

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**

**OF THE**

**OCHLOCKNEE PRIMITIVE  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**OF**

**Old Line Primitive Baptists**

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**HELD WITH**

**HARMONY CHURCH**

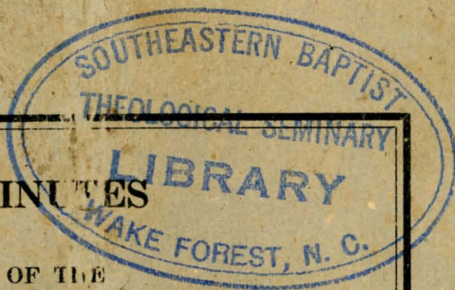
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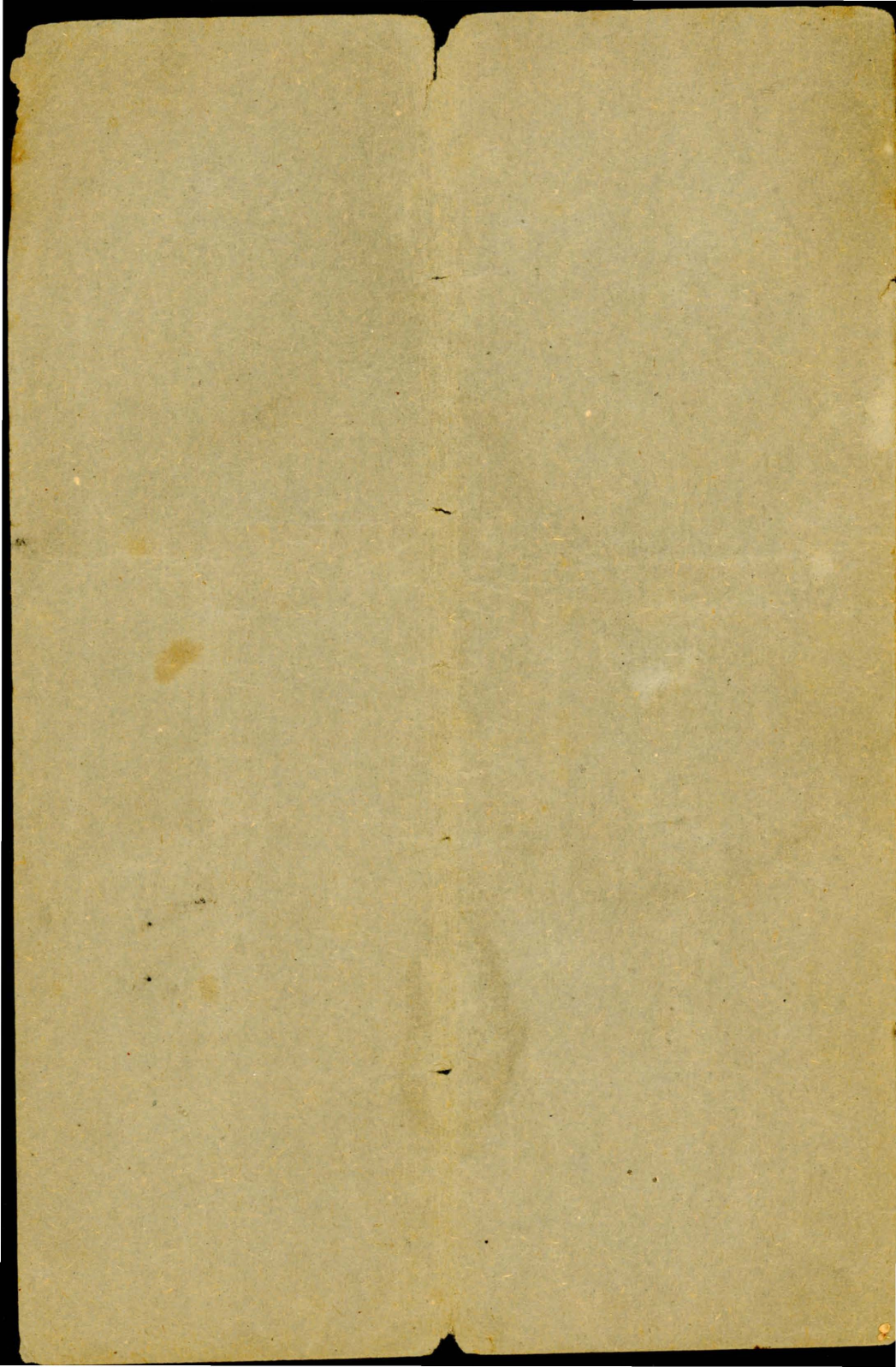
**OFFICERS :**

**ELDER E. R. RHODEN,**  
Moderator.

**ELDER J. W. GARDNER,**  
Clerk.







## Proceedings of the Ochlocknee Association.

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The Ninety-third Annual Session of the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association convened with Harmony Church, one and one-half miles east of Barwick, on October 25th, 26th and 27th, 1919.

