

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Lott's Creek
Primitive Baptist Association



Convened With
LOWER MILL CREEK CHURCH
Bulloch County, Ga.
October 26, 27 and 28th, 1920.

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

MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE LOTT'S CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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1.—The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Bullard of the Upatoie Association from 1st Cor. 4-2.

2.—After 45 minutes intermission, the Association was called to order by Eld. A. R. Strickland. Singing, and prayer by Eld. J. J. Turnipseed of the Conecuh Association of Alabama.

3.—Read letters and recorded names of messengers.

4.—Appointed Eld. A. R. Strickland, Moderator, and A. S. Bacon, Clerk.

5.—Called for petitionary letters, and none came.

6.—Appointed committees as follows:

To arrange preaching during this meeting—Eld. H. B. Wilkinson and Brethren J. A. Callaway and J. A. Sikes, together with the delegates of this church.

To arrange General Meetings—Eld. Henry Swain and Bro. J. A. Callaway.

To receive contributions—Elds. H. B. Wilkinson and D. L. Callaway and Bro. W. H. Lanier.

To write Corresponding Letter—Eld. Henry Swain and Brethren Linton Akins and J. S. Neesmith.

7.—Called for correspondence and received the following:

From Original Upper Canoochee—Eld. Lee Hanks.

From Upatoie — Elds. W. M. Bullard and T. D. Roberts.

From New Beulah—Elds. H. Hand and Banks Lewis.

From Ebenezer—Elds. H. Temples and J. A. Taylor.

From Prince Williams—Eld. R. D. Donohoe and Brethren M. E. Terry and W. D. Freeman.

From Harmony—Package of Minutes.

From Echeconnee—Eld. J. A. Monses.

From Ocmulgee—Eld. W. J. Green.

From Flint River—Elds D. M. Monnyham and Hugh Connell.

8.—Called for visiting brethren. Then came Eld M. L. Gilbert of the Mt. Enon Association of Florida; Eld. S. S. Pickett of the Pilgrim's Rest Association of Florida; Eld. A. P. Tucker of the Mt. Olive Association; Eld. W. J. Hull of the Choctawhatchee Association of Alabama; Eld. Reese Prather and Eld. Morgan Williams of the Primitive Western Association; Eld. W. E. Cribbs of the Ebenezer Association; Eld. J. J. Turnipseed, of the Conecuh Association of Alabama.

9.—The committee appointed to arrange preaching reported as follows:

Tuesday p. m., Eld. R. D. Donehoe, followed by Eld. H. Hand.

Wednesday a. m., Eld. W. J. Green, followed by Eld. J. J. Turnipseed, and closed by Eld. W. J. Hull.

Wednesday p. m., rain.

Thursday a. m., Eld. Reese Prather, Eld. T. D. Roberts Eld. S. S. Pickett, and closed by the Moderator.

10—Committee appointed to arrange General Meetings reported as follows:

Canoochee, January, 1921; Battle Creek, May, 1921; Bethlehem, July, 1921, all to commence on Friday before the 5th Sunday in their respective months.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING 8:30 O'CLOCK.

11.—Met pursuant to adjournment, singing, prayer by Eld. D. M. Monnyham of the Flint River Association.

12.—Called the roll.

13.—Called for further correspondence; none received.

14.—Appointed correspondence as follows:

To Ebenezer, to convene with Mt. Carmel church, Wilkinson county, 4 miles north of Ivey, Ga., on Friday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1921, Elds. Henry Swain W. F. Anderson and Bro. W. H. Lanier.

To Original Upper Canoochee, to convene with Canoochee church, 4 miles from Summit, Ga., on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1921, Elds. A. R. Stickland, H. B. Wilkinson and Henry Swain.

To Prince Williams, to convene with St. Paul church, 2 miles from Hampton, S. C., on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1921, Eld. D. L. Callaway and Brother W. W. Anderson.

To Flint River, to convene with Union church, 8 miles north of Iron City, Ga., on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1921, Elds. D. L. Callaway, W. F. Anderson, D. W. Denmark and Bro. E. W. Parrish.

To Harmony, to convene with _____ church on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1921, Elds. H. B. Wilkinson and E. J. Burnsed.

To Upatoie, to convene with Mt. Paron church, on Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in September, 1921, Elds. Henry Swain and H. B. Wilkinson.

To Echeconnee, to convene with Pleasant Hill church, 2 miles south-west of Welston, Ga., on Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in September, 1921, Elds. Henry Swain and H. B. Wilkinson.

To Ocmulgee, to convene with Ephesus church, 2 miles west of Juliette, Ga., on Southern Railway, Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1921, Elds. H. B. Wilkinson, Henry Swain, D. L. Callaway and Bro. I. C. Burroughs.

