles north of Ellabell, on the Seaboard R. R.; Elders W. P. Nunez, B. A. Thornton and Brother W. H. Bowen.

Upper Canoochee Association, Elders W P. Nunez, J. T. Minchew and Brethern E. H. McClelland and R. H. McGruley,

Clerk failed to get location where association is to convene.

Ebenezer association to convene with Sweet Home church at Chester on the Rightville and Tennil R. R., leading from the Southern R. R., at Empire; Elder W. P. Nunez.

12. Called for corresponding letter; it was handed in, read and approved.

13. Called for report of Committee on Preaching and Finance.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: We have received in contribution \$44.00, and recommended the printing of 800 copies of our minutes, 600 for the use of the churches, and 200 for correspondence and the clerk to be paid \$20.00 for the printing and distributing the minutes, the balance to be divided among corresponding and visiting ministers. Report received.

On motion read the minutes, and after prayer by Elder W. L. Harper, of our body, adjourned to the next time and place of meeting.

ELDER J. T. MINCHEW, Moderator.

JOHN THOMAS, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Alabama River Primitive Baptist Association in session with the church at Rehobeth, Ware county, Georgia, sendeth greetings.

Dear and much esteemed Brethren in the Lord—Through the goodness and mercies of a covenant keeping God we have been spared to hold another session of our body in peace and love. Our churches are all represented, except one, and report in peace. Our correspondence is not as full as we could have desired, yet we rejoice in the sweet message of love borne to us by your dear ministers, which causes our hearts to rejoice in the God of our salvation. We desire a continuation of your brotherly correspondence. We will hold the next session of our body with Providence church, Ware county, Georgia, three miles from Manor, Ga. and four miles from Argyle Ga on the A. C. L. R. R., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1911, the Lord permitting, where and when we hope to meet you again. Until then farewell.

ELDER J. T. MINCHEW Moderator.

JOHN THOMAS, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning—Elder J. A. Osteen, of the Union Association.

Friday afternoon—Elder A. B. Wilkerson, of Lotts Creek Association and R. J. Grover of Suwanee Association.

Saturday morning—Elder H. Hand, of the Newbula Association, and D. L. Calloway, of Lotts Creek Association.

Saturday afternoon—Elder B. H. Lewis of the Ebenezer Association.

Sunday morning—Elder R. J. Grover of the Suwanee Association; and Elder B. H. Wilkerson of Lotts Creek Association. Closed by the Moderator.

DECORUM

1. This Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Those members chosen by the churches of our union shall compose the Alabama River Primitive Baptist Association.
3. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, expelled, dead and total number in fellowship since our last session.
4. This association shall not have power to lord it over God's heritage nor infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches.
5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.
6. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preserve order, to explain and put questions, and shall have the same right to speak as any other member provided the chair be filled, but shall not vote unless 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; the minutes shall be read and amended, if needful, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association adjourns.
8. Any church petitioning by letter and delegates for admission into this association shall be, if found orthodox and orderly, received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her delegates.
9. Each church shall have the right to send two delegates to the association and no more.
10. Every query presented shall be fairly stated in writing and approved by a majority before taken up.
11. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, unless it be withdrawn by the person who made it, by consent of the association.

12. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the moderator in an orderly manner, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject.

13. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, and shall not continue his speech more than ten minutes at a time, without leave of the association.

14. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of debate or public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

15. When a case is decided by vote there shall be no more debating on that subject.

17. If any member shall break the rules of this association he shall be immediately reprov'd by the moderator.

18. These rules shall be read at every association previous to entering on business.

19. It shall be the duty of the association to keep up a correspondence with other associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of connection may be preserved among the churches.

20. To give the best advice they can in matters of difficulty, and if the union be broken between any of the sister churches, to inquire into the cause of the breach and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church which they judge unsound in faith or immoral in practice until they be reclaimed.

