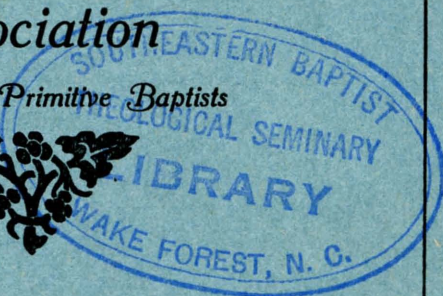


Eighty-Sixth Annual Session of the
Original Upper Canoochee
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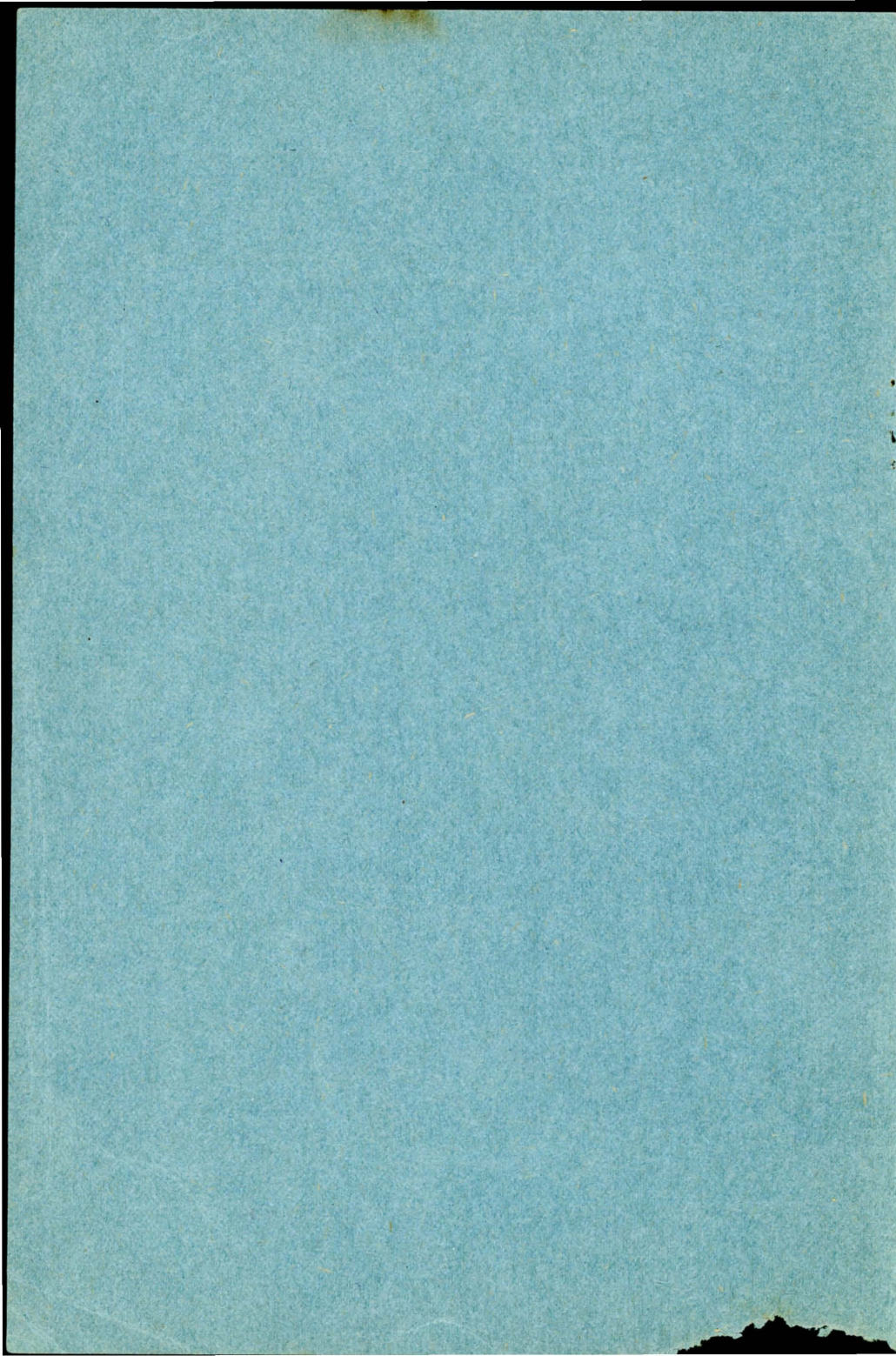
Of Regular Primitive Baptists



