



MINUTES

Of The Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Lott's Creek Primitive
Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH

The Church at Ephesus,
BULLOCH COUNTY, GA,

October 18-19-20th, 1910.

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Minutes of the 6th annual session of the Lotts Creek Primitive Baptist Association, convened with the church at Ephesus, Bulloch County, Ga., Oct. the 18-19 and 20th, 1910.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. W. T. Everritt, from the Harmony Association. Text, 9th Chapter and 12th, Verse of Hebrews.

2. The association was called to order by Elder H. Temple.

3. Singing followed with prayer by Deacon J. R. Calaway.

4. Called for petitionary letters, none.

5. Read letters and recorded messengers' names.

6. Appointed Elder H. Temple, Moderator, and E. B. Hughes, Clerk.

7. Appointed committees as follows: To arrange preaching during the meeting, Elds. H. B. Wilkerson, A. R. Strickland and M. L. Riner, with the delegates of this church. To arrange general meetings, G. R. Beasley, L. M. Lanier and Eld. D. L. Calaway. To receive contributions, M. M. Coleman, A. W. Odum and F. C. Dias to write corresponding letter, Elds. H. Temple, A. R. Strickland H. B. Wilkerson.

8. Called for Correspondence, then came Elds. W. W. Howell, J. A. Taylor and B. C. Lewis, E. J. Davison, T. W. Nobles, J. R. Sanders, H. F. Lamb and I. C. Stubbs, from the Ebenezer Association and Eld. H. W. Smith and C. E. DeLoach from the Prince Williams Association, Eld. John Donaldson and A. L. Branneh from the Alapaha Association, A. I. Warren from the upper Canoochee Association, which was received, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

9. Called for visiting Bretheren, when a welcome was given came Elds. W. J. Herd, J. A. Monsees, S. T. Bently and A. F. Jones from the Echeconnee Association and Eld. W. T. Everritt and B. D. Jones. From the Harmony Association, Elds. H. A. Sills and V. B. White from the Yellow River Association.

10. The committee to arrange preaching report as following Tuesday p. m., Elds. H. W. Smith, followed by Eld. H. A. Sells Wednesday a. m., Eld. J. A. Monsees, followed by Eld. B. C. Lewis Wednesday p. m., Eld. J. A. Taylor, followed by Eld. W. W. Howel Thursday, 10 o'clock. Eld. S. T. Bently followed by Eld. V. B. White Thursday p. m.,

Eld. W. J. Herd, followed by Eld. Lee Hanks and closed by the moderator.

11. The committee to arrange general meetings. Report as follows: Emmaus, October 1910. Lower Mill Creek, April 1911. Ash Branch, July 1911. Lyons, January 1911, all to commence Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

12. Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, met pursuant to adjournment. Singing, followed with prayer by Eld. W. T. Everitt.

13. Called the Role.

14. Appointed correspondence as follows: Alapaha association, Eld. E. L. Calaway and E. J. Kennedy; to the Ebenezer association, Eld. M. L. Riner, J. A. Bowen, M. M. Coleman, M. E. Cannon and N. J. Nessmith; to Flint River association, Eld. M. L. Riner; to Upper Canoochee association, Eld. A. R. Strickland, D. L. Calaway, N. J. Nessmith and H. Temple; to the Prince Williams association, Elds. J. A. Bowen, D. L. Calaway and F. M. Donaldson.

15. On motion agreed to change the time of holding this association from Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday to Friday before the fourth Sunday in October.

16. Appointed the next session of this body to convene with the church at Lower Black Creek, Bryan county, Ga., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1911, 3 miles north of Ellabelle, Ga., Seaboard by 4 miles South of Blichton, Ga., S. & S. Railway.

17. Committee appointed to receive contributions. Report, \$33.75.

18. Agreed to have 1000 copies of these minutes printed, the clerk to have them printed and distribute the same.

19. Agreed to adopt the corresponding letter of last session.

20. Resolved. We tender our heart-felt thanks to the Bretheren, sisters and kind friends of this community for their hospitality towards us during this meeting.

21. Motion for adjournment, minute read and received and the body adjourned.

ELD. H. TEMPLE, Moderator,
E. B. HUGHES, Clerk.

Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, according to previous arrangements, the brethren preached to a large and orderly congregation.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Lotts Creek Association to Sister Associations with Whom we Correspond:

We have been permitted to hold another session of our Association in peace and love. Our churches report all in peace and love. Our hearts were made glad in receiving the precious messages of the gospel of Christ, whom we trust we serve. We were rejoiced to meet your correspondents and visiting brethren from the different quarters of the earth. This makes us feel that the Lord's humble poor are one people, banding for the same things.

