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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1 Read letters and record messengers names.
- 2 Elect Moderator and Clerk.
- 3 Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 4 Call for petitionary letters.
- 5 Appoint a committee to arrange divine service.
- 6 Call for correspondence.
- 7 Appoint brother to write corresponding letter
- 8 Call roll, read decorum.
- 9 Appoint correspondents.
- 10 Appoint union meetings
- 11 Appoint time and place for next Association.
- 12 Appoint brethren to preach next introductory sermon.
- 13 Appoint brethren to write circular letter.
- 14 Call for circular letter
- 15 Call for corresponding letter.
- 16 Call for contributions.
- 17 Say how many minutes.
- 18 Fix Clerk's compensation.
- 19 Call for miscellany.
- 20 Read minutes,
- 21 Adjourn.

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Of the Sixty-first Annual Session of the Towaliga Association, Held With the Church at Sandy Creek, Butts County, Georgia, September 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1899.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder I. L. Gunter, from John 13:34, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

After one hour's intermission messengers and correspondents assembled in the House.

1. Singing and prayer by Elder J. A. Wright.
2. Read letters and recorded messengers names.
3. Elected Elder I. L. Gunter, Moderator, and W. M. Hartley, clerk.
4. Appointed A. C. Elliott and J. T. Goodman with the messengers of Sandy Creek to arrange Divine Service.
5. Received correspondence from Little River Association, to-wit: Elders S. J. Blackwell and L. M. Ball, and read corresponding letter from Blue Ridge Association.
6. Appointed Brother A. C. Gunter to write corresponding letter.
7. Suspended reading Decorum and calling roll.
8. Appointed correspondents to Little River Association, to-wit: Elder S. G. Ratliff, J. L. Hays, G. W. Phillips and Brothers P. D. Leach, T. Mangham, H. M. Vaughn, W. T. Bennett, J. T. Stephens, A. C. Gunter, C. A. Towles, W. N. Leak, and to Blue Ridge a package of minutes.
9. Appointed Union Meetings (as follows: First District, at Bethel, Butts county, on Friday before first Sunday in August, 1900. For Second District at Flat Rock, Friday before fifth Sunday in July, 1900.
10. Appointed the Sixty second Session of this body to be held with Bersheba Church, one mile south of Locust Grove, Henry county, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1900.
11. Excused Elder W. T. Godard from writing circular letter, and, on motion, omitted circular letter for this session.
12. Appointed T. G. Preston, Frank Thompson and L. J. Newton, Committee on Finance.
13. Adjourned to 8:30 A. M. Saturday morning.

Preaching at the Stand in the evening by Elder A. J. Brown.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

Met according to Adjournment.

Singing and prayer by Elder L. M. Ball.

1. Appointed Elder S. G. Ratliff to preach next Introductory Sermon. Elder J. L. Hays in case of failure.
2. Appointed Elder J. A. Wright to write next circular letter.
3. Received and adopted Circular Letter presented by Bro. A. C. Gunter.
4. Ordered 1,000 copies of Minutes printed.
5. Ordered articles of Faith and Decorum printed.
6. Ordered cost of Minutes printed.
7. The petition of Liberty, Wayne county. For letter of Dismission was taken up and clerk ordered to write letter of Dismission and forward to her.
8. Fixed Clerk's compensation; he to have remainder after paying for printing and distributing Minutes.
9. *Resolved*, That this body tender thanks to this Church and community for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during this Session, praying the blessing of an all-wise God upon them.
10. Read and adopted Minutes.
11. Adjourned after hand-shaking and much rejoicing and fervent prayer by the Moderator, to meet at Bersheba Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1800.

W. M. HARTLY,

Clerk.

I. L. GUNTER,

Moderator,

Prayer-meeting at the Stand, led by Bro. W. M. Reynolds.

Preaching at 11 A. M. by Elder L. M. Ball, followed by Elder W. T. Godard, with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

SATURDAY EVENING

Preaching by Elder T. E. Sikes.

SUNDAY MORNING, 11 A. M.

Preaching at the Stand, by Elder S. J. Blackwell.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Preaching by Elder S. G. Ratliff.

Received of W. M. Hartley, Clerk fourteen and 50-100 dollars, as cost of printing Minutes of Towaliga Association.

MUTUAL PTC Co.,
W. K. Dennis, Mgr.

Postage on Minutes.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Towaliga Association of Primitive Baptist to her sister associations with whom she corresponds.

GREETING:—Dear Brethren, through the kind Providence of the God of all mercy and grace, we have been permitted to hold this the Sixty-first Annual Session of our body in peace, for which our poor hearts are filled with adoring gratitude to Him in whom we trust for life and salvation, even Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Oh how we appreciate and love the present prayers and preaching of the visiting ministers who preach to us with power and demonstration of the Spirit. Dear brethren, we desire to continue this correspondence and have you visit us. We have authorized the brethren whose names appear in the body of these Minutes to represent us in your bodies.

