

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
HARMONY PRIMITIVE  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

CHURCH AT BLUFF SPRINGS, MACON COUNTY, GA.

OCTOBER 10, 11, 12, 1902.

OFFICERS:

BRO. B. F. MARKETT, MODERATOR, SUMTER, GA.

ELDER R. H. JENNINGS, CLERK, DAWSON, GA.

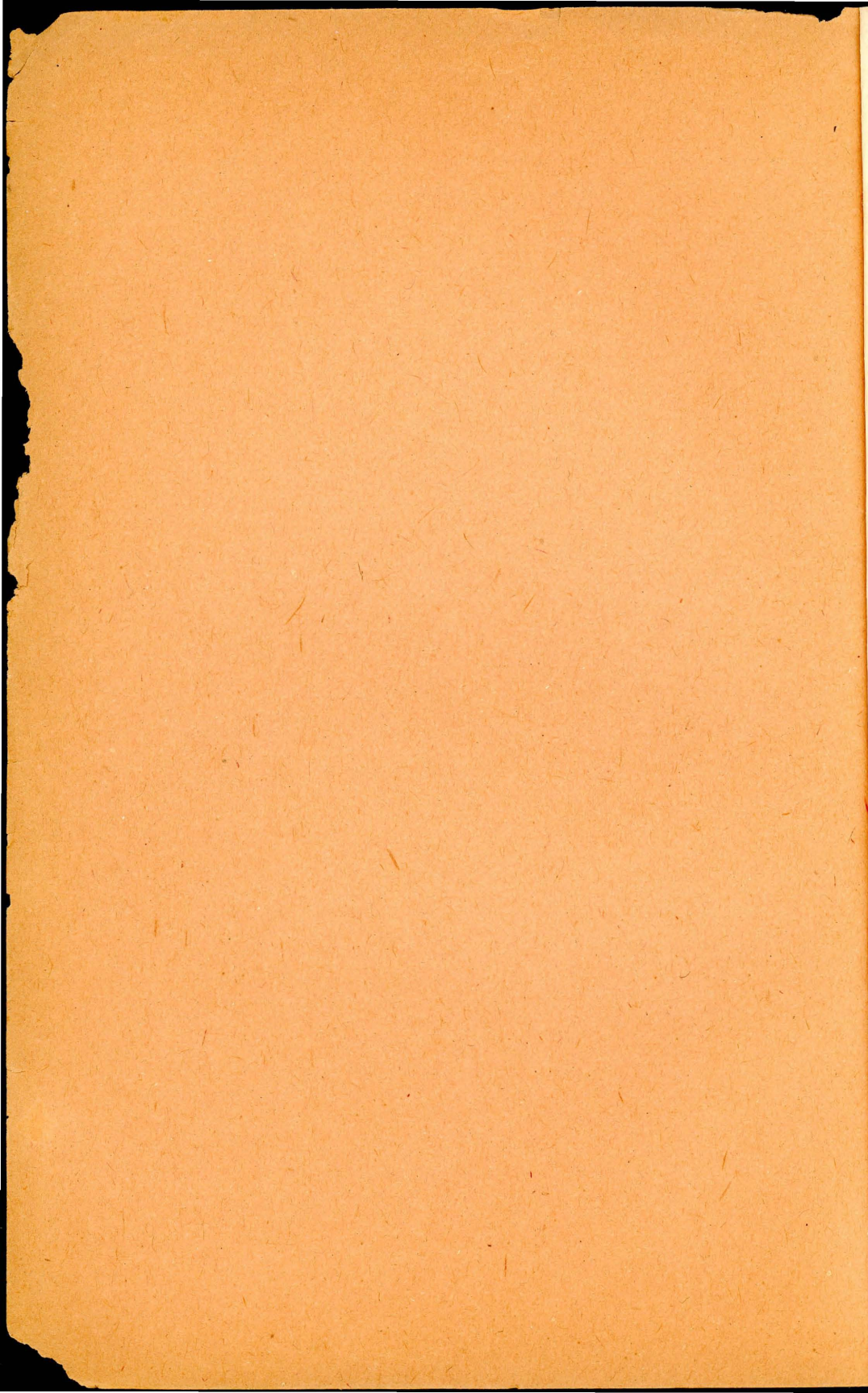
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## MINUTES.

