

MINUTES

Of The

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Lott's Creek
Primitive Baptist Association



Convened With

LOWER LOTT'S CREEK CHURCH

Bulloch County, Georgia

October 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1918.

ELDER A. R. STRICKLAND, Moderator.....Daisy, Ga.
A. S. BACON, Clerk Pembroke, Ga.

MINUTES

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. H. Phillips of the Upatoie Association from Galatians, 3rd chapter, 16th verse.

2. After 30 minutes intermission the association was called to order by Elder A. R. Strickland. Singing, prayer by Brother J. R. Caloway.

3. Read letters and recorded names of messengers.

4. Appointed Elder A. R. Strickland moderator and A. S. Bacon clerk.

5. Called for petitionary letters, none came.

6. It was moved and seconded that the following be added to the rules of this association, That any church becoming unsound in faith and practice, shall be dropped from this association, after being labored with by sister churches, this to be known as rule 16.

7. It was moved and seconded that after sister churches having labored with Sanders church under rule 16, we dismiss her from our body.

8. Appointed committees as follows:

To arrange preaching during this meeting, Elders D. L. Caloway, V. Y. Spivey, and Brother J. R. Caloway, together with the delegates of this church.

To arrange general meeting, J. R. Caloway, L. G. Dasher, and W. H. Lanier.

To receive contributions, Elders H. B. Wilkerson, D. L. Caloway and Brother W. H. Lanier.

To write corresponding letter, Elders H. B. Wilkinson, Henry Swain and Brother S. J. Riggs.

9. Called for correspondence, from Upper Canoochee, Elder P. H. Byrd, and Brother J. J. Coleman; from Upatoie, Elder H. H. Phillips; from Flint River, Elder D. M. Monyham; from New Beulah, none; from the Ebenezer, none; from Prince Williams, none; from Harmony, none.

10. Called for visiting brethren, none came.

11. The committee appointed to arrange preaching reported as follows: Saturday a. m., Elder D. M. Monyham; Saturday p. m., Elder P. H. Byrd; Sunday a. m., Elder H. H. Phillips, followed by Elder F. M. Salyer, and closed by the moderator.

12. The committee appointed to arrange general meetings reported as follows. Little Flock, December, 1918;

Bethel, March, 1919; Lower Mill Creek, June, 1919; Ephesus, August, 1919; all to convene on Friday before the 5th Sunday in their respective months.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:00 O'CLOCK.

13. Met pursuant to adjournment, singing, prayer by Elder Henry Swain of the body.

14. Called the roll.

15. Called for further correspondence or visiting brethren, from Flint River, Brother F. A. Betcher as visitor; from Stony Creek of Virginia, Elder F. M. Salyer as visitor.

16. Appointed correspondents as follows:

To the Ebenezer, Elders H. B. Wilkinson, Henry Swain and V. B. White; to Upper Canoochee, Elder D. L. Caloway, and Brother M. M. Coleman; to Prince Williams, Elders H. B. Wilkinson, V. Y. Spivey and Brother W. H. Lanier; to Flint River which convenes with Tired Creek church 1st Sunday in October 1919, 6 miles from Wigham, on A. C. L. railway, Elders M. L. Riner, W. F. Anderson and Brother B. J. Bridgman, to Harmony which convenes with Poplar Springs church Preston, Ga., on S. A. L. railroad, 2nd Sunday in October 1919, Elders V. B. White, M. L. Riner, and Brother D. E. Hodges; to the Upatoie which convenes with Prosperity church, Taylor county, Ga., 2 miles from Rupert, Elders Henry Swain, H. B. Wilkinson and D. L. Caloway; to New Beulah, Elders W. F. Anderson, P. C. Banks and Brothers J. N. Glisson, J. R. Caloway and E. J. Mitchell. It was moved and seconded to solicit correspondence with the Echeconee and Ocmulgee Associations, also appointed Elders Henry Swain and H. B. Wilkinson as correspondents and solicit same.

17. The committee appointed to receive contributions reported as follows: for minutes \$43.00 for other purposes \$113.10.

18. Corresponding letter read and received.

19. The next session of this body will convene with Ash Branch church, Bulloch county, Ga., 4 miles north of Pembroke on the S. A. L. railroad.