The next session of this body will be held at Bersheba Church, one mile southeast of Locust Grove, Henry county, Ga., beginning Friday before and embracing the first Sunday in September, 1900, when we hope to again meet you and unite with you in rejoicing and praising the name of our God.

Yours in brotherly love,

W. M. HARTLY,
Clerk,

I. L. GUNTER,
Moderator.

Decorum.

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

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

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

4. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor by which they can infringe upon the internal rights of the church, nor to censure or to try any individual member in reference to faith or practice, or determine upon the validity of gospel ordinances: these things shall rest entirely with 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 offices until a re-election.

6. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union they shall petition by letters and delegates and upon examination, if 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 three delegates until they shall exceed one hundred members, and then they shall have an additional delegate for every fifty after the first hundred.

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

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

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

11. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech, nor cast reflections on the speakers; 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 or ideas.

12. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without leave of it.

13. The several names of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may desire.

14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote, except the Association be equally divided.

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

16. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator before the Association rises.

17. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

18. The Association shall have power,

1st. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, but it shall be discretionary with the church whether they take it or not.

2nd. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

3rd. To correspond with other Associations.

4th. To admit the distant brethren in the ministry, or assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, whom they shall judge necessary.

5th. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place in their bounds that may be agreed upon by the churches composing the same.

6th. Any member who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they shall think proper.

7th. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Articles of our Faith and Scriptural Proof.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only and true living God, and a Trinity of persons in the God-head: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Proof:* Deut. 4:39, Isaiah 45:6, Mark 12:32, John 1:1-14, Col. 1:15-17, Phil. 2:6-8, 1 John 5:7, John 17, John 10:30.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of Faith and Practice: *Proof:* 2 Timothy 3:16,17, 1 Peter 1:19-21, Rev. 22:18,19.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of Eternal and Personal Election of a definite number of the human race, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love. *Proof:* Eph. 1:4-6, 2 Thess. 2:13, John 15:16, 1 Peter 1:2, Ibid 2:9.

ART. 4. We believe in a Covenant of Redemption, ordered in all things and infallibly sure ever existing between God the Father and God the Son. *Proof:* Isaiah 89:3-4, 2 Samuel 23:5, Zach. 9:11, Luke 1:72, Heb. 13:20, 1 Peter 18:20, Rev. 5:9.

ART. 5. We believe in the fall of man and the communication of Adam's corrupt nature to his posterity by ordinary generation and their impotency to recover themselves from the fallen state they are in by sin and wicked works by their own free will and ability. *Proof:* Gen. 3:6,24, Romans 5:12, Ibid 3:19, Ps. 51:5, Ibid 58:3, 1 Cor. 15:22.

ART. 6. We believe that all chosen in Christ shall hear the voice of the Son of God and be effectually called, regenerated and born again, and that all thus born again are justified in the spirit of God alone by the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them and received by faith. *Proof:* John 1:27-29, 1 John 3:9, Eph. 1:4, 2 Timothy 1:9, John 6:37.

ART. 7. We believe that all the saints of God thus called by the Holy Spirit and justified by the righteousness of Christ shall be preserved in Grace and none of them finally fall away so as to be lost. *Proof:* James 2:23, Romans 5:1, Ibid 8:37-39, Col. 3:3, John 10:28-29.

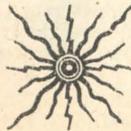
ART. 8. We believe in the doctrine of the resurrection both of the just and unjust and a general judgement, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal and the punishment of the wicked everlasting. *Proof:* John 5:28-29, Acts 17:31, 1 Cor. 15:21-23, Rev. 20:12-15, Matt. 25:45-46.

ART. 9. We believe that the Church of Christ is a local body of professing and baptized believers who have gained Christian fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another and have covenanted together to keep house for God agreeable to the rules of the gospel and should therefore be kept organically separate and distinct from and independent of the world and its institutions, and is the highest and only ecclesiastical authority known to the Word of God. *Proof:* Matt. 16:18-19, Eph. 1:22, Ibid 3:10, Ibid 5:24-27. Col. 1:8, Matt. 18:17, Eph. 2:19-22, 1 Cor. 6:4, Acts 15:4, John 15:18-19.

ART. 10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Great Head of the Church, and her only law-giver, that the government is with Church itself, and is the privilege of each member that the discipline cannot be legally-extended beyond her own Scriptural jurisdiction and is intended for the reclamation or expulsion of those members who may be disorderly either in principle or practice and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory and the peace and unity of the Church. *Proof:* Matt. 18:19, Col 1:18, Acts 11:26, Col. 1:24, Eph. 5:23.

