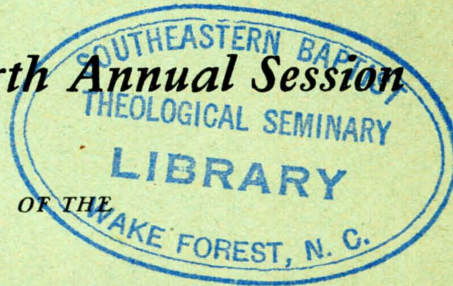


*MINTUES*

OF THE

*Eighty-Fourth Annual Session*



OF THE

*Original Upper Canoochee  
Association*

OF THE

*Regular Primitive Baptists*

CONVENED WITH

*Canoochee Church, Emanuel County, Georgia*

*October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1913.*







## MINUTES

of the Eighty-fourth Annual Session of the Original Upper Cannoochee Primitive Baptist Association, convened with Cannoochee church, Emanuel county, Ga., Oct. 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1613.

### FIRST DAY—FRIDAY

1st. Prayer by Eld. W. M. Bullard, of the Upatoie Association. The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. G. W. Floyd, of the Ebenezer Association. Text, St. John 3rd chapter and 7th verse: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again."

2nd. After fifteen minutes intermission the messengers from the churches assembled in the house. Prayer by Eld. T. W. Stallings, of the Mt. Olive Association.

3rd. Called for and read letters from 14 churches.

4th. Organized the body by re-electing Eld. S. M. Anderson, moderator, and Eld. J. B. Wilson, clerk.

Invited ministers and visiting members of our faith and order to seats with us.

6th. On motion omitted reading the Decorum.

7th. Called for petitionary letters and received none.

8th. Appointed the following committees: On preaching—A. J. Youngblood, A. I. Warren and H. J. Kight, with the messengers of this church. To arrange general meetings—Lee Hanks, J. R. Hill and A. J. Youngblood. To examine corresponding minutes—Lee Hanks, J. M. Anderson and A. B. Turner. To write corresponding letter—Lee Hanks, S. M. Anderson and J. B. Wilson. On finance—J. M. Anderson, H. J. Kight and J. J. Wrenn.

9th. Called for correspondents and received from Lotts Creek Association, F. M. Donaldson, H. Temples, W. H. Lanier, E. J. Canady, D. D. Patrick, Henry Bailey, Mallie Denmark, M. E. Cannon, E. M. McElveen. From Ebenezer, W. W. Howell and G. W. Floyd. Echeconnee, not represented. Mt. Olive, T. W. Stallings and J. N. Newbern. Upatoie, W. M. Bullard.

10th. Motion to adjourn until Saturday at 8:30 a. m.

### SECOND DAY—SATURDAY

11th. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. Z. H. Bennett, of the Pilgrim Rest Association.

12th. Called the roll.

13th. Called for further correspondents and received none.

14th. Appointed correspondents: To Lotts Creek Association, which is to convene with Bethel church, Liberty county, Ga., near Easterling, on the Register & Glennville R. R., W. E. Cribbs, Lee



Hanks, A. I. Warren, H. V. Hill, S. M. Anderson and C. B. Spivey. To the Ebenezer Association, which is to convene with Reedy Springs church, Laurens county, Ga., 1 1/2 miles from Cadwell, on the W. & T. R. R., at their regular time, J. R. Hill, Lee Hanks and H. V. Hill. To the Echeconnee Association, which is to convene with Mt. Paran church, 4 miles from Lizella, on the M. & B. R. R., Tuesday after the third Sunday in Sept., 1914, J. B. Wilson, Lee Hanks and S. M. Anderson. To the Mt. Olive Association, which is to convene with Concord church, 5 miles from Sparks, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in Sept., 1914, A. I. Warren, J. B. Wilson and S. M. Anderson. Upatoie Association, which is to convene with Philippi church, 10 miles from Ellaville, on the Cent. of Ga. R. R., Commencing on Tuesday after the first Sunday in Sept., 1914, Lee Hanks, J. B. Wilson, C. B. Spivey, S. M. Anderson, H. V. Hill and Henry Swain. Moved and seconded to take up correspondence with Mt. Enan Association, which convenes with Bradley's Junction, on Friday before the second Sunday in Nov., 1913, Henry Swain. Prince Williams Association, which convenes on Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1913, Lee Hanks and Henry Swain.

15th. Called for report of committee to arrange general meetings: First, at Rock Hill on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March. Second, at Hebron on Friday before the 5th Sunday in June. Third, at Mt. Olive on Friday before the fifth Sunday in Aug. Each in 1914.

16th. On motion appointed our next Association to convene with Long Creek church at the usual time, on the S. & S. R. R., 1/4 mile from Mattlee, which will be the first Sunday in Oct. 1913.

17th. We recommend the printing and distribution of 1,000 copies of the minutes and the clerk to superintend the same and have \$10 for his services.

18th. Called for and adopted circular letter.

19th. Called for contribution for minutes and received \$22.50.

20th. Called for report of committee to examine corresponding minutes. Committee reported nothing to claim the attention of this body at this time.

