

MINUTES

...OF THE...

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

...OF THE...

ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION OF PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

...HELD WITH...

HARMONY CHURCH, PIKE COUNTY, GA.,

SEPTEMBER 19th, 20th and 21st, 1902.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. J. F. Almand, of the Yellow River Association. Text, Matt. i. 21: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins."

After prayer by Eld. D. F. Woodall, from the Upatoie Association, the Association was organized by the Moderator.

2d. Called for the letters sent up by the churches, which were read and the names of messengers enrolled.

3d. Proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk, which was done by retaining the same Moderator and Clerk by acclamation.

4th. Appointed Committees as follows:

On Preaching—H. C. Dickey, Charley Matthews, J. M. McFarlin, W. J. Brown, J. H. Mooring.

On Contributions and to Distribute Corresponding Minutes—T. M. Nash, J. B. C. Madden, J. H. Mullins, J. H. M. Cliett, J. B. Hunt.

To Write the Corresponding Letter—Eld. W. C. Cleveland.

5th. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

6th. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations and received—

From the Upatoie—Elds. Hardy Phillips, D. F. Woodall, and Brethren J. M. Murray, W. D. Moran, J. L. Williams, B. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson.

From the Marietta Old School—Eld. J. A. Arrington, with minutes.

From the Primitive Western—Elds. J. D. Oneal, B. C. Caldwell, and Brethren M. J. Willingham, J. W. Willis, J. C. Norris, G. A. Wright, with minutes.

From the Harmony—A package of minutes.

From the Ebenezer—A package of minutes.

From the Primitive Pulaski—No communication.

Suspended the regular order of business to receive visitors from Sister Associations and churches with whom we are not in regular correspondence, and received Eld. J. F. Almand, from the Yellow River Association; Eld. C. H. Anthony, from the Oconee Association; Eld. J. H. Fisher, from Mount Zion Association, of Texas; Eld. H. Bussey, from Columbus Primitive Baptist Church.

7th. Resumed the order of business, and called for Petitionary Letters, and received one from Emmaus Church, Upson county, Ga., which was read, and the church received by the Moderator extending to her messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 20th, 1902.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. Hardy Phillips, from the Upatoie Association.

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

2d. Called for further correspondence from Sister Associations, and received Bro. T. W. Bloodworth, from the Primitive Western.

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

4th. Returned correspondence to Sister Associations:

To the Upatoie—(To convene with Shiloh Church, Talbot county, Ga., commencing on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1903, ten miles west from Butler and four miles north from Howard, C. R. R.)—J. M. McFarlin, E. M. Barker, J. R. McKinley; Elds S. T. Bentley, W. W. Childs, and Bro. A. W. Childs.

To the Primitive Western—(To convene with Ramah Church, Fayette county, Ga., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1902, one mile from Fayetteville, on the S. R. R.)—Eld. Morgan Brown and A. T. Copeland.

To the Harmony—(To convene with the Bluff Springs Church, Macon

county, Ga., four miles from Andersonville, C. R. R., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1902)—J. S. McGee, B. F. Williamson, M. H. McElmurray, J. H. Mooring.

To the Primitive Pulaski—(To convene with Mt. Besor Church, Dooly county, Ga., five miles north from Vienna, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1902)—W. S. Farr, W. E. Boler, J. M. Fredrick, J. H. Mooring.

To the Primitive Ebenezer—(To convene with Mt. Gilead Church, Washington county, Ga., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1902, on Wrightsville and Tennille R. R.)—Return Minutes.

To the Marietta Old School—(To convene with Bethlehem Church, Cobb county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1902, seven miles east from Marietta, on W. & A. R. R.)—Return Minutes.

5th. Called for contributions sent up by the churches, and received for minutes, \$26.25; for ministry, \$61.75.

6th. Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

1st. To convene with Emmaus Church, Upson county, Ga., one mile from Thomaston, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1903.

2d. To convene with Pleasant Hill Church, Houston county, Ga., two miles west from Welleston, G. S. & F. R. R., commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1903.

7th. Appointed the next session of our body to convene with Ramah Church, Monroe county, Ga., at our usual time, seven miles from Yatesville, S. R. R., seven miles from Barnesville, C. R. R., and eight miles from Forsyth, C. R. R.

8th. Agreed to have 1,200 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 Bro. J. M. Murray, of the Upatoie Association, adjourned.

W. W. CHILDS, *Moderator*.

H. E. MURRAY, *Clerk*.

Corresponding Letter.

*The Echeconnee Association, now in session with the Church at Harmony,
Pike County, Ga., to our sister Associations with whom we correspond—
Greeting:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Once more, by the favor of the Lord, we have held another Association. We have done so in peace and joy, and while our correspondence is not as full as desired, yet it has been good and pleasant; likewise, those who have spoken in the name of the Lord, have done so to our comfort and edification.

The next session of our body will meet with our sister church Ramah, Monroe county, Ga., at our usual time, seven miles from Yatesville, S. R. R., and seven miles from Barnesville and eight miles from Forsyth, C. R. R., when and where we hope to meet you again.

W. W. CHILDS, *Moderator.*

H. E. MURRAY, *Clerk.*



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 these 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 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.

The Echeconnee Association hereby, with hearts of gratitude, return thanks to the brethren and friends of Harmony Church and the surrounding community for their kindness and hospitable entertainment during our stay among them. We also return our thanks to our Methodist friends for the kind offer and use of their camp grounds and buildings in which to hold the Association.

