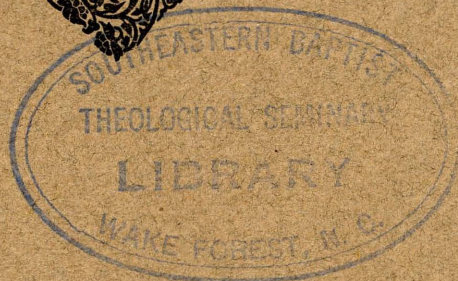


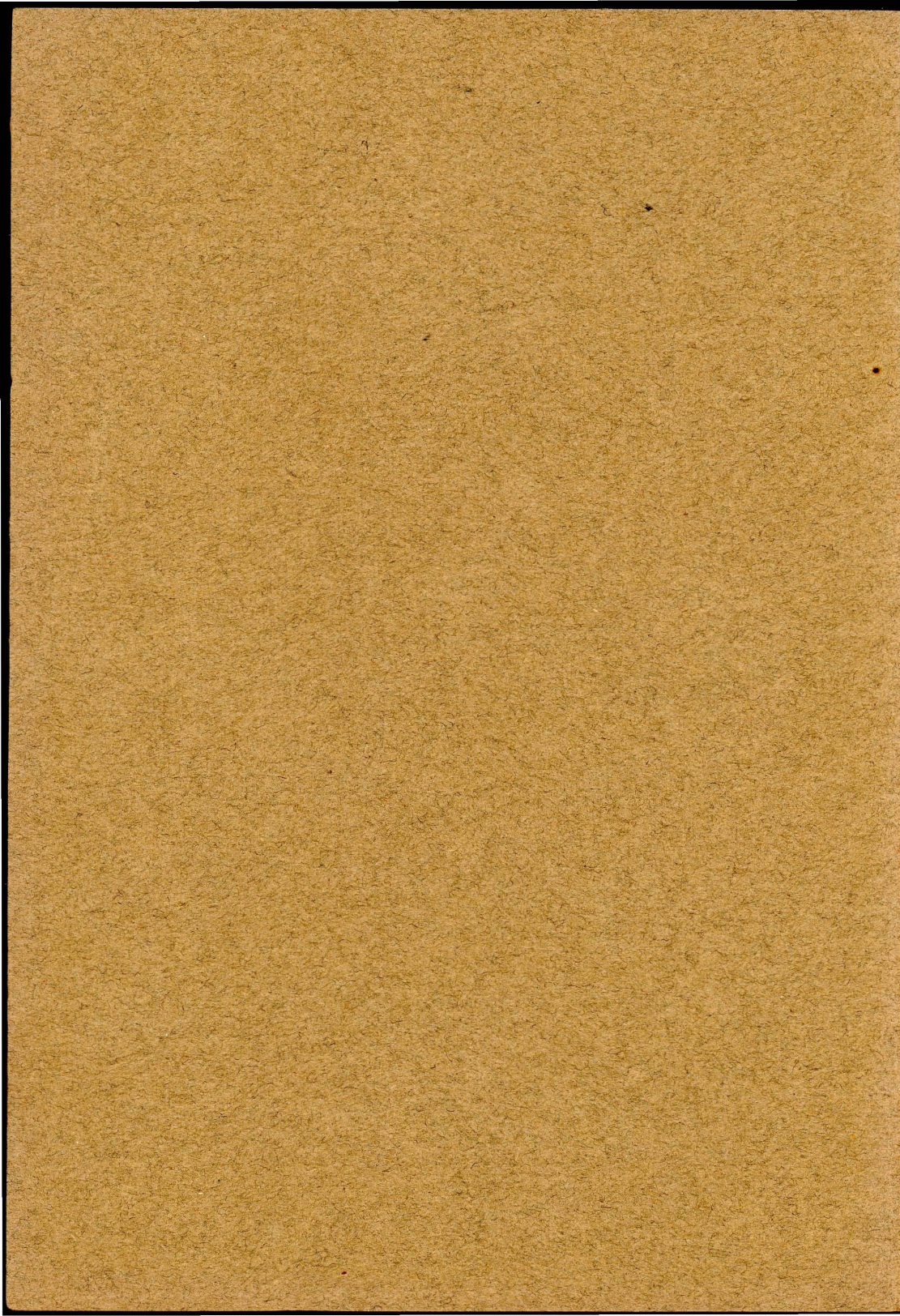
**Minutes of the Seventy-ninth
Annual Session of the
Alabama River
Primitive Baptist
Association**

**Held with Mt. Zion Church,
Pierce County, Ga., Friday,
Saturday and Sunday,
Nov. 4, 5, and 6, 1921**



OFFICERS

**ELDER J. T. MINCHEW, Moderator
J. O. WATERS, Clerk**



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ALABAMA RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
—HELD WITH—
MT. ZION CHURCH, PIERCE COUNTY, GA.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
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The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. R. Rhoden of the Suwannee Association. Text, Ephesians, 2:1.