We invite all orderly Primitive Baptist to come to see us and behold our order, thereby building a greater and stronger tie of Christian fellowship. We earnestly beg all truth loving Primitive Baptist everywhere to turn from the disorders that now seem to threaten destruction to our cause, and help us, by God's grace, to praise the Lord in that spirit of simplicity and love that should exist among the Lord's people.

We continue our declaration against all new measures and solicitations for correspondents.

The next session of our body will meet with the church at Lower Black Creek, where we hope to meet many more of the Lord's people.

CHURCHES AND THEIR OFFICERS.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	P. O.
Red Hill.....	F. M. Donaldson..	W. C. P'ler.....	Pembroke
Ephesus.....	H. B. Wilkerson..	S. C. Banks.....	Register
Lower Mill Creek.....	N. J. Nessmith.....	G. R. Beasley.....	Statesboro
Upper Mill Creek.....	H. Temple.....	J. N. Akins.....	Statesboro
Beards Creek.....	F. M. Donaldson..	D. H. Purcell.....	Daisy
Columbia.....	J. E. Strickland.....	Ellabell
Lower Black Creek.....	M. L. Riner.....	J. M. Newmans.....	Brooklet
Emaus.....	H. B. Wilkerson..	I. T. Colson.....	Claxton
Ash Branch.....	M. L. Riner.....	A. S. Bacon.....	Pembroke
Lyons.....	B. C. Lewis.....	Lyons
Nevils Creek.....	N. J. Nessmith.....	T. B. Hendrix.....
Bethel.....	A. R. Strickland.....	W. H. Dasher.....	Daisy
DeLoaches.....	H. B. Wilkerson..	W. H. DeLoach.....	Claxton
Lower Lotts Creek.....	H. B. Wilkerson..	O. H. P. Lanier.....	Statesboro
Little Flock.....	D. L. Calaway.....	L. E. Lynn.....	Collins
Anderson's.....	A. R. Strickland.....	J. A. Sikes.....	Mannasses
Inman Creek.....	D. L. Calaway.....	I. F. Keel.....	Elza

ORDAINED MINISTERS

H. Temple,
A. R. Strickland,
H. B. Wilkerson,
N. J. Nessmith,
Jordan Gribbs,

M. L. Riner,
F. M. Donaldson,
D. L. Calaway,
J. A. Bowen,
M. M. Mattox.

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 forming this union object, for churches are free, and of right ought to be, to remain in such condition as they severally feel most acceptable with God our Saviour and our Lord Jesus Christ; therefore, seeing and feeling 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 one with 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 in peace with all Primitive Baptist everywhere who are walking in the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have received authority and freedom 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 the Association unless found sound in the 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 public speech, no reflection cast upon the speaker.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe the Old and New Testaments scriptures are the perfectly inspired word of God, and the only infallible standard 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 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 God the Father calls, the Son redeems, and the Holy Ghost regenerates the very same person.

9. 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 law 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 warn, 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, be 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 saints' feet and example to be engaged in by all 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 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 to 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.

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp. and Bap	Confession of Faith	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contributions
Lower Mill Creek	Bulloch	G. R. Beasley, J. A. Lacitor	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	4	\$1 50
Lower Black Creek	Bryan	J. M. Newmons, E. J. Burnsed	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	40	4	2 00
Lower Lotts Creek	Bulloch	Jas. Rigs, J. D. Rimes	7	1	0	0	1	0	1	93	4	3 50
Nevils Creek	Bulloch	W. J. Blackburn, T. B. Hendrix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	3	1 00
Inmans Creek	Tooms	I. F. Keel, F. M. Durden	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	2	1 00
DeLoaches	Bulloch	M. J. Green, Wm. Beasley	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	84	2	4 00
Bethel	Liberty	A. R. Strickland, W. H. Dasher	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	39	2	1 25
Beards Creek	Tattnall	F. C. Dias, D. H. Purcell	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	1	1 25
Columbia	Bryan	T. M. Banks, J. E. Strickland	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	1 00
Upper Mill Creek	Bulloch	H. Temple, M. E. Cannon	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	45	1	2 00
Andersons	Tattnall	D. L. Calaway, M. L. Riner	4	1	5	0	0	1	0	97	3	2 75
Little Flock	Tattnall	A. W. Odum, J. A. Bowen	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	50	4	2 00
Lyons	Tooms	D. D. Collins, M. M. Coleman	2	0	0	0	8	2	1	24	3	1 50
Ephesus	Bulloch	S. C. Banks, S. E. Helmuth	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	20	3	2 50
Emaus	Bulloch	H. B. Wilkerson, I. T. Colson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	1 50
Red Hill	Bulloch	T. H. Waters, C. C. DeLoach	7	4	0	0	2	1	1	44	1	2 00
Ash Branch	Bulloch	L. M. Lanier, E. W. Parish	15	0	1	0	0	0	2	77	2	3 00





