

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

ECHECONNIE ASSOCIATION

OF PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Friendship Church, Upson County, Georgia,

September 14th, 15th and 16th, 1906.

...OFFICERS...

ELD. S. T. BENTLY, Moderator,	-	-	-	-	Economy, Ga.
H. E. MURRAY, Clerk,	-	-	-	-	Fort Valley, Ga.

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The Seventy-eighth Annual Session of the ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION OF PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS was held with Friendship Church, Upson county, Georgia, September 14th, 15th and 16th, 1906.

1st. After singing and prayer the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder C. H. Anthony from the Oconee Association. Text, Eph. ii. 13.

2nd. After prayer by Eld. W. W. Childs the Association was organized by the Moderator, and the letters from the churches were called for and read and the names of messengers enrolled.

3rd. Proceeded to organize permanently by the election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Elder S. T. Bently, Moderator, and H. E. Murray, Clerk.

4th. Appointed the usual committees:

On Preaching—J. M. McFarlin, J. S. McGee, T. M. Nash, J. H. Butts, W. S. Bloodworth and J. H. Pasley.

On Contributions and to Distribute Corresponding Minutes—N. T. Dumas, H. L. McKenny, J. D. Cherry, M. H. McElmurray, J. F. Madden.

To write Corresponding Letter—W. J. Heard.

5th. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

6th. Called for correspondence from sister Associations and received as follows:

From the Upatoie—Elds. D. F. Woodall, M. G. Bayne and Brethren L. B. Anderson, W. D. Moran, W. A. Mann, J. B. Griffin, J. C. Pye, J. H. Adams, J. J. Ellington, J. A. Adams and B. F. Anderson.

From the Marietta Old School—Elder J. A. Arrington.

From the Primitive Western—J. T. Mann, George Wooster, T. W. Bloodworth and W. M. Bloodworth with minutes.

From the Harmony—Elder R. H. Jennings with minutes.

From the Primitive Ebenezer—Elder J. A. Taylor with minutes.

Suspended the regular order of business to receive visitors from sister Associations and Churches with whom we are not in formal correspondence and received:

From the Ocmulgee—Elder W. J. Green.

From the Oconee—Elder C. H. Anthony.

From the Yellow River—Elder J. F. Almond.

From the Pulaski—Brother B. A. Brown.

From Cordele Church—Elder Morgan Brown.

From Lower Canoochee—Elders M. F. Stubbs and E. W. Powell.

From Columbus Primitive Church—Bro. J. N. Hutchinson.

7th. Resumed the regular order of business and called for Petitionary Letters.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 15th, 1906.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. A. Taylor from the Ebenezer.

1st. Called the roll and dispensed with reading the Decorum.

2nd. Called for further correspondence from sister Associations and received Bro. S. S. Speer from the Upatoie Association.

3rd. Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.

4th. Returned correspondence to sister Associations:

To the Upatoie—To convene with County Line Church, Chatahoochee county, Georgia, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1907—Elders F. L. Fuller, J. T. Young and Bro. J. W. Tabor.

To the Marietta Old School—To convene with Macedonia Church, Bartow county, Georgia, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1906—Return minutes.

To the Primitive Western—To convene with the Church at Providence, Meriwether county, Georgia, five miles south of Grantville, seven miles east of Hogansville on the A. & W. P. R. R., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1906—Elders S. T. Bently, W. J. Heard, F. L. Fuller and Bro. J. H. Mullins.

To the Harmony—To convene with the Church at Union, Randolph county, Georgia, on the second Sunday and Friday and Saturday before, in October 1906—B. F. Williamson and J. W. Fielder.

To the Ebenezer—To convene with the Church at Bay Springs, Laurens county, Georgia, one and one half miles south of Montrose, Georgia, on the Macon, Savannah & Dublin R. R., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1906—Elders I. Grant, W. J. Heard, and Brethren, M. H. McElmurray, J. M. Fredrick, J. B. Hunt and J. W. Fielder.

The Association agreed to send a committee bearing a letter to the next session of the Ocmulgee Association asking to renew the correspondence with them. Committee—B. F. Williamson, J. S. McGee, Elders W. J. Heard, M. I. Jones and J. W. Tabor.

5th. Called for the contributions sent up by the churches and received for minutes \$29.00, and for the ministry \$71.10.

6th. Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

1st. With Griffin Baptist Church commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1907.

2nd. With Harmony Church, Pike county, Georgia, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1907.

