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New Beula Primitive Baptist Association,

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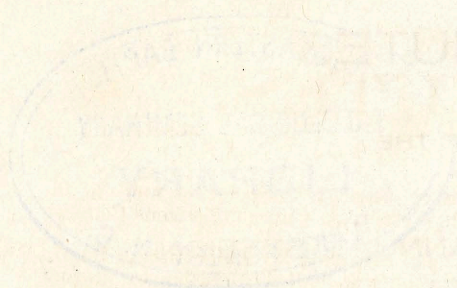
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The New Beulah Primitive Baptist Association met in its Twentieth Annual Session with Westbrook Church, Laurens County, Ga., on Friday, September 8th, 1905.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Hiram Hand. Without intermission the Association was called to order by its former Moderator, Elder T. E. Sykes, and J. R. Giddens acting as clerk.

Read letters from eight churches as follows: Westbrook, Mt. Carmel, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Hill, Beulah, Providence, Ebenezer and Helena, and enrolled names of Messengers.

Elected Elder T. E. Sykes, Moderator, and J. R. Giddens, Clerk.

1st. Appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching and Finance—M. P. Williams, Joe Strickland, A. M. Stewart, with R. E. Riddley and B. K. Smith of Westbrook Church.

To write corresponding letter—Elder T. E. Sykes and J. R. Giddens.

2nd. Called for petitionary letters.

3rd. Agreed to hold our next session with Pleasant Grove Church, Appling county, near Guysie, on A. & B. Railroad.

4th. Adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 9, 1905.

Messengers met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. L. Smith of Lower Canoochee Association.

1st. Called the roll.

2nd. Read the decorum.

3rd. Called for correspondence from sister associations, received from the Alapaha River package of minutes by the hands of Elder H. J. Griffiths; Elder John Evers of Sardis church, and Elder J. L. Smith of lower Canoochee Association, as visitors.

4th. Agreed to discontinue formal correspondence, but in doing so it is not intended to withdraw fellowship, or declare against any church or churches with whom we have heretofore sustained friendly relations.

5th. Called for and read the corresponding letter, which was adopted.

6th. Called for and received report from Finance Committee, who report cash on hand \$32.50, and recommend 500 minutes printed the Clerk to receive \$18.50 for printing and distribution of the same, and balance to be given visiting ministers.

6th. Called for general business. On motion agreed for the Clerk to furnish a form of amendment for our decorum to each of our churches to be passed upon by them, and report their decision at our next session.

ELDER T. E. SYKES, Moderator.

JNO. R. GIDDENS, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING FROM DAY TO DAY.

Introductory—Elder Hiram Hand.

Friday p. m.—Elder G. W. Sasser and Elder H. J. Griffis.

Saturday a. m.—Elders Freeman, Lord and John Evers.

Saturday p. m.—Elders H. H. and J. N. Smith.

Sunday a. m.—J. L. Smith and T. E. Sykes.

DEATHS.

Brother C. K. Wright was born March 14, 1831; died a consistent member of Providence church, Dodge county, Ga., on November 13th, 1904.

Sister Margaret Ellis was born 1836; died a consistent member of Ebenezer church, Appling county, Ga. on Feb. 16th, 1905.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To Our Sister Associations, Greeting:

Dear Brethren in the Lord:—

We are permitted to meet under God's blessings in this, our Twentieth annual session. Peace and love seem to abound among us, and we are glad to have the privilege of receiving some of your ministers. We trust that you may continue your visitations and let us walk together in love. We are pained to note that our sister, the Ebenezer Association, saw fit at last session to advise her churches "to leave off the preaching and visiting of members of the New Beulah Association." We cannot understand why our sister should so choose to reproach us. We remember there had been some disputations about the order of one of our churches, but at a meeting with this church, in which quite a number of our brethren from seven different churches of the Ebenezer Association met, and after thorough investigations all charges, full satisfaction was publicly confessed. A report of this investigation was made to the Ebenezer Association, and received of them in the same session in which they cast this reflection against us. They assign no reason for this unbrotherly act. If we are not in order we desire to be, and we want an opportunity to correct our wrongs, when shown them.

We are thankful to note that our sister associations, apart from the Ebenezer, are treating us kindly in our conflicts and helping us to bear our burdens. May God bless you, dear brethren, with peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, and may He direct those who are turned against us in the way of truth and righteousness.

