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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Ninety-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

## Echeronnee Association of Primitive Baptists

HELD WITH

### Providence Church Roberta, Ga.

September 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1926

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#### OFFICERS:

ELDER D. Y. HICKS, Moderator ..... Roberta, Ga.

DEACON J. S. McGEE, Clerk ..... Roberta, Ga.

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### **PROVIDENCE CHURCH Roberta, Ga.**

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**TUESDAY, SEPT. 21st, 1926.**

1st. Singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder R. H. Pittman.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. J. Banks. Text, John 3:16.

2nd. Moderator called for letters from the churches of the Association which were read by Elds. Henry Swain, J. A. Monsees and R. H. Pittman and the names of the messengers were enrolled.

3rd. The Association was perfected by the election of Elder D. Y. Hicks, Moderator, and J. S. McGee, Clerk.

4th. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

5th. The usual committees were appointed as follows: On Preaching—T. A. Kendrick, F. Danielly, F. W. Hammock, C. T. Elliott and T. M. Nash.

6th. Agreed to write Circular Letter to the various churches of this association, and visiting Elders and Brethren and Sisters instead of the former corresponding letter.

7th. To write Circular Letter to our churches and visiting brethren, S. R. Yeomans.

8th. On Finance and Distribution of Funds, J. S. Tabor, J. W. McGee and J. H. B. Butts.

9th. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons, Elder Henry Swain, F. Danielly and R. T. Hancock.

10th. The Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22nd, 1926.

1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was led in prayer by Elder B. F. House. Called the roll.

2nd. Called for and received from the churches for associational purposes \$110.60 and for minutes \$41.50.

3rd. On motion and second and approved—to extend the hand of welcome to visiting Elders and Brethren from other associations.

4th. Visitors received:

Elder J. J. Turnipseed, Wetumpka Association, Ala.  
Elder J. H. Fisher, Mt. Zion Association, Texas.  
Elder B. F. House, Beulah Association, Ala.  
Elder Lee Hanks, Yellow River Association, Ga.  
Elder A. A. Garrett, Harmony Association, Ga.  
Elder J. A. Adams, Harmony Association, Ga.  
Elder R. H. Pittman, Ebenezer Association, Va.  
Elder M. L. Gilbert, Mt. Erion Association, Fla.  
Elder T. G. Wright, Ocmulgee Association, Ga.  
Elder A. J. Banks, Original Upper Canoochee Asso., Ga.  
Elder R. G. Lewis, Mt. Olive Association, Ga.  
Elder Oliver Hartman, Mt. Olive Association, Ga.  
Brother D. F. Wells, Ebenezer Association, Ga.  
Brother J. M. Tiner, Ocmulgee Association, Ga.  
Brother H. E. Saylor, Upatoi Association, Ga.

5th. Appointed the Union Meeting to convene with Sardis Church, Bibb County, Ga., on Friday, Saturday and 5th Sunday in May, 1927.

6th. Appointed the next session of this Association to convene with Griffin Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after 3rd Sunday in September, 1927.

7th. Circular Letter read and approved.

8th. Memorium on deceased ministers and deacons read and approved.

9th. Appointed to write next Circular Letter—Elder J. A. Monsees.

10th. The Clerk was ordered to have 1000 copies of the minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

11th. Prayer by Elder J. A. Adams. Adjourned to 9 o'clock Thursday morning.



THURSDAY, SEPT. 23rd, 1926.

1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was led in prayer by Elder Henry Swain.

2nd. The minutes were read and adopted this Sept. 23, 1926.

3rd. The Association by a rising vote gave thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of Providence Church for their kind hospitality in the entertainment of this association.

4th. Closed with prayer by Elder J. H. Fisher.

ELDER D. Y. HICKS, Moderator, Roberta, Ga.  
DEACON J. S. McGEE, Clerk, Roberta, Ga.

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### IN MEMORIAM.

It is with sad hearts that your committee has to report the passing from time to eternity, since last this body met, that of our dearly beloved Elder Walter J. Heard of Sardis church and deacons Beverly W. Childs of Providence church and Henry J. Brown of Mt. Paron church.

