

MINUTES  
OF THE  
NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION  
OF PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS  
HELD WITH  
MT. CALVARY CHURCH  
MONROE COUNTY, GA.  
SEPTEMBER 17, 18 AND 19, 1918



OFFICERS

W. J. HEARD, Moderator	- - - - -	Macon, Ga., R. 3
F. M. GREENE, Clerk	- - - - -	Perry, Ga.



## MINUTES

MT. CALVARY CHURCH, MONROE COUNTY, GA.,  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1918

### FIRST DAY

1. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Henry Swain. His text was 1st Corinthians, 3:9.
2. After having prayer by Elder J. M. Murray, Elder W. J. Heard proceeded to the organization of the Association. Letters from the various churches of the Association were called for and read, and the names of the messengers enrolled.
3. To perfect the organization Elder W. J. Heard was elected Moderator and F. M. Greene, Clerk.
4. The following committees were appointed:  
On Preaching: Brethren D. C. Wallace, F. W. Hammock, W. C. Lewis, J. H. Baggerley, I. P. Davis and R. H. Bazemore.  
To write the corresponding letter: Brother A. S. Kersey.  
On Finance and Distribution of Corresponding Minutes: Brethren J. S. McGee, Dr. J. H. Heard and J. E. Carney.
5. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.
6. Called for correspondence from sister associations and received the following:  
Upatoi—Elder J. M. Murray, Brethren J. C. Watkins and G. H. Allman.  
Harmony—No tidings.  
Marietta Old School—Minutes.  
Primitive Ebenezer—Elder W. O. Meeks.  
Ocmulgee—Elder W. J. Greene and Brethren W. J. Souther, C. R. Smith, T. J. Bazemore, J. H. Williamson and W. J. Newton.  
Mt. Olive—Elder A. P. Tucker, Brethren Archie Fountain, H. A. Byington and B. A. Brown.  
Original Upper Canoochee—Elder P. H. Byrd.  
Kehukee of N. C.—No tidings.  
Primitive Western—No tidings.
7. Called for petitionary correspondence from sister associations and received none.
8. Suspended regular order of business and received the following visiting brethren: Elder Henry Swain, of Lott's Creek Association.
9. The following committee was appointed to draft resolutions upon the death of our beloved brother, Elder S. T. Bentley: F. W. Hammock, J. S. McGee and A. W. Childs.
10. After prayer by Elder I. Grant the Association adjourned to meet at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, 1918

After prayer by Elder J. A. Monsees, the Association resumed business.

1. Returned correspondence to sister associations as follows:

Upatoi—Brethren F. W. Hammock, R. E. Wright, B. A. Childs, A. W. Childs, Elders W. J. Heard and J. T. Young.

Marietta Old School—Send minutes.

Harmony—Send minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer—Elders B. F. Williamson and J. T. Reynolds.

Ocmulgee—Brethren W. C. Lewis, H. L. McKenney, R. E. Wright, Elders B. F. Williamson, J. T. Reynolds and W. J. Heard.

Original Upper Canoochee—Elders J. T. Reynolds and J. A. Monsees.

Kehukee of N. C.—Send minutes.

Mt. Olive—Brethren J. H. Baggarley, Virgil Hartley, R. E. Wright, R. J. Hancock, Elders J. T. Reynolds and B. F. Williamson.

Primitive Western—Elder B. F. Williamson and Brother T. V. Mann.

2. Received contribution from all sources, \$120.55; for minutes, \$44.00; for associational purposes, \$76.55.

3. Appointed the union meeting as follows: To convene with Beaver Creek Church, Houston county, two miles of Bonaire, Ga., commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1919.

4. Appointed the next meeting of the Association to convene with Shiloh Church, Bibb county, seven miles west of Macon and 5 miles east of Lizella, Ga.

5. The clerk was ordered to have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

6. The corresponding letter was read and adopted.

7. The Association by a rising vote expressed the thanks of the body for the kind hospitality of the brethren and friends of the church at Mt. Calvary.

The resolutions upon the death our beloved brother and Moderator, Elder S. T. Bentley, were read and adopted.

8. The minutes were read, approved and Adopted.

ELDER W. J. HEARD, Moderator.

F. M. GREENE, Clerk.

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RESOLUTION

Sept. 18, 1918.

The Echeconnee Association in session with Mt. Calvary Church, Monroe county, Ga.

Whereas, The Lord, according to His divine will and decree,

has called our beloved Moderator, Elder S. T. Bentley, on Oct. 21st, 1917, from this earth to his eternal home in heaven, Be it resolved,

1st. That we, the messengers and members of this Association, bow in humble submission to the Lord's will, knowing that all His dealings with His children are right and just.

2nd. That we recommend his life of good works and faithfulness as an example of all of God's people, praying the Lord to keep us from the evils of the world, and to give us abiding fellowship, love and peace.

3rd. That a copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of the Association, a copy furnished to the Gospel Messenger and other religious papers of our faith and order, and a copy sent to our beloved Sister Bentley, the wife of Elder Bentley.

Read and approved by the body in session this the 18th day of Sept. 1918.

J. S. MCGEE,  
F. W. HAMMOCK,  
A. W. CHILDS,  
Committee.

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### CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Echeconnee Association in session with Mt. Calvary Church, Monroe county, Ga.

To the Sister Association with whom she corresponds—

#### GREETINGS:

Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Lord:-

Through the mercies of our God we have been permitted to meet again in an Associate capacity.

Our churches report peace, unity and fellowship flowing from heart to heart throughout our midst. The dear servants of God from our corresponding associations come bearing glad tidings and give us sweet evidences that they have been with the blessed Savior.

We are glad to hear the sweet message of peace coming from our churches and visiting brethren of sister Association at this time, when turmoil is reigning throughout the universe. It renews our confidence that the Lord is the Prince of Peace.

