

MINUTES

OF THE

**FORTIETH
ANNUAL SESSION**

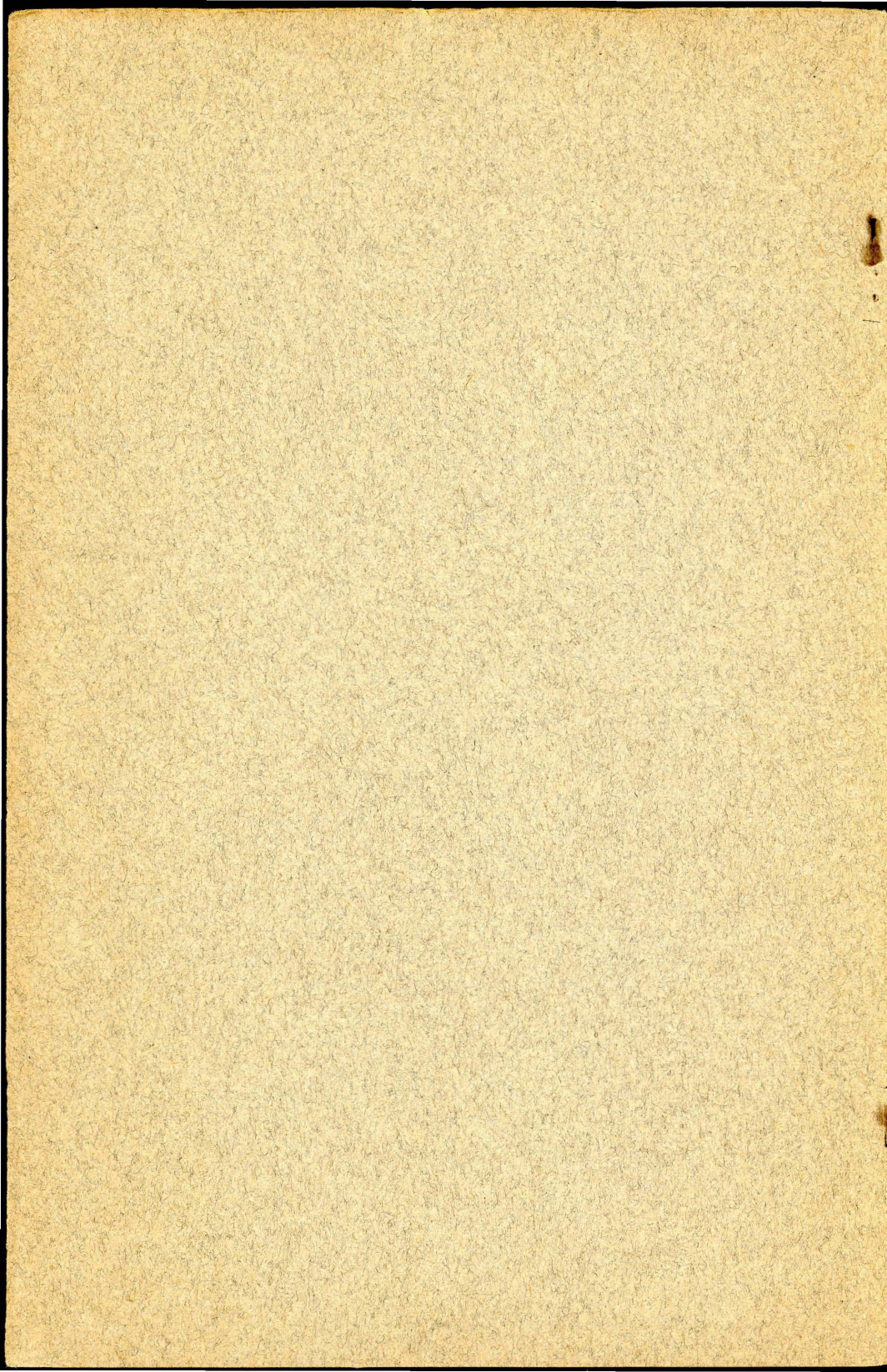
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The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. R. W. Cross, of the Patsaliga Association, Ala. Text, John 10: 27-28.

