

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF
THE LOWER CANOOCHEE
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



Convened with Lake Church
Candler County, Georgia
Oct. 7-8-9, 1919

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Of the Seventy-First Annual Session of the Lower Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association Convened with Lake Church, Candler County, Georgia, October 7th, 8th and 9th, 1919.

1. Song and prayer by Eld. S. H. Whatley.
2. Introductory sermon by Eld. S. H. Whatley.
3. The Association was called to order by the Moderator.
4. Called for letters from the churches which were handed in, read and statistics minuted.
5. On motion organized permanently by electing Eld. J. Walter Hendricks moderator and Joshua Everett clerk.
6. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.
7. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.
8. Appointed committees as follows: On preaching, M. F. Stubbs, B. F. Lee, H. V. Franklin, C. H. Warnock, C. M. Dotson; on finance, A. A. Turner, H. E. Dasher, J. L. Brown; to arrange general meetings, D. R. McElveen, N. M. Flake, A. J. Proctor.
9. Called for report of committee on preaching, who reported as follows: Tuesday morning, S. H. Whatley; afternoon, L. M. Ball, followed by T. J. Bazemore; Pulaski, at night, S. S. Kent, followed by W. M. Blackwell; Metter, at night, Dewey Todd, followed by T. E. Sikes; Wednesday morning, at church, J. S. Bailey, followed by A. V. Sims; afternoon, W. H. Crouse, followed by J. T. McArthur; Pulaski, at night, W. W. Riner; Metter, at night, J. M. Thomas; Thursday morning, at church, Jesse Johnson, followed by W. B. Screws and closed by the moderator.
10. On motion after song and benediction by W. B. Screws, took recess until Wednesday at 9 a. m.

WEDNESDAY—SECOND DAY

11. Met pursuant to adjournment. Song and prayer by L. M. Ball.
12. Call the roll.
13. On motion appointed next session of this body to convene with Middleground church, Bulloch county, Ga., near Statesboro, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1920.
14. The above motion was adopted.
15. Called for report of committee to arrange general meetings, who report as follows: First, Statesboro, November, 1919; second, Brooklet, February, 1920; third, Black Creek, May, 1920;

fourth, Lanes, August, 1920. All to convene on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

16. On motion passed, a resolution that in all cases involving a change in the constitution, a two-thirds vote will be required.

17. Correspondence having been suspended we cordially invite all orthodox Primitive Baptists to visit our annual sessions.

18. Call for report of committee on finance, who report as follows: For minutes, \$34.00; visiting ministers, sent in by the churches, \$139.50; by the congregation, \$65.05.

19. On motion report was adopted.

20. On motion agreed to have 500 copies of these minutes printed, the clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of same.

21. On motion the foregoing minutes were read and adopted.

22. On motion the association adjourned.

J. WALTER HENDRICKS, Moderator.

JOSHUA EVERETT, Clerk.

In behalf of the moderator, ministers and messengers composing this association, we with a heart full of love and gratitude wish to invoke the blessings of our kind Heavenly Father upon all the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality in so bountifully providing for the meeting which we appreciate very much.

CLERK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

M. F. STUBBS,	-----	Statesboro, Ga.
D. R. McELVEEN	-----	Stilson, Ga.
J. WALTER HENDRICKS,	-----	Sardis, Ga.
A. W. PATTERSON,	-----	Statesboro, Ga.
A. L. R. AVANT,	-----	Savannah, Ga.
J. L. SMITH,	-----	Stilson, Ga.

CHURCHES, THEIR OFFICERS AND POSTOFFICES.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Postoffices
Lake-----	M. F. Stubbs----	S. W. Warren----	Pulaski, Ga.
Middleground----	R. H. Kennedy----	L. F. Martin----	Statesboro, Ga.
Upper Black Creek	R. H. Kennedy----	M. J. McElveen----	Brooklet, Ga.
Upper Lotts Creek	J. W. Hendricks----	N. D. Hendricks----	Metter, Ga.
Metter-----	W. M. Blackwell----	Geo. Brown----	Metter, Ga.
Brooklet-----	R. H. Kennedy----	D. R. Lee-----	Brooklet, Ga.
Statesboro-----	S. H. Whetley----	Glenn Bland----	Statesboro, Ga.
Savannah-----	W. B. Screws----	E. W. Parrish----	Savannah, Ga.
Lanes-----	Jesse Johnson----	D. R. McElveen----	Stilson, Ga.
Fellowship-----	J. W. Hendricks----	S. H. Warnock----	Stilson, Ga.
Spring Grove-----	R. H. Kennedy----	C. W. Harvey----	Groveland, Ga.

