

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session

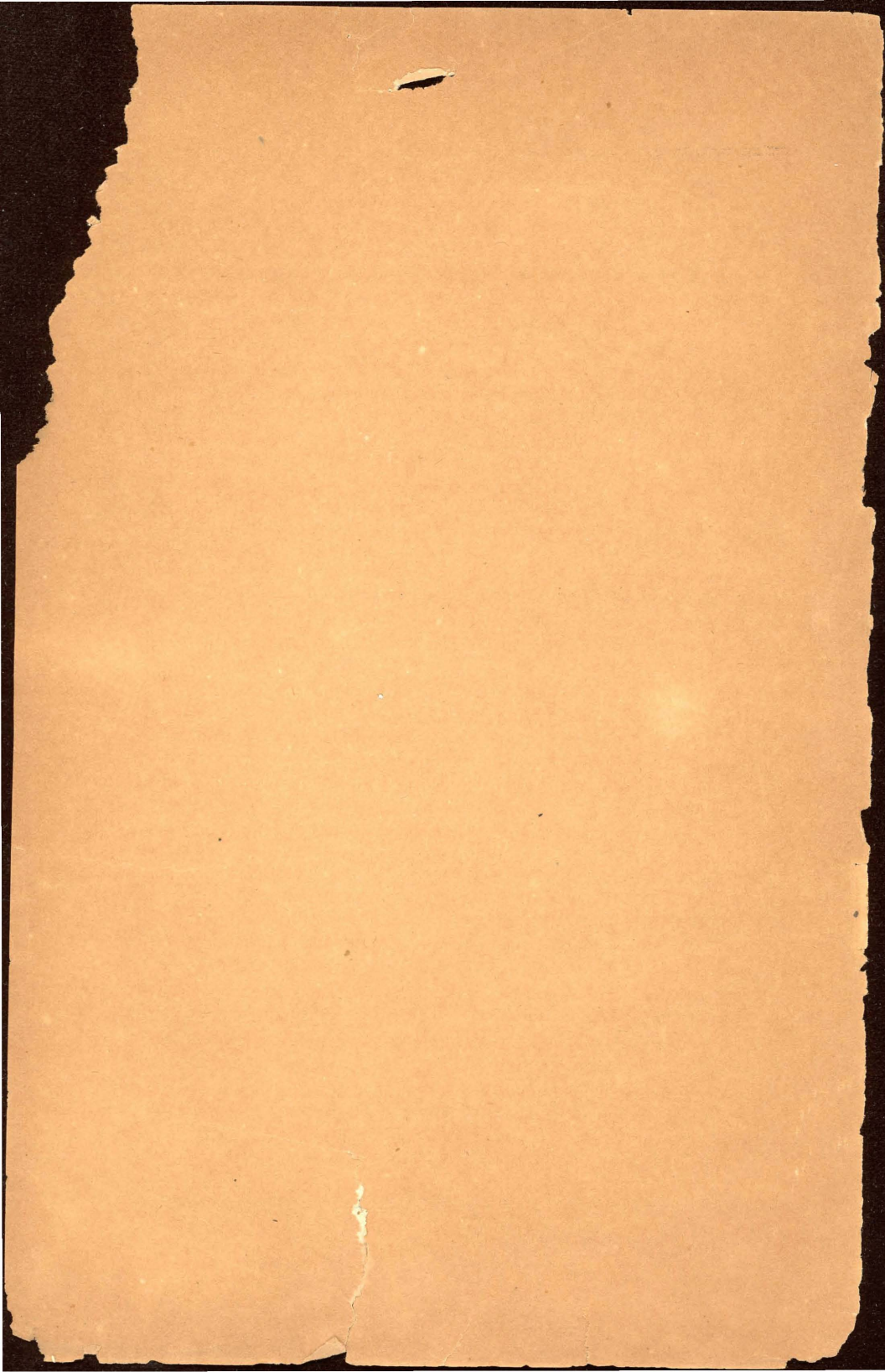
OF THE

*Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist
Association*

CONVENED WITH

Anderson's Church, Tattnall County, Ga.,

October 22, 23, and 24, 1909



MINUTES

Of the Fifth Annual Session of the Lott's Greek Primitive Baptist Association, convened with the Church at Anderson's, October 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1909.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. B. C. Lewis, from the Ebenezer Association. Text, I. Tim., 4th chapter, from the 1st to 6th verse.
2. After one hour's intermission the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. J. H. Smith.
3. Singing, followed with prayer by Eld. S. M. Anderson, of the Original Upper Canoochee Association.
4. Called for petitionary letters, and there was handed in by the messengers five letters, as follows: Red Hill, Nevil's Creek, Bethel, Beard's Creek and Inman's Creek. The letters having been read, these churches were considered sound in faith and practice, and received, which was manifested by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.
5. Read letters and recorded messengers' names.
6. Appointed Eld. J. H. Smith Moderator and E. B. Hughes Clerk.
7. Appointed committees as follows: To arrange preaching during this meeting, Eld. H. Temple, Eld. A. R. Strickland and M. J. Green, with the delegates of this church; to arrange general meetings, M. J. Green, Eld. H. B. Wilkinson and J. S. Nessmith; to receive contributions, Eld. H. B. Wilkinson, A. C. McCorkel and F. M. Durden; to write corresponding letter, Eld. H. Temple, D. L. Rigdon and Eld. A. R. Strickland.
8. Called for correspondents. Then came E. J. Davidson, J. F. Collins and Eld. B. C. Lewis from the Ebenezer Association; Eld. J. B. Wilson, Eld. S. M. Anderson and J. J. Sutton from the Upper Canoochee Association; Elds. R. D. Donehoe, H. W. Smith and Brethren J. F. Donehoe and H. P. Bowers with a letter from the Prince William Association, who were received, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
9. Called for visiting brethren, when a welcome was given Eld. J. M. Murray from the Upatoi, Eld. M. E. Pettie from the Choctohatchie, and Eld. W. M. Monsees from the Seven Mile Association, N. C., and received.
10. Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing, followed with prayer by Eld. A. R. Strickland.
