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OF THE
FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION,
OF THE
TOWALIGA ASSOCIATION
OF
PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH
Flint River Church, Upson Co., Ga.,

Sept. 3, 4 and 5, 1892.

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Is all well?

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read letters and enroll messengers' names.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Appoint a committee to arrange service.
7. Appoint some brother to write Corresponding Letter.
8. Call the roll and read the Decorum.
9. Appoint Correspondents.
10. Appoint Union meetings.
11. Appoint time and place for next Association.
12. Appoint some brother to preach next Introductory Sermon.
13. Appoint some brother to write Circular Letter.
14. Call for Circular Letters.
15. Call for Corresponding Letter.
16. Call for contributions. Say how many minutes shall be printed; fix clerk's compensation.
17. Call for miscellaneous business.
18. Read minutes and adjourn.

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ORDAINED ELDERS.

Washington J. Oxford, Winfred, Jasper Co., Ga.
Ira L. Gunter, McDonough, Henry Co., Ga.
Moses Dumas, Goggansville, Monroe Co., Ga.
Wiley F. Rogers, Commissioner, Wilkinson Co., Ga.
James P. Lyon, Yatesville, Upson Co., Ga.
John Kowe, Butler, Taylor Co., Ga.
William T. Godard, Milner, Pike Co., Ga.
John A. Wright, Zebulon, Pike Co., Ga.
J. G. Huckaby, Tobler, Upson Co., Ga.

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LICENTIATES.

Andrew J. Brown, Rocky Ford, Ga.
J. C. Daniel, Astor, Ga.
S. J. Estliff, Hampton, Ga.
R. W. Daniel, Rowland, Ga.

MINUTES.

FLINT RIVER CHURCH, UPSON Co., GA, Sept. 3d, 1892.

The introductory sermon of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Towaliga Association of Primitive Baptist, was preached by Elder J. A. Wright, from 2d Kings 5:21, "Is all well."

One hour's intermission.

Messengers and correspondents assembled in the house. Singing and prayer by Elder W. F. Rogers.

1st. Read letters and recorded messengers' names.

2d. A preamble and resolutions were read by brother T. J. Middlebrooks which was unanimously received and adopted by the body.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas our sister churches, Mt. Nebo, Mt. Olives, and Friendship, have closed their doors against Elder W. B. Carr for certain disorders,

Resolved, 1st. That this body endorse the actions of the above churches.

Resolved, 2d. That our sister churches, Euphrates and Nun and Wheeler who endorse the said Carr are hereby dropped from the union and correspondence of this body.

3rd. Re elected Elder I. L. Gunter, Moderator, and W. T. Godard, Clerk.

4th. Appointed the brethren, J. M. Stanley and W. P. Persons of the body to unite with the brethren of Flint River, J. B. Brown, B. F. Mathews and J. M. Vining, a committee to arrange divine services during the meeting.

5th. Appointed Elder J. P. Lyon to write Corresponding Letter.

6th. On motion, agreed to omit the calling the roll and reading the Decorum.

7th. Appointed brethren J. M. Stanley and J. F. Jackson correspondents from this body to our sister, the Little River, and agreed to send a package of minutes to Blue Ridge, and Brushy Creek Union.

8th. Appointed Union meetings, for 1st District with Ocmulgee church on Friday embracing 5th Sunday in July 1893. For 2nd

District with Beulah church Friday embracing 5th Sunday in April 1893.

9th. Appointed the Fifty-Fifth Session of this body with Bethel Church, Butts Co., Ga., three miles Northwest from Jackson and three miles Northeast from Jenkinsburg on E. T. V. & G. R. R., Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September 1893.

10th. Adjourned to 8:30 a m Monday. Preaching Saturday evening by Elder W. H. Harden followed by S. J. Ratliff.

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Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock conducted by Elder J. A. Wright. Preaching at 10 o'clock by Elder W. W. Barton, of North Ala., followed by Elder W. F. Rogers. The door of the church was opened and received Elder John Rowe, by letter, of Powells' Valley Association, of Tennessee, and a brother Jones. Afternoon preaching by Elder John Rowe, followed by Elder I. L. Gunter. The congregation was large, orderly, attentive, and apparently much benefited.

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Monday, Sept. 5th, 8:30 a. m.

Met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder W. W. Barton.

1st. Renewed the call for visiting ministers to take seats with us, responded to by Elders W. H. Harden, W. W. Barton and W. J. McComak and brother D. M. Hegan.

2d. Appointed Elder J. P. Lyon to preach next introductory sermon and Elder John Rowe, alternate.

3d. Appointed Elder I. L. Gunter to write next Circular Letter and brother J. F. Taylor alternate.

4th. Called for Circular Letter. Brother S. L. Thompson, alternate to write, being detained at home by sickness in his family and by the brother's request, the clerk read a letter which was received and adopted and ordered printed.

