

**PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
COLLECTION**

Minutes of the Eightieth Annual Session of the

HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Of Primitive Baptists



Held with the Church at

Union, Randolph County, Georgia

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 11, 12, 13, 1918

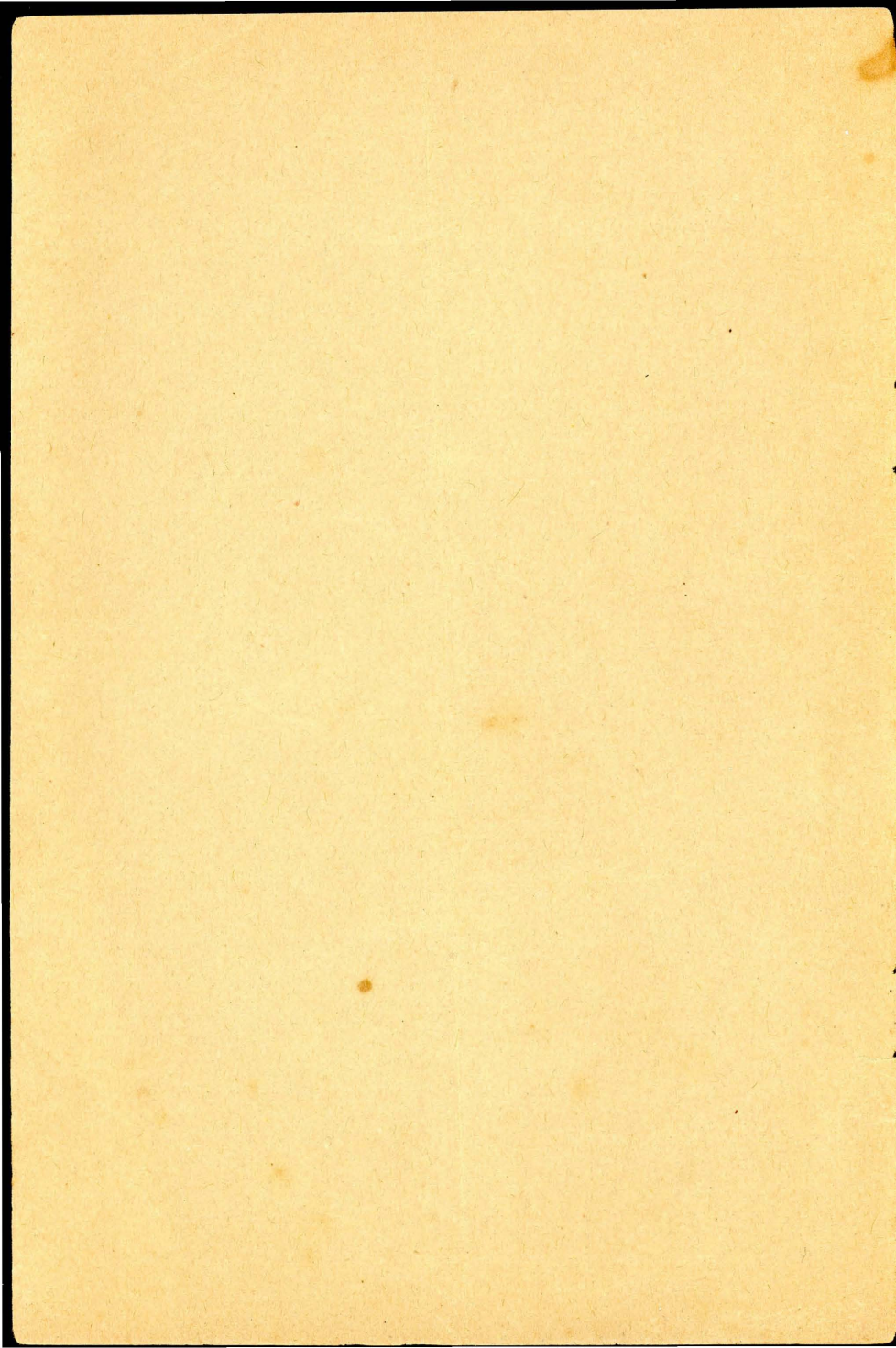
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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

Harmony Association

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. M. Moneyham of the Flint River Association. Text Isaiah xlii. 1, Behold my servant, etc.