The sixty-fourth annual session of the Harmony Primitive Baptist Association was held with the church at Bluff Springs, Macon county, Georgia, October 10th, 11th and 12th, 1902.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. H. Fisher of Mount Zion Association of Texas; text. Isaih, 7th chapter, 25th verse, "And on all hills that shall be digged with a mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of the briers and thorns."

After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled in the house and the association was called to order by our Moderator, Brother B. F. Markett, after singing and prayer by Elder Lee Hanks of the Flint River Association.

Letters were then called for, and letters from sixteen churches were heard and their state minuted. The association then went into the choice of moderator and clerk by ballot, which resulted in the election of B. F. Markett moderator and R. H. Jennings clerk.

Called for petitionary letters and invited visiting brethren and ministers to seats with us.

Appointed the following committees:

On preaching—Brethren T. C. Patrick, E. Fain, J. R. Battle with messengers of this Church—M. English, W. W. Childers.

To Examine Correspondents' Minutes.—R. K. Webb, D. W. Bryant, J. W. Finch.

To Write Correspondence Letter.—Elder W. T. Everette, J. T. Davis, I. S. Mills.

On Business.—O. S. Morton, J. B. Murray, J. Z. Cummings.

On Finance.—W. S. Armour, W. E. Moreland, B. D. Jones.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—Elder W. T. Everette, Brethren T. C. Patrick and M. English.

Called the roll and read the decorum.

Called for correspondence and received from Upatoie Messengers Elders S. F. Phillips, H. H. Phillips, Licentrate J. M. Murray, Brethren W. P. McCorkle, B. A. Chapman, S. L. Fleming, W. T. Childs, J. E. Childs, J. T. Leightner, K. Stewart, James White, R. E. Hill, D. Lawhon, John Stewart.

From Chocktawhatchee—Elders A. L. Ray and E. S. Ward with minutes.

From Flint River—Elders Lee Hanks, T. J. Head and Brother J.



E. Roberts with minutes.

From Pulaski—J. A. Owens, W. T. Reeves, Elder J. H. Hall with minutes.

From Eacheconnee—H. J. Brown, J. H. Moreland, M. H. McElmurray, R. J. Hancock, B. F. Williamson, J. B. McGee, Elder Morgan Brown.

On motion received the following visiting brethren; Elder J. H. Fisher of Mount Zion Association of Texas, Elder R. H. Barwick of Ocklocknee Association, Elder H. Bussey of the Primitive church of Columbus and Licentrate J. A. Adams of Ocmulgee.

Appointed Union meetings as follows: 1st. Dist. (3rd. choice), to be held with Antioch church, Stewart county, beginning on Friday before fifth Sunday in May. 2nd. Dist. (2nd. choice), to be held with Hebron church beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March. 3rd. Dist. (1st. choice), to be held with Antioch church, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August.

On motion adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday morning met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder R. H. Barwick of Ocklocknee Association.

Renewed call for correspondence. Called for report of committee to examine correspondence. Reported there was nothing claiming the attention of the body.

Returned correspondence to sister associations.

To Upatoie, to convene with Shiloh church, 3 miles north of Howard, on Macon and Columbus branch of Central railroad; messengers, Elders W. T. Everitte, R. H. Jennings, Brethren M. English and J. B. Murray. To Union, moved and carried to suspend correspondence for the present. To Chocktawhatchee, to convene with Corinth church, ten miles sontheast of Louisville, Ala., beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September; messengers, B. P. Brooks and Elder W. T. Everette. To Eachaconnee, to convene with Ramah church, seven miles from Yatesville, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September; messengers, Elder R. H. Jennings and J. B. Murray. To Flint River, to convene with Union church, Miller county, seven miles from Colquitt, Ga., beginning on Saturday before the first Sunday in November next; messengers, Brethren E. Fain, B. P. Brooks, B. D. Jones, Elder W. T. Everette. To Pulaski, to convene with Valley Grove church, Irwin county, five miles south of Ocilla, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1903; R. H. Jennings, messenger.



Called for contributions and distributed correspondence in minutes.

Received for minutes \$20.00, for correspondence \$61.40. Agreed to have 900 minutes printed, 750 for the churches and the remainder for correspondence, and after printing and mailing same the clerk to keep the remainder for his services.

Called for corresponding letter, which was read and adopted.

Called for report of committee on deceased deacons. At the request of the committee the clerk was authorized and requested to draft resolutions on the same,

On motion the Association extended the good people of the church of Bluff Springs and surrounding community our thanks for kindness shown our body and hospitality extended to our meeting.

