

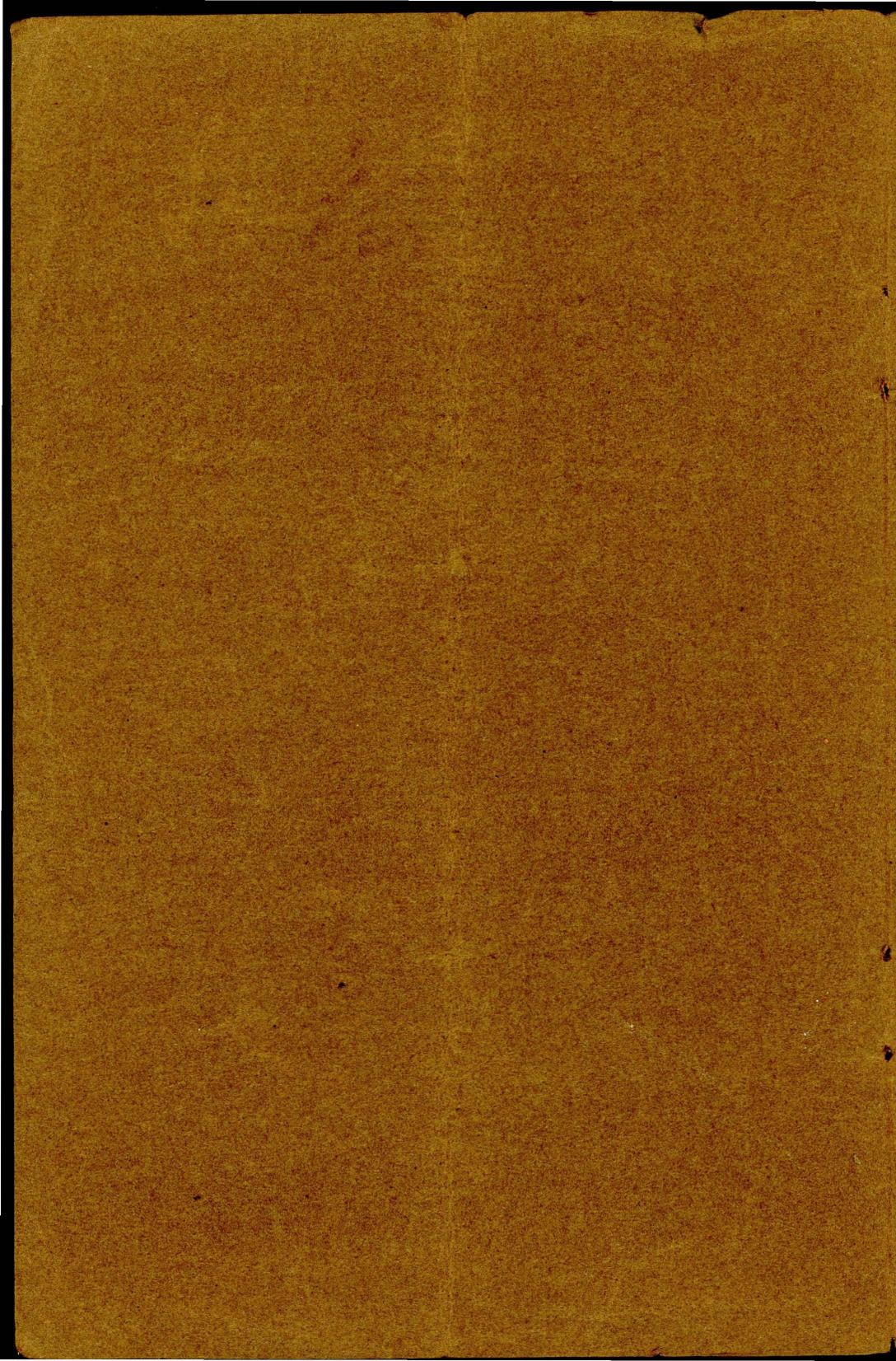
MINUTES
OF THE
Eighteenth Annual Session
OF THE
Lott's Creek
Primitive Baptist Association



CONVENED WITH
LOWER BLACK CREEK CHURCH
Bryan County, Georgia
October 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1922.



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



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Of the Eighteen Annual Session of The Lotts Creek Primitive Baptist Association which convened with Black Creek Church, Bryan County, Ga., October 10th, 11th and 12th, 1922.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder M. F. Petty, of the Flynt River Association, from the 1st Colossions, 1st chapter and 18th versee.