5th. Called for Corresponding Letter, prepared by Elder J. P. Lyon which was read, received and adopted.

6th. Called for contributions, and received for ministers twenty-nine (\$29 00) dollars, and for visiting ministers fifty-five (\$55 00) dollars. Ordered 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed and the clerk to receive balance of minute fund for his services.

7th. Miscellaneous. Resolved, by T. J. Middlebrooks—That this body unite with Flint River Church in gratitude and praise to God for the gift of our beloved brother, Elder John Rowe. And as a body we heartily commend him to all of our brotherhood, correspondence and Primitive, or Bible Baptist generally.

Resolved, by brother W. M. Hartly—That we regret and deplore the absence of our dearly beloved and much esteemed brother, whose praise is in all the churches and among all good people, that by the hand of affliction, our brother, Elder W. J. Oxford is not permitted to sit with us in this session.

Resolved, by brother W. P. Persons—That this body tender its very highest order of gratitude and deepest felt sense of love to the brethren and friends of Flint River Church for their abundant preparations and welcome distributions extended to us and our visitors during this session.

8th. Read minutes and adjourned.

Praise and prayer by the Moderator.

I. L. GUNTER, Moderator.

W. T. GODARD, Clerk.

Monday 10 a. m. Preaching at the stand by Elder W. J. McComak, of North Alabama, followed by Elder J. P. Lyon.

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CORRESPONDING LETTER.

Towaliga Association, to her Sister Associations and Brethren with Whom She Corresponds.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Through the tender mercies of an allwise and loving God, we have been permitted to hold this, our Fifty-Fourth session of our body in peace, love and harmony. We have great reasons to rejoice and be glad for the accessions reported by a goodly number of our sister churches during the past associational year, we very much regret that no more of our corresponding brethren were present with us.

Dear brethren we desire a continuation of your correspondence. We have appointed correspondents from our body, whose names appear in the body of our minutes to visit you.

The next session of our body (D. V.) will be held with our sister church, Bethel, Butts county, Ga., Saturday before the first Sunday in September 1893, where we hope to meet you again.

Yours in gospel bonds,

I. L. GUNTER, Moderator.

W. T. GODARD, Clerk.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

Of Towaliga Association to the Churches.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

According to custom we present to your consideration, this our annual message and for a subject for this address we invite your attention to a text of scripture found in Ephesians 6:11, "Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." If the Ephesians needed this instruction, much more we; especially we of the Towaliga Association. If there was any virtue to be attained by heeding this admonition, should we not covet it? The Ephesians were not more unfortunately situated nor surrounded than we are; and quite probable not as much so. For the reason since their day many new ideas of doctrine and order have found its way into the church, and therefore have produced disruptions, discords and divisions of the most hurtful character. For instance it is quite modern for the church to be infested and troubled with such heresies, as the doctrines of Reprobation in the Election of God, — God's unlimited Predestination, Eternal actual vital union of Christ and the Church. No change in any part of the Adam Man in Regeneration. No Resurrection of

these vile Adamic Mortal Bodies. No we repeat that the church in the day of the Ephesians were not infested with these abominable heresies but we are, and therefore the greater obligation resting upon us to put on the whole armour of God. For such heresies as these cannot be other than the wiles of the Devil, and no other way can we withstand them, but by putting on the whole armour of God. The armour of man will not do; for as a man will be sure to fail in the battles of the Lord, so will his armour in which he trusts will also fail for as man is carnal so is man's armour also carnal. Anciently the armour in common warfare between man and man, was a great protection, one that all soldiers sought and wanted.

Dear brethren, how much more do we need and should seek the armour of God, in our warfare against principalities, powers and spiritual darkness in high places, the wiles of the Devil. The Devil was the great enemy of Christ, and so he is the arch enemy of the saints and the church. The Devil always attacks the weak points of the believer, and they will often be overcome if they are not protected. God has provided his children protection and has made it their several duties, by obedience, to avail themselves of this glorious provision and protection! Yes dear brethren put on the whole armour of God. No doubt many of us has only a part of the armour of God on and therefore our weakness and failure in warfaring against these wiles of the Devil. Brethren let us awake out of sleep and arise from the dead, put on the whole armour of God, then our weak points will not be exposed, but will be protected all over, thus shall we be able to stand against the wiles even of the Devil.

There are also practical errors, heresies in order, crept into the church such rules for instance that one church can unchurch another church of Jesus Christ, that associational correspondence is a test of authorized gospel ministrations, and fellowship in the church causing divisions and subdivisions among the saints of the Most High God. Setting brother at variance with brother by he etical bars of fellowship which not only places many of the dear saints without Gospel redress, but if possible even worse,—driving many of God's children into the various orders of men and institutions of the world when without these abominable and here tical bars they would take refuge, and be a great blessing in the sweet fellowship of God's House.