God preserved them by His divine providence in this world of sin and sorrow to a ripe old age, the years of which was spent in usefulness and service to others. Elder Heard was the former Moderator of this body which he served with love and efficiency for several years. Your committee would also call attention to the exemplary lives of deacons Childs and Brown which was spent in great honor to the blessed cause they loved so dearly. One by one here and there the veterans of the army of Christ fall in the great struggle and warfare for truth against error, ungodliness and worldliness, but there will be a happy reunion when their Captain shall return to earth with power and great glory, and the triumph of God shall sound, calling them all to one great glorious victory over death, hell and the grave where we hope to meet them and join in the glad reunion never to part again. Until then let us be reconciled to God and His wise and never failing providence.

Humbly submitted by your committee,

HENRY SWAIN,  
F. DANIELLY,  
R. T. HANCOCK.

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### CIRCULAR LETTER.

(1) To the churches composing this association, we desire to

say that, it affords us great joy to note the fact, from the reading of the several letters sent up by you, that peace, love, unity and prosperity abounds among you all. Not a single discordant note or word has been heard. God be praised for such oneness, for to Him belongs all the glory and praise for ever. Continue, dear brethren, to strive for the things that make for peace and the things whereby one may edify another and not to please ourselves. Remember, dear brethren, that while you are sovereign over all matters pertaining to your own local church, yet we are one people and have one master, even Christ Jesus and one all, under one law to Him. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father over all, who is above all and in you all. In your coming together by your several messengers and composing this body we feel sure you do so for no other purpose but to worship God and meet one another, from the various ports in love and sweet Christian fellowship; and that you in no wise surrender any of your God given rights or vest in this organization any law making power over you. Therefore, this body takes it for granted that no disciplinary questions whatever should be raised, debated or passed upon by it.

(2) To the visiting Elders and brethren who so kindly remembered us and visited us at this session of our body we desire to say we rejoice at your coming. It is with pleasure we note the fact that Elders from five different states and representing many sister associations are here with us. We, from the depth of our hearts of love and fellowship, welcome you and receive you with open arms. We welcome and receive all of you who come preaching peace and unity with no hobbies to ride and no selfish interest to serve, and no disputes among yourselves to make us the arbiters or judges of. We sincerely hope you will continue to visit us from year to year under the blessings of God. Again let us emphasize the fact that, we never intended or designed to in any way discourage or spurn the visits of sound orderly peace loving baptist among us by our act of dropping formal correspondence. Again we say, welcome dear brethren and servants of the most high God.

S. R. YEOMANS, Committee.

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### ORDER OF PREACHING.

Tuesday a. m.—Introductory - - - - - Elder A. J. Banks

Tuesday p. m.—Elder Lee Hanks followed by Elder A. A. Garrett

Wednesday a.m.—Eld. J. J. Turnipseed followed by Eld. R. H. Pittman



Wednesday p. m.—Eld. J. H. Fisher followed by Eld. B. F. House  
Thursday a. m.—Eld. Oliver Hartman followed by Eld. M. L. Gilbert  
Closed by Elder D. Y. Hicks.

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## MINISTERS OF THE ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION.

Elder Y. J. Reynolds, Macon, Ga.  
Elder J. A. Monsees, Macon, Ga.  
Elder J. H. Sanders, Macon, Ga.  
Elder C. M. Greene, Macon, Ga.  
Elder W. O. Meeks, Lorane, Ga.  
Elder B. F. Williamson, Lizella, Ga.  
Elder D. Y. Hicks, Roberta, Ga.  
Elder J. H. Hunt, Perry, Ga.  
Elder Henry Swain, Macon, Ga.  
Elder W. T. White, Musella, Ga.

### LICENTIATE.

Brother Blackshear, Macon, Ga.

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## 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 a 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 in 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 of His Son, placed it.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the 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.

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### 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 and washing of the saint's feet an example of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the proper subjects. We believe immersion the only mode of 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.

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### 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. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
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

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