Held with the Church at

Stillmore, Emanuel County, Georgia

October 1, 2, 3, 1915



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Original Upper Canoochee Association

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY

The Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association convened in its eighty-sixth annual session with the church at Stillmore, Emanuel County, Ga., October 1, 2, 3, 1915.

1. Prayer by Elder J. A. Taylor, of the Ebenezer Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. A. Taylor, of the Ebenezer Association; text, St. John i. 29, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

2. After one hour intermission, the messengers from the several churches assembled in the house.

Prayer by Elder Noah Nesmith, of the Lotts Creek Association.

3. Called for and read letters from fourteen churches.

4. Organized the body by electing Elder Lee Hanks moderator, and Elder J. B. Wilson clerk.

5. Invited ministers and visiting members of our faith and order to seats with us.

6. On motion, read the Decorum.

7. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

8. Appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching—J. R. Hill, M. A. Braddy and Jas. Wilson, with the messengers of Stillmore Church.

To Arrange General Meetings—D. W. Johnson, J. R. Hill and J. M. Patrick.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—Richard Donaldson, A. L. Cowart and B. R. Durden.

To Write Corresponding Letter—J. B. Johnson, and Elders J. B. Wilson and Lee Hanks.

On Finance—J. M. Anderson, J. W. Durden and B. R. Durden.

9. Called for correspondence, and received the following:

From Lotts Creek Association—Elders H. Temples, Noah Nesmith and V. Y. Spivy, and Brother M. M. Coleman.

From Primitive Ebenezer—Elder J. A. Taylor, and Brethren E. J. Davidson and J. H. Howell.

Primitive Echeconnee—Not represented.

Prince Williams Association—Elder W. A. Simmons, and Brother B. W. Thomas.

Upatoi—Not represented.

Mt. Olive—Not represented.

10. On motion, adjourned until Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY

11. The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Henry Swain, of the body.

12. Called the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence, and received from the Lotts Creek Association, Elder D. L. Calloway, Licentiate A. C. McCorkle, and Brethren Dan Brannen and W. H. Lanier.

14. Appointed correspondents as follows:

To Lotts Creek Association—Which convenes with Deloache's Church, near Daisy, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1915, J. R. Hill, A. I. Warren, J. M. Patrick and D. W. Johnson.

To the Ebenezer Association—Which convenes with Mt. Olive Church, Wilkerson County, Ga., ten miles from Allenton on the M. D. & S. Railroad, Elders A. I. Warren, Lee Hanks and E. W. Powell.

To the Echeconnee Association—Which convenes with Sardis Church, Tuesday after the third Sunday in September, 1916, Elders Henry Swain, E. W. Powell and J. B. Wilson.

To the Mt. Olive Association—We agree to appoint correspondents at our next session.

To the Prince Williams Association—Which convenes with St. Paul Church, two miles northeast of Hampton Court House, on the C. & W. C. Railroad, Elders Henry Swain and A. I. Warren.

Upatoi Association—Which convenes at Howard on the Central Railroad, Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1916, Elders Henry Swain, Lee Hanks and J. B. Wilson.

15. Called for report of Committee to Arrange General Meetings, which reported as follows:

First—Hebron, in April.

Second—Vidalia, in July.

Each to begin on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

16. On motion, appointed our next Association to convene with Oak Chapel Church, in Montgomery County, two miles from Ora Anna, on the Wadley-Southern, five miles from Adrian on the B. & P., and six miles from Soperton on the M. D. & S.

