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MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

**OCHLOCKNEE PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Old Line Primitive Baptists

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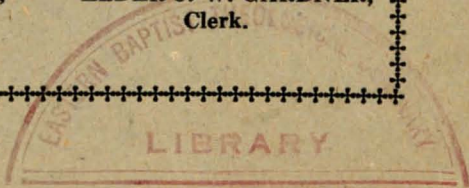
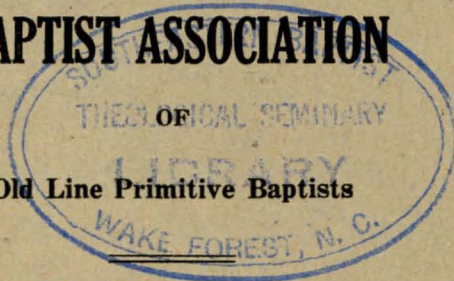
MT. PISGAH CHURCH

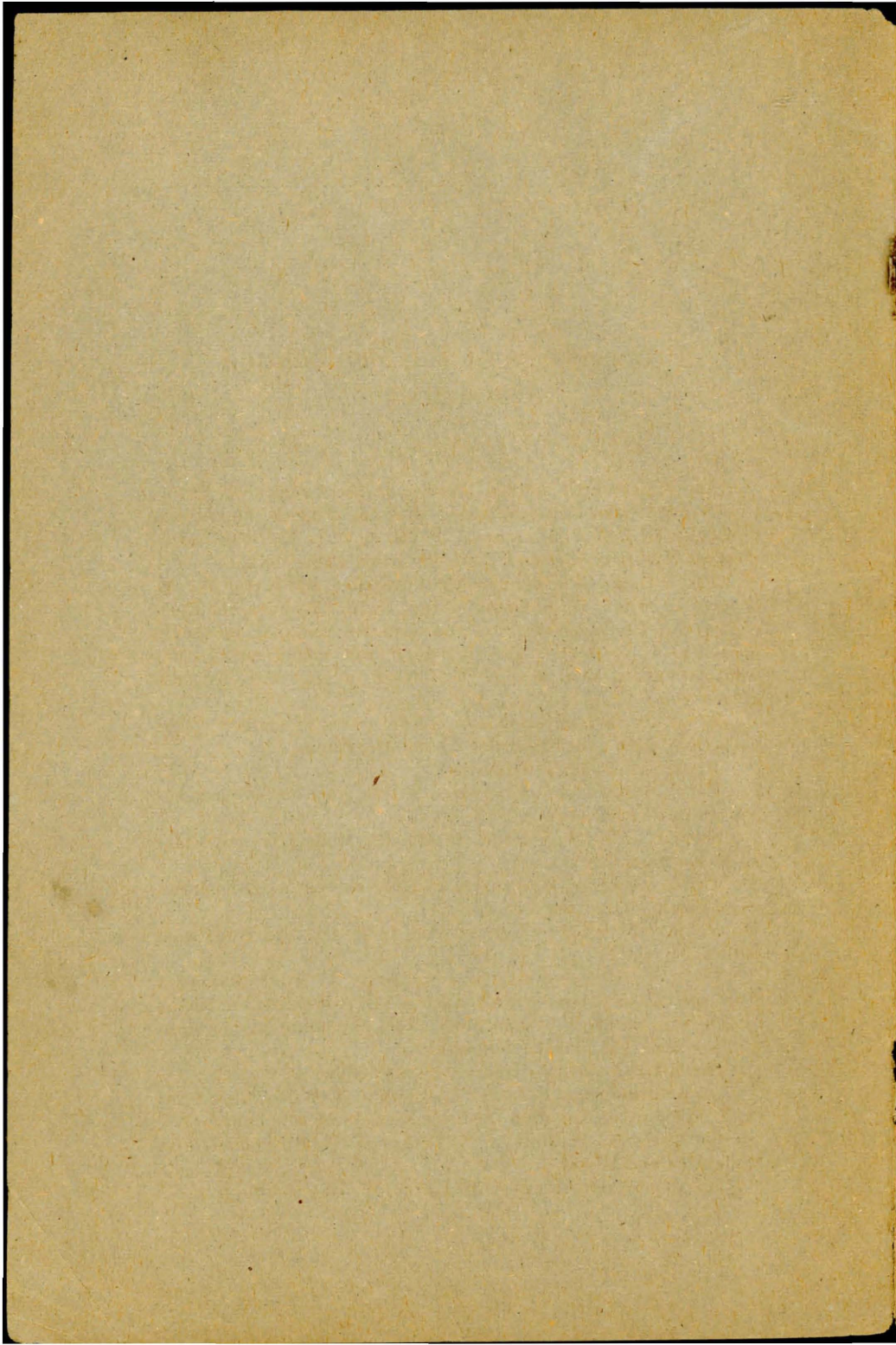
October 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1921

