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# MINUTES

of THE SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION of

## The Lower Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association



Convened with Metter Church  
Candler County, Georgia  
Oct. 5-6-7, 1917



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**Of the Sixty-Ninth Annual Session of the Lower Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association, Convened with Metter Church, Candler County, Georgia, October 5, 6, and 7, 1917.**

1. Song and prayer by Eld. B. H. Pierson.
2. Introductory Sermon by Eld. W. B. Screws.
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, J. T. Kingery, C. H. Warnock, E. J. Bird and W. L. Jones; on finance, L. A. Warnock, M. L. Dixon and S. L. Olliff; to arrange general meetings, Jason Franklin, Charles Akins and B. F. Lee.
9. Called for report of committee on preaching, who report as follows: Friday p. m., W. A. Lamb, followed by T. J. Bazemore; at night, 7 o'clock, W. J. Brown, followed by J. T. McArthur; Saturday a. m. at 11 o'clock, R. H. Barwick, at church; at school auditorium, R. H. Jennings; one and one-half hours intermission; Saturday p. m., T. E. Sikes, at church, and B. H. Pierson at school auditorium; Saturday night, W. M. Blackwell; Sunday, 11 o'clock, J. M. Thomas, at church, and S. B. Culpepper at school auditorium; intermission, one and one-half hours; Sunday p. m., J. J. Kirkland, at church, followed by Jesse Johnson; Sunday night at 7 o'clock, at church, S. B. Culpepper.
10. By unanimous vote, the Association expresses its love and appreciation of Eld. A. W. Patterson and their sympathy for him in his affliction and their earnest prayer that God may abundantly bless him in his declining years. A collection of \$38.10 was taken up for him and sent to him by the hands of W. H. Crouse.
11. On motion, after song and benediction by Eld. T. E. Sikes, took recess until Saturday, 9 o'clock a. m.

### SATURDAY—SECOND DAY

12. Met pursuant to adjournment. Song and prayer by Eld. D. R. McElveen.
13. Called the roll.
14. On motion, appointed next session of this body to convene with Brooklet church, Bulloch county, Georgia, on the Savannah and Statesboro Railroad, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1918.
15. The above motion was adopted.

16. Called for report of committee to arrange general meetings, who reported as follows: First, Upper Black Creek, in March; second, Upper Lotts Creek, in June; third, Lake church, in September; all to convene on Friday before the Fifth Sunday in their respective months.

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

18. Called for report of committee on finances, who reported as follows: For minutes, \$16.50; visiting ministers sent in by the churches, \$87.95; by the congregation, \$112.05.

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, after singing and prayer by R. H. Jennings.

J. WALTER HENDRICKS, Moderator.

JOSHUA EVERETT, Clerk.

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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.

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#### ORDER OF PREACHING

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Friday a. m., Eld. W. B. Screws; Friday p. m., Eld. W. A. Lamb, T. J. Bazemore, W. J. Brown and J. T. McArthur; Saturday a. m., R. H. Barwick and R. H. Jennings; Saturday p. m., T. E. Sikes, B. H. Pierson and W. M. Blackwell; Sunday a. m., J. M. Thomas, S. B. Culpepper and Jesse Johnson; Sunday p. m., J. J. Kirkland and S. B. Culpepper.

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#### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

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| M. F. Stubbs .....        | Statesboro, Ga. |
| D. R. McElveen .....      | Arcola, Ga.     |
| J. Walter Hendricks ..... | Sardis, Ga.     |
| A. W. Patterson .....     | Statesboro, Ga. |
| A. L. R. Avant .....      | Savannah, Ga.   |
| J. L. Smith .....         | Stilson, Ga.    |

## LICENTIATES

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| M. L. Oxford .....  | Statesboro, Ga. |
| C. A. Warnock ..... | Register, Ga.   |

