

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**Original Upper Canoochee
Association**

OF

Regular Primitive Baptists

Convened With

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH

Johnson County, Georgia

October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1919

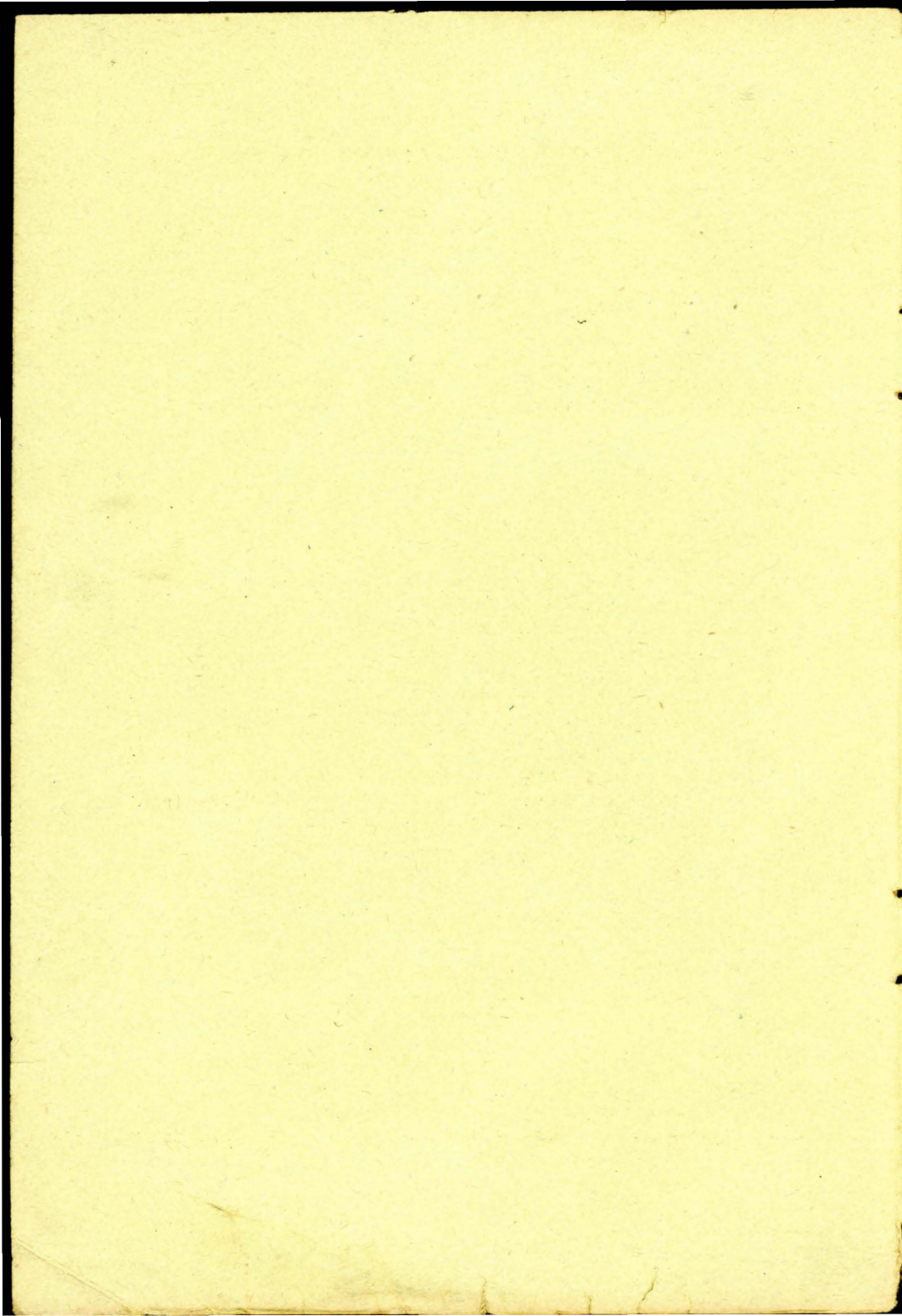
OFFICERS:

Elder Lee Hanks, Moderator

Vidalia, Ga.

Elder J. B. Wilson, Clerk

Summit, Ga.



PROCEEDINGS
Of the Original Upper Canoochee Association.

FRIDAY, FIRST DAY.

The Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association convened in its ninetieth annual session with the church at Pilgrim's Rest, Johnson county, Georgia, October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1919.

