

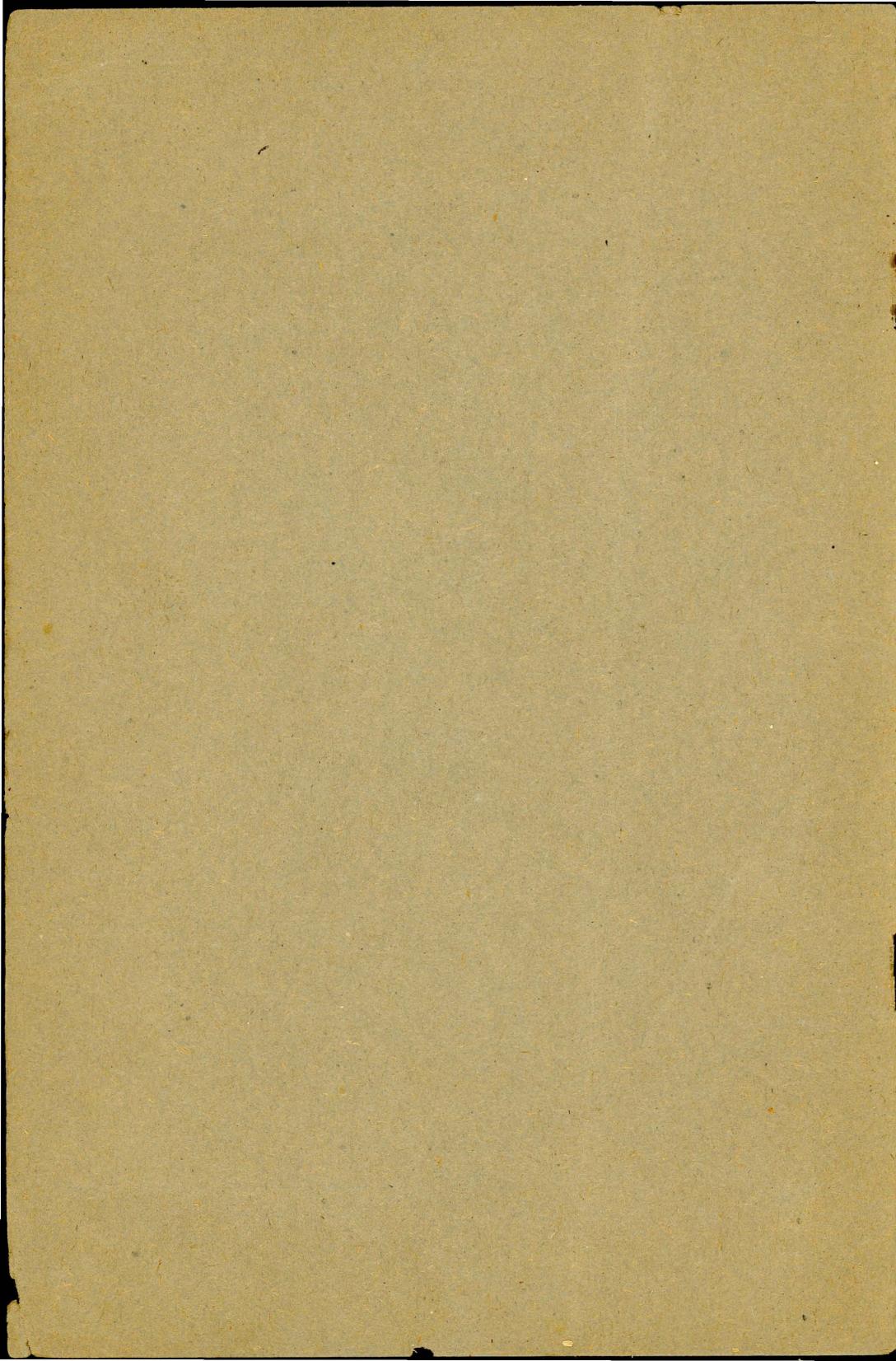
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The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. J. Gresham, of Texas, Text, third chapter, ninth verse of first Kings.

After an intermission the association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Wm. Hollingsworth.

Prayer by Elder W. J. McCormack.

Received letters from thirteen churches, read and minuted their state.

On motion, elected Elder Wm. Hollingsworth, Moderator and E. L. Maxwell, Clerk.

Invited visiting ministers and brethern to seats with us.

On motion, omitted reading the decorum. Call for petitionary letters.

Appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching and Finance—Brethern J. C. Killebrew, J. J. Adams, G. S. Key, E. P. Thomas, D. G. Sheffield.

To Write Corresponding Letters—Elder M. E. Petty.

Called for correspondence from Sister Associations and received as follows:

From Lotts Creek—Minutes.

From Wetumpka—No Tidings.

From Lower Wetumpka—No Tidings.

From Choctawhatchee—Bro. G. W. Nowell.

From Harmony—Brethern M. Blackshear, B. C. Bess, J. W. Bass.

From Upatoie—No Tidings.

Prayer by Elder B. M. Jowers, and adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder L. J. Gresham.

Renewed call for correspondence. Called for visitors and received from Ocmulgee Association, Elder J. F. Lord, from Antioch

Association of Alabama, Elder B. M. Jowers, from Mt. Zion Association of Alabama, Elder W. J. McCormack, from Bethel Association of Ocmulgee Association, Elder J. F. Lord, from Bethel Association of Texas, Elder L. J. Gresham.

Returned correspondence to Sister Associations as follows:

To Lotts Creek—Brother F. A. Belcher. This Association will convene with Anderson's Church on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in October, 1921.

To Wetumpka—Elder Dallos Jowers and Bro. J. B. Lambert.

To Lower Wetumpka—Which will convene with Fish Pond Church, commencing on Friday before the Second Sunday, October, 1921, will send minutes.

To Choctawhatchee—Bros. F. A. Belcher, G. S. Key.

To Harmony—Which will convene with Mars Hill Church, commencing on Friday before the Second Sunday, October, 1921—Bros. F. A. Belcher, G. S. Key, J. B. Roberts, R. E. Taylor, T. M. Maxwell, J. S. Adams, J. C. Kellebrew, D. H. Pelham, Elder D. M. Moneyham.

To Upatoi—Bros. F. A. Belcher, G. S. Key.

Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

The First District with Mispah Church, the first and fifth Sunday, 1922.

The Second District with Mt. Olive Church, the second fifth 1922.

The Third District with Tired Creek Church, the third fifth Sunday, 1922.

Appointed the next session of our body to meet with Pisgah Church, Decatur County, 3 miles southeast of Climax on A. C. L. Railroad, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1922.

Called for the report of finance committee which reported as follows:

Received from the Churches.....	\$101.00
Recommend that the Clerk be paid.....	\$37.00
To Corresponding and Visiting Ministers	64.00
	\$101.00
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CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Flint River Primitive Baptist Association in her thirty-seventh annual session, with the Church at Union, Miller County, Ga., to her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds.

Greeting: Dear Brethren, in the hope of life and salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we desire a continuation of your lovely correspondence in prayer and praise to the God of all mercy, truth and grace for the bestowal of His priceless

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, and only the 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, 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 Saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion.
10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
11. We believe that no ministers have the right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

YEARLY MEETINGS.

Pisgah	June
Popular Springs	June
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Tired Creek	June
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2. The members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the Flint River Primitive Baptist Association, two-thirds of which shall form a quorum.

3. Members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those received by experience and baptism or otherwise—dismissed, excommunicated, restored and dead since our last Association.

4. The Association shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe on the rights of any Church.

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

6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve 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.

7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association and the minutes taken shall be read, and amended of necessary and signed by the Moderator and clerk before the Association rises. The clerk shall keep a file of the minutes, be present at each Association, and shall take charge of the Association fund, and pay out any sum upon the order of the Association, and shall be held accountable for all money in his hands by the Association.

8. Any Church applying by letter and delegates for admittance, which upon examination, is found orthodox and ordelyy, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to its delegates.

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

10. Every query shall be for Church authority, and fairly presented in writing.

11. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the action 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, and shall not be interrupted while speaking except he depart 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 a public speech nor reflection upon the speaker.

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

16. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

17. This Association is in favor of preaching the gospel, the circulation of the scriptures and the advantages of education and recommends temperance and morality in general, but to her members in particular. Notwithstanding, she is opposed to all modern institutions of men such as Missionary, Bible, Tract and Sunday School Union Societies, together with Baptist State Convention and Theological Schools and such like, because their connection with the Church of God is unauthorized in the scriptures. As such we cannot fellowship them or admit to our Church privilege any such person who is therewith connected in any wise, believing such to be speculative in their nature and fruitful sources for the corruption of the Church. In relation to Free Masonry, we recommend to our brethren, who are already attached to the fraternity, to immediately withdraw therefrom, and when brethren leave the Church and join said fraternity, they are not such as "follow after the things which make for peace, and the things wherewith one may edify another"—Romans XIV 19. And such, unless they manifest a suitable repentance and immediately withdraw therefrom, and make suitable acknowledgements, be rejected from the fellowship of the Church.