OFFICERS:

ELDER E. R. RHODEN,
Moderator

ELDER J. W. GARDNER,
Clerk.





Proceedings of the Ochlocknee Association.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Session of the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association convened with Mt. Pisgah church, two miles east of Ochlocknee station on the A. C. L. Railroad beginning on Saturday, October 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1921.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Holcomb, the text being found in Jno. 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you."

After one hour intermission the delegates assembled in the house and were called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder T. J. Davis.

First. Called for and received letters from eleven churches and minuted their state.

Second. Elected Elder E. R. Rhoden Moderator and Elder J. W. Gardner Clerk.

Third. Adopted last year's minutes as course of business.

Fourth. Read the Decorum.

Fifth. Invited brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

Sixth. Call for petitionary yetters. A letter was read from the Rocky Creek church asking for restoration which on motion was received by the Moderator, extending to her messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Seventh. Appointed committees as follows:

On preaching and Finance: Brethern J. R. Willis, G. J. Chitty, F. M. Renfro, together with messengers of this church.

On Business: D. Clark, I. E. Tucker, J. W. Strickland, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Memorials: Elders A. S. Pierce, W. H. Godwin.

Eighth. Called for the correspondents of the Associations and received: from the San Pedro Association, J. C. English, J. W. Hiers.

From the Pulaski Association: Elders W. M. Holcomb and J. T. Hill.

From the Union Association: B. F. Cornelius.

From the Flint River Association: B. M. Block.

From the Alapaha Association: received package of minutes.

From the Suwanee Association: _____

Ninth. Called for petitionary correspondents.

Tenth. Appointed J. M. Clark to write corresponding letter. On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by Elder A. S. Pierce.

Monday Morning Session.

The session convened according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. T. Hill.

First. Called the roll.

Second. Renewed the call for correspondents.

Third. Extended invitations to visitors.

San Pedro Association.

Union Association.

Pulaski Association.

Flint River Association: J. M. Bentley, T. J. Davis, A. J. Harrell, R. S. Watson and R. A. Luke.

Alapaha Association.

Swanee Association.

Fourth. Called for report of Business Committee and received report as follows: We have examined the minutes of the several Associations and find nothing objectionable. Signed by J. W. Strickland, D. Clark and I. E. Tucker.

Fifth. Returned correspondents as follows:

To the San Pedro Association to be held with the Cedar Grove church, J. M. Clark and F. M. Renfroe. To begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1922.

To the Union Association to be held with New Hope church five miles east of Nashville, beginning on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1922. Elder A. S. Pierce, J. R. Willis, Elders E. R. Rhoden and E. Lindsey.

To the Flint River Association to be held with Providence church four miles east of Meigs on the A. C. L. Railroad, be-

ginning on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1921. Elder A. S. Pierce, J. W. Strickland, Elder E. R. Rhoden and J. M. Clark.

To the Alabaha Association to be held with Mount Zion church, Pierce county, Georgia, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1921. Elder J. W. Gardner, D. Clark and T. S. Barrow.

To the Suwanee Association to be held -----, Elder E. R. Rhoden, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1922.

Seventh. General meetings will be held as follows:

First District. Beginning on Friday before the first fifth Sunday in 1922, to be held with Pleasant Grove church three miles East of Moultrie.

Second District. Beginning on Friday before the second fifth Sunday in 1922, to be held with Sardis church, 1922.