After an intermission of five minutes the association was called together by the moderator.

Prayer by Deacon F. R. Purvis of the Upatoie Association.

Received and read letters from ten churches and minuted their state.

Elected Elder W. T. Everette Moderator and B. D. Jones, Clerk.

Omitted reading the Decorum, but agreed to have it printed in the minutes.

Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

By motion and second, the body agreed to take last year's minutes as a guide for this session.

Invited visiting minister and brethren to seats with us.

Appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—M. Blackshear, E. T. Turner, T. G. Webb, together with messengers from this church to-wit: E. E. Ivey and James L. Thompson.

To Examine Correspondence—Elder A. A. Garrette and E. C. Webb.

To Write Corresponding Letter—Elder J. N. Matthews.

On Finance—E. E. Ivey, W. M. Hasty and John Aycock.

Called for correspondence, and received from the Upatoie Association Elders W. M. Bullard, T. D. Roberts and Brethren Samuel Snider, J. T. Childs, F. R. Purvis, W. H. James, J. E. Chalkley, W. F. Phillips, D. S. Sizemore, G. W. Watkins, W. C. Childs, E. J. Sizemore, J. S. Sizemore and E. F. Turner.

From the Choctawhatchie Association of Alabama, Elders W. J. Hull, and N. M. Cook, and Brethren J. D. Belcher, G. W. Nowell, R. S. Culpepper, J. G. Belcher, A. L. Belcher, R. S. Owens, W. H. Owens, G. A. Walker and W. D. Owens.

From Flint River Association, Elders William Hollingsworth, D. M. Moneyham and Licentiate R. G. Lewis and Brethren P. S. Spooner, G. S. Key, F. A. Belcher and E. A. Houston.

From the Echaconnee Association, Brother O. A. Cliett.

Adjourned until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Elder A. A. Garrette.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. R. Adams, of our body.

Called the roll.

Called for report of committee to examine correspondence, and they report nothing claiming the attention of the body.

Heard corresponding letter read. It was adopted and appears in these minutes.

Called for visitors, and received Licentiate T. C. Hammock from the Oakmulgee Association.

Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

First District (first choice) to convene with the church at Hephzibah, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1919.

Second District (second choice) to convene with the church at Antioch, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1919.

Returned correspondence as follows:

To the Upatoi Association, to convene with the church at Prosperity, two and one-half miles South of Rupert, on the A. B. & A. Railroad, commencing Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1919, Elders W. T. Everette, A. A. Garrette, and Brethren T. G. Webb and E. A. Head.

To the Echaconnee Association, to convene with the church at Shiloh seven miles West of Macon, and five miles East of Lizella, commencing on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September, 1919, Elder A. A. Garrette and W. F. Sullivan.

To the Choctawhatchie Association, to convene with the church at Mount Zion, about nine miles West of Fort Gaines, Georgia, and nine miles Southeast of Abbeville, Alabama, at their regular meeting time, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919, Elders W. T. Everette, A. A. Garrette and Brethren M. Blackshear, T. G. Webb and A. V. Coggins.

To the Flint River Association, to convene with the church at Tired Creek, six miles South of Whigham, Georgia, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1919, Elders W. T. Everette, J. N. Matthews and Brethren M. Blackshear, G. T. Phillips and W. F. Sullivan.

Called for contributions, and received for correspondence, \$67.10, and for minutes, \$25.55.

On motion this body agreed to have five hundred copies of these minutes printed; the clerk to pay for the printing and mailing of same to the churches, and the remainder of the funds keep for his services.