11. The committee to arrange preaching reported as follows: Friday p. m., Eld. H. W. Smith, followed by Eld. R. D. Donehoe; Saturday

a. m., Eld. Lonnie Holoway, followed by Eld. S. M. Anderson; Saturday p. m., Eld. W. M. Monsees, followed by Eld. J. B. Wilson.

12. The committee to arrange general meetings reported as follows: October, 1909, Bethel; January, 1910, Lower Lotts Creek; May, 1910, Columbia; July, 1910, Red Hill—all to commence Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

13. Appointed correspondents as follows: Alapaha Association, Eld. A. J. Brown and B. J. Woodcock; Ebenezer Association, A. J. Brown, M. E. Cannon, M. Denmark, J. A. Bowen, Eld. F. M. Donaldson and J. N. Akins; Flint River Association, H. B. Wilkinson and J. A. Bowen; Upper Canoochee Association, H. Temple, A. R. Strickland and M. M. Coleman; Prince William Association, F. M. Donaldson, J. A. Lassiter, J. R. Calaway and Simon Berough.

14. Appointed the next session of this body to convene with the church at Ephesus, Bulloch county, Ga., Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1910, three miles south of Adabelle, Ga., R. & G. Ry.

15. Committee on contributions reported \$33.

16. Agreed to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed, the clerk to have them printed and distribute the same.

17. Corresponding letter read and received.

18. We tender our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for taking care of us and administering to our wants during this meeting.

19. Motion for adjournment. Minutes read and received and the body adjourned.

J. H. SMITH, Moderator.

E. B. HUGHES, Clerk.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, according to arrangements, the brethren preached to a large and orderly congregation.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Lotts Creek Association to Sister Associations with Whom we Correspond :

We have been permitted to hold another session of our Association in peace and love. Our churches report all in peace and love. Our hearts were made glad in receiving the precious messages of the gospel of Christ, whom we trust we serve. We were rejoiced to meet your correspondents and visiting brethren from the different quarters of the earth. This makes us feel that the Lord's humble poor are one people, banding for the same things.

