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MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-third Annual Session

OF THE

Echeconnee Association of Primitive Baptists

HELD WITH

Beaver Creek Church,

Houston County, Georgia,

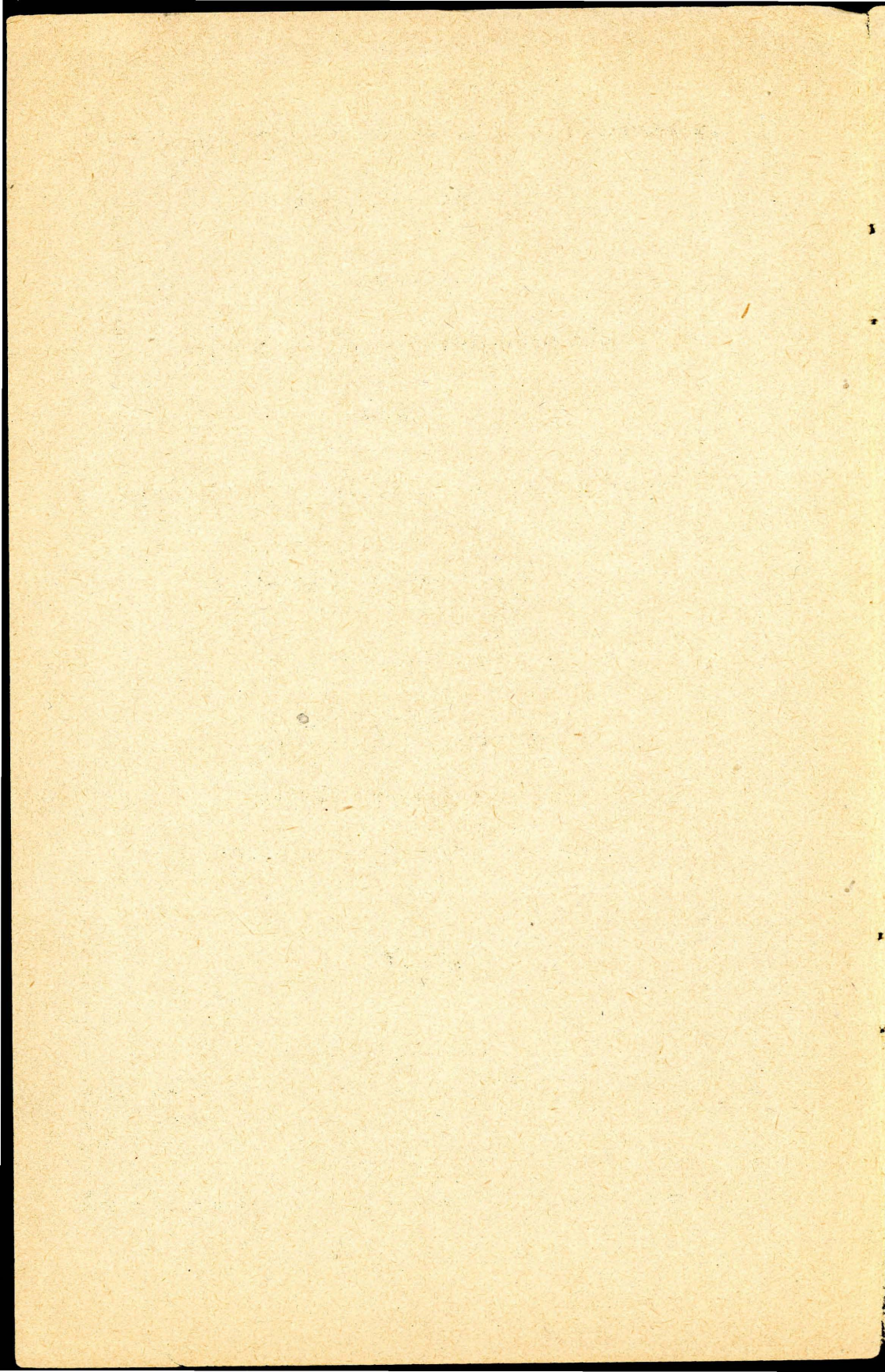
September 19th, 20th and 21st, 1911.



OFFICERS:

Elder S. T. BENTLEY, Moderator,	-	-	-	Culloden, Ga.
W. S. BLOODWORTH, Clerk,	-	-	-	Thomaston, Ga.

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MINUTES.

The Eighty-third Annual Session of the ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION OF PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS was held with the church at Beaver Creek, Houston County, Georgia, September 19th, 20th and 21st, 1911.

1st. After prayer by Elder W. J. Green, of the Ocmulgee Association, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J. M. Murray, of the Upatoie Association, from Prov. xxxi 10.

