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**NINETY - SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE

**Echeconnee Association
of Primitive Baptists**

HELD WITH

**SALEM CHURCH
CRAWFORD COUNTY, GA.**

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 20TH AND 21ST, 1924

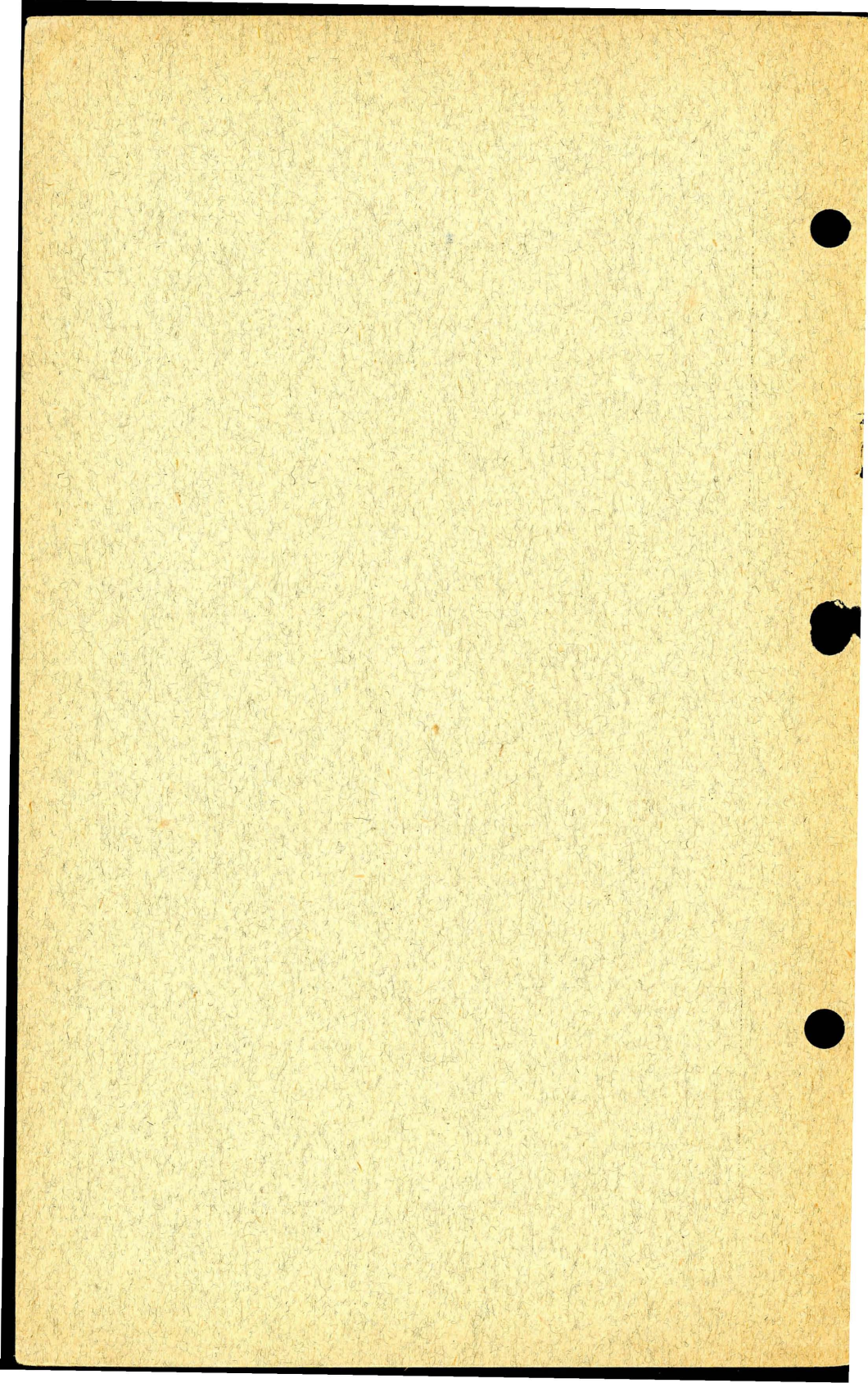
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SALEM CHURCH Crawford County, Ga.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19th, 1924

1st. Singing by the congregation and prayer by Eld. W. J. Green.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. H. B. Wilkinson. Text Hebron 9th Chapter, 15th verse.