To New Beulah, to convene with Beulah church, Graham, Ga., on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1921, Elds. V. Y. Spivey, W. F. Anderson and Brethren J. N. Glisson and J. W. Barrow.

15.—It was moved and seconded that we open correspondence with the Cuivre Saloam Association of Missouri, and appointed Eld. Henry Swain as messenger, which convenes with Elk Horn church, one-half mile from Buell, Mo., on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1921.

16.—The committee appointed to receive contributions reported as follows: For minutes \$42.75; for other purposes \$156.90.

17.—Corresponding Letter read and received.

18.—It was moved, seconded and carried that hereafter this Association shall convene on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the 2nd Sunday in each year.

19.—The next session of this body will convene, the Lord willing, with Anderson's church, Tattnall county, Ga., 2 miles north of Manassas, Ga., on S. A. L. Ry., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1921.

20.—Agreed to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed, the Clerk to have printing done and distribute same.

21.—Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the brothers, sisters and friends for their hospitality during this meeting. Resolution adopted.

22.—Motion for adjournment. Minutes read and received.

Thursday morning the Brethren preached to a large and appreciative congregation.

ELDER A. R. STRICKLAND, Moderator,
A. S. BACON, Clerk.

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CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association, now in session with our sister church, Lower Mill Creek, to her sister associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth greetings:

It is through the goodness and mercy of the Giver of all good gifts that we have again held another session of our body in love, peace and sweet fellowship. Your ministers have brought to us messages of good cheer, which renews our hopes and revives our spirit. It is the same sweet story

of redeeming grace. Ever give us the sweet gospel of Jesus Christ, with no hobbies and men's notions injected into it. It, in its purity, will never divide and scatter God's people. Our next session will be held with the Anderson's church, Tattnall county, Ga., 2 miles north of Manassas, Ga., on the S. A. L. Ry., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1921, when and where we hope to meet again your correspondents laden with truth and grace. We love your association and sweet fellowship. Farewell in the Lord.

HENRY SWAIN, LINTON AKINS,
JOHN NEESMITH, Committee.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Elder 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. Mattox, 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.

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| J. A. Bowen, Collins, Ga. | D. L. Callaway, Manassas, Ga. |
| H. B. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga. | M. L. Riner, Collins, Ga. |
| A. C. McCorkle, Register, Ga. | Henry Swain, Graymont, Ga. |
| B. Woodcock, Jesup, Ga. | A. R. Strickland, Daisy, Ga. |
| V. B. White, Pembroke, Ga. | J. E. Strickland, Stilson, Ga. |
| P. C. Banks, Ellabelle, Ga. | V. Y. Spivey, Manassas, Ga. |
| J. S. Brannen, Stilson, Ga. | M. C. Jones, Statesboro, Ga. |

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LICENTIATES AND ADDRESSES.

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| C. A. Warnock, Register, Ga. | E. J. Burnsed, Claxton, Ga. |
| S. E. Sims, Stilson, Ga. | D. W. Denmark, Statesboro, Ga. |

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VISITING MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

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| H. Hand, Hazlehurst, Ga. | Hugh Connell, Quitman, Ga. |
| Banks Lewis, Hazlehurst, Ga. | H. Temples, Statesboro, Ga. |
| W. E. Cribbs, Helena, Ga. | J. A. Taylor, Danville, Ga. |

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| D. M. Monnyham, Whigham, Ga. | Lee Hanks, Atlanta, Ga. |
| T. D. Roberts, Beuna Vista, Ga. | S. S. Pickett, Ormond, Fla. |
| M. L. Gilbert, Dade City, Fla. | W. M. Bullard, Phoenix C., Ala. |
| R. D. Donehoe, Brunson, S. C. | J. A. Monses, Macon, Ga. |
| A. P. Tucker, Moultrie, Ga. | W. J. Hull, Ashland, Ala. |
| Reese Prather, LaGrange, Ga. | J. J. Turnipseed, Montg'y, Ala. |
| W. J. Green, Bradley, Ga. | Morgan Williams, _____ |

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CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POSTOFFICES.