17. We recommend the printing and distribution of 1000 copies of these minutes; the Clerk to superintend the same, and have \$10.00 for his services.

18. Called for and adopted the circular letter.

19. Called for contributions, and received for minutes \$25.50, and for visiting ministers \$22.05.

20. Called for report of Committee to Examine Corresponding Minutes, which reported nothing claiming our attention at present.

21. Called for miscellaneous business.

By motion, agreed to continue the committee to copy the record of this Association; also add to said committee H. V. and J. M. Anderson; thereby the committee to consist of Elders J. B. Wilson, S. M. Anderson and H. V. Hill, and Brethren J. W. Lamb and J. M. Anderson.

By motion, appointed Elders H. V. Hill, E. W. Powell and J. M. Patrick to write an appropriate obituary of Elder Z. Cowart.

22. On motion, adjourned for preaching, and closed until our regular time in course.

Prayer by Elder D. L. Calloway, of the Lotts Creek Association.

Resolved, That the heart-felt thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their generous hospitality during this meeting, and praying God's richest blessings to rest on them all.

ELDER LEE HANKS, Moderator.

ELDER J. B. WILSON, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning—Introductory, Elder J. A. Taylor.

Friday Afternoon—Elder W. A. Simmons, followed by Elder V. Y. Spivey.

Saturday Morning—Elder Noah Nesmith, followed by Elder H. Temples.

Saturday Afternoon—Brother A. C. McCorkel, a licentiate, followed by Elder D. L. Calloway.

Sunday—Elder J. A. Bowen, followed by Elder J. A. Taylor, closed by the Moderator.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. A. Taylor, Ebenezer Association.

Elder W. A. Simpson, Prince Williams Association, Brunson, S. C.

Elder V. Y. Spivey, Lotts Creek Association.

Elder Noah Nesmith, Lotts Creek Association.

Elder H. Temples, Lotts Creek Association, Statesboro, Ga.

A. C. McCorkel, licentiate, Lotts Creek Association.

Elder D. L. Calloway, Lotts Creek Association.

Elder J. A. Bowen, Lotts Creek Association, Collins, Ga.

DEATH OF ELDER Z. COWART

We, the committee, beg leave to make the following report:

Since our last session death has claimed our much beloved Brother and Elder Z. Cowart who was born in Emanuel County, October 26, 1843. When in the bloom of life he enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861, in the Fifth Georgia Cavalry, serving there until the close of the war; and returning home united with the church at Old Canoochee in 1873, and was baptized by Elder D. J. Lamb. He was ordained in 1903, and served as a faithful minister until his death, which occurred June 11, 1915. We are pained to say we miss his sage and faithful counsel. He was ever a man of exalted character, a lover of good morals; and all of his energies were bent toward the uplifting of the standard of morality in his home and in his country. He was a sound sage Bible Baptist minister who kept well abreast of the times in which he lived. For these reasons we miss him; but while we mourn his loss to us, we rejoice in his behalf. His labor is ended, his work is done, and he is gone where we must all soon follow, to his heavenly reward. We extend sympathy to the aged and bereaved widow. May God comfort and sustain her in her last days, and by the grace of God may she be prepared for the change when it shall come. And may the children whose loss is so great bow to the will of heaven in all things, and may they ever remember to follow the godly example set for them by their sainted father. Finally, with a steadfast faith, may we all pass onward from duty to duty till the warfare is ended.

ELDER H. V. HILL,
ELDER E. W. POWELL,
BROTHER J. M. PATRICK,

CIRCULAR LETTER

The Original Upper Canoochee Association, to the sister associations with whom she corresponds, greeting:

Dear Brethren in the Lord—Through the tender providence of our heavenly Father, we the pensioners of His all-abounding grace have been blessed to hold another Association in the order of love and care for each other, as brethren in the Lord, and we trust in thankfulness to our great Giver of good gifts.