1. Prayer by Elder A. P. Tucker of the Mt. Olive Association. The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. F. M. Carlton of the Mt. Enon Association, Florida, text I John, 3:1—Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew Him not.

2. After an hour's intermission, the messengers from the several churches assembled in the house. Prayer by Eld. M. A. Rico, of the body.

3. Called for and read letters from twelve churches.

4. Organized the body by reelecting Eld. Lee Hanks Moderator and Eld. J. B. Wilson, Clerk.

NOTE—Inasmuch as Rosemary church has been officially labored with and withdrawn from by sister churches, on motion this Association agreed to drop them from their roll of churches until they set themselves in order.

5. Invited ministers and members of our faith and order to seats with us.

6. On motion, omitted reading the Decorum.

7. Called for petitionary letters; received one from New Beulah church and seated the delegates.

8. Appointed committees as follows:

On preaching—J. R. Hill, A. J. Youngblood and B. R. Durden.

To arrange general meetings—G. W. Cowart, A. J. Banks, B. R. Durden.

To examine corresponding minutes—J. R. Hill, J. S. L. Rabun, Jesse Anderson.

To write Corresponding Letter—A. J. Banks, E. T. Coleman, J. B. Wilson.

On Finance—E. T. Coleman, J. M. Anderson, I. F. Warnock.

9. Called for correspondence and received the following: From Lott's Creek Association Eld. H. B. Wilkinson,

Farley Aikins, J. M. Alderman, W. J. Brantley.

Mt. Olive—Elds. A. P. Tucker, R. G. Lewis.

Primitive Ebenezer—G. C. Young, S. T. Elton, R. W. Young.

Primitive Echeconee—Not represented.

Prince William's—Eld. J. H. Rivers, G. N. Bowers.

Upatoi—Not represented.

New Beulah—E. P. Hutcheson.

On motion, renewed correspondence with the Mt. Olive Association and received Elds. A. P. Tucker and R. G. Lewis.

10. On motion, adjourned until Saturday at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY.

11. The Association met, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. H. B. Wilkinson of the Lott's Creek Association.

12. Called the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence and received as visitors Eld. F. M. Carlton from the Mt. Enon Association and Eld. J. N. Dunaway from Bethlehem church, Tenn.

14. Appointed correspondence as follows:

To the Lott's Creek Association, which convenes with Ash Branch church, four miles north of Pembroke, Bryan county, E. T. Coleman, J. R. Hill, Eld. Lee Hanks, G. W. Cowart, B. R. Durden, M. Grimes, J. M. Patrick.

To the Ebenezer Association, which convenes with the church at Mt. Gilead, six miles south of Tennille and four miles of Harrison, Washington county, Eld. J. B. Wilson, A. J. Banks, J. D. Morris, J. M. Anderson, E. T. Coleman, Eld. Lee Hanks, Eld. H. V. Hill.

To the New Beulah Association, which convenes with Mt. Carmel church, five miles from Graham, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1919, Eld. A. I. Warren.

To the Upatoi Association, which convenes with Bethel church, Phenix City, Ala., Eld. Lee Hanks, Eld. J. B. Wilson.

To the Prince William's Association, which convenes with Whippy Swamp church, Hampton county, S. C., on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1919, Eld. A. I. Warren.

To the Echeconee Association, which convenes with the Friendship church, three miles south of Crest, Ga., on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September, 1920, Eld. Lee Hanks, Eld. J. B. Wilson, Eld. A. I. Warren.

To Mt. Olive Association, which convenes with Pleasant Hill church, Sycamore, Ga., on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1920, Elds. J. B. Wilson, H. V. Hill and Lee

Hanks.

15. Called for report of committee to arrange general meetings, who report three general meetings, as follows. Oak Ridge in February, Hebron in May, Rock Hill in August, each to begin on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

16. On motion, appointed our next Association to convene with New Hope church, two miles south of Lexsey, Ga., and six miles west of Stillmore.

17. We recommend the printing and distribution of 1000 copies of these minutes, the Clerk to superintend the same and have \$10 for his services.

18. Called for and adopted the Circular Letter.

19. Called for contributions and received \$35.00 for minutes and \$47.75 for visiting ministers.

20. Called for the report of the committee to examine the corresponding minutes, who report nothing to claim our attention at present.

21. Called for miscellaneous business. None.

22. On motion, adjourned for preaching and closed in order until our regular time in course. Prayer by Elder J. N. Dunaway of Bethlehem church, Tenn.