2nd. After prayer by Elder A. P. Tucker, of the Mount Olive Association, the Moderator proceeded to organization of the Association. The letters from the churches were called for and read and the names of messengers enrolled.

3rd. Proceeded to permanent organization by the election of a Moderator and Clerk, resulting in the election of Elder S. T. Bentley, Moderator, and W. S. Bloodworth, Clerk.

4th. Appointed the usual Committees:

On Preaching—F. B. Hancock, J. W. Fielder, F. W. Hammock, J. B. Hunt and J. M. Hunt.

To write Corresponding Letter—Elder W. J. Heard.

On Contributions and Distribution of Corresponding Minutes—F. B. Wilder, J. H. Mullins, A. W. Childs, F. M. Green and C. L. McCollum.

5th. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

6th. Called for correspondence from sister Associations and received as follows:

From the Upatoie—Elders J. M. Murray and H. H. Phillips, and Brethren E. T. Lightner, J. W. Harp and W. B. Wilson.

From the Marietta—Package of minutes.

From the Harmony—Package of minutes.

From the Primitive Ebenezer—Brethren I. N. Souther and J. W. Molen.

From the Ocmulgee—Elder W. J. Green and Brother J. A. McCowan.

From the Original Upper Canoochee—Elder S. M. Anderson.

From the Kehukee of North Carolina—Minutes.

7th. Called for Petitionary Letters.

8th. Called for Petitionary Correspondence from sister Associations, and received one, from the Mount Olive Association, seeking correspondence with our body. Her petition was unanimously granted and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to her correspondents.

9th. Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, September 20th, 1911.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Licentiate J. M. Adams, of the Oconnee Association.

1st. Called the roll and dispensed with reading Decorum.

2nd. Called for further correspondence from sister Associations and received Licentiate W. O. Meeks, Elder J. T. Glover and Brethren J. W. Newton and G. W. Webb from the Ocmulgee.

3rd. Suspended regular order of business to receive visitors from sister Associations and churches with whom we are not in formal correspondence and received Licentiate H. A. Sills from Lott's Creek Association, Elder G. W. Stewart, from Providence Church, Hale County, Ala., Elder D. M. Matthews, of the Yellow River Association, Licentiate J. M. Adams, of the Oconee Association, Elder T. S. Dalton, of the Ketocton Association of Virginia, and Elder J. E. Townsend, of the Blue Ridge Association.

4th. Resumed regular order of business and renewed invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.

5th. Returned correspondence to sister Associations:

To the Upatoie—To convene with the church at Bethel, near Butler, Ga., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1912. Elders S. T. Bentley, Lee Hanks, I. Grant and Brethren J. M. Frederick and J. B. Reeves.

To the Marietta Old School—To convene with the church at Friendship, near Villa Rica, Ga., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1911, in Palding County. Return minutes.

To the Harmony—To convene with the church at Turkey Creek, near Levenette Station, at regular time. Return minutes.

To the Primitive Ebenezer—To convene with the church at Sweet Home, near Chester, Ga., on Wrightsville & Tennille Railroad, at regular time, Brother J. M. Frederick.

To the Ocmulgee—To convene with the church at Ephesus, near Juliette, Ga., on Southern Railway, Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1912. Elders Lee Hanks, B. F. Williamson, J. A. Monsees, S. T. Bentley and Brethren W. S. Farr, J. B. Scarbrough, J. M. Frederick, T. E. Whittle and J. H. Baggarly.

To the Original Upper Canoochee—To convene with the church at Mt. Zion, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1911, near Norristown, on B. & P. Railroad, Elders J. A. Monsees and Lee Hanks.

To the Kehukee of North Carolina. Return minutes.

To the Mt. Olive—To convene with the church at Bethesda, nine miles west of Moultrie, Ga., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in September, 1912. Elders Lee Hanks, J. A. Monsees, S. T. Bentley and B. F. Williamson.

Clerk is authorized to send minutes to the Kettocton Association of Virginia.

6th. Called for contributions sent up by the churches and received for minutes \$26.00 and for associational purposes \$60.00.

7th. Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

1st. To convene with the church at Bethlehem, Bibb County, Ga., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1912.

2nd. To convene with the church at Providence, in Roberta, Crawford County, Ga., on Wednesday after third Sunday in July, 1912. Southern Railway.

8th Appointed the next session of this body to convene with the church at Fellowship, Houston County, Ga., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the third Sunday in September, 1912, four miles east of Powersville, on Central Railway.

9th. Agreed to have 1,500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed in usual manner.

10th. Called for, read and adopted Corresponding Letter.