7th. Appointed the next session of this body to convene with Salem Church, Crawford county, Georgia, four miles northeast from Roberta, on A. & F. R. R. on our usual time.

8th. Agreed to have 1,500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

9th. Called for the Corresponding Letter which was read and adopted.

10th. Read minutes and after prayer by Elder M. F. Stubbs of the Lower Canoochee Association. Adjourned.

ELDER S. T. BENTLY, *Moderator.*

H. E. MURRAY, *Clerk.*

Order of Preaching.

FRIDAY, P. M.—Eld. E. W. Powell, from the Lower Canoochee.

SATURDAY, A. M.—Eld. J. F. Almond, from the Oconee Association, followed by Eld. J. A. Taylor, from the Ebenezer Association.

SATURDAY, P. M.—Eld. R. H. Jennings, from the Harmony Association, followed by Eld. J. A. Arrington, from the Marietta Old School.

SUNDAY, A. M.—Eld. W. J. Green, from the Ocmulgee Association, followed by Eld. D. F. Woodall, from the Upotoie Association.

The Association feels it to be a duty they owe to the brethren and friends of Friendship Church and the community, to return thanks through this medium for their kindness and generous hospitality during the session of the Association just closed. May the Lord bless them abundantly for their kindness.

Corresponding Letter.

The Echeconnee Association, now in session with Friendship Church, Upson County, Ga., to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, greeting:

BELOVED IN THE LORD: Through the goodness and mercy of God, we are permitted to hold another session of our body, for which we hope we feel thankful. We have been made glad to meet a number of your correspondents, and we feel glad that your ministers have come to us preaching "Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life."

At our next session, which we have appointed to convene with Salem Church, Crawford county, Ga., commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1907, four miles northeast from Roberta, on the A. & F. R. R., at which time we hope to meet your correspondents in love and fellowship.

May the God of all grace bless you all is the prayer of your sister in hope.

DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, producing letters from their churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, on confession of faith, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION, providing for themselves a Moderator and Clerk, who will serve them during the session; using the pastor of the church where they assemble or choosing one from the body, as they please.

4. As one of the cardinal tenets of faith of the Primitive Baptists is that the Old and New Testaments are our only rule of faith and practice, and as the Bible recognizes no other religious disciplinary power but the Church, we hereby leave all discipline with the Church, where God in His wisdom, mercy, and in honor to His Son, placed it.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union they may petition by letter and delegates, and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of the proceedings of the Association.

8. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

9. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

10. To correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

11. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

12. It is also agreed that nothing shall be so construed in the above as to interfere with the fellowship and communion of the churches or brethren of this union, or with those with whom we may correspond, directly or indirectly; and nothing shall be presented to this body as a query, or question bearing on the same, but shall be considered by the churches, as we believe is directed by the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

- 1st. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
- 2d. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3d. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
- 4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
- 5th. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
- 6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
- 7th. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
- 8th. We believe that Saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
- 9th. We believe that Baptism, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances. We believe that immersion is baptism.
- 10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.
- 11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.
- 12th. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The Introductory Sermon will be delivered.
2. Call for and read letters from the Churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Choose a Moderator and Clerk.
4. Appoint Committees as follows:
 - On Preaching.
 - To write Corresponding Letter.
 - On Contributions and to distribute Corresponding Minutes.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for Correspondence from Sister Associations.
7. Call for Petitionary Churches.

SECOND DAY.