2. After one hour intermission the Association was called to order by Eld. A. R. Strickland. Singing. Prayer by Eld. J. J. Turnipseed of the Wetumpka Association of Alabama.

3. Read letters from nineteen churches 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. Appointed committees as follows: To arrange preaching during this meeting, Eld. H. B. Wilkinson and Brethren W. C. Iler and H. J. Akins, together with the delegates of this church; To arrange general meetings, Eld. D. L. Caloway and Brethren B. J. Woodcock and E. W. Parrish; To receive contributions, Elds. H. B. Wilkinson, D. L. Caloway and Bro. W. H. Lanier.

7. Called for correspondence from Upper Canoochee, Eld. P. H. Byrd and Brethren E. L. Coleman, W. H. Brown and J. D. Mallard. From Upatoi, no tidings. From New Beulah, no tidings. From Prince Williams, Eld. J. H. Rivers and Bro. Philip Terry. From Harmony, no tidings; From Echeconnee, Eld. W. O. Meeks; From Ocmulgee, package of minutes; From Ebenezer, Brethren N. N. Cannon and I. A. Keel.

8. Called for visiting brethren. There came Eld. V. B. White from the Yellow River Association; Brethren G. N. Bowers and Zack Kelehear from the Prince Williams Association of South Carolina; Eld. W. E. Cribbs, from the Ebenezer; Eld. B. G. Lewis from Mt. Olliff Association; Eld. J. M. Bagwell from the Bethel Association; Eld. J. J. Turnipseed from the Wetumpka Association of Alabama; Eld. W. J. Hull from the Choctahachee Association; Eld. B. F. House from the Beulah Association of Alabama; Eld. B. G. Parker from the Mt. Zion Association of Alabama.

9. The committee appointed to arrange preaching during this meeting reported as follows: Tuesday, p. m., Eld. B. G. Lewis; Wednesday, a. m., Eld. J. J. Turnipseed,

followed by Eld. B. F. House; Wednesday p. m., Eld. W. J. Hull, followed by Eld. W. O. Meeks; Thursday, a. m., Eld. J. M. Bagwell, followed by Eld. B. G. Parker and closed by the moderator. Wednesday night at Lanier, Ga., Eld. P. H. Byrd. Wednesday night at W. W. Clanton's, Eld. V. B. White. Tuesday night at W. W. Futch's, Eld. J. H. Rivers.

10. The committee appointed to arrange general meetings, reported as follows: Battle Creek, October, 1922; Lower Lotts Creek, December, 1922; Beards Creek, April, 1923. All to commence on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:00 O'CLOCK

11. Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Hull from the Chactahatchee Association.

12. Call the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence. None came.

14. Appointed correspondents as follows: To Prince William to convene at Sanders Branch church on the third Saturday in October 1922, two miles east of Hampton, S. C., Eld. D. L. Caloway and Bro. E. J. Burnsed. To Ebenezer, to convene with Beaver church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1923, two miles of Gordon, Ga., Eld. H. B. Wilkinson, and Bro. D. F. Beasley. To Upper Canoochee to convene with Mt. Zion church, near Norristown, Ga., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1923, Elds. H. B. Wilkinson and D. L. Caloway. To Flynt River, to convene with Prosperity church near Bainbridge, Ga., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1923, Eld. P. C. Banks and Bro. W. C. Iler. To Harmony to convene with Hebron church, Andersonville, Ga., on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1923, Elds. Henry Swain and Mallie Jones. To Upatoi, to convene with New Hope church, Reynolds, Ga., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1923, Eld. V. Y. Spivey and Bro. J. E. Jones. To Echeconnee to convene with Bethlehem church, Macon, Ga., Elds. J. E. Strickland and A. C. McCorkle. To Ocmulgee with Smyrna church, Forsyth, Ga., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1923, Elds. Henry Swain and W. R. Wilkinson. To New Beulah, Elds. D. L. Caloway and W. F. Anderson. To Curvie Saloam of Missouri, package minutes.

15. The committee appointed to receive contributions reported as follows: For minutes, \$43.40. For other purposes, \$173.25.

16. Corresponding letter read and received.

17. The next session of this body will convene, the Lord willing, with Upper Mill Creek church, Bulloch county, Ga., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1923, eight miles northwest of Statesboro, Ga.

18. Agreed to have 1,500 copies of these minutes printed, the clerk to have printing done and distribute the same.

19. Resolved: That we tender our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends in this community for their hospitality during this meeting.