Your ministers have come to us in the meek and humble spirit that we feel should characterize the Lord's servants, and delivered unto us the gospel as God was pleased to grant them liberty, and our poor hearts rejoiced as they preached of the oneness of God's house, and the equality that should abound in love, esteem and respect for each other. May we continue in this order, dear brethren; let us remember to be servants one of another, and especially may our ministers continue as servants of the most high God, and thus prove themselves servants of the brethren; for we have but one Ruler in the camps of Israel, and He humbled Himself to wash the feet of His brethren, giving us an example of our attitude before each other. Let us stand upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone, earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and strive for the things which make for peace, remembering that we may destroy ourselves, but the church of God will live on; for the church can do without us, but we can not afford to do without the sweet fellowship and association of the church, and we desire a continuation of your lovely correspondence.

Our next session will convene with the church at Oak Chapel, near Soperton, Ga., on the M. D. & S. Railroad, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1916.

J. B. JOHNSON,
ELDER J. B. WILSON,
ELDER LEE HANKS,

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder S. M. Anderson, Summit, Ga.
Elder H. V. Hill, Summit, Ga.
Elder J. B. Wilson, Summit, Ga.
Elder W. A. Beasley, Collins, Ga.
Elder Lee Hanks, Vidalia, Ga.
Elder H. Lee Kight, Ohoopce, Ga.
Elder C. B. Spivey, Metter, Ga.
Elder J. J. Kersey, Adrian, Ga.
Elder E. W. Powell, Statesboro, Ga.
Elder A. I. Warren, Stillmore, Ga.
Elder W. E. Cribb, Lyons, Ga.

LICENTIATES

Licentiate M. H. Lamb, McLeod, Ga.
Licentiate Lewis Meeks, Adrian, Ga.
Licentiate Isaac B. Wilson, Garfield, Ga.

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 sacraments of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saints' feet an example, and that no man has a right to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.
7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.
8. We believe in a final judgment, in future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

DECORUM

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our body shall compose the Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship with those received, excommunicated or dead since our last Association.
3. This Union shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, and who shall hold their office until the next election.
4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions. He may have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair is filled, but shall not vote, except the body be equally divided.
5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the Association, and the minutes then shall be read and amended if necessary, and signed by the Clerk and Moderator.
6. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admission who, upon examination, is found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to its delegation.
7. Each church shall have a right to send two delegates to this Association, and no more.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the action of the Association, unless withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the Association.
9. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.
10. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
11. There shall be no whispering or talking in time of public speaking nor reflection cast upon the speaker.
12. Whenever a case decided by vote, there shall be no debating on the subject.
13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
14. It is and has been the sense of the churches composing the Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association not to hold in fellowship any church member or minister who holds the following: Boards, conventions, missionary societies, Sunday schools, Theological schools, Epworth leagues, instrumental music in worship of God, a salaried ministry, or assessing or taxing the members, Freemasonry, Odd Fellows, or other secret orders or religious societies that do now exist or may hereafter exist, founded upon the wisdom of men, together with any of the modern attempts to reform the church of God.
15. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches; to give her best advice in matters of difficulty, and if the union between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use her endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches that may be unsound in faith or immoral in practice, until they be reclaimed.
16. To invite ministers and brethren of our faith to seats with us.
17. These rules shall be read at every meeting of this Association, previous to entering on business.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association

1. This Association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.
2. This Association shall be composed of messengers, from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers, if they choose and no more, and the messengers' names shall be inserted in their letters.
3. This Association shall have power to 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 of right ought to be.
4. It shall be the duty of this Association to give her best advice in case of difficulty, and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.

5. This Association shall admit into its body any church whom they find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body she may do so at her best discretion, or on application, she may have a letter of dismission.

6. As the love of money is the root of all evil and has produced so much distress among Christians, and we wishing to live in peace, therefore this Association shall not encourage any religious speculation called missionary, or by any other name, under pretense of supporting the gospel.