The introductory sermon was by Elder H. W. Parrish, of the Union Association.

After thirty minutes intermission, the delegates assembled in the house and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder John Harris.

First. Called for and received letters from eleven churches and minuted their state.

Second. Elected Elder E. R. Rhoden Moderator and Elder J. W. Gardner Clerk by ballot.

Third. Adopted last year's minutes as course of business.

Fourth. Read the Decorum.

Fifth. Invited brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

Sixth. Called for petitionary letters.

Seventh. Appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching and Finance: Brethren J. M. Clark, J. H. Martin, C. F. Horn, together with messengers of this church.

On business: W. C. Singleton, W. M. Pitman, Elder A. L. Pierce, together with Moderator and Clerk.

On Memorials: Elder L. Johnson and J. I. Baker.

Eighth. Called for the correspondents of the associations and received:

From the San Pedro Association: J. C. English and J. J. Westberry.

From the Pulaski Association: Elder J. T. Strauder, Elder W. M. Holcom, Brethren R. L. Peacock, A. A. Turner and J. Z. Paulk.

From the Union Association: Elder H. W. Parrish, J. D. Boykin, Elder J. T. Harris, G. M. Mobley.

From the Flint River Association: R. H. Alligood, A. C. Carter, A. J. Harrell, Elders F. M. Jordan and J. W. Williamson.



From the Alabama Association: J. O. Walters, J. T. Thornton, Randal Davis, and Elder W. D. Bryant.

From the Chippola Association: None.

From the Suwanee Association: None.

Ninth. Called for petitionary correspondents.

Tenth. Appointed W. M. Pittman to write corresponding letter.

On motion adjourned until Monday morning 8:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder W. H. Godwin.

### Monday Morning Session.

The session convened according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder H. W. Parrish.

First. Called the roll.

Second. Renewed the call for correspondents.

Third. Extended invitation to visitors.

San Pedro Association:

Union Association:

Pulaski Association:

Alabama Association: D. J. Carter, M. O. Knox.

Sawannee Association:

Fourth. Called for report of Business Committee and received report as follows: We have examined the minutes of the several Associations and find nothing objectionable. Signed by W. C. Singleton, W. M. Pittman and Elder A. L. Pierce.

Fifth. Returned correspondents as follows:

To the San Pedro Association to be held with Mt. Horeb church, four miles east of Pinetta on the G. F. Railway, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1920: F. M. Renfroe and W. C. Singleton.

To the Union Association to be held with Pleasant church, five miles east of Cecil, and six miles north-west of Ray City, commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in Oct., 1920: Elders A. L. Pierce, E. Lindsey and R. L. Watson, E. R. Rhoden, J. W. Gardner.

To the Flint River Association, to be held with Prosperity, ten miles north of Bainbridge, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in Nov., 1919: R. L. Watson, Elder L. Johnson.

To the Alabama Association, to be held with Rome church, Ware County, two miles west of Haywood on the A. B. & A. Railroad, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in Nov., 1919: J. W. Gardner and Elder E. R. Rhoden.



To the Pulaski Association, to be held with Pleasant Hill church, Turner County, two miles east of Sycamore on the G. F. and S. Railway, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1920: W. M. Pittman, Elder L. Johnson, A. L. Pierce, J. W. Gardner.

To the Suwanee Association, to be held-----

-----commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in Sep., 1920: Elder J. W. Gardner.

Called for corresponding letters: Read and adopted.

Seventh. General meetings will be as follows:

First District: Beginning on Friday before the first fifth Sunday in 1920, to be held with Ty Ty church, three miles north of Ennis, on the A. B. & A. Railway.

Second District. Beginning on Friday before the second fifth Sunday, 1920, to be held with Bethel church, seven miles east of Payo and seven miles south-west of Berlin.

Eight. Called for circular letter.

Ninth. Appointed W. M. Pittman to write next circular letter.

Tenth. Called for report on finance and received as follows: We the committee on finance submit the following: \$101.90 as contributions from the several churches. We recommend the five hundred minutes be printed, 350 for the churches and 150 for the correspondents. We recommend that \$45.00 be given the clerk for printing minutes and his service, and \$56.90 to be divided among the visiting ministers and correspondents. We recommend that the cost of minutes be printed on last of minutes. Signed: J. M. Clark, J. H. Martin, C. T. Horn and F. M. Renfroe.

Eleventh. Called for report on memorials: Nothing to report.

Twelfth. On motion adjourned to meet with Ty Ty church, Tift county, three miles west of Ennis, on the A. B. & A. Railway, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Oct., 1920: Elder E. R. Rhoden, Moderator; Elder J. W. Gardner, Clerk.

### Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved that we tender our heartfelt thanks to our brethren, sisters and friends of Harmony church for their tender care for us during our stay with them, and pray that God may abundantly bless and keep them from all harm.