21st. Called for miscellaneous business and continued the committee to copy the record of the Association.

On motion adjourned for preaching and closed until our regular meeting. Prayer by Eld. H. Temples.

*Resolved*, That the heartfelt thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their hospitality during the meeting and pray God's richest blessings to rest on them all.

ELD. S. M. ANDERSON, *Moderator*.

ELD. J. B. WILSON, *Clerk*.

## ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Eld. S. M. Anderson	Summit	Ga.	Eld. C. B. Spivey	Metter	Ga.
" Z. Cowart	"	"	" J. J. Kersey	Adrian	"
" H. V. Hill	"	"	" E. W. Powell	Statesboro	"
" J. B. Wilson	"	"	" Lee Hanks	Vidalia	"
" W. A. Beasley	Soperton	"	" A. I. Warren	Stillmore	"
" Henry Meeks	Meeks	"	" W. E. Cribbs	"	"
" H. Lee Kight	Ohoopee	"	" Jordan Cribbs	Aline	"

## LICENTIATES.

M. H. Lamb	McLeod	Ga.	J. J. Mooring	Kite	Ga.
Lewis Meeks	Adrian	"	I. B. Wilson	Summit	"

## ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday a. m. Introductory—Eld. G. W. Floyd.  
 Friday p. m. Eld. J. N. Newbern, followed by Eld. F. M. Donaldson.  
 Saturday a. m. Z. H. Bennett, followed by Eld. W. W. Howell.  
 Saturday p. m. T. W. Stallings, followed by Eld. H. Temples.  
 Sunday a. m. Eld. W. M. Bullard, followed by Eld. D. M. Mathews.  
 Closed by the Moderator.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Eld. G. W. Floyd, Ebenezer Association, Empire, Ga.; Eld. J. N. Newbern, Mt. Olive Association, Mayday, Ga.; Eld. F. M. Donaldson, Lotts Creek Association, Statesboro, Ga.; Eld. Z. H. Bennett, Pilgrims Rest Association, Ormond, Fla.; Eld. W. W. Howell, Danville, Ga.; Eld. H. Temples, Lotts Creek Association, Statesboro, Ga.; Eld. W. M. Bullard, Upatoie Association, Phoenix, Ala.; Eld. D. M. Mathews, Yellow River Association, Atlanta, Ga.



## CIRCULAR LETTER

*The Original Upper Canoochee Association to the Associations With Whom  
She Corresponds, Greeting:*

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:

Through the grace and mercy of our dear Heavenly Father, we have held the Eighty-fourth session of our Association in peace, love and fellowship. Your ministers have come to us richly laden with the gospel of Christ gladdening our poor hearts.

At the time of the organization of our Association there were no boards, conventions, foreign missions, theological schools, Sunday-schools or organs in our churches to make them more inviting to the world, no protracted meetings to augment our numbers with an unre-generated membership; there were no salaried preachers among us; there were no secret, oath-bound society members among us. The above practices were introduced among old Baptists by Messrs. A. Fuller, Marshmann and Carey at Kettering, England, Oct. 2nd, 1792, who took their practice from the Roman Catholics and founded the Mission Baptists of England on the above date.

We hold that the Primitive Baptist is the church Christ founded and all others were founded by men and will come to naught. We hold that God chose a portion of sinners of Adam's fallen race before the world began, whom He predestinated to conform to the image of Jesus. Jesus, by his own precious blood, redeems them and by His spirit regenerates them, preserves them, resurrects all their bodies out of the grave and will glorify them all in heaven.

It is the duty of all penitent believers to follow Jesus in baptism, to love one another and not forsake the assembling of themselves together as the manner of some is, but should be careful to follow the blessed Savior in caring for their poor members and in love freely and cheerfully administer of their carnal things to him that sows to them spiritual things as the Scriptures direct: I Cor. 9:1-16; II Cor. 9:7. The service of pastor and church should be a service of love. No minister should so desecrate his high calling as to preach for filthy lucre. Preachers should ever remember that they are servants and not bosses over their churches.

Since all discipline belongs solely to the church, the Association should never allow any disciplinary question to enter among them to be discussed or adjusted.

"We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saints' feet an example, and that no man has the right to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery of an orderly Primitive Baptist



church and must at the time of administering the ordinances be in full fellowship with the orthodox Primitive Baptists."

We, as churches, should respect one another and when an orderly church excludes a member, said act should be recognized by all orderly Primitive Baptists. We desire in the future as in the past to be content with the goodness of God's house and to labor in love to unify our poor afflicted people. Let us all ever strive for the things that make for peace.

We desire a continuation of your lovely correspondence. Our next Association will convene with the church at Long Creek, where we hope to meet you all again. It is understood that this letter is not binding on any church, but is the sense of the Association and is submitted to the churches for their approval if they desire.

ELD. LEE HANKS,  
ELD. S. M. ANDERSON,  
ELD. J. B. WILSON,  
*Committee.*

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### ARTICLES OF FAITH

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1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.
3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.
4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final preservation of the saints.
5. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.
6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are sacraments of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the Saint's feet and example, and that no man has a right to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.
7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.
8. We believe in a final judgment, in a future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

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### DECORUM.