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

Elder Lee Hanks, Moderator,

Elder J. B. Wilson, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday a. m., Introductory by Eld. F. M. Carlton.

Friday p. m., R. G. Lewis, followed by J. H. Rivers.

Saturday a. m., Eld. A. P. Tucker, followed by Elder J. N. Dunaway.

Saturday p. m., Eld. R. G. Lewis.

Sunday a. m., Eld. H. B. Wilkinson, closed by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Wilson.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Original Upper Canoochee Association to the sister Associations with whom she corresponds, greeting:

We indeed acknowledge our deepest and heartfelt gratitude to a God of mercy, compassion and long forbearance for the sweet and holy privilege of meeting again in an associational capacity.

We believe that associations are blessings to Zion and the great and holy cause of Christ and the peace and harmony of God's little children, only when conducted by methods and principles which do not in anywise disturb, affect or impair the scriptural sovereign rights of an individual church, such powers as are abundantly authorized by the foundation of the church and author of our faith, hence we firmly and steadfastly announce our strict adherence to the position that associations have no powers of discipline over individual churches, but their purpose and function is restricted to the worship of Almighty God.

We are constrained to ask permission to admonish Baptists everywhere to be careful and zealous to observe in a most prayerful manner the long and accepted order of our church, predicated upon the authority of God's eternal word.

We condemn any attempt to ruthlessly pervert their high, sacred and ever to be revered order of God's house.

Perhaps nothing is so fruitful of confusion, strife and separation amongst us as a laxness of discipline and departures from recognized order.

We offer as an antidote for all the diseases common amongst us the enforcement of discipline, a strict adherence to order and more of the love of God shed abroad in our hearts.

We welcome the opportunity of receiving your correspondence and feel grateful and humble for your esteem, love and fellowship. We gladly commend your zeal and faithfulness to the cross of our blessed Redeemer.

The next session of our body will convene with New Hope church, two miles south of Lexsey and six miles west of Stillmore, at our regular time.

E. T. Coleman,
J. B. Wilson,
A. J. Banks.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

Elder S. M. Anderson, Summit, Ga.

Elder H. V. Hill, Summit, Ga.

Elder J. B. Wilson, Summit, Ga.

Elder Lee Hanks, Vidalia, Ga.

Elder C. B. Spivey, Metter, Ga.

Elder J. J. Kersey, Adrian, Ga.

Elder A. I. Warren, Stillmore, Ga.

Elder W. E. Cribbs, Hazlehurst, Ga.
Elder M. A. Rico, Vidalia, Ga.
Eld. P. H. Byrd, Graymont, Ga.

LICENTIATES.

Lewis Meeks, Adrian, Ga.
Isaac Wilson, Garfield, Ga.
G. M. Johnson, Kite, Ga.
I. W. Proctor, Garfield, Ga.
M. H. Lamb, McLeod, Ga.
Lloyd Bishop, Wade, Ga.

VISITING MINISTERS.

Eld. A. P. Tucker, Moultrie, Ga., Mt. Olive Association.

Eld. G. R. Lewis, Thomasville, Ga., Mt. Olive Association.

Eld. F. M. Carlton, Wimauma, Fla Mt. Enon Association.

Eld. H. B. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga., Lott's Creek Association.

Eld. J. N. Dunaway, Milner, Ga.

Eld. J. H. Rivers, Hampton, S. C., Prince William's Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, viz: The Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2 We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.

3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.

4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final preservation of the saints.

5. We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.

6. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are sacraments of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saint's feet an example and that no man has a right to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.

8. We believe in a final judgment, in future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

DECORUM.

1. This Association shall open and close with prayer.

2. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our body shall compose the Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, with those received, excommunicated or dead since our last Association.

3. This union shall have a moderator and a clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, and who shall hold their office until the next election.

4. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions. He may have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair is filled, but shall not vote except the body be equally divided.

5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the Association, and the minutes shall then be read and amended if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk.

6. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admission, who 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 delegation.

7. Each church shall have a right to send two delegates to this association, and no more.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.

11. There shall be no whispering or talking in time of public speaking, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

12. Whenever a case is decided by vote there shall be no debating on the subject.

13. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave of the moderator.

14. It is and has been the sense of the churches composing the Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association not to hold in fellowship any church, member or minister who holds the following: boards, conventions, missionary societies, Sunday schools, theological schools, Epworth leagues, instrumental music in worship of God, a salaried ministry or assessing or taxing the members, Freemasonry, Odd Fellows or other secret orders or religious societies that do now exist or may hereafter exist, founded upon the wisdom

of men, together with any of the modern attempts to reform the church of God.