After thirty minutes' intermission the delegates assembled in the house. The association was called to order by the former Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. W. Gardner of the Ochlocknee Association.

First—Read letter from twenty churches, minuted their state and enrolled delegates' names.

Second—Re-elected Elder J. T. Minchew, moderator, and J. O. Waters, clerk, by ballot.

Third—Read the decorium, and invited visiting ministers of our faith and order to seats with us.

Fourth—Appointed committees as follows: On preaching and finance, S. L. Youmans, J. P. Mikell and A. M. Stewart, together with delegates from this church.

Fifth—On business, Elder J. A. Osteen, S. R. Jordan and Mathew Carter, together with moderator and clerk.

Sixth—To write corresponding letter, I. F. Roberson.

Seventh—On memorials, Elder B. A. Thornton and Lester Cole.

Eighth—Adjournment until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. A. Osteen of our body.

First—On motion, petitionary letters were called for. The delegates from Rosemary church, Chandler county, Ga., were received into this association by the moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Second—Called for correspondence from sister association. A pack of minutes from the Ochlocknee Association by Elder J. W. Gardner. A pack of minutes from the Suwannee Association by Elder W. R. Rhoden. From the Union Association, Elders W. H. Tomlinson, L. M.

Guthrie and W. R. Guthrie. All messengers and visitors being received by the moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of our association, in token of our love and fellowship for their association.

Third—Called for marked letters and agreed to hold our next session with Big Creek church, Wayne county, Ga.

Fourth—Called for corresponding letter, which was read and received.

Fifth—Corresponding letter. We, the Alabama River Primitive Association, now in session with Mt. Zion church, Pierce county Ga., to the association with whom we correspond: Sendeth greetings. Beloved in the Lord, through the kind and tender mercies of an All-Wise God, we have been spared and blessed to hold another session of our body in peace and love. Your ministers came to us laden with the good news of Salvation by Grace Divine to press upward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling as it is in Christ Our Lord. Dear Brethren, we ever desire a continuation of your brotherly love and correspondence.

The next session of our body will be held, the Lord willing, with Big Creek church, Wayne county, Ga., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1922, eight and one-half miles west of Screven, Ga., on A. C. L. Railroad; nine miles northeast of Bristol, Ga., on A., B. & A. Railroad, when and where we hope to meet with you again. Until then, brethren, farewell.

I. F. ROBERSON,
Committee.

Sixth—Returned correspondence as follows: To the Suwannee Association, to be held with Pleasant Grove church, Baker county, Fla., commencing on Saturday before fourth Sunday in September, 1922. S. P. Wainwright, M. C. Murray, Elder G. H. Fowler and Mathew Carter. To the Union Association, to be held with New Hope church, Berrien county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1922. Elder B. A. Thornton, I. F. Roberson and Lester Cole. To the Ochlocknee Association, to be held with Mt. Zion church, Thomas county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1922. J. O. Waters, Elders B. A. Thornton, G. H. Fowler and J. A. Moody. To the Pulaski Association, to be held with church not known, commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1922. Elder J. A. Osteen and H. R. McGauley.

Seventh—Report of business committee: We, your committee, beg to make the following report: We have examined corresponding minutes and find nothing objectionable in them. We also recommend the same course of business as appears in our former minutes. Elder J. A. Osteen, Matthew Carter, S. R. Jordan, committee.

Eighth—Committee on preaching and finance: We, your committee on preaching and finance, beg to submit the following report: Re-

ceived from the churches, \$105.70, and recommend that the clerk be given \$50.00 for the printing and distribution of 800 minutes, balance to bear the expense of corresponding brethren and ministers, and balance to be distributed among the aged ministers of our body. S. L. Ycumans, A. M. Stewart, W. M. Tuten, E. S. McGee and J. P. Mikell, committee.