Appointed the next meeting of the association to convene with the Pataula church, Quitman county, 7 miles northeast of Georgetown, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October next. Pataula church is eight miles from Hatcher station.

Read the minutes, which were adopted and the association adjourned to the stand. Final adjournment at noon Sunday.

B. F. MARKETT, Moderator.

R. H. JENNINGS, Clerk.

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#### ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday, a. m.—Elder J. H. Fisher of Texas.

Friday, p. m.—Elder E. S. Ward of Choctawhatchee of Alabama.—(The weather was such that we had no other service.)

Saturday, a. m.—Elder T. J. Head of Flint River.

Saturday, a. m.—Elder A. L. Ray of Choctawhatchee of Alabama.

Saturday, p. m.—Elder Lee Hanks of Flint River and Elder H. Bussey of Primitive church of Columbus.

Sunday, a. m.—Elder J. H. Fisher of Texas and Elder R. H. Barwick of Ocklocknee.

Sunday, p. m. Elder W. W. Riner of Upatoi and Elder P. G. McDonald of Pulaski.

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#### MINISTERS OF HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Elder J. L. Blackshear, Cuthbert, Ga.

Elder W. T. Everitt, Dawson, Ga.

Elder R. H. Jennings, Dawson, Ga.

Elder D. Chambless, Chamblessston, Ga.

Elder J. M. Spurlock, Colomokee, Ga.



### CORRESPONDENCE LETTER.

The Harmony Primitive Baptist Association now in Session with the Church at Bluff Springs to Her Sister Associations With Whom We Correspond, Sendeth Christian Salutation:

DEAR AND MUCH BELOVED BRETHREN: In the bonds of the Gospel of Christ through the very kind Providence and loving and gentle dealing of the Great Head of the church, the God of our Father, the God of our Salvation, we are permitted to meet together again and we hope, according to our present desire, to hold another session of our body, and so far we have had a pleasant meeting with the dear people of God in all matters pertaining to our meeting. May the God of Israel preside over the church is our prayer. To the honor of Christ, the association of your correspondent has been pleasant; the preaching throughout our meeting has been pleasant and profitable to the children of God. Our churches are all represented but one, and they bring tidings of peace and love, for which we desire to praise our Heavenly Father. Our next association will be held with the church at Pataula, Quitman county, 7 miles northwest of Georgetown and 8 miles from Hatcher Station, where we hope to meet your correspondents again, and we pray God for a reconciliation of his people throughout the universe that they may be of one mind, and that all the household of faith may be united, so as to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. This is the prayer of your sister in hope. Farewell.

B. F. MARKETT, Moderator.  
R. H. JENNINGS, Clerk.

### MEMORIAM.

It becomes our sad duty to chronicle the death of two of our much beloved brethren and deacons—Wm. Jennings of Chickasawhatchee church and B. W. Norman of Harmony church. Brother Jennings joined the church in early life, and not a great while afterwards was appointed deacon. He filled this office well until he came near the close of his life, when he became so feeble he could not look after any duty much. He was always looked to as a guide in his conference, was ever ready to administer to his pastor or the poor of his own labor, and did not mind asking others to assist in any religious duty and in helping to keep up the expense of the church. But the messenger of death came for him July 11, and he was removed from the visible to the invisible and triumphant church in his seventy-eighth year.

Brother B. W. Norman was not as old as Brother Jennings. He joined the church in 1872, and was ordained deacon about 1893, and filled the place as well as he could until his death. Brother Norman always had poor health, but he earned an honest living and labored as long as he could, and would render what assistance he could to others. He, too, was useful in his church conferences, and always wanted to do that only which would be honoring the dear Master. But our Heavenly Father called him home September 18, 1902, in his 56th year. We mourn on account of the death of these brethren, but we know that the Lord knows best, and we feel that their work here is complete, and we mourn not without hope, for our loss is their gain. We tender to their families and their churches our sympathy, trusting that the good Lord may comfort them all.