After an hours intermission the association assembled in the house and was called to order by the clerk.

On motion elected Eld. Dallas Jowers temporary moderator, the moderator (Eld. Petty) being unable to serve.

Prayer by Eld. R. W. Cross.

Received letters from twelve churches; read and minuted their state, later received letter with funds from Mt. Olive church.

On motion elected Eld. M. E. Petty, moderator, Eld. Dallas Jowers, moderator pro-tem to serve at this session and E. L. Maxwell, clerk.

Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

On motion omitted reading the decorum.

Called for petitionary letters.

Appointed committees as follows:

On preaching and finance—Brethren W. A. Adams, H. R. Strickland, G. S. Key, J. B. Roberts and W. R. Taylor.

To write corresponding letter—H. R. Strickland and T. M. Maxwell.

Called for correspondence from sister associations and received as follows:

From Lotts Creek—minutes.

From Wetumpky—no tidings.

From Lower Wetumpky—minutes.

From Choctawhatchee—Eld. T. E. McGowan, brethren A. C. Gray, S. M. Broxton, W. J. Vickers and James Fain.

From Harmony—Brethren B. D. Jones, J. W. Bass, M. Black-

shear, M. J. Ward, L. J. Brooks, Rufus Blackshear, W. E. Harrison, S. J. English, Elija Phillips, H. V. M. King and Thos. Ragan.

From Upatoi—Brother John Oats.

Adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld. J. F. Lord.

Called the roll.

Read and adopted corresponding letter.

Renewed call for correspondence.

Called for visitors and received as follows:

Eld. T. J. Head from the Yellow River Association and Eld. J. F. Lord from the Ocmulgee Association.

Returned correspondence to sister associations.

To Lotts Creek, which will be held with Ephesus Church, Bullock Co. Ga., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1924, eight miles north of Claxton on S. A. L. R. R. will send minutes.

To Lower Wetumpky, which will be held with Mt. Gilead Church five miles north of Eclectic, Ala., on B. & S. E. R. R., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October 1924, will send minutes.

To Wetumpky, Eld. Dallas Jowers and J. M. Grice.

To Choctawhatchee, which will convene with Consolation Church, four miles north of Chancellor, Ala., on C. of G. R. R., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1925, brethren J. H. Hudson and John Davis.

To Harmony, which will convene with Chickasawhatchee Church at Dawson, Ga., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1924, Eld. Dallas Jowers, brethren T. M. Maxwell and W. C. Bryan.

To Upatoi, will send minutes.

Appointed union meetings as follows:

First District—with Mispah Church on first fifth Sunday 1925.

Second District—with Sharon Church on second fifth Sunday 1925.

Third District—With Trinity Church on the third fifth Sunday, 1925.

Appointed the next session of our body to meet with Trinity Church, three miles north of Whigham on the A. C. L. R. R. commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1925.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Flint River Primitive Baptist Association, now in ses-

sion with Shady Grove Church, in Early County, Georgia:

To her sister associations with whom she corresponds.

Dear Brethren: Through the goodness and mercy of an allwise God we are being permitted to hold another session of our body in love and peace. All our churches reporting to be in peace with each other and with all other orderly baptist. There is, however, one thing that makes us feel sad, our correspondence and visitors are so few. Dear brethren, lets wake up and do better, we all enjoy these meetings so much and it is entirely with us as to what we make them, as we only reap what we sow. The next session of our body will convene with the churches at Trinity, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1925, where we hope to meet a goodly number of your christian correspondence and to the ministers we especially extend an invitation to meet our association.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

Received from the churches\$110.75

Recommend that the clerk be paid \$40.00 and that he have 700 minutes printed and distributed. The balance to be divided with corresponding and visiting ministers.