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

21. Resolved: That we tender our thanks to the brothers and sisters and friends for their hospitality during this meeting.

22. Motion for adjournment, minutes read and received and the body adjourned.

Sunday morning the brethren preached to a large and orderly congregation.

ELDER A. R. STRICKLAND, Moderator.
A. S. BACON, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Lotts Creek Primitive Baptist Association to her sister Association with whom she corresponds sends greetings: We have been blessed in the providence of God, although epidemics, sorrows and distresses of almost every kind bespeak the wrath and judgments of God upon every hand, to hold another session of our body in peace and love, and we desire to thank and adore His blessed name for such great kindness and mercy. Your lovely correspondence has been received with glad and thankful hearts, in that you deem us worthy, as unworthy as we feel, to continue your visits to us, bringing the sweet testimony of redeeming grace.

In these days of great trial we feel the great need and importance of supplications to God, and as we hope to be the light of the world, to walk as children of light.

Let it be ever remembered by brethren everywhere that discipline belongs solely to the church and from her righteous and scriptural decision there can never be any appeal, for there is no other higher authority. A member therefore, excluded from one church in order is excluded from every church in order. The rights and sovereignty of a church of Christ should never be tampered by any Association. It should ever be remembered that the Association should be obedient to and abide by the actions of the churches, and never to attempt to dictate the course and policy of the churches.

We hold the right of one church to gospelly, patiently, and lovingly labor with a sister church to reclaim her from error in doctrine and practice, and to withdraw fellowship after such labor, and failure to reclaim. Finally brethren, we recommend as a balm and cure for all spiritual ills among us, and a "peace proposition" to settle every trouble in Zion, the apostle's language recorded in First Peter, 2nd Chapter, 1st, 2nd and 3rd verses, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking, as new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

The next session of our body convenes with the church at

Ash Branch, 4 miles north of Pembroke, Ga., on S. A. L. railroad, at the regular time in course, where and when we hope in the goodness of God to meet your lovely correspondence again.

HENRY SWAIN,
H. B. WILKINSON
S. J. RIGGS, Committee.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. Bowen, Collins, Ga.	A. R. Strickland, Daisey, Ga.
N. J. NeeSmith, Statesboro, Ga.	V. B. White, Nevils, Ga.
D. L. Caloway, Manassas, Ga.	Hudson Temples, Statesboro, Ga.
H. B. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga.	J. E. Strickland, Register, Ga.
M. L. Riner, Claxton, Ga.	P. C. Banks, Ellabelle, Ga.
F. M. Donaldson, Statesboro, Ga.	V. Y. Spivey, Manassas, Ga.
W. F. Anderson, Register, Ga.	J. S. Brannen, Stilson, Ga.

LICENTIATES

A. C. McCorkle, Register, Ga.	E. J. Burnsed, Ellabelle, Ga.
M. C. Jones, Statesboro, Ga.	S. E. Sims, Stilson, Ga.

VISITING MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

H. H. Phillips, Oglethorpe, Ga.	D. M. Monyham, Wigham, Ga.
P. H. Byrd, Graymont, Ga.	F. M. Salyner, Johnson City, Tenn.

IN MEMORIAM

**Elders J. H. Smith and M. M. Mattor, Faithful
Primitive Baptist Ministers**

Elder J. H. Smith, died February 22, 1910, and was buried in Ash Branch Cemetery, February 23, 1910. Age 70 years and 9 months.