| CHURCHES | PASTORS | CLERKS & ADDRESSES |
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| Ash Branch..... | V. B. White..... | A. S. Bacon, Pembroke, Ga..... |
| Anderson..... | A. R. Strickland | P. P. Hodges, Manassas, Ga... |
| Bethlehem..... | Henry Swain.... | S. J. Riggs, Statesboro, Ga..... |
| Beard's Creek... | A. R. Strickland | D. H. Purcell, Daisy, Ga..... |
| Battle Creek..... | V. Y. Spivey.... | J. A. Brunson, Reidsville, Ga.. |
| Bethel..... | A. R. Strickland | W. H. Dasher, Daisy, Ga..... |
| | V. Y. Spivey.... | ..... |
| Columbia..... | ..... | ..... |
| DeLoach's..... | H. B. Wilkinson. | W. B. DeLoach, Claxton, Ga.. |
| | J. E. Strickland. | ..... |
| Ephesus..... | V. Y. Spivey.... | C. D. Rushing, Register, Ga... |
| Emmaus..... | W. F. Anderson | ..... |
| Inman's Creek... | J. A. Bowen.... | L. B. Edenfield, Rt. A. Lyons, Ga. |
| Little Flock..... | C. B. Spivey.... | L. E. Lynn, Collins, Ga..... |
| Lyons..... | W. R. Wilkinson | W. G. Fowler, Lyons, Ga..... |
| Lower Mill Ck.... | A. C. McCorkle. | E. N. Waters, Statesboro, Ga... |
| Low. Lott's Ck.. | H. B. Wilkinson | H. J. Akins, Statesboro, Ga... |
| Low. Black Ck.... | D. L. Callaway.. | E. H. Burnsed, Ellabelle, Ga... |
| Mt. Carmel..... | J. A. Bowen.... | J. E. Sims, Stilson, Ga..... |
| Upper Mill Ck.... | ..... | ..... |
| Red Hill..... | V. B. White.... | W. C. Iler, Pembroke, Ga..... |
| Canoochee..... | D. L. Callaway. | W. F. DeLoach, Manassas, Ga.. |

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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 church 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:

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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 upon 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 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 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.

9.—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 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 and 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.

| CHURCHES | Year Constituted | County | MESSENGERS | Baptized | Rec'd by Letter | Confes. of Faith | Restored | Dism. by Letter | Excluded | Deaths | Total Mem'ship | Sunday Meet. | Money for Minutes | Money for Other Purposes |
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| Ash Branch..... | | Bulloch.. | E. W. Parrish, W. H. Lanier..... | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 103 | 2 | \$4.00 | \$9.55 |
| Anderson..... | 1847 | Tattnall.. | J. R. Callaway, I. C. Burroughs... | 11 | 1 | | | 4 | | 2 | 129 | 3 | 4.00 | 11.00 |
| Beard's Creek... | 1804 | Tattnall.. | J. L. Rogers, A. W. Kicklighter... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | 33 | 4 | 1.50 | 5.00 |
| Bethlehem..... | 1841 | Bulloch.. | Henry Swain, Linton Akins..... | 8 | 4 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 7 | 95 | 3 | 5.00 | 20.00 |
| Battle Creek..... | 1812 | Tattnall.. | V. Y. Spivey, J. E. Jones..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 | 1 | .50 | 4.50 | |
| Bethel..... | 1883 | Liberty... | A. R. Strickland, L. G. Dasher... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 2 | 39 | 2 | 1.75 | 5.00 |
| Columbia..... | 1880 | Bryan.... | No Report..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| DeLoach's..... | ..... | Bulloch.. | P. A. Hagan, W. M. Beasley..... | 1 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 64 | 2 | 3.00 | 11.00 |
| Ephesus..... | ..... | Evans.... | S. C. Banks, G. A. Jones..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 30 | 3 | 2.00 | 3.50 |
| Emmaus..... | ..... | Evans.... | H. B. Wilkinson, W. F. Anderson.. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18 | 1 | 1.00 | 7.00 |
| Mt. Carmel..... | 1844 | Bulloch.. | S. J. Richardson, J. S. Brannen... | 7 | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | 1 | 44 | 3 | 1.50 | 8.50 |
| Inman's Creek... | ..... | Tattnall.. | W. W. Anderson, L. B. Edenfield.. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 25 | 2 | 2.00 | 3.50 |
| Little Flock..... | 1893 | Tattnall.. | L. A. Lynn, M. E. Lynn..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 67 | 4 | 2.00 | 6.00 |
| Lower Mill Ck.... | 1827 | Bulloch.. | E. N. Waters, W. E. Lee..... | 5 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 34 | 1 | ..... | ..... |
| Low. Lott's Ck.. | 1804 | Bulloch.. | J. S. Nesmith, D. A. Brannen..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 134 | 4 | 3.50 | 41.80 |
| Low. Black Ck... | 1839 | Bryan.... | W. W. Futch, H. C. Burnsed..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | 1 | 2 | ..... | 1 | 68 | 4 | 2.00 | 4.05 |
| Lyons..... | ..... | Toombs.. | J. N. Glisson, J. C. O'Neal..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 27 | 1 | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| Upper Mill Ck.... | ..... | Bulloch.. | No Report..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Red Hill..... | 1902 | Bulloch.. | C. C. DeLoach, E. A. Denmark... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 3 | 1 | ..... | 64 | 1 | 3.00 | 7.00 |
| Canoochee..... | 1919 | Evans.... | J. A. Sikes, Daniel Sikes..... | 4 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 | 2 | 2.00 | 4.00 |