### Order of Preaching.

Introductory sermon by Elder H. W. Parrish, of the Union Association.

Saturday Afternoon: Elder J. W. Williamson, of the Flint River Association, followed by R. T. Meadows, of the Pulaski Association.

Sunday Morning. Elder W. M. Holcam, of the Pulaski Association, followed by Elder W. D. Bryant, of the Alabama Association.

Sunday Afternoon: Elder John L. Harris, of the Union Association, followed by Elder J. T. Strouder, of the Pulaski Association.

Monday Morning: Elder H. W. Parrish, closed by the Moderator.

### Address of Ministers.

Elder D. N. Williams, Claxton, Ga.

Elder A. L. Pearce, Moultrie, Ga.

Elder E. Lindsey, Tifton, Ga.

Elder E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.

Elder J. W. Gardner, Camilla, Ga.

Elder H. W. Godwin, Pavo, Ga.

Elder B. C. Lewis, Moultrie, Ga.

Elder L. Johnson, Moultrie, Ga.

### Corresponding Letter.

We, the Primitive Baptist Ochlocknee Association, now in session with Harmony church, Brooks County, Georgia, Oct., 1919, to our sister Association with whom we correspond—Greetings: Dear Brethren in the Lord, through the mercy of an all wise God, we have been spared to meet in another associate capacity. Our churches all report peace and fellowship one with another, our correspondence is not as full as we would like, but feel thankful that it is as well with us as it is. Your ministers have preached to us; "Christ, the way, the truth and the light." The only potentate known in heaven or among men whereby we must be saved.

The business of our session has been conducted in brotherly love and peace, and, if not deceived, would render praises unto Him who has ever been the Holy Habitation of his people.

The next session of our body, the Lord permitting, will be

held with Ty Ty church, two and one-half miles north of Ennis, on the A. B. & A. Railway, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Oct., 1920. When and where we hope to meet you again, until then, beloved brethren, farewell.

(Signed) W. M. PITTMAN.

### 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



address 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 reflection 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. The Association is in favor of preaching the Gospel, the circulation of the Scripture, and the advantage 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 the Baptist State Convention 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.-4-19. 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 that went off with the Missionaries and all other Baptists at the time of their separation from us, providing they bring satisfactory evidence of legal baptism with a suitable confession of faith, and not otherwise in disorder, and not to receive any who have been baptised 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 seat 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 a 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, or 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 saint's 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 judgment.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.

J. W. GARDNER, Clerk.



CHURCHES	CLERK AND HIS POSTOFFICE	PASTORS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Exper. and Bapt'm	Received by Letter	Rec'd Conf. Faith	Restored	Dismis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Days	Contributions	Sunday of Annual Meeting
Live Oak-----	J. M. Clark, Moultrie, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.	J. M. Clark, C. F. Horne----	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	57	1	\$14.00	1st in Aug.
Pleasant Grove--	W. H. Newton, Moultrie, Ga.	W. H. Godwin, Pavo, Ga.	W. H. Godwin, W. W. Domany--	1	3	0	0	2	1	1	50	2	10.00	2d in Sept.
Bethlehem-----	L. J. Renfro, Quitman, Ga.	-----	L. J. Renfro, S. Bailey-----	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	16	2	2.50	2d in Oct.
Beth-Saide-----	I. H. Rooks, Doerun, Ga.	J. W. Williamson, Pelham, Ga.	L. Johnson, G. W. Horne----	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	42	3	11.25	3d in Sept.
Mt. Zion-----	H. M. Chastain, Moultrie, Ga.	T. J. Davis, Meigs, Ga.	H. M. Chastain, W. B. Floyd----	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	34	2	6.00	1st in Sept.
Sardis-----	Benj. Baker, Ellenton, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.	J. H. Martin, J. I. Baker-----	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	72	4	22.00	4th in Sept.
Harmony-----	S. N. Chapman, Barwick, Ga.	W. H. Godwin, Pavo, Ga.	S. N. Chapman, F. N. Renfro----	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	59	4	8.00	4th in Aug.
Bethel-----	F. B. Willis, Pavo, Ga.	W. H. Godwin, Pavo, Ga.	W. C. Singleton, J. M. Rogers----	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	36	1	6.50	1st in Sept.
Pleasant Hill----	A. L. Pierce, Moultrie, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden, A. L. Pierce----	0	2	1	0	3	7	0	18	3	11.40	3d in June
Ty Ty-----	W. T. Dean, Ty Ty, Ga.	B. L. Starling, -----	W. T. Dean, E. Lindsey,-----	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	32	2	6.00	2d in Sept.
Mt. Pisgah-----	J. R. Lewis, Ochlocknee, Ga.	J. W. Gardner, Camilla, Ga.	J. W. Gardner, W. M. Pittman--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	4.25	1st in July
TOTAL-----				5	10	1	3	11	9	8	444		101.90	

Received of J. W. Gardner \$19.00 for printing 500 Copies of Minutes.







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