We invite all orderly Primitive Baptists to come to see us and behold our order, thereby building a greater and stronger tie of Christian fellowship. We earnestly beg all truth loving Primitive Baptists everywhere to turn from the disorders that now seem to threaten destruction to our cause, and help us, by God's grace, to praise the Lord in that spirit of simplicity and love that should exist among the Lord's people.

We continue our declaration against all new measures and solicitations for correspondents.

The next session of our body will meet with the Church at Ephesus, where we hope to meet many more of the Lord's people.

CHURCHES AND THEIR OFFICERS.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	P. O.
Beards Creek	F. M. Donaldson ..	D. H. Purcell ..	Daisy
Lower Lotts Creek ..	H. B. Wilkinson ..	O. H. P. Lanier ..	Register
Nevils Creek	H. Temple	T. B. Hendrix
DeLoach's	H. B. Wilkinson ..	W. H. DeLoach ..	Claxton
Lyons	Jordan Cribbs ..	J. A. Colson ..	Lyons
Eman's	Jordan Cribbs ..	T. Colson	Claxton
Ephesus	H. B. Wilkinson ..	S. C. Banks	Register
Inman's Creek	D. L. Calaway	I. F. Keel
Bethel	A. R. Strickland ..	Geo. T. Knight
Columba	J. A. Bowen	J. E. Strickland ..	Ellabelle
Ash Branch	J. H. Smith	E. B. Hughes	Pembroke
Lower Black Creek ..	J. H. Smith	J. M. Newmans ..	Brooklet
Anderson's	A. R. Strickland ..	J. A. Sikes	Manassas
Upper Mill Creek ..	H. Temple	J. N. Akins	Statesboro
Red Hill	F. M. Donaldson ..	W. C. Iler	Pembroke
Lower Mill Creek ..	H. B. Wilkinson ..	G. R. Beasley ..	Statesboro
Little Flock	D. L. Calaway	L. E. Lynn	Collins

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. H. Smith
D. L. Caloway
Jordan Cribbs
H. B. Wilkinson

F. M. Donaldson
H. Temples
A. R. Strickland
J. A. Bowen

PREAMBLE.

The organization of this Association is the result of an effort on the part of the DeLoach church and other peace-loving Primitive Baptists to unite all the Primitive Baptist churches in Bulloch and Bryan counties, state of Georgia.

Inasmuch as that effort failed in part, the churches now forming the Lower Canoochee, proper, refusing to unite under the circumstances, which is their privilege, to which privilege none of the churches forming this union object, for churches are free, and of right ought to be, to remain in such condition as they severally feel most acceptable with God our Saviour and our Lord Jesus Christ; therefore, seeing and feeling it impossible to unite all the churches in peace in the Lower Canoochee and live together in peace in the Lower Canoochee Association, we, the churches desiring union and fellowship one with another, have agreed in our several conferences to meet DeLoach church according to invitation and promise this 20th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, for the formation of the Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association.

We are in peace with all Primitive Baptists everywhere who are walking in the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have received authority and freedom to form this union.

We, as an association of churches, come together on the following Rules and Articles of Primitive Faith:

RULES.

1. This Association shall meet annually by the authority of the churches, to worship God.
2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers, and the names of said messengers shall be inserted in the letters from the churches.
3. This Association shall be governed by its own rules, but no rule shall be binding on any church.
4. No church shall be admitted into the Association unless found sound in the faith.
5. Any church may withdraw from this Association at the discretion of the church.

6. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by the Messengers present.

7. This Association shall open its business by singing and prayer.

8. All business shall come into this Association by motion and second; and every motion that is seconded shall be decided, except it be withdrawn by the mover.

9. There shall be no talking in time of public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

10. No person shall be interrupted in the time of public speech, unless he depart from the subject in debate, and then only by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave from the Association.

12. A majority of this Association shall govern in all cases except the majority depart from the Rules and Articles of Faith herein expressed.