15. It is the duty of this association to provide for the general union of the churches; to give her best advice in matters of difficulty and if the union between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the break and use her endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the break cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches that may be unsound in faith or immoral in practice until they are reclaimed.

16. To invite ministers and brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

17. These rules shall be read at every meeting of this association previous to entering on business.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.

2. This association shall be composed of messengers from the several churches, so that each church shall have two messengers if they choose, and no more, and the messengers' names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. This association shall have power to make its own rules to govern itself while in session, but none of its rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free and of right ought to be.

4. It shall be the duty of this association to give her best advice in case of difficulty and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.

5. This association shall admit into its body any church whom they find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body she may do so at her best discretion, or on application she may have a letter of dismission.

6. As the love of money is the root of all evil and has produced so much distress among Christians, and we wishing to live in peace, therefore this association shall not encourage any religious speculations called missionary, or by any other name, under pretense of supporting the gospel.

7. We, the churches composing this association, believing the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the words of God, declare that we take the New Testament for the rule of our faith and practice for we are not under the law but under grace.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES	Yr. Con.	PASTORS	CLERKS AND P. O.	MESSENGERS	Bapt'z'd	Rec. Let.	Restor'd	Rec'm'd	Excl'd'd	Died	Total	Money	Minutes	Money	Minist's	Sab. M'g	Com. Meetings
Bethel	1908	J. B. Wilson	R. L. Lamb,	J. B. Wilson,	2					1	19	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	3		May and Aug.	
Emanuel		H. V. Hill	Summit, Ga.	G. W. Donaldson													
Canoochee	1818	H. V. Hill	E. T. Coleman,	J. R. Hill,	1			3			56	4.00	5.00	1	May and Aug.		
Emanuel		P. H. Byrd	Graymont, Ga.	E. T. Coleman													
Hebron	1804	Lee Hanks	Wm. Johnson,	G. W. Cowart,	3	4		1			68	3.00	8.00	4	May and Aug.		
Emanuel			Garfield, Ga.	F. W. Grimes													
Long Creek	1888	S. M. Anderson	C. P. Williams,	Not												2	
Emanuel			Midville, Ga.	Represented	2	1		1			45	4.00			4	May and Aug.	
Mt. Zion	1873	A. J. Bowen	D. R. Durden,	L. C. Durden													
Emanuel			Norristown, Ga.			1		1	2		41	3.00	5.00	2	May and Aug.		
New Hope	1818	H. V. Hill	T. N. Youmans,	B. R. Durden													
Emanuel			Swainsboro, Ga.	A. J. Youngblood			1	3			32	3.00	5.00	1	May and Aug.		
Oak Ridge	1891	M. A. Rico	H. B. Braddy,	M. A. Rico													
Montgomery			Vidalia	H. B. Braddy, Jr.	3		2	1			26	2.50	5.00	2	May and Aug.		
Oak Chapel	1911	W. F. Anderson	Ira Thigpen,	Ira Thigpen												3	
Treutlen			Soperton, Ga.	Not													
Lewis	1900	S. M. Anderson	D. W. Johnson,	Represented													
Jenkins			Thrift, Ga.	Frank Warnock				5			55	3.00	4.00	4	July		
Pilgrim's Rest	1909	H. V. Hill	W. D. Riner,	Jonas Wilson													
Johnson		H. V. Hill	Kite, Ga.	J. D. Morris	1					1	70	2.00	3.00	3	May and Aug.		
Rock Hill	1900	J. J. Kersey															
Stapleton	1918	E. W. Powell	J. R. Rabun,	J. S. L. Robins	7	5	1				25	1.50	3.50	3	June		
Jefferson		Lee Hanks	Louisville, Ga.	A. J. Banks													
Stillmore	1880	Lee Hanks	W. J. Wrenn,	A. I. Warren				1			39	2.00		1	May and Aug.		
Emanuel			Oak Park, Ga.														
Vidalia	1912	Lee Hanks	J. B. Johnson,	Lee Hanks		5	2				32	2.50	5.75	2	June		
Toombs			Higgston, Ga.	J. B. Johnson													
New Beulah	1919	J. B. Wilson	Jesse Anderson,	Jesse Anderson							5	.50	2.00	1	July		
Johnson		J. E. Strickland	Kite, Ga.	J. M. Anderson													
TOTAL					16	19	1	13	8	4	513	\$35.00	\$47.75				