Elder M. M. Mattox died September 6, 1913, and was buried in Beard's Creek Cemetery, September 8, 1913. Age 73 years and 8 months.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE
Ash Branch	V. B. White	A. S. Bacon ..	Pembroke, Ga.
Andersons	A. R. Strickland	J. A. Sikes	Manassas, Ga.
Bethlehem	Henry Swain ...	S. J. Riggs	Statesboro, Ga.
Beard's Creek ...	A. R. Strickland	D. H. Purcell ...	Daisey, Ga.
Battle Creek ..	A. R. Strickland	J. A. Branson ...	Reidsville, Ga.
Bethel	A. R. Strickland	W. H. Dasher ..	Daisy, Ga., Rt.
Columbia	J. A. Bowen ..	H. D. Banks	Ellabelle, Ga.
DeLoaches	H. B. Wilkinson	Wm. H. DeLoach	Claxton, Ga.
Ephesus	H. B. Wilkinson	S. C. Banks	Register, Ga.
Emaus	H. B. Wilkinson	E. J. Mitchell...	Claxton, Ga.
Inman's Creek ..	W. F. Anderson	L. B. Edenfield.	Lyons, Ga.
Lyons	W. E. Cribbs ..	Floyd Butler ..	Lyons, Ga.
Lower Mill Creek	D. L. Caloway ..	G. R. Beasley.	Statesboro, Ga.
Lower Lotts Cr.	H. B. Wilkinson	H. J. Akins	Register, Ga.
Lower Black Cr.	V. B. White	E. J. Burnsed...	Ellabelle, Ga.
Mt. Carmel
Nevils Creek ...	E. W. Powell ..	T. B. Hendrix ..	Blitch, Ga.
Upper Mill Creek
Red Hill	V. B. White	W. C. Iler	Pembroke, Ga.
Little Flock	C. B. Spivey ..	L. E. Lynn	Collins, Ga.

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 object, for churches are free, and, of right ought to be, to remain in such condition as they severally feel most acceptable with God and our Savior and our Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, seeing 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 with one 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 at peace with all Primitive Baptists everywhere, who are walking in the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have received authority 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 this Association, unless found sound in 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 a public speech, nor reflection on the speaker.

10. No person shall be interrupted in the time of a 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 of 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 of 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 the minutes of all its proceedings and have them published in pamphlet form for distribution among the churches.

16. Any church becoming unsound in faith and practice shall be dropped from this association after being labored with by sister churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Old and New Testament scriptures are the 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 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 laws 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 warm, 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, immersed 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 saint's feet an example to be engaged in by all the 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 the 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 of 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Year Constituted	COUNTY	MESSENGERS	Additions				Subtract		Total Mem'ship	Sun. Mtgs.	Money for Minutes	Other Purposes
				Baptism	By Letter	Con. of Faith	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded				
Ash Branch		Bulloch	W. H. Lanier, E. W. Parish	1					1	101	2	\$3.00	\$ 9.40
Andersons	1847	Tattnall	D. L. Caloway, J. R. Caloway	8	4		2			137	3	5.00	14.00
Beard's Creek ...	1804	Tattnall	B. J. Woodcock, J. L. Rogers							34	4	1.50	6.55
Bethlehem	1841	Bulloch	S. J. Ricco, Henry Swain	12	5	1	2	1		86	3	4.00	15.00
Battle Creek ..	1812	Tattnall	V. Y. Spivey, R. H. Jones					2	1	14	1	1.00	5.00
Bethel	1883	Liberty	A. R. Strickland, L. G. Dasher			1	1	4	2	46	2	1.75	4.75
Columbia	1880	Bryan	P. C. Banks, J. E. Strickland		2					25	3	1.50
DeLoaches		Bulloch	P. A. Hagan, Z. T. Bennett	1					2	71	2	3.00	9.00
Ephesus		Evans	C. D. Rushing, S. C. Banks							27	3	3.00	5.10
Emaus		Evans	H. B. Wilkinson, E. J. Mitchell							1	21	1.00	4.00
Mt. Carmel	1844	Bulloch										
Inman's Creek ..		Tattnall	F. M. Durden, J. M. Sutton		1	1		1	2	21	2	1.00	4.00
Little Flock		Tattnall	L. A. Lynn, M. E. Lynn	1	2			2		67	4	2.50	6.00
Lower Mill Creek	1827	Bulloch	G. R. Beasley, M. S. Rushing					2		39	1	2.00	3.00
Lower Lotts Cr.	1804	Bulloch	W. M. Anderson, J. S. NeeSmith ..	1			1		2	134	4	5.00	14.15
Lower Black Cr.	1839	Bryan	W. W. Futch, E. J. Burnsed	3				2		65	4	2.00	6.00
Lyons		Toombs	M. M. Coleman, J. N. Glisson							21	1	1.00	3.65
Upper Mill Creek		Bulloch										
Nevils Creek		Bulloch	T. B. Hendrix, W. J. Blackburn ..	2						22	1	2.50	1.75
Red Hill	1902	Bulloch	C. C. DeLoach, E. A. Denmark....	3						69	1	3.00	7.00