13. No person shall absent himself without leave from the Moderator.

14. A majority may amend or alter these rules at any time.

15. It shall be the duty of this Association to keep a correct minute of all its proceedings and have the same published in pamphlet form for distribution among the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe the Old and New Testaments scriptures are the perfectly inspired word of God, and the only infallible standard of faith and practice.

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

3. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.

4. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.

5. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final perseverance and preservation of the saints.

6. We believe nothing takes place by chance, but God's foreknowledge embraces all things.

7. We believe God predestinated some men and angels to eternal life through Jesus Christ His Son before the foundation of the world.

8. We believe God the Father calls, the Son redeems, and the Holy Ghost regenerates the very same person.

9. We believe the children of God are called from death to life independently of all creature instrumentality, and are justified solely by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

10. We believe man was created in the beginning in the image of

God, very good and upright, but of his own will, without any compulsion and undeceived, he transgressed the law of God.

11. We believe good works are such only as God has commanded in His Holy Word.

12. We believe the preaching of the Gospel is not to give life to the dead (for God alone can do that) but is to warn, teach, exhort, comfort and edify, reprove and confirm the living children of God.

13. We believe those who believe the Gospel should be baptized, that is, be immersed in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

14. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saints' feet an example to be engaged in by all orderly children of God.

15. We believe that no man has the right to administer the ordinances but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. We believe a Primitive Baptist church is an organized body of Christ, and, to maintain its identity, must stand aloof from the world and all worldly so-called churches, religious societies and institutions, such as Sunday schools, theological seminaries, mission boards and conventions, and all oath-bound secret societies, which are plainly contrary to the example of Christ and His Apostles.

17. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and unjust, the former to life and the latter to damnation.

18. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come a second time in the body to this world, and after raising the dead will judge the human race in righteousness and send the wicked into everlasting punishment and will welcome the righteous to everlasting happiness in His Holy image and presence.

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Sabbath Meetings.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Confession of Faith	Recommended	Restored	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Contributions
Lower Mill Creek-----	Bulloch-----	M. S. Rushing, G. R. Beasley-----	1 Sab	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	\$ 1 50
Upper Mill Creek-----	Bulloch-----	H. Temple, M. E. Cannon-----	1 "	5	0	0	2	1	0	2	40	2 00
Lower Black Creek-----	Bryan-----	J. M. Newmans, W. M. Burnsed-----	4 "	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	2 00
Lower Lotts Creek-----	Bulloch-----	W. M. Anderson, J. S. Nessmith-----	4 "	7	0	0	1	0	0	1	85	3 50
DeLoach's-----	Bulloch-----	M. J. Green, E. H. DeLoach-----	2 "	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	83	3 50
Anderson's-----	Tatnall-----	D. H. Holland, Eliot Anderson-----	3 "	8	1	1	0	0	4	0	91	2 00
Little Flock-----	Tatnall-----	L. E. Lyon, T. L. Patrick-----	4 "	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	53	2 00
Lyons-----	Toombs-----	M. M. Coleman, J. L. Sutton-----	3 "	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	52	1 50
Ephesus-----	Bulloch-----	S. C. Banks, Simon Berough-----	3 "	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	32	2 00
Emaus-----	Bulloch-----	H. B. Wilkinson, T. Colson-----	1 "	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1 50
Ash Branch-----	Bulloch-----	J. H. Smith, L. M. Lanier-----	2 "	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	61	3 00
Coloumba-----	Bryan-----	N. Wise, M. Morgan-----	2 "	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	1 00
Bethel-----	Liberty-----	A. R. Strickland, L. G. Dasher-----	2 "	2	2	0	0	0	3	3	41	1 25
Beard's Creek-----	Tatnall-----	H. C. Dyers, D. H. Purcell-----		1	0	2	0	0	13	0	31	1 25
Innan's Creek-----	Toombs-----	A. C. McCorkel, F. M. Durden-----	2 "	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1 00
Nevil's Creek-----	Bulloch-----	W. J. Blackburn, T. B. Hendrix-----	3 "	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	18	1 50
Red Hill-----	Bulloch-----	C. C. DeLoach, J. T. Denmark-----	1 "	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	37	2 00
				38	5	9	14	1	23	13	707	\$32 50