1. Call the Roll and read Decorum.
2. Call for further Correspondence from Sister Associations.
3. Renew the invitation to Visiting Brethren to seats with us.
4. Return Correspondence to Sister Associations.
5. Receive Contributions and distribute Corresponding Minutes.
6. Appoint Union Meetings.
7. Appoint the Next Session of this body.
8. Agree on the number of Minutes to have printed.
9. Call for Corresponding Letter.
10. Read Minutes and adjourn.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	COUNTIES	POST OFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	PASTORS	Baptized	Received by Letter	Confession of Faith	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	Total Number	Sabbath Meetings	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministry
Sharon.....	A. J. Zelner.....	Monroe.....	Forsyth (R. No. 2)	W. W. Childs, T. M. Haygood, W. J. Brown.....	W. W. Childs.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	88	1	\$ 2 00	\$ 8 00
Bethlehem.....	J. M. McFarlin.....	Upson.....	Barnesville.....	J. M. McFarlin, E. M. Barker, C. R. Corley.....	W. W. Childs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	48	2	1 00	2 00
Ebenezer.....	C. J. Avera.....	Upson.....	Economy.....	Not represented.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Good Hope.....	W. C. Gunn.....	Upson.....	Thomaston.....	W. C. Gunn, G. W. Hall.....	B. C. Caldwell.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	3	1 00	1 00
Mount Carmel.....	J. R. Bently.....	Crawford.....	Robley.....	S. T. Bently, J. R. Bently.....	S. T. Bently.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	3	1 00	2 35
Salem.....	J. D. McGee.....	Crawford.....	Knoxville.....	I. Grant, J. D. McGee, J. R. Sandefur.....	I. Grant.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99	2	1 50	2 00
Providence.....	J. J. Britt.....	Crawford.....	Roberta.....	F. Danielly.....	S. T. Bently.....	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	57	4	1 25	3 00
Fellowship.....	H. E. Murray.....	Houston.....	Fort Valley.....	J. W. Tabor, H. E. Murray.....	W. J. Heard.....	1	2	.....	2	1	.....	.....	31	2	1 50	1 75
Bethlehem (Bibb).....	F. W. Williams.....	Bibb.....	Macon.....	J. W. Grant, J. S. McGee, W. R. Evans.....	W. W. Childs.....	2	3	.....	7	1	1	131	4	3 00	5 00	.....
Ramah.....	E. G. Horne.....	Monroe.....	Yatesville (R. 2).....	W. W. Parham, N. T. Dumas.....	M. G. Bayne.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	2	50	2 00
Friendship.....	W. S. Bloodworth.....	Upson.....	Thomaston.....	J. H. B. Butts, W. S. Bloodworth, J. H. Pasley.....	S. T. Bently.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	1	50	2 00
Pleasant Hill.....	J. D. Cherry.....	Houston.....	Dunbar.....	M. I. Jones, J. D. Cherry, J. M. Fredrick.....	J. T. Gardner.....	.....	.....	1	5	2	.....	.....	49	1	2 00	3 00
Sardis.....	T. M. Nash.....	Bibb.....	Macon.....	W. J. Heard, J. W. Fielder, T. M. Nash.....	W. J. Heard.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	3	2 00	3 00
Mount Paran.....	Lizella.....	Crawford.....	Lizella.....	W. J. Marshall, M. H. McElmurray, B. F. Williamson.....	W. J. Green.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	1	56	1	2 00	3 00	.....
Beaver Creek.....	J. M. Pitts.....	Houston.....	Kathleen.....	J. M. Pitts, J. B. Hunt.....	J. T. Reynolds.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	1	50	1 00
Shiloh.....	T. E. McCollum.....	Bibb.....	Lizella.....	J. T. Young, T. E. McCollum.....	J. T. Young.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	2	75	3 00
Harmony.....	J. C. D. Bloodworth.....	Pike.....	Milner.....	J. W. Kerzy.....	W. W. Childs.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	42	3	1 00	5 00
High Shoals.....	F. M. Mullins.....	Monroe.....	Goggansville (R1)	T. M. Mullins, J. H. Mullins.....	F. L. Fuller.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	42	3	1 00	3 00
Forsyth (Prim).....	C. J. Zelner.....	Monroe.....	Forsyth.....	J. A. Cox, J. M. Cox.....	M. L. Stubbs.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	2	50	5 50
Mount Calvary.....	R. H. Bazemore.....	Monroe.....	Culloden (R 1).....	Represented by Letter.....	I. Grant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	3	1 00	2 00
Concord.....	J. A. Madden.....	Pike.....	Concord.....	J. B. C. Madden, J. F. Madden.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	3	1 00	2 00
Griffin Baptist.....	F. M. Gardner.....	Spalding.....	Griffin.....	G. L. Hamilton.....	F. L. Fuller.....	4	.....	.....	2	1	1	50	2	2 00	2 50	.....
Emmaus.....	H. L. McKenney.....	Upson.....	Thomaston.....	F. B. Hancock, H. L. McKenney, R. L. Smith.....	D. F. Woodall.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	3	59	4	1 00	4 00	.....
Barnesville (Pri).....	H. C. Dickey.....	Pike.....	Barnesville.....	D. L. Caldwell, E. P. Childs.....	S. T. Bently.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	23	2	50	1 00

When I went to make out the Scale, I didn't have the letter from Ramah Church, hence the Scale may be imperfect.

H. E. MURRAY, Clerk.