Appointed the next annual session to convene with the church at Poplar Springs, four miles East of Weston, ten miles East of Fichland, and four miles Southwest of Preston, at our regular meeting time, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1919.

A vote of thanks was tendered by this association to Union Church, and to the kind friends of the town for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay in their midst. We ask the good Lord to be with them, and after death take them to heaven is our prayer.

Dismissed for preaching, and final adjournment Sunday at close of services.

ELDER W. T. EVERETTE, Moderator.

DEACON B. D. JONES, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING AND VISITING MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Elder D. M. Moneyham Climax, Ga.
Elder W. M. Bullard, Phoenix City, Ala.
Elder T. D. Roberts, Buena Vista, Ga.
Elder W. J. Hull, Edison, Ga.
Elder William Hollingsworth, Whigham, Ga.

LICENTIATES.

T. C. Hammock, Gray, Ga.
R. G. Lewis, Thomasville, Ga.
Z. C. Hull, Atlanta, Ga.

MINISTERS OF HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Elder W. T. Everette, Dawson, Ga.
Elder J. M. Spurlock, Bluffton, Ga.
Elder A. A. Garrette, Cuthbert, Ga.
Elder J. N. Matthews, Macon, Ga.
Elder J. A. Adams, Oglethorpe, Ga.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Harmony Primitive Baptist Association, now in her eightieth session with the church at Union, Randolph County, Georgia, October, 11, 12 and 13, 1918, to her sister associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian salutation:

Through the infinite wisdom, almighty power and everlasting love of God, and the multitude of His tender mercies. He has been pleased to bless us to hold another session of our body, which has been one of peace, love and sweet fellowship. Our churches have all reported peace except one, and we do hope and pray that the God of heaven will soon bring peace, union and sweet fellowship.

Our hearts have been made to rejoice by the coming of your lovely correspondents, preaching to the comfort and consolation of our poor souls, and may the dear Lord bless you and us, by your continuing to come.

The next session of our body will be held with the Church at Poplar Springs, Webster County, Georgia, at our usual time, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1919, where and when we hope to meet you again. Till then farewell.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday Morning—Elder D. M. Moneyham.

Friday Afternoon—Elder William Hollingsworth.

Saturday Morning—Licentiate Z. C. Hull and Elder W. M. Bullard.

Saturday Afternoon—Licentiate T. C. Hammock and Elder W. J. Hull.

Sunday Morning—Elders W. M. Bullard and T. D. Roberts.

TO THE MEMORY OF BROTHER, DEACON G. S. COMMANDER.

Written in memory of our beloved Brother G. S. Commander, who departed this life February 2, 1918, at his home in Terrell County, Ga.

Dear and Beloved Brethren—It is with a sad and grieved heart that we chronicle the death of our dear beloved brother. He was a true and faithful brother, using the office of deacon well, pur-

Statistical Table

CHURCH	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	PASTORS Called for 1919	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Ex. & B.	Restored	Dism'd by Letter.	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	For Correspondence	For Minutes.....	Yearly Meetings
First District ...				1	2			13	2	4.00	\$1.00	Aug.
Poplar Springs ..	E. Nowell, Richland	W. M. Bullard ...	E. T. Turner, J. D. Ruffin	4			1	28	3	8.00	1.50	July
Hephzibah	E. A. Head, Andersonville..	W. M. Bullard ...	S. J. English, N. W. Athan					24	2	4.00	1.00	July
Hebron	J. B. Murry, Oglethorpe ...	J. A. Adams	Robt. L. Williams, Jno. Aycock	1			1	44	3	5.00	2.00	July
Liberty	T. G. Webb, Sumpter	J. M. Murry	T. G. Webb, E. C. Webb									
Second District .								21	4	6.60	2.00	July
Turkey Creek ...	J. B. G. Chambers, Parrott.	T. D. Roberts ...	C. M. Leverette, C. L. Edwards	1				15		5.00		
Beulah	W. J. R. Davis, Dawson ...	A. A. Garrettee ..	W. M. Hasty									
Chickasawhatchee	F. L. Cain, Dawson	W. T. Everette ..	Elds. W. T. Everette, J. N. Mat-		1		1	17	4	8.50	2.00	July
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Mars Hill	J. C. Harrison, Edison	M. E. Petty	M. Blackshear, B. D. Jones ...	1	6	1	2	88	3	20.60		July
Antioch	F. J. Brown, Fort Gains ...	A. A. Garrettee ..	W. F. Southerland	2	2	1		30	4	12.25		July
Union ..	Jas. L. Thompson, Shellman	A. A. Garrettee ..	Ernest Ivey, Jas. L. Thompson.				1	15	2	5.00	1.00	July
				10	11	1	1	6	295	\$ 78.95	10.50	