11th. Read and adopted minutes, and after prayer by Elder T. S. Dalton, of the Kettocton Association of Virginia, adjourned.

ELDER S. T. BENTLEY, *Moderator.*

W. S. BLOODWORTH, *Clerk.*

Order of Preaching.

TUESDAY, P. M.—Elder T. S. Dalton, of the Kettocton of Virginia, followed by Elder J. E. Townsend, of the Blue Ridge Association.

WEDNESDAY, A. M.—Elder G. W. Stewart, of Providence Church, Hale County, Ala., followed by Elder D. M. Matthews, of the Yellow River.

WEDNESDAY, P. M.—Elder S. M. Anderson, of the Original Upper Canoochee, followed by Elder A. P. Tucker, of the Mt. Olive Association.

THURSDAY, A. M.—Elder G. W. Stewart, of Providence Church, Hale County, Ala., followed by Elder T. S. Dalton, of the Kettocton Association of Virginia. Closed by the Moderator.

The Association desires to thank the brethren and friends of Beaver Creek Church for their kindness to our body during our short stay with them and select this medium of rendering same.

Corresponding Letter.

The Echeconnee Association, now in session with the church at Beaver Creek, Houston County, Georgia, to her Sister Associations, with whom she corresponds, greeting:

OUR BELOVED BRETHREN AND SISTERS: Once more we have been permitted to assemble together in singing Psalms, confessing our sins, invoking Divine guidance, edified and comforted by the Gospel truths, all to the honor and glory of God, we trust.

Our next session, the Lord willing, will convene with the church at Fellowship, Houston County, Georgia, four miles east of Powersville, Georgia, on Central Railroad, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, after the third Sunday in September, 1912, when and where we hope to meet a goodly number of your correspondents again.

Our heart's desire and prayer is, dear kindred in Christ, that each and all of you may be daily and hourly overshadowed by His continued goodness and mercy and kept from the evils of the world.

ELDER S. T. BENTLEY, *Moderator.*

W. S. BLOODWORTH, *Clerk.*

Resolution.

WHEREAS, The Primitive Baptists have been greatly disturbed by the introduction of new and unscriptural practices in their worship, viz.: Instrumental music, secret orders and other things of like character, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we declare against these measures in our churches together with all others that practice or affiliate with the same.

Ministers of the Echeconnee Association and their Post Offices.

Elder S. T. Bentley.....	Culloden, Ga.
Elder Lee Hanks.....	Macon, Ga.
Elder W. J. Heard.....	Walden, Ga.
Elder J. A. Monsees.....	Macon, Ga.
Elder J. T. Reynolds.....	Byron, Ga.
Elder J. T. Young.....	Lizella, Ga.
Elder B. F. Williamson.....	Macon, Ga.
Elder Isaiah Grant.....	Roberta, Ga.
Elder B. C. Caldwell.....	Fayetteville, Ga.
Elder L. W. Allman.....	Griffin, Ga.

Visiting Ministers.

Elder J. M. Murray.....	Ellaville, Ga.
Elder H. H. Phillips.....	Oglethorpe, Ga.
Elder T. S. Dalton.....	Front Royal, Va.
Elder D. M. Matthews.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Elder W. J. Green.....	Clinton, Ga.
Elder G. W. Stewart.....	Akron, Ala.
Elder S. M. Anderson.....	Summit, Ga.
Elder F. Lord.....	Ocilla, Ga.
Elder W. A. Hubbard.....	Merrillville, Ga.
Elder A. P. Tucker.....	Moultrie, Ga.
Elder J. E. Townsend.....	Blairsville, Ga.
Elder J. T. Glover.....	Wayside, Ga.
Licentiate J. M. Adams.....	Monroe, Ga.
Licentiate A. A. Sills.....	Statesboro, Ga.
Licentiate W. O. Meeks.....	Griswoldville, Ga.

DECORUM.

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

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, on confession of faith, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION, providing for themselves a Moderator and Clerk, who shall serve them during the session; using the pastor of the church where they assemble or choosing one from the body, as they please.

4. As one of the cardinal tenets of faith of the Primitive Baptists is that the Old and New Testaments are our only rule of faith and practice, and as the Bible recognizes no other religious disciplinary power but the Church, where God, in His wisdom, mercy, and in honor to His Son, placed it.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union, they may petition by letter and delegates, and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of the proceedings of the Association.

8. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

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

10. To correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

11. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

12. It is also agreed that nothing shall be so construed in the above as to interfere with the fellowship and communion of the churches or brethren of this union, or with those with whom we may correspond, directly or indirectly; and nothing shall be presented to this body, as a query, or question bearing on the same, but shall be considered by the churches, as we believe is directed by the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

- 1st. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
- 2nd. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3rd. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
- 4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
- 5th. 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.
- 6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
- 7th. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
- 8th. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
- 9th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances. We believe that immersion is Baptism.
- 10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.
- 11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.
- 12th. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The Introductory Sermon will be delivered.
2. Call for and read letters from the churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Choose a Moderator and Clerk.
4. Appoint committees as follows:
 - On Preaching.
 - To write Corresponding Letter.
 - On Contributions and to distribute Corresponding Minutes.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for Correspondence from sister Associations.
7. Call for petitionary churches.

SECOND DAY.

1. Call the Roll and read Decorum.
2. Call for further Correspondence from sister Associations.
3. Renew the invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.
4. Return Correspondence to sister Associations.
5. Receive contributions and distribute Corresponding Minutes.
6. Appoint Union Meetings.
7. Appoint the next session of this body.
8. Agree on the number of minutes to have printed.
9. Call for Corresponding Letter.
10. Read minutes and adjourn.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	COUNTIES	POST OFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	PASTORS	Baptized	Received by Letter	Confession of Faith	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministry	
Good Hope	W. T. Hall	Upson	Thomaston	Not represented	B. C. Caldwell												
Mount Carmel	W. A. White	Crawford	Musella	Elder S. T. Bentley, F. W. Hammock, A. W. Childs	S. T. Bentley	8	1	1		1			75	3	\$ 2 00	\$ 4 05	
Salem	Job D. McGee	Crawford	Knoxville	Elder I. Grant, Jeff D. McGee	Isaiah Grant	3							71	2	1 50	2 00	
Providence	F. Danielly	Crawford	Roberta	Represented by Letter.....	S. T. Bentley								63	2	1 00	4 00	
Fellowship	F. M. Green	Houston	Perry	T. J. Jones, F. M. Green, C. L. Pender	W. J. Heard.....		11						45	1	2 00	3 00	
Bethlehem	L. L. Wright.....	Bibb	Macon	F. W. Williams, A. F. Jones, J. H. Meeks	J. H. Gresham.....	3	2	1	2	5	3		104	1	2 00	5 00	
Friendship	W. S. Bloodworth	Upson	Thomaston	W. S. Bloodworth, W. A. Pasley, J. B. Reeves.....	S. T. Bentley	2							41	1	1 00	6 10	
Pleasant Hill	J. D. Cherry	Houston	Dunbar	J. B. T. Scarbrough, J. M. Frederick, M. I. Jones	W. J. Green		1			6			42	4	1 00	2 00	
Sardis	T. M. Nash	Bibb	Macon	J. W. Fielder, J. F. Heard, T. M. Nash	W. J. Heard	2	2						71	3	2 00	3 00	
Mount Paran	W. J. Marshall.....	Bibb	Lizella	H. J. Brown, W. J. Marshall.....	J. T. Young					1	1		55	1	2 00	3 00	
Beaver Creek	J. R. Hunt	Houston	Kathleen	J. B. Hunt, J. M. Hunt, C. Stenbridge, C. Andrews	J. T. Reynolds	1	2			5	1		21	1	1 00	1 00	
Shiloh	J. A. Buckner			C. L. McCollum.....	J. T. Young					1	1		25	2	75	3 00	
Harmony	I. R. Bloodworth	Pike	Meansville	T. E. Whittle.....	Lee Hanks, J. A. Monsees								36	3	50	5 00	
High Shoals	T. M. Mullins	Monroe	Goggansville.....	J. H. Mullins.....	B. F. Williamson								37	2	1 00	3 00	
Mt. Calvary	W. W. Harris.....	Monroe	Moran's	W. W. Harris, J. H. Baggarly.....	J. T. Reynolds					2	1		17	3	50	1 50	
Concord	O. H. Post	Pike	Concord	J. B. C. Madden	B. F. Williamson								13	4	50	1 50	
Griffin	F. M. Gardner	Spalding	Griffin	F. B. Wilder, W. D. Evans.....	W. J. Heard					2			48	3	2 00	3 00	
Emmaus	M. L. Hancock	Upson	Crest	F. B. Hancock, F. J. Reeves, R. L. Smith	Not represented.....					7	1		54	4	1 00	6 00	
Barnesville	E. P. Childs	Pike	Barnesville	Not represented.....	Not represented.....					4	1		17	2	25		
Emmaus	A. M. Keith	Coweta	Newnan	J. W. Parks, W. A. Kenamore	B. C. Caldwell						1	1	16	1	50	2 00	
Elizabeth	J. S. Tabor.....	Bibb	Macon	Elder Lee Hauks, J. S. Tabor.....	Lee Hanks	1	4						16	4	2 50	2 50	