2nd. Moderator called for letters from the churches of the association which were read by Elders J. A. Monsees, W. O. Meeks and J. R. Hunt and the names of the messengers were enrolled.

3rd. The Association was perfected by the election of Eld. D. Y. Hicks, Moderator, and J. S. McGee, Clerk.

4th. The usual committees were appointed as follows:

On Preaching: Brethren J. W. McGee, J. R. Sandefur, J. H. B. Butts, V. R. Hartley and H. L. McKenney.

To write Corresponding Letter: John Tabor.

On Finance and Distribution of Corresponding Minutes: Bros. F. W. Hammock, M. L. Hancock and A. W. Tabor.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons: Elders B. F. Williamson, T. J. Reynolds and J. R. Hunt.

5th. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

6th. Called for Correspondence from sister associations and received the following:

Upatoie—Brethren G. W. N. Watkins, T. M. Sizemore, J. T. Wadsworth, J. E. Byers, E. Mackey and H. E. Saylor.

Harmony—Elder J. A. Adams.

Marietta Old School—No tidings.

Primitive Ebenezer—Elders W. W. Howell, J. H. Chance and Bro. J. W. Braswell.

Original Upper Canoochee—No tidings.

Ocmulgee—Elder W. J. Green, Brethren C. W. Hudson and J. W. Newton.

Kehukee—No tidings.

Primitive Western—Elder B. C. Caldwell.

Lotts Creek—Elder H. B. Wilkinson.

7th. Called for Petitionary Correspondence from sister associations. None received.

8th. Upon motion the regular order of business was suspended and the following visiting brethren were received: Elds. W. T. White, Lytle Burns, J. T. Lord, J. M. Woodward, Henry Swain, P. J. Washburn and F. L. Fuller.

9th. After prayer by Elder B. C. Caldwell the association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20th, 1924

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was led in prayer by Elder Henry Swain.

1st. Returned correspondence to sister associations as follows:

Upatoie—To convene on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after 1st Sunday in Sept., 1925, with Mt. Pisgah Church, Marion County, Ga. Elder W. O. Meeks.

Harmony—To convene on Friday, Saturday and 2nd Sunday in October, 1924, with Chicasawhatchee. Send Minutes.

Marietta Old School—To convene Friday, Saturday and 1st Sunday in Oct., 1924, with Cross church. Send minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer—To convene Friday, Saturday and 1st Sunday in October, 1924, with Myrtle Spring church. Elder J. T. Reynolds.

Ocmulgee—To convene Friday, Saturday and 2nd Sunday in Sept., 1925, with Caney Creek church. Elder J. R. Hunt, Brethren B. M. Moore, R. E. Wright and D. C. Wallace.

Original Upper Canoochee—To convene Friday, Saturday and 1st Sunday in Oct., 1924, with Long Creek church, Emanuel county, Ga. Send minutes.

Kehukee N. C.—Send minutes.

Primitive Western—To convene Friday, Saturday and 1st Sunday in Oct., 1924, with Bethel church, Meriwether county, Ga. Elder D. Y. Hicks, Brethren J. H. B. Butts and W. A. Pasley.

Lotts Creek—To convene Friday, Saturday and 4th Sunday in Oct., 1924, with Ephesus church, 4 miles south of Register, Ga. Elders J. M. Monsees, B. F. Williamson, W. O. Meeks and J. H. Sanders.

2nd. Received from the churches for associational purposes \$106.15, and for minutes \$45.00.

3rd. Appointed the Union Meeting to convene with Mt. Carmel church, Crawford county, Ga., on Friday, Saturday and 5th Sunday in May, 1925.

4th. Appointed the next meeting of the association to convene with Emmaus church, 1 mile north of Thomaston, Ga., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after 3rd Sunday in September, 1925.

5th. The Clerk was ordered to have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

6th. The corresponding letter was read and adopted.

7th. The minutes were read, approved and adopted this September 20th, 1924.

8th. The Association by a rising vote gave thanks to brethren, sisters and friends of Salem church for the loyal and hospitable entertainment of the body.

ELDER D. Y. HICKS, Moderator, Roberta, Ga.

J. S. McGEE, Clerk, Roberta, Ga.

DECEASED DEACONS

Whereas, our beloved and highly esteemed brother, W. O. Boon united with the church at Beaver Creek on July 30th, 1909, and on August 5th, 1916, was ordained deacon and filled this office faithfully until his death.

Brother J. M. Willis united with the church at County Line when a young man and remained there 54 years. Also served as deacon about 42 years until death which was in June, 1924.