chasing to himself a good degree and boldness in the faith; always standing firm, contending for the faith and practice of the church, and it is with sorrow and grief that we give him up. But the Lord has been pleased to call him home to rest from his labors, and we will try to be submissive to the will of God.

Dear brethren, pray for us, that in the end we may be reconciled to the Lord's will. Read and adopted by the church in conference September 28, 1918.

ELDER W. T. EVERETTE, Moderator.

F. L. CAIN, Church Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

Article 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Article 8. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

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

Article 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

Article 11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

Article 12. 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 hands by the presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. The members who are regularly chosen by the church in session shall compose the association.

Article 2. The members thus chosen may produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, restored, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be dominated the Harmony Primitive Baptist Association.

Article 4. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor whereby it can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

Article 5. This Association shall have a Moderator and

Clerk, who shall be chosen annually by the members present and hold their office until the next election.

Article 6. This Association is in favor of preaching the gospel, the circulation of the Scriptures and the advantages of education, and it recommends morality in general, but to its members in particular; notwithstanding it is opposed to all modern institutions of men, such as Missionary, Bible Tract and Sunday Schools, Union Societies, together with Baptist State Conventions, Theological Schools and such like, because of their connection with the Church of God is unauthorized by the Scriptures. As such we cannot fellowship them nor hold in our union any church or churches who admit to their churches' privileges any person or persons, who are connected with them in any manner whatever, believing all such to be speculative in their nature, and a fruitful source for corrupting the church.

Article 7. If new churches desire to be admitted into our union they shall petition by letter and messengers, and if upon examination they are found orthodox and orderly shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Article 8. No church in the union shall have a right to more than two messengers until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty members after the first hundred.

Article 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 10. No matter shall be debated by the Association only such as shall come before the body by a regular move and second, and whenever a question is decided either by the chair, vote or withdrawal there shall be no more debating thereon.

Article 11. 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.

Article 12. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission of the Association.

Article 13. There shall be no talking nor whispering in time of public speaking, and no reflection cast upon the speaker.

Article 14. No member shall exempt himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

Article 15. If any member shall break the rules of this Decorum he shall be immediately reprovved by the Moderator.

Article 16. It is the object of this Association:

First. To provide for the general union of the churches.

Second. To keep up a correspondence with those associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved among the churches.

Third. To give the churches the best advice it can in matters of difficulty, and if the communion should be broken between any of the sister churches to inquire into the cause of the breach and use their best efforts to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be healed to withdraw from any church or churches, whom it decides upon as being unsound in principle and immoral in practice until reclaimed.

Fourth. To invite brethren in the ministry who are of our faith and order to seats in the Association.