21. To invite any of the ministers to assistance if necessary.

22. It shall be the duty of this association to provide for the general union of the churches, and not hold them in union that support any modern missionary, Bible or Sunday school union, society, or theological school, either in themselves or any other person, or is in any society that is now or may be hereafter constituted under the pretext of circulating the gospel of Christ, or any secret order, nor will it correspond with any association that supports or is in any of the above named societies.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES SUBSCRIBED TO BY THE ASSOCIATION ?

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

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and new Testaments are the written word of God, and the only 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 fallen state he is in by nature, by 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 never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

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

11. We believe that no man has the right to the administration of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper except such as are regularly called and come under the hands of the presbytery.

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

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Elder J. T. Minchew, Waycross, Ga., R. F. D. No. 1.
Elder W. B. Byrd, Hunter, Ga.,
Elder John Donaldson, Patterson, Ga.
Elder W. L. Harper, Waycross, Ga.
Elder W. P. Nunez, Blackshear, Ga., R. F. D. No. 1.
Elder H. J. Griffiths, Odum, Ga., R. F. D. No. 2.
Elder Jesse Tyre, Hilliard, Fla.
Elder W. M. Hyers, Coffee, Ga.
Elder H. J. J. Markee, Millwood, Ga.
Elder B. A. Thornton, Waycross, Ga., R. F. D. No. 1.
Elder J. C. Hewett, Manor, Ga.
Elder J. J. Hays, Millwood, Ga.

LICENTIATES.

Jessie Kicklighter, Blackshear, Ga., R. F. D. No. 3.
Mark Ellis.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Received by Exp. and Bad.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribu- tions	ANNUAL SABBATH MEETING
Antioch	Charlton	S P Howard, Newell, Ga	S P Wainright, J W Davidson						1	12	\$1 00	1st in April
Bethlehem	Pierce	W D Griffin, Patterson, Ga	W D Griffin	1	2				1	23	25	1st in May
Ben James	Pierce	W H Bowen, Blackshear, Ga	G. C. James, L. H. Youmans	1	1	1				40	55	3d in May
Bethesda	Wayne	W S Lewis, Jesup, Ga	MA Scott, D Edenfield				1			13	50	4th in Sept.
Big Creek	Wayne	W D Griffin, Odum, R. 2	W M Thornton, Hansel Tyre					2		41	00	1st in Oct.
Corinth	Wayne	H R McGauley, Odum, Ga	I D Bennett, H R McGauley							14	00	3d in Oct.
Damascus	Pierce	George Hyers, Coffee, Ga	S P Boatright, W M Hyers				1	1		15	00	4th in August
Elim	Coffee	W R Cole, Nicholls, Ga	John Roberts, D F Cole				2	1	1	53	00	3d in June
Mt. Pleasant	Ware	Mathew Carter, Hoboken, Ga	W L Harper, Matthew Carter	2	1				1	39	50	2d in June
Mt. Zion	Pierce	Nathan Brown, Blackshear, R 1	ES McGee, BA Thornton	2			2			20	10	4th in May
Macedonia	Ware	H J J Markee, Proton, Millwood	H J J Markee, Matthew Jordan			1				17	50	3d in Sept.
New Hope	Wayne	J J Blocker, Hickox, Ga	J A Courson, A J Petty				1			37	00	3d in April
New Prospect	Pierce	John Thomas, Blackshear, Ga	J R Dowling, John Thomas							15	00	4th in April
Providence	Ware	J R Dickerson, Argyle, Ga	G P Sowell, B W James	3	3	8		1	3	46	60	2d in Oct.
Red Bluff	Clinch	J B Mays, Manor, R. 1	Not Represented									2d in August
Ramah	Pierce	S R Jordan, Rockingham, R. 3	S R Jordan, J B Jordan						1	27	3-00	2d in Sept.
Rehobath	Ware	Walter Smith, Nicholls, R. 2	W P Nuney, E H McClellan		6		2			36	1 50	1st in Sept.
Rome	Ware	T N Tuten, Waycross, R. 1	J T Minchew, J W Carter		3					29	4 50	4th in Oct.
Satilla	Wayne	A Waldron, Screven, Ga	A Waldron				1	1		13	1 50	2d in July