7. We the churches composing this Association, believing the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, declare that we take the New Testament for the rule of our faith and practice, for we are not under the law, but under grace.

STATISTICAL

Bethel Church, Emanuel County, Constituted 1908, J. B. Wilson, Pastor; Communion Meeting, May and August.

Canoochee Church, Emanuel County, Constituted 1819, E. W. Powell, Pastor; Communion Meeting, May and August.

Hebron Church, Emanuel County, Constituted 1804, Henry Swain, Pastor; Communion Meeting, May and August.

Long Creek Church, Emanuel County, Constituted 1888, S. M. Anderson, Pastor; Communion Meeting, May and August.

Louis Church, Jenkins County, Constituted 1900, S. M. Smith and Noah Nesmith, Pastors; Communion Meeting, May and August.

Mt. Zion Church, Emanuel County, Constituted 1873, C. B. Spivey, Pastor; Communion Meeting, May and August.

New Hope Church, Emanuel County, Constituted 1818, C. B. Spivey, Pastor; Communion Meeting, May and August.

Oak Ridge Church, Montgomery County, Constituted 1891; M. A. Rice, Pastor; Communion Meeting, May and August.

Oak Chapel Church, Laurens County, Constituted 1911, H. V. Hill, Pastor; Communion Meeting, May and August.

Pilgrim's Rest Church, Johnson County, Constituted 1909, C. B. Spivey, Pastor; Communion Meeting, July.

Rock Hill Church, Emanuel County, Constituted 1900, H. V. Hill, Pastor.

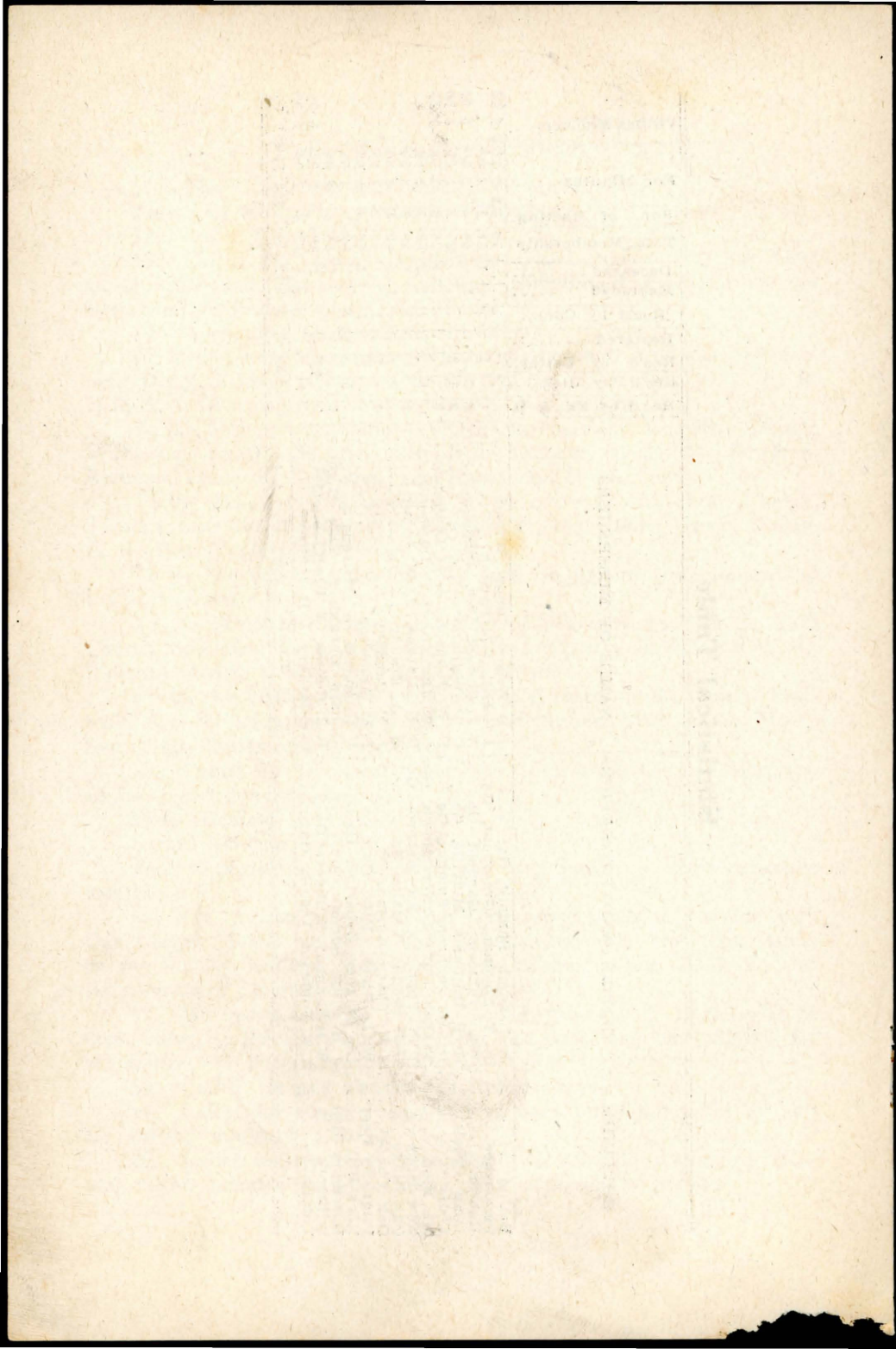
Rosemary Hill, Candler County, Constituted 1880, F. M. Donaldson, Pastor.