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1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our body shall compose the Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Associa-



tion. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship with those received, excommunicated or dead since our last Association.

3. This Union shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, and who shall hold their office until the next election.

4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions. He may have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair is filled, but shall not vote, except the body be equally divided.

5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the Association, and the minutes then shall be read and amended if necessary, and signed by the Clerk and Moderator.

6. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admission who, upon examination, is found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to its delegation.

7. Each church shall have a right to send two delegates to this Association, and no more.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

11. There shall be no whispering or talking in time of public speaking, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

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

13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

14. It is and has been the sense of the churches composing the Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association not to hold in fellowship any church member or minister who holds the following: Boards, conventions, missionary societies, Sunday schools. Theological schools, Epworth leagues, instrumental music in worship of God, a salaried ministry, or assessing or taxing the members, Freemasonry, Odd Fellows, or other secret orders or religious societies that do now exist or may hereafter exist, found upon the wisdom of men, together with any of the modern attempts to reform the church of God.

15. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general



union of the churches; to give her best advice in matters of difficulty, and if the union between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use her endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches that may be unsound in faith or immoral in practice, until they be reclaimed.

16. To invite ministers and brethren of our faith to seats with us.

17. These rules shall be read at every meeting of this Association, previous to entering on business.

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## CONSTITUTION

### OF THE UPPER CANOOCHEE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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1. This Association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.

2. This Association shall be composed of messengers, from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers, if they choose and no more, and the messenger's names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. This Association shall have power to make its own rules to govern itself while in session, but none of its rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free, and of right ought to be.

4. It shall be the duty of this Association to give her best advice in case of difficulty, and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.

5. This Association shall admit into its body any church whom they find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body she may do so at her best discretion, or on application, she may have a letter of dismissal.

6. As the love of money is the root of all evil and has produced so much distress among Christians, and we wishing to live in peace, therefore this Association shall not encourage any religious speculations called missionary, or by any other name, under pretense of supporting the gospel.

7. We the churches composing this Association, believing the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, declare that we take the New Testament for the rule of our faith and practice, for we are not under the law, but under grace.



## STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Year Constituted	COUNTIES	PASTORS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	CLERKS	Baptized	Confession of faith	Received by letter	Restored	Recommended	Excluded	Died	Present membership	Money for minutes	Sabbath meetings	Communion Meeting
Bethel	1908	Emanuel	J. B. Wilson	J. B. Wilson	R. L. Lamb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	1.00	3	May & Aug.
Canoochee	1819	"	Lee Hanks	R. L. Lamb J. R. Hill	J. W. Rountree	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	266	2.50	1	May & Aug.
Hebron	1804	"	S. M. Anderson	A. B. Turner S. M. Anderson	W. C. Chance	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	258	2.00	4	May & Aug.
Long Creek	1888	"	"	J. B. Hall D. M. Canada	C. P. Wiliams	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	23	1.25	2	May & Aug.
Louis	1900	Jenkins	"	C. N. Wall Joe B. Johnson	Tuck Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	1.00	3	May & Aug.
Mt. Zion	1873	Emanuel	C. B. Spivey	B. W. Odom Charlie Durden	Nathan Durden	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	62	2.00	1	May & Aug.
Mt. Olive	1880	"	J. Cribbs	T. J. Collins	S. E. Mercer	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	24	1.25	4	May & Aug.
Mt. Nebo	1806	"	A. I. Warren W. E. Cribbs	A. I. Warren J. J. Wrenn	Remer Wrenn	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	23	1.50	2	May & Aug.
New Hope	1818	"	A. I. Warren C. B. Spivey	J. M. Wrenn A. J. Youngblood	T. N. Youmans	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	50	1.50	2	May & Aug.
Oak Grove	1888	"	J. W. Lamb													3 May & Aug.
Oak Ridge	1891	Montg'mery	D. L. Calloway	H. J. Kight	H. B. Bradley	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	44	2.00	1	April & Aug.
Pilgrims' Rest	1909	Johnson	C. B. Spivey	M. A. Bradley J. M. Anderson	W. D. Riner	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	63	1.50	4	July
Rock Hill	1900	Emanuel	W. D. Riner H. V. Hill	W. D. Riner J. J. Coleman	Ira Thigpen	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	65	2.00	3	May & Aug.
Rosemary Hill	1875	"	J. P. Canada F. M. Donaldson	J. P. Canada Jas. Olliff	J. H. Olliff	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	34	1.50	2	May & Aug.
Salem	1911	Johnson	Thomas Lanier													May & Aug.
Odom Spring	1911	Laurens	H. V. Hill	R. L. Odom	B. F. Burgess	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	10	1.00		May & Aug.
Vidalia	1912	Toombs	Lee Hanks	Lee Hanks Wm. Steptoe	J. S. Kingery	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	.50	2	April & Aug.
														\$22.50		