Eighth. Called for report on Finance and received the following:

We, the Committee on Finance, submit the following: We have on hand \$88.25 as contributions from the churches. We recommend that five hundred minutes be printed, three hundred and fifty for the churches and one hundred and fifty for correspondents. We recommend that \$35.00 be given to the clerk for his services and getting minutes printed and \$54.25 be divided among the visiting ministers and correspondents. We recommend that cost of minutes be printed on last page of the minutes.

Ninth. Called for report on Memorials.—Nothing to report.

Tenth. On motion adjourned to meet with Mount Zion church, five miles west of Cooledge, on A. B. & A. Railroad, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1922. E. R. Rhoden, Moderator, J. W. Gardner, Clerk. Prayer by Elder E. Lindsey.

Resolution of Thanks.

We wish to render our heartiest thanks to our beloved brethren, sisters and friends of Mount Pisgah church for their tender care for us during our stay with them. May God bless them abundantly.

Order of Preaching.

Introductory Sermon by Elder W. M. Holcomb, of the Pulaski Association.

Saturday afternoon. Elders J. T. Hill, and J. J. Johnson.

Sunday morning. Elders W. H. Godwin and T. J. Davis.

Sunday afternoon. W. S. Bozeman and Elder A. S. Pierce.

Closed by the Moderator.

Monday morning. Elders R. A. Luke and W. M. Holcomb.

Closed by the Moderator.

Address of Ministers.

A. L. Pierce, Moultrie, Ga., E. L. Lindsey, Tifton, Ga., E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga., J. W. Gardner, Camilla, Ga., W. H. Goodwin, Barwick, Ga., B. C. Lewis, Moultrie, Ga., W. S. Bozeman, Crossland, Ga., W. A. Brown, Doerun, Ga.

Corresponding Letter.

The Primitive Baptist, of the Ochlocknee Association, now in session with Mt. Pisgah church, Thomas county, Georgia, October 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1921, to the Associations with whom she corresponds sendeth Christian love and Salutation. Dearly and much beloved brethren in the Lord, through the kind and tender mercies of an all wise God, we, a few of thy believing children have been spared and blest to meet again in another associate capacity and all report peace, love, union and communion. Our correspondence is reasonably full, and your ministers came to us and preached the glad Tidings of Salvation by grace alone, through the gift and power of an all wise God and it is our desire to thank the God of our Salvation for all such blessings and we desire a continuation of your excellent correspondence. Our next session, the Lord willing, will be held with Mount Zion church, five miles west of Cooledge on the A. B. & A. Railroad, when and where we hope to meet you again. Dear brethren, we bid you farewell.

(Signed) J. M. CLARK.

Rules of Decorum.

1. This Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. The members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our Union shall compose the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association; two-thirds of which shall form a quorum.
3. Members chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those received by experience and baptism and otherwise, dismissed, excommunicated, restored, and dead since our last Association.
4. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe on the internal rights of any church.
5. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen of the members present.
6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions; he shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair shall be filled, but shall not vote, except the body be equally divided.
7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association and the minutes taken shall be read and amended, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association sires. The Clerk shall also keep a file of the minutes to be presented at each Association, and shall be accountable for all money deposited in the hands of the Association.
8. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admittance, which, 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 delegates.
9. Every church shall have a right to send two delegates to the Association and no more.
10. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the attention of the Association, except withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the Association.
11. Every person who speaks must rise from his seat and address the Moderator and shall not be interrupted when speaking except when he departs from the subject.
12. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave of the Association.

13. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of public speech, nor reflection cast on the speaker.

14. Whenever a case is decided by a vote, there shall be no more debate on the subject.

15. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

16. The Association is in favor of preaching the Gospel, the circulation of the Scripture, and the advantage of education, and recommends temperance and morality in general, but to her members in particular, notwithstanding she is opposed to all modern institutions of men, such as Missionary, Bible, Tract and Sunday School Societies, together with the Baptist State Convention and Theological Schools, and such like, because their connection with the church of God is unauthorized by the scriptures. As such we cannot fellowship them, or admit to our church privileges any person who is therewith connected in any wise, believing all such to be speculative in their nature and fruitful sources for corrupting the church. In relation of Free Masonry, we recommend to our brethren who may already be attached to that fraternity to immediately withdraw therefrom, and when brethren leave the church and join that fraternity, they are not such as follow after the things that make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another.—Rom.-4-19. And as such, unless they manifest a suitable repentance and immediately withdraw therefrom, and make suitable acknowledgements, shall be rejected from the fellowship of the church.