## CHURCHES, THEIR OFFICERS AND POSTOFFICES

| Churches          | Pastors             | Clerks             | Postoffices    |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Statesboro.....   | W. H. Crouse.....   | Glenn Bland.....   | Statesboro, Ga |
| Middleground..... | R. H. Kennedy.....  | J. B. Parrish..... | Statesboro, Ga |
| Fellowship.....   | J. Walter Hendricks | C. H. Warnock..... | Stilson, Ga.   |
| Lanes.....        | Jesse Johnson.....  | C. C. Newman.....  | Stilson, Ga.   |
| Upper Black Creek | R. H. Kennedy.....  | G. P. Richardson.. | Brooklet, Ga.  |
| Upper Lotts Creek | J. Walter Hendricks | N. D. Hendricks..  | Metter, Ga.    |
| Spring Grove..... | R. H. Kennedy.....  | C. W. Harvey.....  | Groveland, Ga. |
| Lake.....         | M. F. Stubbs.....   | S. W. Warren.....  | Pulaski, Ga.   |
| Savannah.....     | W. B. Screws.....   | Elliott W. Parrish | Savannah, Ga.  |
| Metter.....       | W. H. Crouse.....   | Geo. W. Brown....  | Metter, Ga.    |
| Brooklet.....     | R. H. Kennedy.....  | L. A. Warnock..... | Brooklet, 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, Upper Black Creek, Ashe's Branch, Bethlehem, Andersons, Fox Bay, Sunlight, Cedar Creek, Beards 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 this 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.

## 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 STATISTIC

| Churches              | Counties     | Names of Messengers                 | Meeting Days | Baptized | Received by Letter | Confession of Faith | Recom'd by Letter | Restored | Excluded | Dead | Present Membership | Money for Minutes | Money for Ministers |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Brooklet.....         | Bulloch..... | L. A. Warnock.....                  | 2 Sab.       | 5        | 0                  | 0                   | 0                 | 0        | 0        | 0    | 58                 | \$ 2 50           | \$ 5 00             |
| Statesboro.....       | Bulloch..... | Jason Franklin, S. F. Olliff.....   | 2 Sab.       | 5        | 2                  | 2                   | 2                 | 0        | 2        | 2    | 168                | 2 50              | 15 00               |
| Middleground.....     | Bulloch..... | J. B. Rushing, Charles Akins.....   | 1 Sab.       | 5        | 0                  | 0                   | 1                 | 0        | 0        | 0    | 75                 | 1 50              | 5 00                |
| Fellowship.....       | Bulloch..... | H. F. Warnock, E. H. Warnock.....   | 2 Sab.       | 4        | 1                  | 0                   | 2                 | 0        | 0        | 0    | 30                 | 50                | 10 00               |
| Savannah.....         | Chatham..... | M. L. Dixon.....                    | 3 Sab.       | 5        | 4                  | 0                   | 1                 | 1        | 1        | 2    | 78                 | 1 00              | 4 00                |
| Metter.....           | Candler..... | E. J. Bird, W. L. Jones.....        | 3 Sab.       | 7        | 1                  | 0                   | 2                 | 0        | 0        | 1    | 85                 | 2 00              | 15 00               |
| Lake.....             | Candler..... | M. F. Stubbs, C. M. Dodson.....     | 1 Sab.       | 0        | 4                  | 0                   | 0                 | 0        | 2        | 0    | 84                 | 2 50              | 10 95               |
| Upper Black Creek...  | Bulloch..... | J. W. Denmark, B. F. Lee.....       | 3 Sab.       | 11       | 0                  | 0                   | 1                 | 0        | 1        | 4    | 68                 | 1 50              | 10 00               |
| Upper Lotts Creek.... | Bulloch..... | J. W. Hendricks, J. T. Kingery..... | 4 Sab.       | 5        | 5                  | 0                   | 0                 | 0        | 0        | 1    | 72                 | 2 00              | 10 00               |
| Lanes.....            | Bulloch..... | J. L. Smith, P. R. McElveen.....    | 1 Sab.       | 1        | 0                  | 0                   | 0                 | 1        | 0        | 1    | 22                 | 50                | 3 00                |
| Spring Grove.....     | Bryan.....   | Not represented.....                |              |          |                    |                     |                   |          |          |      |                    |                   |                     |
|                       |              |                                     |              | 48       | 17                 | 2                   | 9                 | 2        | 6        | 11   | 740                | \$16 50           | \$87 95             |

