

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEEN ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
**Lotts Creek Primitive
Baptist Association**



CONVENED WITH
BEARD'S CREEK CHURCH
TATTNALL COUNTY, GA.
OCTOBER 26, 27, AND 28, 1917

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



MINUTES

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. E. Roberts of the Upatoie Association from Gen. 24 chapter 27 verse.
2. After 5 minutes intermission, the Association was called to order by Elder A. R. Strickland. Singing was followed by prayer by Elder J. A. Adams from the Harmony Association.
3. Read letters 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—Elders V. Y. Spivey, D. L. Calaway and brother E. W. Parrish, together with the delegates of this church.
To arrange general meetings—Elders H. B. Wilkerson, P. C. Banks and brother J. R. Caloway.
To receive contributions—Elders H. B. Wilkerson, D. L. Caloway, and brother W. H. Lanier.
To write corresponding letter—Brother J. R. Caloway.
7. Called for correspondence, then came Elder J. H. Rivers from the Prince Williams Association, of South Carolina; Elders Lee Hanks, A. I. Warren, P. H. Byrd, M. A. Rico and brethren H. J. Kite, M. A. Braddy, J. J. Coleman, and J. M. Wommack from the Upper Canoochee Association. Moved and seconded after reading the corresponding letter of the New Beulah Association that we open correspondence with them and received from that body Elder H. Hand. Moved and seconded to open correspondence with the Harmony Association of Georgia, also moved and seconded to open correspondence with the Upatoie Association of Georgia.
8. Called for visiting brethren. Then came Elder J. A. Adams from the Harmony Association; T. E. Roberts from the Upatoie; J. W. Bragg of the Flint River of Alabama; Elder J. N. Dunaway, Bethlehem, Tenn., brother J. M. Collins, from the Ebenezer of Ga., and Elder H. H. Goodman, of Hilabee Association of Alabama.
9. The committee appointed to arrange preaching reported as follows: Friday p. m.—Elder J. H. Rivers; Saturday a. m.—Elder P. H. Byrd, M. A. Rico, and closed by Elder H.

Hand; Saturday p. m.—J. W. Bragg followed by Elder Lee Hanks; Sunday a. m.—Elder J. A. Adams, H. H. Goodman, J. N. Dunaway and closed by the moderator.

10. The committee appointed to arrange general meetings reported as follows: Emaus, December 1917; Bethlehem, March 1918; DeLoaches, June 1918; Inman's Creek, September 1918, all to convene on Friday before the 5th Sunday in their respective months.

SATURDAY MORNING 8:30

11. Met pursuant to adjournment, singing followed with prayer by Elder H. Hand of the New Beulah Association.

12. Called the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence or visiting brethren, of which none came.

14. Appointed correspondence as follows:

To the Ebenezer, Elders M. L. Riner, D. L. Caloway and brethren W. F. Anderson, B. J. Woodcock, and M. M. Coleman.

To the Upper Canoochee, Elders H. B. Wilkerson, A. R. Strickland, D. L. Caloway, P. C. Banks, brethren M. Denmark and B. J. Woodcock.

To the Prince Williams, Elders D. L. Caloway, M. L. Riner, P. C. Banks and brother A. S. Bacon.

To the Flint River, Elders J. A. Bowen and M. L. Riner.

To the Harmony Association, Elders H. B. Wilkerson J. A. Bowen and M. L. Riner.

To the Upatoie, Elders H. B. Wilkerson, J. A. Bowen and D. L. Caloway.

To the New Beulah, Elder M. L. Riner.

15. Committee appointed to receive contributions reported as follows: for minutes \$32.60; for other purposes \$104.90.

16. Corresponding letter read and received.

17. The next session of this body will convene with the church at Lower Lott's Creek, Bulloch County, Ga., 2 miles east of Register, commencing on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1918.

18. Agreed to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed, the clerk to have them printed and distribute the same.

19. Moved and seconded to send the churches that did not report their regular amount of minutes.

20. Resolved: That we tender our thanks to the brothers, sisters, and friends for their hospitality during this meeting.

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

Sunday morning the brethren preached to a large and orderly congregation.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association.
To her sister associations, with whom she corresponds:

Dear Brethren:—We have been blessed through the goodness and mercy of a covenant keeping God to hold another session of our body in peace and harmony. All of our churches reported except three (3) and reported peace with considerable gatherings. Our hearts were made to rejoice in hearing the sweet messages of the Gospel borne to us by our correspondence and visiting brethren.