17. We recommend to the churches composing this body to receive members that went off with the Missionaries and all other Baptists at the time of their separation from us, providing they bring satisfactory evidence of legal baptism with a suitable confession of faith, and not otherwise in disorder, and not to receive any who have been baptised by them since said separation only by experience and baptism.

18. This Association holds that if the Union be broken between any of the churches and the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from them that may be deemed unsound in faith or immoral in practice until they be removed.

19. To invite visiting brethren from sister Associations, and ministers of our faith and order to seat with us.

20. To keep a correspondence with other Associations of

the same faith and order, so that a chain of communication may be preserved throughout the denomination.

21. If any member shall break the rules of this decorum he shall be reprovved by the Moderator.

22. These rules shall be read at every Association prior to entering on business.

23. The rules of this decorum may be altered or amended at any time by a majority of three-fourths of the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.

J. W. GARDNER, Clerk.

Articles of Faith.

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

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the written words of God by inspiration, and is our rule of faith and practice.

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

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

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

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

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

8. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace and not finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper, and washing the saint's feet, are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only true baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

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

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.

J. W. GARDNER, Clerk.

CHURCHES	CLERK AND HIS POSTOFFICE	PASTORS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Exper. and Bapt'm	Received by Letter	Rec'd Conf. Faith	Restored	Dismiss'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Days	Contributions	Sunday of Annual Meeting
Live Oak-----	J. M. Clark, Doerun, Ga.-----	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.-----	J. M. Clark, C. F. Horne-----	0	2	0	2	4	4	0	46	1	\$8.50	1st in Aug.
Pleasant Grove-----	L. H. Avera, Moultrie, Ga.-----	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.-----	J. W. Strickland, -----	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	53	2	10.35	2d in Sept.
Beth-Saide-----	I. H. Rooks, Doerun, Ga.-----	A. L. Pierce, Moultrie, Ga.-----	G. W. Horne-----	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	50	3	9.00	3d in Sept.
Mt. Zion-----	H. M. Chastain, Meigs, Ga.-----	T. J. Davis, Cairo, Ga.-----	I. E. Tucker-----	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	38	2	5.00	1st in Sept.
Sardis-----	Benj. Baker, Ellington, Ga.-----	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.-----	G. J. Chitty, J. H. Martin-----	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	61	4	20.00	4th in Sept.
Harmony-----	S. N. Chapman, Barwick, Ga.-----	W. H. Godwin, Barwick, Ga.-----	W. H. Godwin-----	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	61	4	5.00	4th in Aug.
Bethel-----	F. B. Willis, Pavo, Ga.-----	-----	J. M. Rodgers, W. C. Singleton-----	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	36	1	6.00	1st in Sept.
Pleasant Hill-----	J. L. Taylor, Moultrie, Ga.-----	E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.-----	E. R. Rhoden, A. L. Pierce-----	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	3	8.00	3rd in June
Ty Ty-----	W. T. Dean, Ty Ty, Ga.-----	A. L. Pierce, Albany, Ga.-----	L. E. Lindsey, J. R. Willis-----	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	30	2	5.25	2nd in Sept.
Mt. Pisgah-----	J. R. Lewis, Ochlocknee, Ga.-----	J. W. Gardner, Camilla, Ga.-----	J. W. Gardner, W. M. Pittman-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1	5.00	1st in July
Rocky Creek-----	C. M. Roberts, -----	E. Lindsey, -----	W. S. Bozeman, J. L. Sutton-----	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	14	3	5.15	3rd of Sept.
TOTAL-----				7	14	3	5	10	9	5	435		88.25	

Received of J. W. Gardner \$22.50 for printing 500 Copies of Minutes.