18. We recommend to the churches composing this body to receive members who went off with the Missionary Baptists at the time of their separation with us, provided they bring satisfactory evidence of a legal baptism, with suitable confession of the faith, and not otherwise in disorder, and not to receive any who have been baptized by them since said separation only by experience and baptism.

19. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general Union of the Churches—to give the best advice in matters of difficulty, and if the Union is broken between any of the sister Churches, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use the best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any Church or Churches that may be deemed unsound in faith, or immoral in practice, until they be removed.

20. To invite brethren from sister Associations and ministers of our faith and order to seats with us.

21. To keep a correspondence with our Associations of the same faith and order, so that a chain of connection may be preserved throughout the denomination.

22. If any member shall break the rules of this decorum, he shall be immediately reprov'd by the Moderator.

23. The rules shall be read to every Association prior to entering on business.

24. The rules of this decorum may be altered or amended at any time, by a majority of three-fourths of the Association.

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MEMENTO.

It is with sadness, that we are called upon to chronicle the death of one of our beloved and esteemed ministers, to-wit; Elder W. G. Kirkland, who since the last session of our body, has been called from the terrors, trials, toils of life, to the celestial glories of Heaven.

One of the saddest memories in the paths of life, is that of father or mother. Elder Kirkland was a strong believer, and an able defender, of the doctrine of SALVATION by GRACE.

May the attributes of God's mercy rest upon the home of the bereaved mother and childrn, and may His Holy Benedictions of love attend them through life, is our prayer for Christ's sake.

H. R. STRICKLAND,
M. E. PETTY, Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS and P. O.	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Rec. by Ex. and Bap.	Rec. by Con.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sundry of Meeting	Contributions
First District													
Mispah	A. P. Fain, Pelham, Ga.....	Wm. Hollingsworth	A. P. Fain, E. N. Maloy.....	2	0	1	0	0	1	4	75	1	\$10.00
Hopewell	J. C. Ragan, Pelham, Ga.....	A. J. McLeod.....	J. W. Leonard, Noah Adams.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	2		9.00
Hartsfield	J. C. Killebrew, Hartsfield, Ga.....	D. M. Moneyham.....	J. C. Killebrew, J. B. Culpepper.....	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	24	2	6.50
Prosperity	M. Long, Whigham, Ga.....	Dallas Jowers.....	J. B. Lambert, J. H. Golden.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	2.50
Second District													
Olive Grove	J. J. Adams, Iron City, Ga.....	N. M. Cook.....	D. H. Pelham, J. S. Adams.....	1	0	0	0			2	41	3	7.00
Shady Grove	W. R. Taylor, Arlington, Ga.....	M. E. Petty.....	J. B. Roberts, W. R. Taylor.....		0	0	0	0	0	0	20		5.00
Sharon	W. J. Jernigan, Donalsonville, Ga.....	Dallas Jowers.....	R. P. Harrell, W. J. Jernigan.....		0	0	0	0	0	1	18		5.00
Union	T. Pickren, Colquitt, Ga.....	M. E. Petty.....	E. P. Thomas, D. G. Sheffield.....	1		1		2	3	1	29	2	10.00
Mt. Olive	A. I. Brunson, Sneade, Fla.....	D. M. Moneyham.....	No Tidings.....										
Third District													
Tired Creek	G. S. Key, Cairo, Ga.....	Wm. Hollingsworth	G. S. Key, A. J. McLeod.....	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	2	10.00
Trinity	R. C. Hollingsworth, Whigham, Ga.....	Wm. Hollingsworth	Wm. Hollingsworth, Dallas Jowers.....	6	0	0	0	2	0	1	40	3	10.00
Pisgah	J. N. Sanders, Whigham, Ga.....	Dallas Jowers.....	J. E. Weaver, J. N. Sanders.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	54	4	6.00
Piedmont	E. L. Maxwell, Whigham, Ga.....	D. M. Moneyham.....	E. L. Maxwell, T. M. Maxwell.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	1	10.00
Poplar Springs	J. G. Rehberg, Cairo, Ca.....	Wm. Hollingsworth	J. G. Rehberg, F. A. Belcher.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	31	4	10.00