CLERK.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCH.              | COUNTY.          | P. O.             | CLERK.              | MESSENGERS.                               | PASTOR, 1902.       | Baptized. | Restored. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Total in Membership. | Money for Minutes. | Money for Correspondence. | Yearly Meeting. |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| FIRST DISTRICT.      |                  |                   |                     |   |                     |           |           |                      |           |                      |                    |                           |                 |
| Mount Olive.....     | Chattahoochee .. | Cusseta.....      |                     |   | H. Bussey.....      |           |           |                      |           | 1                    |                    |                           | Aug.            |
| Antioch.....         | Stewart.....     | Louvale.....      | M. D. Tatum.....    | By Letter.....                            | R. H. Barwick.....  | 1         |           |                      |           | 30                   | 2 1/2              | 1 00                      | July.           |
| Slaughter Creek..... | ".....           | Brooklyn.....     | W. S. Armour.....   | W. C. Smith, W. S. Armour.....            | W. T. Everett.....  | 1         | 1         |                      | 2         | 19                   |                    | 1 00                      | Aug.            |
| Harmony.....         | ".....           | Richland.....     | T. L. Morton.....   | T. C. Patrick, O. S. Morton.....          | R. H. Jennings..... | 2         | 3         |                      | 5         | 2 37                 | 4                  | 1 50                      | July.           |
| Poplar Springs.....  | Webster.....     | Preston.....      | J. F. Jenkins.....  | J. Z. Cummings.....                       | H. H. Phillips..... |           |           |                      |           | 8                    | 1                  | 50                        | Aug.            |
| Turkey Creek.....    | ".....           | Rush.....         | T. Troutman.....    | By Letter.....                            | W. T. Everett.....  | 2         | 1         |                      |           | 23                   | 3                  | 1 50                      | July.           |
| SECOND DISTRICT.     |                  |                   |                     |   |                     |           |           |                      |           |                      |                    |                           |                 |
| Beulah.....          | Terrell.....     | Worner.....       | T. J. Daniel.....   | J. T. Davis, G. W. Thompson.....          | W. T. Everett.....  | 2         |           |                      |           | 2 36                 | 4                  | 1 50                      | July.           |
| Chickasawhatchee ... | ".....           | Dawson.....       | M. Blackshear.....  | Elders W. T. Everett, R. H. Jennings..... | ".....              | 1         | 1         | 4                    |           | 1 40                 | 1                  | 2 00                      | June.           |
| Macedonia.....       | ".....           | Sasser.....       | A. L. McLendon..... | J. M. Cook, W. E. Moreland.....           | R. H. Barwick.....  | 4         |           | 1                    | 2         | 1 60                 | 2                  | 1 50                      | "               |
| Liberty.....         | Sumter.....      | Sumter.....       | T. G. Webb.....     | R. K. Webb, G. W. Israel.....             | R. H. Jennings..... | 3         |           |                      |           | 1 35                 | 3                  | 1 50                      | July.           |
| Providence.....      | ".....           | ".....            | B. F. Markett.....  | B. F. Markett, J. W. Finch.....           | H. Bussey.....      | 1         |           |                      |           | 18                   | 2                  | 1 00                      | 4 00            |
| Hebron.....          | ".....           | Anderson.....     | J. B. Murray.....   | J. R. Battle, J. B. Murray.....           | W. Lively.....      | 1         |           |                      |           | 31                   | 1                  | 1 50                      | 3 50            |
| Bluff Springs.....   | Macon.....       | Englishville..... | M. English.....     | M. English, W. W. Childers.....           | W. T. Everett.....  | 1         | 2         | 1                    |           | 2 24                 | 2                  | 1 50                      | 3 50            |
| THIRD DISTRICT.      |                  |                   |                     |   |                     |           |           |                      |           |                      |                    |                           |                 |
| Antioch.....         | Early.....       | Colomokee.....    | F. J. Brown.....    | I. S. Mills.....                          | I. P. Porter.....   | 2         | 3         | 4                    |           | 19                   | 1                  | 1 00                      | 3 50            |
| Mars Hill.....       | Calhoun.....     | Jeff.....         | E. Fain.....        | B. D. Jones, E. Fain.....                 | Lee Hanks.....      | 16        | 1         | 1                    | 1         | 1 68                 | 3                  | 2 00                      | 10 50           |
| Pataula.....         | Quitman.....     | Georgetown.....   | J. G. Belcher.....  | J. G. Belcher, B. P. Brooks.....          | J. M. Spurlock..... |           |           |                      |           | 18                   | 1                  | 50                        | 1 50            |
| Union.....           | Terrell.....     | Dawson.....       | H. J. L. Adams..... | W. D. Bryant, D. W. Bryant.....           | B. Page.....        |           |           |                      |           | 8                    | 4                  | 50                        | 1 50            |