Order of Preaching.

Friday Evening—Eld. J. D. Oneal, from the Western Association, followed by Eld. J. A. Arrington, from the Marietta Association.

Saturday Morning—Eld. C. H. Anthony, from the Oconee Association, followed by Eld. D. F. Woodall, from the Upatoie Association.

Saturday Evening—Eld. J. H. Fisher, from Mt. Zion Association, of Texas, followed by Eld. W. C. Cleveland, of the body.

Sunday Morning—Eld. H. Bussey, from Columbus Baptist Church, followed by Eld. J. F. Almand, from the Yellow River Association.

Sunday Evening—Eld. Hardy Phillips, from the Upatoie, followed by Eld. W. W. Riner, from the same body, and closed by Eld. J. H. Fisher, of Mt Zion Association, of Texas.

Eld. B. C. Caldwell preached on Friday night to those who remained on the grounds, and Bro. J. M. Murray on Saturday night. Both services were well attended.

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

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 Meeting	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministry	
Sharon	A. J. Zelner	Monroe	Brent	W. J. Brown, T. B. Haygood, W. B. Adams...	W. C. Cleveland..	1	3	92	1 56	1 00	\$ 7 00
Bethlehem	M. R. Hardage	Upson	Waymanville ..	J. M. McFarlin, J. T. Roberts, J. H. Pickard..	W. W. Childs.....	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	57	3	1 00	2 75
Ebenezer	C. J. Avera	Upson	Economy	W. W. Childs, A. W. Childs.....	W. W. Childs.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	18	2	50	1 50
Good Hope	W. C. Gunn	Upson	Thomaston	J. R. McKinley	B. C. Caldwell .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	31	2	50	1 00
Mount Carmel ..	W. R. Blasingame..	Crawford	Musella	W. C. Cleveland, S. T. Bently, W. R. Blasingame	W. C. Cleveland..	2	...	...	...	...	2	79	3	2 00	3 00	
Salem	J. D. McGee	Crawford	Knoxville	I. Grant, J. E. Spillers	I. Grant.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	106	2	2 00	2 00	
Providence	J. J. Britt	Crawford	Hartley	H. N. Britt	S. T. Bently	3	...	...	...	...	...	50	1	1 00	3 00	
Fellowship	H. E. Murray	Houston	Hollinshead	H. E. Murray, W. E. Champion, J. H. M. Cliett	A. A. Garrett	1	...	...	3	...	...	35	2	1 50	1 50	
Bethlehem(Bibb)	F. W. Williams.....	Bibb	Macon	J. S. McGee	W. W. Childs.....	11	3	...	2	...	...	6	113	4	2 00	6 00
Ramah	N. T. Dumas.....	Monroe	Horne	N. T. Dumas, A. G. Horne, A. C. Dumas.....	D. F. Woodall	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	39	2	50	3 00
Friendship	W. S. Bloodworth..	Upson	Thomaston	W. S. Bloodworth, J. H. B. Butts, C. A. Kerzy	S. T. Bently	2	1	...	9	...	...	1	38	2	50	4 00
Pleasant Hill ..	J. D. Cherry	Houston	Dunbar	J. M. Fredrick, J. B. Scarborough	J. T. Gardner	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	1	1 50	3 50
Sardis	W. J. Heard	Bibb	Macon	T. M. Nash, J. H. Mooring	J. T. Reynolds..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	53	3	1 50	2 50
Mount Paran ..	B. F. Kennedy	Crawford	Knoxville	B. F. Williamson, W. H. McElmurray	J. T. Reynolds..	...	...	...	...	...	1	44	1	1 50	2 00	
Beaver Creek ..	J. M. Pitts	Houston	Heard	J. B. Hunt	J. T. Reynolds..	1	3	...	...	...	...	18	4	1 50	.....	
Shiloh	J. W. Burkner	Bibb	Macon	Represented by Letter	J. T. Young	2	...	...	...	...	2	17	1	1 25	.....	
Harmony	I. E. Nichols	Pike	Zebulon	H. C. Dickey, F. B. Wilder, J. C. Martin	W. W. Childs.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	34	3	1 00	.....
High Shoals ..	T. M. Mullins	Monroe	Bacon	J. H. Mullins, W. R. S. Mann, J. R. White.....	S. T. Bently	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	2	50	3 50
Forsyth P'mitive	W. E. Zellner	Monroe	Forsyth	C. J. Zelner, John Cox, J. R. Worsham	W. C. Cleveland..	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	30	2	1 00	5 00
Mount Calvary ..	R. H. Bazemore ..	Monroe	Moran .....	.....	I. Grant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	2	1 00	2 00
Griffin Baptist ..	L. W. Almand	Spalding	Griffin	L. W. Almand, W. N. Autry	B. C. Caldwell	5	2	...	...	3	...	...	32	1	75	4 00
Concord	J. B. C. Madden ..	Pike	Concord	J. F. Madden, J. B. C. Madden, W. B. Head..	F. L. Fuller	9	1	...	...	...	...	1	22	4	1 00	2 00
Emmaus	H. L. McKenney ..	Upson	Thomaston	F. J. Reeves, H. L. McKinney, F. B. Hancock	W. C. Cleveland..	4	5	...	3	...	4	85	4	75	3 00	.....