ELDER T. E. SYKES, Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR P. O.

T. J. Dilburn, Hazlehurst, Ga.

T. E. Sykes, Helena, Ga.

H. Hand, Graham, Ga.

H. H. Smith, Eastman, Ga.

G. W. Sasser, Guysie, Ga.

M. Brown, Helena, Ga.

J. N. Smith, Helena, Ga.

Banks Lewis, Spencer, Ga.

Mark Ellis, Guysie, Ga.

RULES OF DECORUM.

- 1st. The Association will be opened with prayer:
- 2nd. Those members chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the association.
- 3rd. The members thus chosen shall furnish letters from their respective churches, certifying to their appointment, together with their number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, expelled, dead, and total number of Fellowship since our last session.
- 4th. This Association shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage or infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.
- 5th. This association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the members present.
- 6th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to keep order, to explain and put questions. He shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall not vote unless the body be equally divided.
- 7th. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association. Minutes shall be read and amended, if needful, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.
- 8th. Any new church petitioning by letter and delegates for admission in the Association shall be, if found orthodox and orderly, received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her delegates.
- 9th. Each church shall have the right to send two delegates to this Association, and no more, except large churches of seventy-five or more, which by consent of the Association, may send three.
- 10th. Every query presented shall be fully stated in writing and approved by a majority before taken up.
- 11th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, unless withdrawn by the person who made it with the consent of the Association.
12. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in an orderly manner and shall not be interrupted unless he departs from the subject.
13. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
14. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of public speech or reflections cast upon the speaker.
15. When a question is decided by vote there shall be no more debating on the subject.
16. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.
17. If any member shall break one of these rules of the Association he shall immediately be reprovod by the moderator.
18. These rules shall be read to every association previous to entering upon business.
19. To keep up a correspondence with sister associations of the same faith and order that a chain of connection may be preserved among the churches.
20. To give the best advice in matters of difficulty; and if the union be broken between any of the churches, to inquire into the cause of this breach and to use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church which they judge unsound in faith or immoral in practice until they be reclaimed.
21. To invite any of the ministers to assist if necessary.

22. It shall be the duty of this association to provide for a general union of the churches and not hold them in union that support any modern missionary or Bible Sunday-school union, society or theological school, either to themselves or any other person, or is in any society that now is or may hereafter be constituted under the pretext of circulating the Gospel of Christ, nor will she correspond with any Association that supports or is in any of the above named societies.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only 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 of his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God 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 saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's supper and Washing the Saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that the true mode of 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 man has the right to administer Baptism or the Lord's Supper, except such as are regularly called and come under the hands of the Presbytery.
12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment.

Churches	County	Names of Messengers	Clerks and Postoffices	Baptised	Received by letter	On confession of faith	Restored	Expelled	Dismissed by letter	Deaths	Total number	Contributions	Time of meeting	Annual meeting
Mt. Carmel	Appling	H. Hand, G. W. Griffin	J. J. Lewis, Hazelhurst	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	20	1	July
Ebenezer	Appling	R. J. Dykes, Joe Strickland	J. L. Anderson, Hazelhurst	4	8	0	0	2	0	1	41	0	4	Aug
Westbrooks	Laurens	R. E. Riddle, B. K. Smith	W. H. Westbrook, Dexter	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	4	Aug
Pleasant Grove	Appling	A. M. Stewart	Lee Hand, Tanner	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	3	Aug
Helena	Telfair	J. N. Smith, T. E. Sykes	S. R. Sykes, Helena	8	10	0	0	1	2	0	55	0	3	Aug
Beulah	Appling	F. M. Lord, Z. Ware	D. H. Hartley, Graham	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	28	2	50	3 July
Providence	Dodge	J. M. Collins, M. P. Williams	J. T. Brannon, Cox	6	3	0	0	3	5	1	63	5	0	1 July
Pleasant Hill	Dodge	J. R. Giddens, H. H. Smith	J. R. Giddens, Eastman	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	20	3	0	2 Aug

Pastors and their Churches—H. Hand, Mt. Carmel; J. N. Smith, Banks Lewis, Ebenezer; T. E. Sykes, Westbrooks; T. J. Dilbon, Pleasant Grove; T. E. Sykes, Helena; H. Hand, Beulah; H. H. Smith, Providence; J. N. Smith, Pleasant Hill.