Resolved that we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly father, knowing that he doeth all things well and His dealings with us is right and just.

Elder B. F. Williamson,

“ T. J. Reynolds,

“ J. R. Hunt,

Committee.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Echeconnee Association in its 96th Annual Session held with the church at Salem, Crawford county, Ga., to her sister associations with whom she corresponds: Greeting:

Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Lord:—Through the tender mercies of our God, we are once more permitted to meet in an associational capacity. Our churches report peace, love and fellowship one with another for which we feel very thankful unto God. Our hearts have been made glad by the coming of your correspondents, preaching the gospel of God our saviour to

our comfort and consolation and to the honor and glory of His great name. The next session of our body convenes with Emmaus church, one mile north of Thomaston, Ga., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1925, and there we hope to meet you and correspond with you again.
Sept. 20th, 1924.

J. S. TABOR.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday a. m.—Introductory - - - - Elder H. B. Wilkinson
Friday p. m.—Elder W. W. Howell followed by Eld Lytle Burns
Saturday a. m.—Eld. Henry Swain followed by Eld J. A. Adams
Saturday p. m.—Eld. F. L. Fuller followed by Eld. W. J. Green
Sunday a. m.—Eld. W. T. White followed by Eld. P. J. Washburn
Sunday p. m.—Elder Lytle Burns

MINISTERS OF THE ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION

Elder W. J. Heard, Macon, Ga., Route 3.

“ T. J. Reynolds, Macon, Ga.

“ J. A. Monsees, Macon, Ga.

“ W. O. Meeks, Lorane, Ga., Route 1.

“ B. F. Williamson, Lizella, Ga.

“ D. Y. Hicks, Roberta, Ga.

“ J. R. Hunt, Kathleen, Ga.

“ W. Z. Gardner, Griffin, Ga., Route B.

“ J. H. Sanders, Macon, Ga.

LICENTIATE

C. M. Green, Macon, Ga., R. F. D.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder H. B. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga.

“ Henry Swain, Statesborough, Ga.

“ Lytle Burns, Florence, Ala.

“ W. T. White, Ethelville, Ala.

- " W. J. Green, Gray, Ga.
- " F. L. Fuller, Hogansville, Ga.
- " J. H. Chance, Danville, Ga.
- " W. W. Howell, Danville, Ga.
- " P. J. Washburn, High Point, North Carolina
- " J. M. Woodward, Hawkinsville, Ga.
- " B. C. Caldwell, Harris, Ga., Box 63
- " J. A. Adams, Oglethorpe, Ga.
- " J. F. Lord, Atlanta, Ga.

DECORUM

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, producing letters from their churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.
2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, on confession of faith, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION, providing for themselves a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall serve them during the session; using the pastor of the church where they assemble or choosing one from the body as they please.
4. As one of the cardinal tenets of faith of the Primitive Baptists in that the Old and New Testaments are our only rule of faith and practice, and as the Bible recognizes no other religious disciplinary power but the Church, where God, in His wisdom, mercy, and in honor of His Son, placed it.
5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the union, they may petition by letter and delegates, and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.
6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association may require.
7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of the proceedings of the Association.

8. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

9. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

10. To correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

11. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

12. It is also agreed that nothing shall be so construed in the above as to interfere with the fellowship and communion of the churches or brethren of this union, or with those with whom we may correspond, directly or indirectly; and nothing shall be presented to this body, as a query, or question bearing on the same, but shall be considered by the churches, as we believe is directed by the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2nd. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5th. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

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

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

8th. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

9th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances and washing of the saint's feet an example of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the proper subjects. We believe immersion the only mode of Baptism.

10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.

12th. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Introductory Sermon will be delivered.
2. Call for and read letters from the churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Choose a Moderator and Clerk.
4. Appoint committees as follows:—On Preaching. To write Corresponding Letter. On Contributions and to distribute Corresponding Minutes. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for Correspondence from sister Associations.
7. Call for Petitionary Churches.

SECOND DAY

1. Call the Roll and read Decorum.
2. Call for further Correspondence from Sister Associations.
3. Renew the invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.
4. Return correspondence to Sister Associations.
5. Receive contributions and distribute Corresponding Minutes.
6. Appoint Union Meetings.
7. Appoint the next session of this body.
8. Agree on the number of minutes to have printed.
9. Call for Corresponding Letter.
10. Read minutes and adjourn.