Resolved that the heartfelt thanks of this association be tendered to the brethren, sisters and kind friends around Shady Grove Church for their kind hospitality during the meeting, and may God's richest blessings rest upon them all.

ELDER DALLAS JOWERS, Moderator.

E. L. MAXWELL, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday A. M.—Eld. R. W. Cross.

Friday P. M.—Eld. T. J. Head and Eld. J. F. Lord.

Saturday A. M.—Eld. T. J. Head and Eld. Dallas Jowers.

Saturday P. M.—Eld. T. E. McGowan and Eld. Dallas Jowers.

Sunday A. M.—Eld. R. W. Cross and T. E. McGowan.

Closed by Eld. Dallas Jowers.

Names and Addresses of Visiting Ministers.

Eld. T. E. McGowan.....Baker Hill, Ala.

Eld. R. W. Cross.....Ardalusia, Ala.

Eld. T. J. Head.....Atlanta, Ga.

Eld. J. F. Lord.....Albany, Ga.

Names and Addresses of Ministers of this Association.

Eld. D. M. Moneyham.....R. F. D. 4, Whigham Ga.

Eld. M. E. Petty.....Thomasville, Ga.
Eld. N. M. Cook.....Brinson, Ga.
Eld. Dallas Jowers.....Cairo, Ga.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This association shall open and close with prayer.
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 internal 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 if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and the 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 orderly, 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 from 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 not 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 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 reference 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 baptised 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and 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 the only 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 be preserved 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 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
Piedmont	June
Tired Creek	June
Trinity	June
Mispah	June
Hartsfield	June
Hopewell	June
Union (Miller)	June
Olive Grove	July
Mount Olive	September
Sharon	June
Shady Grove	July

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS and P. O.	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Exper. and Baptism								Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contributions
				By Confession	By Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased					
First District														
Mispah	A. P. Fain, Pelham, Ga.....	M. E. Petty.....	W. A. Adams, J. S. Godwin	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	58	3	\$ 8.00	
Hopewell	J. C. Ragan, Pelham, Ga.....		J. W. Leonard, J. C. Ragan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	2	9.00	
Hartsfield	J. C. Killebrew, Hartsfield, Ga.....	H. H. Phillips....	J. A. Pate	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	24	3	7.25	
Second District														
Union	T. Pickren, Colquitt, Ga.....	T. V. Price	R. W. Odon, E. P. Thomas	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	50	2	10.00	
Shady Grove	W. R. Taylor, Arlington, Ga.....	M. E. Petty	J. B. Roberts, W. R. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1	10.00	
Sharon	W. J. Jernigan, Donalsonville, Ga.	Dallas Jowers	S. E. Fivash, J. M. Griner	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	18	1	5.00	
Olive Grove	J. J. Adams, Iron City, Ga.....	N. M. Cook	J. S. Adams, H. R. Strickland	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	39	3	10.00	
Mt. Olive	A. I. Brunson, Sneads, Fla.....			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	4	1.50	
Third District														
Trinity	R. C. Hollingsworth, Whigham, Ga.	Dallas Jowers	R. C. Hollingsworth, D. Jowers	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	3	10.00	
Pisgah	J. N. Sanders, Whigham Ga.....	Dallas Jowers	J. N. Sanders, R. A. Reynolds	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	50	4	10.00	
Tired Creek	G. S. Key, Cairo, Ga.....	M. E. Petty	G. S. Key, Henry Rheberg	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	77	2	10.00	
Poplar Springs	J. G. Rehberg, Cairo, Ga.....	M. E. Petty	C. W. Chason, W. B. Fincher	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	4	10.00	
Piedmont	E. L. Maxwell, Whigham, Ga.....	D. M. Moneyham	E. L. Maxwell, T. M. Maxwell	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	1	10.00	

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