ART. 11. We believe that water baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saint's feet are ordinances of the Lord and are to be administered by the authority of the church until His second coming. *Proof:* Mark 1:4, John 3:2-3, Acts 8:38, Ibid 9:18:28, Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, Acts 2:42, John 13:1-17, 1 Tim. 5:10.

ART. 12. We believe that none but regularly ordained ministers have the right to administer these ordinances, that professed believers in Christ who in the judgement of the Church are true Christians are the only proper subjects of baptism and immersion the only proper mode, that none but regularly baptized and orderly Church members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. *Proof:* Heb. 5:4, John 3:27, 1 Tim. 4:14, Titus 1:5, Acts 6:6, Ibid 13:2-3.



Number.	CHURCHES	COUNTY	POSTOFFICE	MESSENGERS NAMES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd on Confes-	Restored	Excluded	Dis'm'd by Letter	Dead	Total	Minute Fund	Ministers Fund	Time of Meeting	PASTORS	
							sion of Faith										
1	Beulah	Spalding..	Patillo	D. M. Bell, S. M. Apple and R. E. Hamil.	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	37	85	85	1	Ratliff
2	Sandy Creek	Butts.....	Flovilla	T. G. Preston, L. J. Newton, S. J. Bennett	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	76	2 00	8 00	2	Gunter
3	Hebron	Clayton	Jonesboro	J. M. Ellis, F. Ratliff, A. N. Mann	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	29	1 00	1 00	2	Wright
4	Liberty	Wayne	Inez	By Letter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	.....
5	New Hope	Upson	Yatesville	J. W. Burk, J. H. Blount, Joe Blount	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	43	1 00	1 00	3	Wright
6	Liberty	Pike	Liberty Hill	J. A. Wright, J. B. Bell, J. M. F. Barron	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	48	1 50	3 50	4	Wright
7	Lebanon	Henry	Hampton	A. Payne	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	1 00	2 00	1	Gunter
8	Flat Rock	Pike	Zebulon	M. Hartley, B. S. Aiken, M. S. Will amson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	1 00	1 50	4	Godard
9	Flint River	Upson	Rowland	J. B. Brown, J. S. Vining, R. F. Arrington	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	1 00	1 25	2	Philips
10	Forest	Clayton	Astor	T. J. Stephens, G. W. Philips, H. E. King	3	2	3	..	1	4	1	60	1 50	..	4	Philips	
11	Union	Monroe	Gogansville	J. F. Taylor, E. B. Taylor, J. I. Taylor	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	34	1 00	3 25	1	Wright
12	Bethell	Butts	Jackson	C. T. Mongham, W. Bennett H. M. Vaughn	..	1	..	1	1	31	1 00	3 00	3	Hayes
13	Ozias	Henry	White House	I. L. Gunter, A. C. Gunter, A. C. Elliott	3	..	..	..	..	7	..	106	2 00	5 00	3	Gunter
14	Mt. Moriah	Newton	Hayston	J. L. Hayes, W. M. Leach, W. S. Kirkpatrick	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	50	1 00	2	Philips
15	Busheba	Henry	Locust Grove	Dan Henderson, W. H. Spier, M. L. Harris	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	52	1 50	3 50	4	Gunter
16	Concord	Jasper	Winfred	S. G. Ratliff, W. P. Persons, Ossian Bennett	7	1	..	..	1	..	2	68	2 00	10 00	3	Godard
17	Ocmulgee	Jasper	Harden	J. T. Goodman, J. B. Benton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	75	1 50	4	Hayes
18	Philippi	Bullock	Clito	A. J. Brown, J. K. Heudrix	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1 00	2 00	2	Brown
19	Mt. Nebo	Glascocck	Mitchell	J. F. Walden	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	46	1 00	2 00	1	Godard
20	Friendship	Wilkerson	McIntyre	W. G. Lewis, J. Fowles	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	37	1 00	2 00	2	Godard
21	Little Flock	Fayette	Fayetteville	A. G. Preston	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	No sup
..	Total	..	..	..	38	7	5	2	8	13	11	831	2285	49 30	..	..

ORDAINED ELDERS.

IRA L. GUNTER, White House, Ga.
WILY F. ROGERS, McIntyre, Ga.
WILLIAM G. GODARD, Milner, Ga.
JOHN A WRIGHT, Zebulon, Ga.
S. G. RATLIFF, John, Ga.
GEORGE W. PHILLIPS, Atlanta, Ga.
J. LUTHER HAYES, Hayston, Ga.
ANDREW J. BROWN, Clito, Ga.

LICENTIATES.

G. W. COOK, Zebulon, Ga.
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DAN HENDERSON, Locust Grove, Ga.
T. M. WHATLEY, Orchard Hill, Ga.
DR. J. M. F. BARRON, Liberty Hill, Ga.
J. P. VAUGHN, Jackson, Ga.
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