20. Hereafter this Association will convene on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October each year.

21. Motion for adjournment. Minutes read and received, and the body adjourned to the stand. Thursday 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:

Dear Brethren:

Through the extended mercy of our Heavenly Father, we have been blessed to hold another association in peace and harmony. Our churches were all represented and reported peace and prosperity in a measure. Many additions were noted for which such is good news to us, and makes us feel that the Lord is our God, and will prosper His kingdom by adding daily such souls as should be saved. We have no helps and want none. Our only trust is in the God of our salvation. We welcome with open arms the many visitors who have attended this meeting and preached the pure and unadulterated gospel to us. We continue to extend our invitation to all who may have a mind to visit us, and hope to so have that material friendship and fellowship one for the other. This can only be done by an orderly walk of the churches, and a persistent demand that we one and all adhere to the plain teachings of Christ, the head of the church. Hidden things belong to God and revealed things to us and our children. So let us not try to pry into matters that are not revealed, and are of no profit to us in faith or practice. Let us not peddle petty differences, striving about words, terms, or phrases which create animosity and jealousy. But let

us hold fast to the revealed truth of God in Christ. Our Association time has been changed to Friday, Saturday and fourth Sunday in October of each year by request of a majority of the churches in their letters. Our next meeting of the Association will convene with Upper Mill Creek Church, Bulloch county, Ga., eight miles northwest of Statesboro, Ga., where we hope to meet all our correspondents and many visitors.

ELD. H. B. WILKINSON.

IN MEMORIAM.

Eld. J. H. Smith, died February 22, 1910, and was buried in Ash Branch cemetery February 23, 1910; aged 70 years and 9 months.

Elder M. M. Madttox, died September 6, 1913, and was buried in Beards Creek cemetery September 8, 1913; aged 73 years and 8 months.

Elder N. J. Nesmith, born October 2, 1859, and died December 19, 1918; aged 59 years, 2 months.

Elder F. M. Donaldson, born July 22, 1855, died May 3, 1919; aged 63 years, 7 months.

Ordained Ministers and Addresses

V. Y. Spivey, Reidsville, Ga.	D. L. Caloway, Manassas, Ga.
H. B. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga.	M. L. Riner, Collins, Ga.
A. C. McCorkle, Jimps, Ga.	Henry Swain, Graymont, Ga.
P. C. Banks, Ellabelle, Ga.	A. R. Strickland, Daisy, Ga.
J. S. Brannen, Stilson, Ga.	J. E. Strickland, Stilson, Ga.
J. A. Bowen, Collins, Ga.	W. R. Wilkinson, Savannah, Ga.
M. C. Jones, Statesboro, Ga.	C. B. Spivey, Metter, Ga.
L. R. Meeks, Collins, Ga.	W. F. Anderson, Claxton, Ga.

Licentiates and Addresses

E. J. Burnsed, Claxton, Ga.	D. W. Denmark, Statesboro, Ga.
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Visiteing Ministers and Addresses

W. E. Cribbs, Helena, Ga.	M. F. Petty, Donaldsonville, Ga.
W. J. Hull, Headland, Ala.	P. H. Byrd, Graymont, Ga.
J. J. Turnipseed, Montgomery, Ala.	J. H. Rivers, —, S. C.
V. B. White, Lithonia, Ga.	B. G. Lewis, —, S. C.
W. O. Meeks, Griswoldville, Ga.	J. M. Bagwell, Carrollton, Ga.
B. F. House, Buffalo, Ala.	B. G. Parker, Rt. 1, Culman, Ala.

Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Postoffices.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks and Postoffices
Ash Branch -----	V. Y. Spivey ---	A. S. Bacon, Pembroke, Ga.
Anderson's -----	A. R. Strickland -	P. P. Hodges, Manassas, Ga.
Bethlehem -----	Henry Swain ---	D. C. Banks, Statesboro, Ga.
Beard's Creek ----	{ V. Y. Spivey -	D. H. Purcell, Daisy, Ga.
	{ A. R. Strickland -	
Battle Creek -----	{ V. Y. Spivey -	J. H. Branson, Reidsville, Ga.
	{ A. R. Strickland -	
Bethel -----	A. R. Strickland -	Bazil Dasher, Daisy, Ga.
Canoochee -----	D. L. Caloway ---	W. F. DeLoach, Manassas, Ga.
DeLoach -----	H. B. Wilkinson -	W. B. DeLoach, Claxton, Ga.
Ephesus -----	H. B. Wilkinson -	C. D. Rushing, Register, Ga.
Emaus -----	P. C. Banks ----	J. H. Lee, Claxton, Ga.
Mt. Carmel -----	J. A. Bowen ----	J. H. Sims, Stilson, Ga.
Inman's Creek ----	J. A. Bowen ----	L. B. Edefield, Lyons, Ga. Rt. A.
Little Flock ----	C. B. Spivey ---	L. E. Lynn, Collins, Ga.
Lower Mill Creek --	A. C. McCorkle -	M. S. Rushing, Statesboro, Ga.
Lower Lotts Creek -	J. B. Wilkinson -	H. J. Akins, Statesboro, Ga.
Lower Black Creek -	D. L. Caloway --	H. C. Burnsed, Ellabell, Ga.
Lyons -----	W. R. Wilkinson -	W. A. Smith, Lyons, Ga.
Upper Mill Creek --	A. C. McCorkle -	J. N. Akins, Statesboro, Ga.
Red Hill -----	J. E. Strickland -	W. C. Iler, Pembroke, Ga.

PREAMBLE.

The organization of this organization, 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 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 it be 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 made on the speaker.
10. No person shall be interrupted in the time of a public speech unless he departs 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 the 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 rules of 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 embrace 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.

9. We believe that 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.

10. We believe good works are such only as God has commanded in His holy word.

11. We believe the preaching of the gospel is not to give life to the dead (for God alone can do that) but is to warn, teach, exhort, comfort and edify, reprove and confirm the living children of God.

12. We believe those who believe the gospel should be baptized, that is immersed, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

13. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saints feet an example to be engaged in by all the orderly children of God.

14. 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.

15. 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 of all oath-bound secret societies, which are plainly contrary to the example of Christ and his apostles.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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Churches	Year Consolidated	County	Messengers	Baptized	Rec. by letter	Con. of faith	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total mem'ship	Sun. meetings	Money for minutes	Money for other purposes
Ash Branch		Bulloch	E. W. Parrish, W. H. Lanier	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	95	2	\$2.00	\$ 8.00
Anderson's	1847	Tattnall	P. P. Hodges, W. R. Sapp	1	1	0	0	0	3	6	123	3	5.00	19.00
Bethlehem	1804	Tattnall	B. J. Woodcock, J. L. Rogers	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	32	4	1.25	5.60
Beard's Creek	1841	Bulloch	J. G. Brannen, S. J. Riggs	32	0	2	0	0	0	7	121	3	4.00	21.75
Battle Creek	1812	Tattnall	Eld. V. Y. Spivey, J. E. Jones	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	19	1	.50	5.00
Bethel	1883	Long	Eld. A. R. Strickland, R. L. Bacon	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	41	2	1.25	5.75
Canoochee	1919	Evans	Eld. D. L. Caloway, J. A. Sikes	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	2.00	5.25
DeLoach		Bulloch	W. M. Beasley, R. F. Burnsed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	63	2	3.00	11.50
Ephesus		Bulloch	C. D. Rushing, M. J. Anderson	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	3	2.00	8.00
Emaus		Evans	Eld. H. B. Wilkinson, W. F. Anderson	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	21	1	1.00	5.50
Mt. Carmel	1884	Bulloch	S. A. Simms, D. T. Beasley	2	0	0	8	1	0	2	47	3	1.50	5.00
Inman's Creek		Tattnall	F. M. Durden, W. W. Anderson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2	1.00	3.50
Little Flock	1893	Tattnall	I. D. Lynn, L. A. Lynn	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	68	4	2.00	4.00
Lower Mill Creek	1827	Bulloch	W. B. Lee, W. D. Lanier	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	44	1	2.00	6.00
Lower Lotts Creek	1801	Bulloch	J. S. Nesmith, H. J. Akins	6	0	0	0	1	0	7	123	4	5.00	35.00
Lower Black Creek	1839	Bryan	W. W. Futch, Eld. R. C. Banks	3	6	0	1	0	1	4	70	4	2.00	7.50
Lyons		Toombs	J. W. Lewis, J. N. Glisson	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	25		1.00	4.25
Upper Mill Creek		Bulloch	M. E. Cannon, B. J. Akins	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	27		1.50	7.45
Red Hill	1902	Bulloch	C. C. DeLoach, W. C. Iler	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	64	1	3.00	7.00

Beard's Creek
Bethlehem