CONSTITUTION

Whereas, the assembly of delegates at Limestone church, Washington county, Georgia, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1829, from the several churches, viz: New Hope, Hebron, Mill Creek, Limestone, Hines, Fox Bay, Canoochee, Lake, Upper Black Creek, Bethlehem, Little Briar Creek, Gumlog and Bethesda, having then and there agreed to become two bodies for convenience, called Upper and Lower Canoochee Associations.

And in the Lower Canoochee Association, composed of the several churches, viz: Nevils Creek, Mill Creek, Lower Lotts Creek, Lake, Fellowship, DeLoach's, Urper Black Creek, Ashe's Branch, Bethlehem, Anderson's, Fox Bay, Sunlight, Cedar Creek, Beard's Creek, Bethel, Lanes, Upper Mill Creek and Bay Branch, do agree to unite on the following principles:

1. This association shall meet annually to worship and praise God.
2. This association shall be composed of messengers, whose names shall be inserted in their letters.
3. It shall be the duty of the association to elect a moderator and clerk to keep a record of each minute.
4. This association will call for and admit into its body any church that is orderly and orthodox; also, if any church wishes to withdraw from her body she may do so at her discretion.
5. This association will 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 so declared in God's word.
6. This association will appoint a committee to arrange preaching during its session.
7. This association will appoint a committee to arrange general meetings according to the request of the churches.
8. This association will appoint a committee on finance.
9. This association will receive all visiting brethren who are orderly and orthodox Primitive Baptists, and manifest the same by moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.
10. In all cases involving a change in this constitution a two-thirds vote shall be required.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—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 scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.
6. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances, and the washing of the saints' feet is an example of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the only fit subjects of these ordinances, and believe the only true mode of baptism is immersion.
7. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.
8. We believe in a final judgment, in a future reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Churches	Counties	Names of Messengers	Meeting Days	Baptized	Received by Letter	Confession of faith	Recommended by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Present Membership	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministers
Brooklet-----	Bulloch----	L. A. Warnock, N. M. Flake-----	4 S. b.	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	61	\$ 5 00	\$ 15 00
Statesboro-----	Bulloch----	H. E. Dasher, Herschel Franklin-----	2 Sab.	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	155	5 00	20 00
Middleground-----	Bulloch----	D. M. Bunce, B. J. Fordham-----	1 Sab.	3	1	0	0	0	3	2	66	3 00	12 00
Fellowship-----	Bulloch----	C. H. Warnock, A. J. Proctor-----	2 Sab.	5	2	0	0	1	0	1	41	1 00	15 00
Savannah-----	Chatham----	M. L. Dixon, G. S. Cargill-----	3 Sab.	5	5	0	2	0	1	0	86	2 50	7 50
Metter-----	Candler----	J. L. Brown, M. N. Kirkland-----	3 Sab.	12	2	0	0	0	0	2	113	5 00	20 00
Lake-----	Candler----	M. F. Stubbs, Joshua Everett-----	1 Sab.	7	2	0	2	0	1	1	96	5 00	15 00
Upper Black Creek	Bulloch----	B. F. Lee, M. J. McElveen-----	3 Sab.	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	71	2 50	12 00
Upper Lotts Creek	Bulloch----	A. A. Turner, J. W. Hendricks-----	4 Sab.	3	0	0	3	1	1	2	69	3 00	15 00
Lanes-----	Bulloch----	D. R. McElveen, P. R. McElveen-----	1 Sab.	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	34	2 00	8 00
Sping Grove-----	Bryan-----	Not represented-----											
				39	18	0	19	2	9	8	792	\$34 00	\$139 50

