



THIRTY--SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**New Beulah Primitive
Baptist Association**

HELD WITH THE

**BEULAH CHURCH
GRAHAM, GA.**

SEPTEMBER, 7. 8. 9, 1917



OFFICERS:

ELDER H. HAND, MODERATOR - - GRAHAM, GA.
D. H. HARTLEY, CLERK - - - - GRAHAM, GA.

MINUTES OF THE

New Beulah Primitive Baptist Association

1. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. L. Callaway, of Lotts Creek Association.
2. After one hour intermission the messengers assembled in the house. Prayer by Elder Lee Hanks, after which letters from churches were read and messengers names enrolled.
3. On motion elected Elder H. Hand, Moderator and D. H. Hartley Clerk.
4. On motion received as visitors, Elders Lee Hanks and H. V. Hill, and brethren M. A. Braddy, J. M. Patrick, E. P. Hutchison and John Newman from the Original Upper Canoochee Association. From the Lotts Creek Association Elder D. L. Callaway.
5. On motion adopted the order of business of the last Association.
6. Read the Decorum.
7. Appointed committees on preaching and finance as follows: D. H. Hartley, G. W. Griffin, T. D. Giddens with messengers of Beulah church.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

1. Prayer by Elder H. V. Hill of Original Upper Canoochee Association.
2. Called the roll.
3. Renewed call for visitors and received Bro. J. W. Mooreland from the Ebenezer Association and Elder W. E. Cribbs from the Original Upper Canoochee Association.
4. Called for report on finance, the committee reported \$17.50. The clerk was instructed to superintend and distribute 400 copies of these minutes and have the balance for his services.
5. On motion read and adopted petitionary corresponding letter to the Lotts Creek, Original Upper Canoochee and Ebenezer Associations and the following brethren agreed to bear the same: To Ebenezer—G. W. Griffin, T. T. Lewis, T. D. Giddens.
To Original Upper Canoochee—Elder H. Hand, J. J. Creamer, J. W. Creamer, N. A. Turley, D. H. Hartley.
To Lotts Creek—Elder H. Hand, T. J. Brown and T. T. Lewis.

Appointed next session of this body to convene with Pleasant Hill Church, 5 miles from Eastman, Ga., Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday in October, 1918.

On motion adjourned to time and place.

ELDER H. HAND, Moderator.

D. H. HARTLEY, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday morning—Elder D. L. Calloway.

Friday p. m.—Elder H. V. Hill.

Saturday a. m.—Elder W. E. Cribbs.

Saturday a. m.—Elder H. V. Hill.

Saturday p. m.—Elder Lee Hanks.

Saturday p. m.—Elder D. L. Calloway.

Sunday a. m.—Elder W. E. Cribbs.

Sunday a. m.—Elder Lee Hanks.

Sunday a. m.—Closed by the moderator.

(It was a most glorious meeting indeed, and our poor hearts were greatly revived.—Clerk.)

PETITIONARY CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The New Beulah Primitive Baptist Association to her sister Associations with whom she desires to correspond, Greeting:

Dear Brethren:—

We as an Association come to you petitioning your lovely correspondence.

We confess our mistakes and beg your forgiveness for being misled by unsafe leaders or any other mistakes we have made. We are glad to inform you that our churches have declared themselves in line with true Old School Primitive Baptists and where we had any irregular official work the same has been removed and wrongs confessed. Our churches report peace and are satisfied to be plain Old School Primitive Baptists like they have ever stood, and as they were when the Old Kehukee Association in 1827, and as our fathers stood at Black Rock, Maryland, 1832, when they refused to fellowship or admit into their pulpits preachers or members advocating, or in fellowship with Boards, Conventions, Theological Schools, Sunday Schools, Protracted Meetings, a salaried ministry, oath bound secret orders, or any other religious man-made institution. As instrumental music, in the worship of God, is an unscriptural practice, not authorized in the New Testament nor used in the worship of God in the Gospel dispensation until introduced by the Pope of Rome A. D., 666; and has always been condemned by true Primitive Baptists, and has not been allowed by them; and one church receiving gospelly expelled members from another church without