Dear brethren these things alluded to are no more nor no less than the wiles of the Devil, and it is our duty to withstand them, for as a body of organized saints in the kingdom of God we are, thank God, not contaminated with these wiles. But it is certain, that we cannot withstand these things unless we put on the whole armour of God.

These wiles of the Devil must be withstood by the saints, or else ere long the visible, organized church in our land will become extinct, and cannot be located any where among us, not even by the Bible, the holy inspired Word of God.

Then dear brethren our exhortation to our whole body is to put on the whole armour of God and stand fast in the liberty where-with Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Gal. 5:1. For brethren ye have been called unto liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. Gal. 5:13. And to the glorious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ the sweets of the word and the fellowship of the saints we commit, and by prayer commend you.

AMEN.

OF THE CHURCHES.

PASTORS.

Fund.

Letter.

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After.

Meeting.

er's Fund.

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

Number.	CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICES	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Rec'd on Confession of Faith.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dis'd by Letter.	Dead.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Minister's Fund.	Time of Meeting.	PASTORS.
1	Concord.....	Jasper.....	Winfred.....	W. P. Persons.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	81	\$ 2 50	10 00	4	Oxford.
2	Bersheba.....	Henry.....	Locust Grove...	M. L. Harris, W. M. Speir, W. J. Coker.....	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	51	2 00	3 00	4	Huckaby.
3	Friendship.....	Wilkinson.....	Commissioner...	W. F. Rogers, J. T. Branan, L. M. Etheridge.....	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	35	2 00	3 00	2	Rogers.
4	Mt. Moriah.....	Newton.....	Ewell.....	No Messengers.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	50	..	2	Oxford.
5	Lebanon.....	Henry.....	Hampton.....	S. J. Ratliff, W. F. Jones, J. R. Smith.....	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	42	1 00	8 00	1	Huckaby.
6	Mt. Pisgah.....	Upson.....	Yatesville.....	J. P. Lyon, J. C. Sanders, T. J. Middlebrooks.....	3	..	..	..	..	7	42	1 00	4 00	3	Lyon.	
7	Mt. Olive.....	Baldwin.....	Milledgeville...	By Letter.....	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	33	1 00	75	1	Rogers.
8	Ocmulgee.....	Jasper.....	Flovilla.....	J. T. Goodman, S. M. Harden.....	..	..	..	..	..	11	1 00	1 50	2	Huckaby.		
9	Mt. Nebo.....	Glasscock.....	Mitchell.....	J. F. Walden.....	1	..	1	..	2	1	3	29	1 00	2 00	4	Rogers.
10	Little Flock.....	Fayette.....	Fayetteville...	J. V. Davis, P. Davis.....	..	..	..	..	..	18	50	1 00	4	Lyon.		
11	Hebron.....	Clayton.....	Jonesboro.....	J. E. Ratliff.....	2	3	..	..	..	28	1 00	2 00	4	Gunter.		
12	Sandy Creek....	Butts.....	Flovilla.....	S. J. Bennett, T. W. Edwards.....	2	1	..	..	1	39	2 00	2 00	3	Godard.		
13	Flat Rock.....	Pike.....	Zebulon.....	J. A. Wright, W. M. Hardly, M. S. Williamson.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1 50	5 00	2	Gunter.	
14	Liberty.....	Pike.....	Milner.....	W. T. Godard, E. C. Akin, C. A. Barron.....	3	3	2	..	3	4	44	1 50	4 05	4	Godard.	
15	Bethel.....	Butts.....	Jackson.....	D. J. Bennett, Solomon King.....	4	2	..	..	4	..	34	1 00	1 00	3	Huckaby.	
16	Ozias.....	Henry.....	White House...	I. L. Gunter, Geo. Hendon, F. W. Thompson.....	1	2	..	..	..	..	80	2 00	3 00	1	Gunter.	
17	Forest.....	Clayton.....	Astor.....	J. M. Stanley, J. F. Jackson.....	3	..	..	..	1	2	74	2 50	..	2	Godard.	
18	Beulah.....	Spalding.....	McKibben.....	R. E. Hamil, R. W. Hamil.....	14	3	2	..	..	..	38	1 00	50	1	Wright.	
19	Union.....	Monroe.....	Goggansville...	J. F. Taylor, B. F. Dumas, J. L. Brandon.....	2	1	5	1	..	2	30	2 00	5 00	1	Godard.	
20	Flint River.....	Upson.....	Rowland.....	Whole Church.....	2	..	..	..	..	1	53	2 00	3 00	3	Gunter.	
				Totals.....	42	15	14	1	8	23	19	825	29 00	53 80		