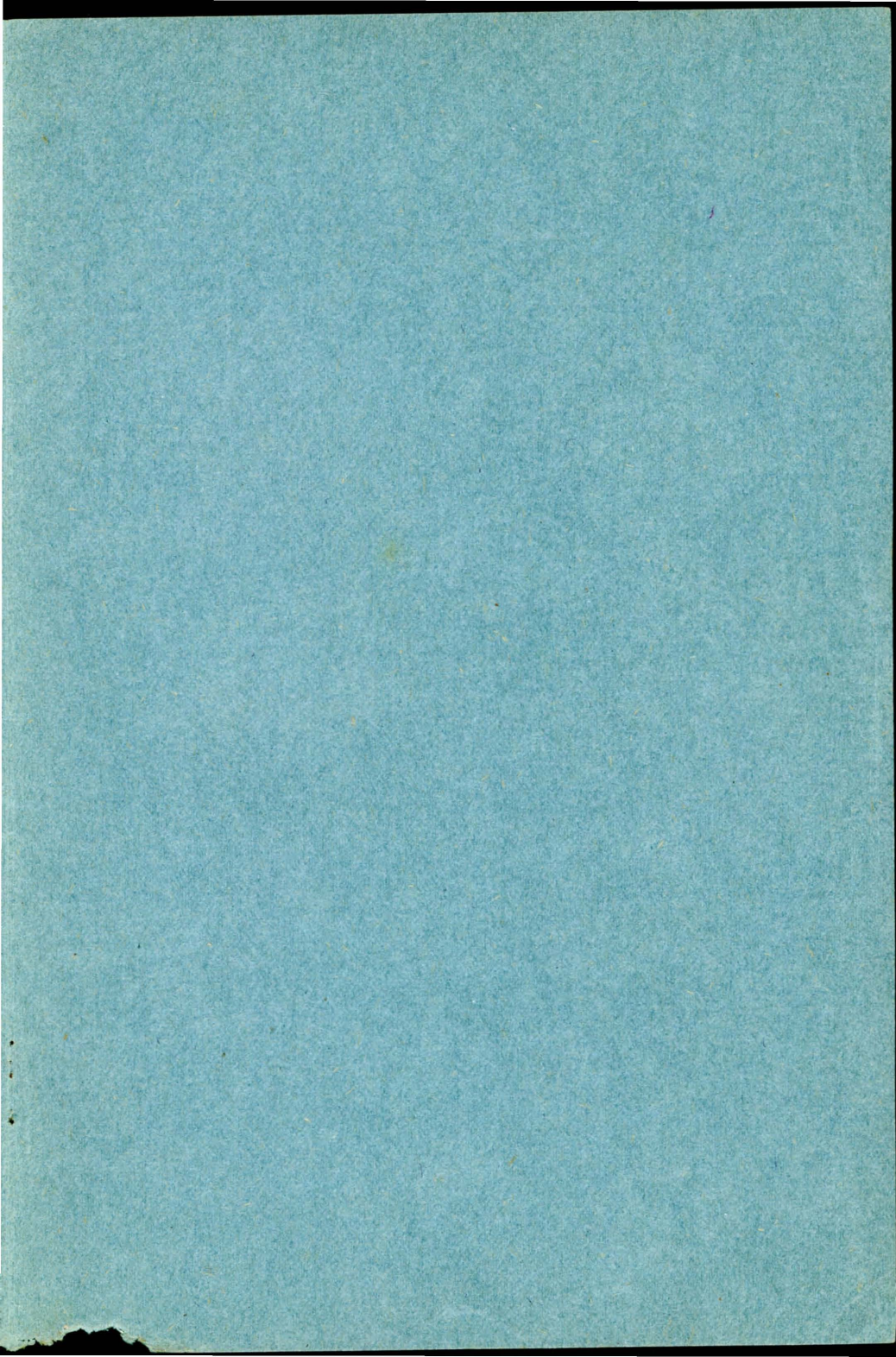
Stillmore Church, Emanuel County, Constituted 1880, F. M. Donaldson and A. I. Warren, Pastors; Communion Meeting, May and August.