Dear brethren, we feel sad over the conditions of the war in our nations, but we feel equally as sad for Zion's children to be warring with one another. The scriptures teach us not to bite and devour each other. James 4th chapter, 1st verse says, "From whence comes wars and fighting among you? Come they not hence even of your lust that was in your member." Brethren, we are but few in number and need each other, why not love each other as Christ has taught us we should do? Christ gave his life for us and why not give our lives for each other and let each of us look at ourselves and see that we are at fault and that we are willing to suffer ourselves and let our brother go free and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Dear brethren, we want you to continue your friendly correspondence and visits among us.

The next session of our body will be held with the church at Lower Lott's Creek, Bulloch County, Ga., commencing Friday before the 4th Sunday in October 1918, 2 miles east of Register, Ga. where we hope to meet a goodly number of our brethren of like faith and order.

J. R. CALOWAY, Committee.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. A. Bowen, Collins, Ga.	A. R. Strickland, Daisy, Ga.
N. J. Neesmith, Statesboro, Ga.	V. B. White, Pembroke, Ga.
D. L. Caloway, Mannassas, Ga.	H. Temples, Statesboro, Ga.
H. B. Wilkerson, Claxton, Ga.	J. E. Strickland, Daisy, Ga.
Homer Sanders, Statesboro, Ga.	P. C. Banks, Ellabelle, Ga.
M. L. Riner, Claxton, Ga.	V. Y. Spivey, Claxton, Ga.
F. M. Donaldson, Statesboro, Ga.	J. S. Brannen, Stilson, Ga.

LICENTIATES

A. C. McCorkle, Register, Ga.	E. J. Burnsed, Ellabelle, Ga.
W. H. Anderson, Claxton, Ga.	S. A. Sims, Stilson, Ga.

VISITING MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Lee Hanks, Vidalia, Ga.	T. E. Roberts, Buena Vista, Ga.
A. I. Warren, Stillmore, Ga.	J. H. Rivers, Brunson, S. C.
J. N. Dunaway, Decherd, Tenn.	P. H. Byrd, Graymont, Ga.
H. Hand, Graham, Ga.	M. A. Rico, Vidalia, Ga.
J. A. Adams, Oglethorpe, Ga.	J. W. Bragg, New Market, Ala.
	H. H. Goodman, Ashland, Ala.

IN MEMORIAM

Elders J. H. Smith and M. M. Mattox, Faithful Primitive Baptist Ministers

Elder J. H. Smith, died February 22, 1910, and was buried in Ash Branch Cemetery, February 23, 1910. Age 70 years and 9 months.

Elder M. M. Mattox died September 6, 1913, and was buried in Beard's Creek Cemetery, September 8, 1913. Age 73 years and 8 months.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE
Ash Branch	V. B. White	A. S. Bacon ...	Pembroke, Ga.
Andersons	A. R. Strickland.	J. A. Sikes	Manassas, Ga.
Bethlehem	Henry Swain ..	S. J. Riggs	Statesboro, Ga.
Beard's Creek ..	A. R. Strickland.	D. H. Purcell ..	Daisy Ga.
Battle Creek ...	A. R. Strickland.	J. A. Branson ..	Reidsville, Ga.
Bethel	A. R. Strickland.	W. H. Dasher ..	Daisy, Ga. R 3.
Columbia	J. A. Bowen ..	H. D. Banks ...	Ellabelle, Ga.
DeLoaches	H. B. Wilkerson	Wm. H. DeLoach	Claxton, Ga. .
Ephesus ..	H. B. Wilkerson	D. C. Banks ...	Register, Ga. .
Emaus	H. B. Wilkerson	E. J. Mitchell ..	Claxton, Ga. ..
Inman's Creek ..	Lee Hanks	F. P. Shuman ..	Elza, Ga., R. 1
Lyons	W. E. Cribbs ..	Floyd Butler ...	Lyons, Ga. ...
Lower Mill Creek	D. L. Caloway ..	G. R. Beasley ..	Statesboro, Ga.
Lower Lott's Cr.	H. B. Wilkerson	H. J. Aikens ...	Register, Ga. ..
Lower Block Cr.	V. B. White	E. J. Burnsed ..	Ellabelle, Ga. .
Mt. Carmel	E. W. Powell ..	D. L. Lanier	Stilson, Ga. ...
Nevil's Creek ..	E. W. Powell ..	T. B. Hendrix ..	Blitch, Ga.
Little Flock	C. B. Spivey ..	L. E. Lynn ...	Collins, Ga. ..
Upper Mill Creek
Sanders Church.	J. H. Sanders..	L. E. Lindsey ..	Statesboro, Ga.
Red Hill	V. B. White	W. C. Iler	Pembroke, Ga.

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 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 the 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 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 on the speaker.

10. No person shall be interrupted in the time of a 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 of 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 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe the Old and New Testament scriptures are the 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 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 undecived, he transgressed the laws 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 warm, 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 saint's feet an example to be engaged in by all the 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 the 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 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.