MEMORIUM.

We, your committee on deceased ministers and deacons, find that the Almighty God has in and through the greatness of His power and love, been pleased to call from the state of action our beloved brethren, to-wit: Elder J. C. Hewett, whom was born July 2d, 1849, and united with Mt. Perin church, in Berrien county, 1876. Lived as a layman until 1891, when and where his travel as a minister began, in which duty he faithfully served until January 22d, 1921, at which time it pleased the Father of Light to call him from time's uneven journey into the great beyond.

Also Brother Deacon W. M. Thornton, who was born September 13th, 1855, and united with Big Creek church, September 3rd, 1898, where he lived as a layman until February 3rd, 1900, when and where he was set apart by the church to the duty of deacon, in which duty he faithfully served until his death, which came June 5th, 1921

Also Brother Henry Wainwright, who was born in 1832 and was baptized in July, 1883, and about eight or nine years later was ordained to the office of deacon, in which duty he faithfully served until it pleased Him who worketh all things after the council of His Own Will was pleased to call him from the state of action into an endless eternity on October 18th, 1921.

B. A. THORNTON,

LESTER COLE,

Committee.

On motion, the minutes were read and approved. The association adjourned to our next time and place.

ELDER J. T. MINCHEW, Moderator.

J. O. WATERS, Clerk.

Prayer by Elder L. M. Guthrie of the Union Association.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday Morning—Introductory by Elder W. R. Rhoden of the Suwannee Association.

Friday Afternoon—Elder J. W. Gardner of the Ochlocknee Association, followed by Elder W. H. Tomlinson of the Union Association.

Saturday Morning—Elder J. W. Gardner, followed by Elder W. H. Tomlinson.

Saturday Afternoon—Elder L. M. Guthrie of the Union Association, followed by Elder G. H. Fowler of our body.

Sunday Morning—Elder L. M. Guthrie, followed by Elder W. R.

Rhoden of the Suwannee Association.
Closed by the moderator.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICE.

Elder J. T. Minchew, Waycross, Ga., Route No. 1.
Elder W. P. Nunez, Blackshear, Ga., Route No. 1.
Elder H. J. Griffis, Odum Ga., Route No. 2.
Elder B. A. Thornton, Hickox, Ga.
Elder W. M. Hyers, Patterson, Ga.
Elder J. J. Hayes, Manor, Ga.
Elder W. D. Bryant, Coffee, Ga.
Elder T. J. Dilborn, Alma, Ga.
Elder J. A. Osteen, Nichols, Ga.
Elder Simeon Thornton, Blackshear, Ga.
Elder J. P. Mikell, Waycross, Ga.
Elder G. H. Fowler, Toledo, Ga.

NAMES OF CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE.

Antioch—C. L. Byrd, Winokur, Ga.
Ben James—W. H. Bowen, Blackshear, Ga.
Bethesda—W. S. Lewis, Jesup, Ga.
Bethlehem—W. D. Griffis, Patterson, Ga.
Big Creek—R. W. Bennett, Screven, Ga.
Corinth—J. D. Murray, Odom, Ga.
Damascus—R. A. Watsen, Coffee, Ga.
Elim—J. L. Meeks, Nicholls, Ga., Route No. 1.
Mars Hill—J. J. Moore, Hoboken, Ga.
Mt. Pleasant, Ware County—L. J. Strickland, Waycross, Ga.
Mt. Pleasant, Bacon County—A. F. McLane, Alma, Ga.
Mt. Zion—W. M. Tuten, Blackshear, Ga.
New Hope—J. J. Blocker, Hickox, Ga.
New Prospect—W. L. Mikell, Patterson, Ga., Route No. 2.
Providence—B. M. James, Manor, Ga.
Ramah—S. R. Jordan, Rockingham, Ga.
Rosemary—A. V. Holloway, Graymont, Ga.
Rehobath—Walter Smith, Waresboro, Ga.
Rome—A. M. Boyett, Beach, Ga., Route No. 1.
Satilla—P. J. A. Colson, Screven, Ga.

DECORUM.

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Those members chosen by the churches of our union shall compose the Alabama River Primitive Baptist Association.
3. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, expelled, and total number in fellowship since our last session.

4. This Association shall not have power to lord it over God's heritage nor infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, to explain and put questions, and shall have the same right to speak as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall not vote unless the body shall be equally divided.