Vidalia Church, Toombs County, Constituted 1912, Lee Hanks, Pastor; Communion Meeting, June.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Ex. & B.	Rec'd by Rec.	Restored	Rec'd by Con.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership.	Sun. of Meeting.	For Minutes.....	Visiting Ministers..
Bethel	R L Lamb, Summit, Ga.	J B Wilson, James Wilson							16	3	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.25
Canoochee	E T Coleman, Graymont, Ga....	J R Hill, J M Patrick		1				1	58	1	3.00	...
Hebron	Wm. Johnson, Garfield, Ga.	A L Cowart, Wm. Johnson	2	2					66	4	2.50	5.00
Long Creek	C P Williams, Midville, Ga.	C P Williams	2	1	2				27	2	1.25	4.00
Louis	D. W. Johnson, Summit, Ga.	D W Johnson, A D Lawrence	2	1					26	3	1.25	1.25
Mt. Zion	Nathan Durden, Norristown, Ga.	J W Durden, D R Durden		5			1	2	53	1	2.00	...
New Hope	T N Youmans, Swainsboro, Ga.	B R Durden, J W Lamb	1				1	49	2	2.50	...	
Oak Ridge	H B Braddy, Vidalia, Ga.	M A Braddy	1	2			1	40	1	2.00	...	
Oak Chapel	J M Tharp, Adrian, Ga.	J P Cannady	1	7		1		15	2	1.25	...	
Pilgrim's Rest	W D Riner, Kite, Ga.	J M Anderson		5		1	1	66	4	2.00	...	
Rock Hill	Ira Thigpen, Soperton, Ga.	J D Morris, S Wilson		5		2		58	1	1.50	...	
Rosemary Hill	J H Olliff, Summit, Ga.	Richard Donaldson, Thos. Lanier.					1	38	1	2.00	...	
Stillmore	W B Cannady, Stillmore, Ga.	T J Collins, J W Edenfield.....	3	14				1	49	1	2.00	5.00
Vidalia	L K Youmans, Vidalia, Ga.	Lee Hanks, J B Johnson		1				1	17	4	1.00	2.25
Totals			23	15	30	2	2	5	12	578	\$22.50	\$17.75





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