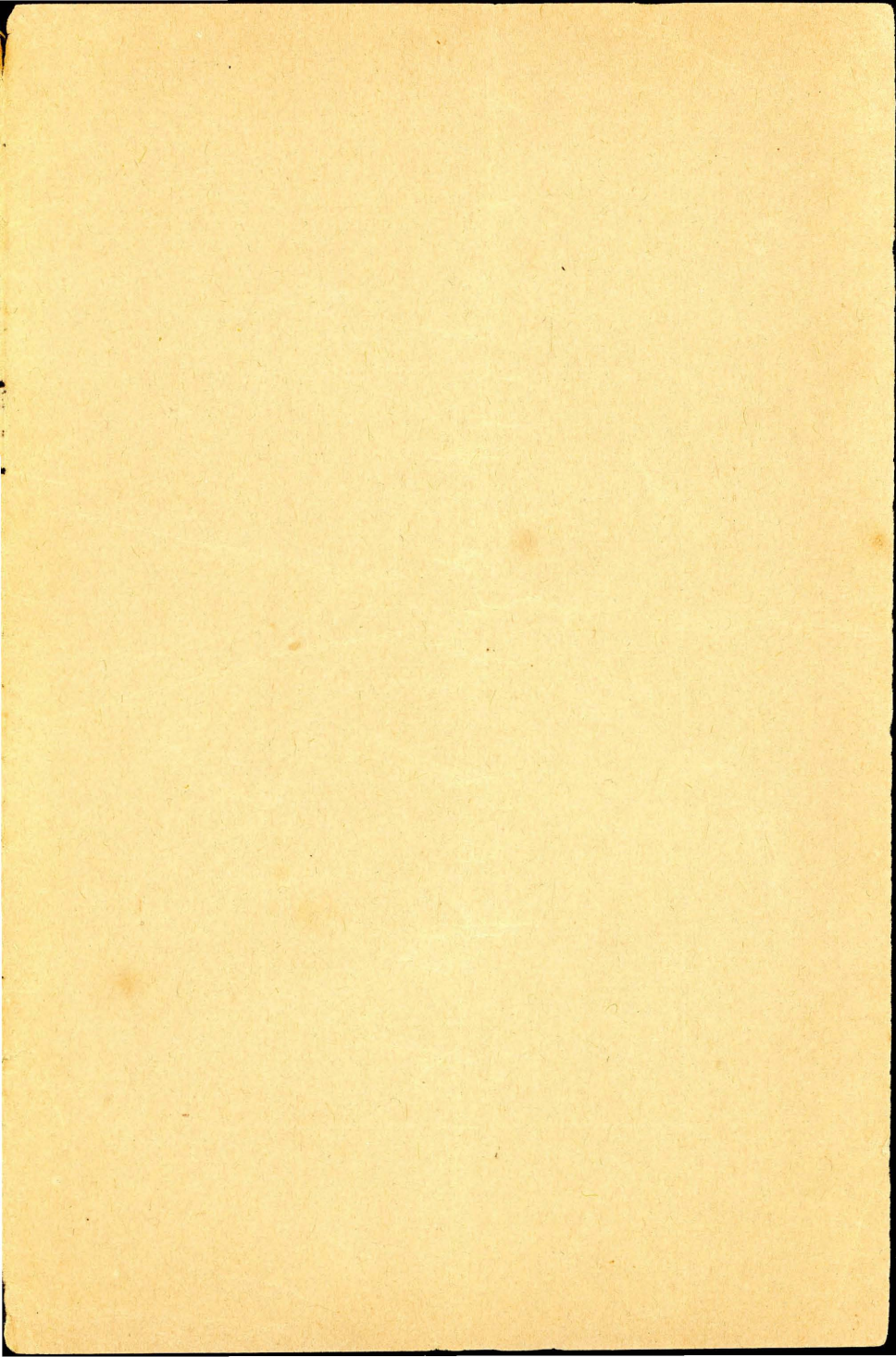
Fifth. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises, and have them printed if they think proper.

Sixth. To amend this form of government at any time when a majority of the union shall deem it necessary.

Seventh. To adjourn at any time and place it may think most proper.

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NOTE—Bluff Springs Church has moved their place of worship to another place, and changed their name from Bluff Springs to Hephzibah.



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