official investigation and labor and a withdrawal from said church, and associational usurpation over churches, etc., are all departures from true gospel order, since all discipline belongs solely to the church. We think the above departures very wrong, or any attempted efforts to reform and make the old church progress from the plain simple teachings of the Bible doctrine and practice for which our fathers have ever contended. We beg our good brethren every where that have made departures to repent and let us all in love strive for the things that make for peace. We love our dear brethren everywhere, and desire sweet peace and fellowship to be fully restored once more. Dear brethren, let us all be kind, tender, forbearing, and strive in love and the most tender manner to unify all true Old Baptists, and restore gospel order.

Your precious ministers and brethren have been received as visitors from the Original Upper Canoochee, Lotts Creek and Ebenezer Associations. Your dear ministers have gladdened our poor hearts by the sweet gospel preached by them. The next session of our body will convene with Pleasant Hill church, 5 miles from Eastman, Dodge County, Ga., Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday in October 1918, where we hope to be greeted by your lovely correspondence.

We especially extend a cordial invitation to the churches and ministers of the Ebenezer, Original Upper Canoochee, and Lotts Creek Associations, and all of like precious faith to visit our churches and associations and worship with us. May all the past be buried and love and sweet fellowship exist in the future.

Submitted in love,

ELDER H. HAND, Moderator.

D. H. HARTLEY, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association will open with prayer.
2. The members of the Association shall be chosen by the churches and will be expected to furnish letters showing their appointment, also the state of their churches, and changes since the last session.
3. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by the members. The Moderator shall keep order and keep questions and the Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings. Minutes should be approved by the body and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.
4. Any church known to be the same faith and order with the churches of this Association may upon application be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her Messengers.
5. The number of Messengers coming from each church is sup-

posed to be two, but a greater number may be allowed from large churches by consent of the churches.

This Association believing that the local churches of Christ are the only proper authority to decide and pass upon questions of order and Orthodoxy, agree that this body is here as worshipping assembly shall not attempt to consider, settle or pass upon matter of disciplinary character, but will leave all questions of this kind to be determined by the churches themselves in their own individual capacity. Should any church of this Association depart from order by tolerating any unscriptural institutions or becoming guilty of any other disorders the sister churches may in their discretion investigate and labor with said disorderly church, and upon failure to reclaim her from her errors they may protest against such departures and refuse her sister relation. This church action shall determine the relationship of such disorderly church to the Association. It is agreed that all constitutional laws and rules of decorum not in harmony with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

These rules shall be read at the opening of each session.

The moderator will be expected each day of the meeting to invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-Head, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the written Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrines 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 of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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 that the true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no man has the right to administer Baptism or the Lord's Supper, except such as are regularly called and come under the hands of the Presbytery.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust and a General Judgment.

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | CLERKS, POSTOFFICES | NAMES OF MESSENGERS | PASTORS | Baptized | Received by Letter | Confession of Faith | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Expelled | Died | Total Membership | Associational Funds. | Time of Annual Meetings |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | |
| Pleasant Hill | J. R. Giddens, Eastman | T. D. Giddens, L. F. Watkins | Lee Hanks | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 | \$7.00 | 1st Sun. Aug. |
| Beulah | D. H. Hartley, Graham | D. H. Hartley, N. A. Turley | H. Hand | 4 | 3 | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 2.50 | 3rd Sun. July |
| Ebenezer | J. L. Anderson, Hazlehurst | J. J. Creamer, J. W. Creamer | W. E. Cribbs | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 26 | 4.00 | 2nd Sun. Aug |
| Mt. Carmel | T. T. Lewis, Graham | Elder H. Hand, T. T. Lewis | H. Hand | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 24 | 4.00 | 1st Sun. July |

(Three have been received at Pleasant Hill by experience to be baptized on the 5th Sunday in September).