The next session of our body will be held, the Lord willing, with the church at Shiloh, Bibb county, five miles east of Lizella, Ga.

A. S. KERSEY.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

Tuesday a. m.—Introductory sermon, Elder Henry Swain.  
Tuesday p. m.—Elder A. P. Tucker, followed by Elder W. J. Greene.  
Wednesday a. m.—Elders A. P. Byrd and J. M. Murray.  
Wednesday p. m.—Elders Henry Swain and J. M. Woodward.  
Thursday a. m.—Elders J. A. Monsees and W. J. Heard.

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## MINISTERS OF THE ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION

Elder W. J. Heard.....	Macon, Ga.
Elder J. A. Monsees.....	Macon, Ga.
Elder B. F. Williamson.....	Lizella, Ga.
Elder J. T. Young.....	Lizella, Ga.
Elder I. Grant.....	Roberta, Ga.
Elder J. R. Hunt.....	Kathleen, Ga.
Elder J. T. Reynolds.....	Macon, Ga.

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## LICENTIATES

T. G. Wright.....	Macon, Ga.
T. V. Mann.....	Gogginsville, Ga.

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## VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. M. Murray.....	Ellaville, Ga.
Elder W. J. Greene.....	Bradley, Ga., R. F. D.
Elder P. H. Byrd.....	Graymont, Ga.
Elder Henry Swain.....	Graymont, Ga.
Elder A. P. Tucker.....	Moultrie, Ga.
Elder W. O. Meeks.....	Macon, Ga., R. F. D. 3
Elder J. M. Woodward.....	Hawkinsville, 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 Clerk, who shall serve them dur-

ing 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 to 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.

## 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 of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances. We believe that immersion is 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.
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

CHURCHES	CLERKS	MESSENGERS	PASTORS	Rec'd by Bap.	Rec'd by Rec-	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Member-	Sunday of Meet-	For Minutes.	For Ministers.
				and Exp.	ommendation		Letter.				ship.	ing.		
Good Hope.....														
Mt. Carmel.....	J. T. Hammock, Musella, Ga.	F. W. Hammock, Arch Childs, J. T. Hammock.	I. Grant.....					1		2	63	3	\$3.00	\$5.30
Salem.....	R. F. Hicks, Knoxville, Ga.	I. Grant, J. W. McGee, J. R. Sandefur.	I. Grant.....	1						2	70	2	2.50	5.00
Providence.....	F. Danielly, Roberta, Ga.	B. A. Childs, J. S. Sandefur, J. S. McGee.	I. Grant.....	1							62	4	2 00	4.00
Fellowship.....	F. M. Greene, Perry, Ga.	J. H. M. Cliett, A. W. Tabor, F. M. Greene, J. T. Hancock	W. J. Heard.....					1		2	52	2	4.00	6.00
Bethlehem.....	F. W. Williams, Macon, Ga.	A. F. Jones, D. C. Wallace, F. W. Williams.	W. J. Heard.....	2		1	2	1	3	7	79	4	5.00	5.00
Friendship.....	W. T. Hall, Thomaston, Ga., R. A	W. T. Hall, J. B. Reeves, W. A. Pasley.									36	1	1.50	5.00
Pleasant Hill.....	J. D. Cherry, Byron, Ga.	J. T. King, W. C. Lewis, M. I. Jones.	W. J. Greene.....								41	2	2.00	3.00
Sardis.....	T. M. Nash, Macon, R. 3	W. J. Heard, H. L. McKenney, B. M. Moore.	W. J. Heard.....	2			1	3		3	67	3	3.00	7.00
Mt. Paron.....	W. J. Marshall, Lizella, Ga.	W. J. Marshall, R. E. Wright, John Scarboro.	W. J. Heard.....	2				2	1	1	48	1	3.00	3.00
Beaver Creek.....	W. B. Watson, Perry, Ga.	J. E. Carney, W. E. Andrews, J. M. Hunt.	J. R. Hunt.....	1							19	1	1.00	1.00
Shiloh.....	M. T. Bartlett, Macon, Ga., R. 2	W. A. Roquemore, J. W. Bart- lett, M. T. Bartlett, C. E. Ward.	W. O. Meeks.....	3		2		1		2	31	2	3.00	4.00
Harmony.....	I. R. Bloodworth, Meansville, Ga.	C. W. Sullivan, J. C. D. Blood- worth, Tom Willingham.	J. A. Monsees.....	6							28	4	1.50	5.00
High Shoals.....	T. M. Mullins, Gogginsville, Ga.	J. H. Mullins, T. V. Mann, W. R. S. Mann.	B. F. Williamson								30	2	1.00	3.00
Mt. Calvary.....	J. H. Baggarley, Moran, Ga.	J. H. Baggarley, I. P. Davis, R. H. Bazemore.	W. O. Meeks.....	3		2				1	23	3	2.00	4.00
Concord.....														
Griffin.....	C. T. Elliott, Griffin, Ga.	C. T. Elliot, J. F. Gardner, W. D. Evans.	B. F. Williamson							1	42	3	2.00	3.00
Emmans.....	M. L. Hancock, Thomaston, Ga.	R. L. Smith, A. S. Kersey, M. L. Hancock.	J. M. Woodward	3					1	1	50	4	3.00	4.00
Barnesville.....	E. P. Childs, Barnesville, Ga.	J. C. Martin, E. P. Childs, J. A. Akins.	B. F. Williamson								18	4	2.00	2.25
Elizabeth.....	D. F. Wells, Macon, Ga., R. 6	F. B. Wilder, G. L. Dent, D. F. Wells.	J. A. Monsees.....	4		4		1		3.	39	1	2.50	7.00
TOTAL.....													44.00	76.55