7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association; the minutes shall be read and amended, if needful, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

8. Any church petitioning by letter and delegates for admission into this Association shall be, if found orthodox and orderly, received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her delegates.

9. Each church shall have the right to send two delegates to the Association, and no more.

10. Every query presented shall be fairly stated in writing and approved by a majority before being taken up.

11. Every motion made and seconded shall come under observation of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the person who made it by 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 while speaking, unless he depart from the subject.

13. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, and shall not continue his speech more than ten minutes at a time without leave of the Association.

14. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of debate or public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

15. When a case is decided by vote, there shall be no more debating on the subject.

16. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave from the Association.

17. If any member shall break the rules of this Association he shall be immediately reprovved by the Moderator.

18. These rules shall be read at every Association previous to entering on business.

18. It shall be the duty of the Association to keep up a correspondence with other Associations of the same faith and order that a chain of connection may be preserved among the churches.

20. To give the best advice they can in matters of difficulty, and if the union be broken between any of the sister churches, to inquire into the cause of the breach and 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 assistance, if necessary.

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

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES SUBSCRIBED TO BY THE ASSOCIATION.

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

2. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written 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 fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only 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 the Saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints' feet are ordinances, and believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

11. We believe that no man has the right to the administration of the ordinance of Baptism and 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	Messengers	Pastors, 1921	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Confession of Faith	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Dead	Total Membership	Contribution	Sabbath of Annual Meeting
Antioch.....	Charlton.....	S. P. Wainwright, G. H. Fowler.....	G. H. Fowler....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	10	\$150	1 April
Ben James.....	Pierce.....	J. O. Waters, S. L. Youmans.....	J. A. Osteen.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	53	8.10	3 May
Bethesda.....	Wayne.....	G. W. Murray.....	W. D. Bryant....	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	15	5.00	3 July
Bethlehem.....	Pierce.....	W. M. Hyers, R. L. Mikell.....	W. M. Hyers....	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	124	5.50	1 May
Big Creek.....	Wayne.....	R. W. Bennett, F. H. Thornton.....	W. D. Bryant....	4	0	0	0	1	2	4	56	10.00	1 Oct.
Corinth.....	Wayne.....	H. R. McGauley, J. D. Murray.....	W. M. Hyers....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2.00	3 Oct.
Damascus.....	Bacon.....	Geo. Hyers, Martin Turner.....	W. M. Hyers....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	26	5.00	4 Aug.
Elim.....	Coffee.....	L. S. Cole, Lester Cole.....	W. H. Tomlinson.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	54	6.00	3 Sept.
Mars Hill.....	Brantley.....	Mathew Carter, J. R. Dowling.....	B. A. Thornton...	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	3.65	1 June
Mt. Pleasant.....	Ware.....	J. P. Mikell, J. W. Eunice.....	J. P. Mikell.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	235	4.50	2 May
Mt. Pleasant.....	Bacon.....	J. A. Osteen, A. M. Stewart.....	J. A. Osteen....	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	150	6.00	2 Oct.
Mt. Zion.....	Pierce.....	E. S. McGee, W. M. Tuten.....	J. A. Osteen....	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	232	8.50	4 June
New Hope.....	Brantley.....	B. A. Thornton, A. J. Petty.....	B. A. Thornton...	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	47	3.70	3 April
New Prospect.....	Pierce.....	Mathew Roberson, M. C. Murray.....	B. A. Thornton...	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	33	3.75	4 April
Providence.....	Ware.....	B. M. James, Randal Corbitt.....	W. H. Tomlinson.	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	331	2.50	2 Oct.
Ramah.....	Pierce.....	I. F. Roberson, S. R. Jordan.....	W. D. Bryant....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	7.50	2 Sept.
Rosemary.....	Chandler.....	T. L. Lanier, Morgan Holloway.....		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	5.50	2 Aug.
Rehoboth.....	Ware.....	Jno. Smith, Dan Smith.....	J. A. Osteen....	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	36	5.00	1 Sept.
Rome.....	Ware.....	J. T. Minchew, W. A. King.....	J. T. Minchew....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	10.00	4 Oct.
Satilla.....	Wayne.....	J. A. Moody, W. H. King.....	W. M. Hyers....	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	17	2.00	2 July
Totals.....				19	13	7	0	8	8	16	665	\$105.70	

