



MINUTES

OF THE

Lower Canoochee Primitive Baptist

ASSOCIATION

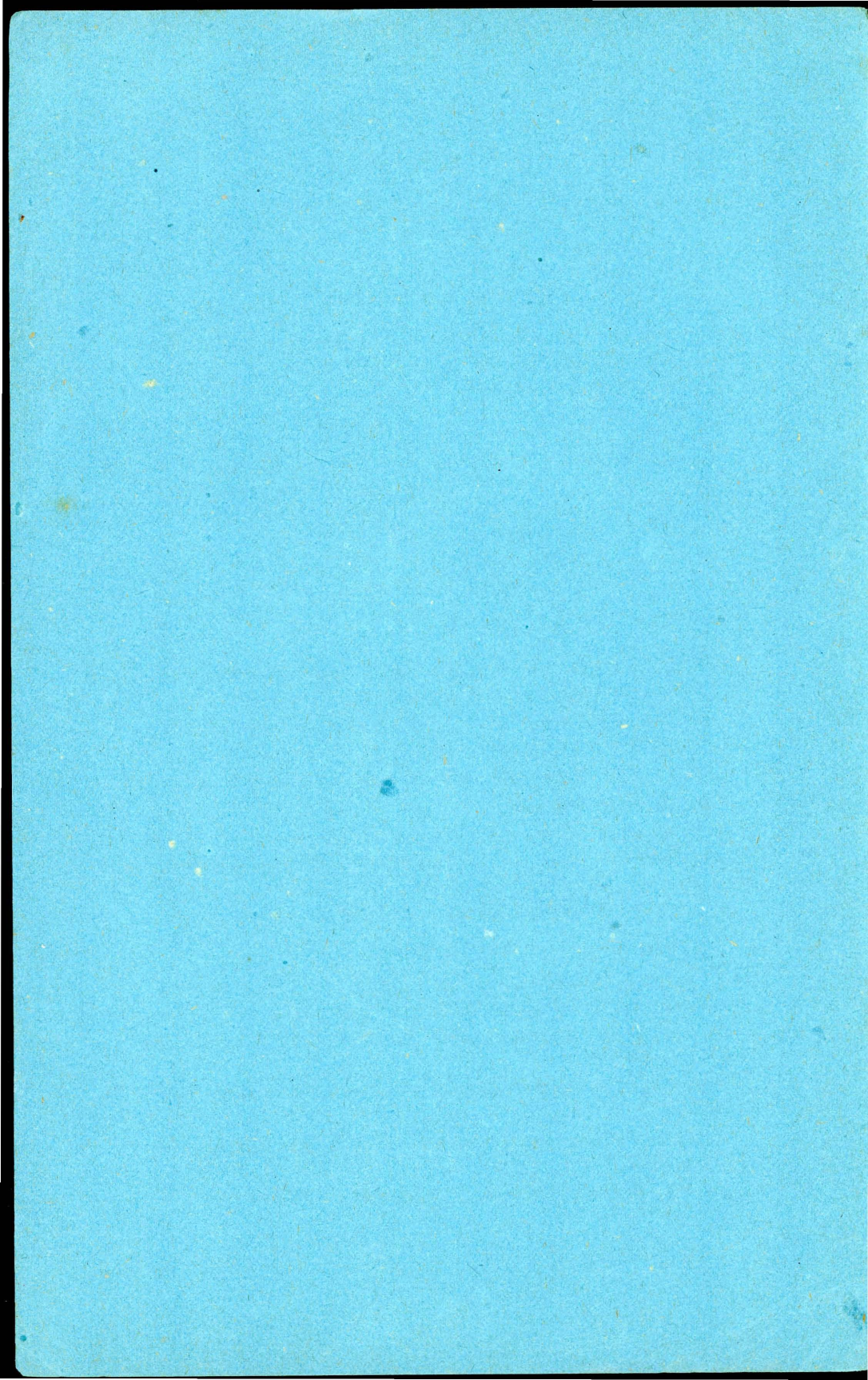
CONVENED WITH THE

DeLoach Church, Bulloch County, Ga.,

October 7th, 8th and 9th, 1898.

COLUMBUS, GA.:

Thos. Gilbert, Printer, Book-Binder and Stationer,
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Of the Lower Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association, convened with the DeLoach Church, Bulloch County, Ga., October 7th, 8th and 9th, 1898.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. H. Smith. Rom. v. last verse: "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

2d. After an intermission of forty minutes the messengers from the several churches assembled in the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. A. V. Simms.

3d. Called for the letters from the several churches, which were handed in, read, and statistics minuted.

4th. Organized the body by electing Eld. W. M. WILLIAMS Moderator, and A. TRAPNELL Clerk.

5th. Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

6th. Read the Decorum.

7th. On motion, agreed to take up the business of this Association as it stands on the minutes of the last, except answering queries.

8th. Called for petitionary letters. None.

9th. Appointed committees as follows:

To Arrange Preaching during the Association—Eld. E. M. McElvin, M. C. Jones and H. Franklin, with the messengers of this church.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—Eld. J. H. Smith, J. W. Bennett and M. C. Jones.

To Arrange General Meetings—Elds. J. B. Bowen E. M. McElvin and H. Franklin.

To Write Corresponding Letter—D. L. Rigdon, Elie Kennedy and M. S. Rushing.

On Finance—Daniel DeLoach, M. S. Rushing and William Cribbs.

10th. Called for the report of the Committee for the Arrangement of Preaching: Saturday morning 10 o'clock, Eld. A. V. Simms to preach, followed by Eld. W. W. Riner. Forty minutes' intermission. Eld. H. Temples to preach, followed by Eld. A. R. Strickland. Sunday morning 10 o'clock, Eld. A. V. Simms to preach, followed by Eld. A. R. Strickland.

11th Called for correspondence from sister Associations, and received from the Upper Canoochee A. L. Turner and J. A. Durden. No minutes.

12th. Called for petitionary correspondence. None.

13th. On motion, adjourned to Saturday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. W. W. Riner.

SATURDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

14th. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. Robert Dunahoe.

15th. Called the roll.

16th. Called for further correspondence. None.

Whereas, There being some trouble in our body, the brethren, A. L. Turner and J. A. Durden, correspondents from the Upper Canoochee Association, asked to withdraw their correspondence from us, and, on motion, it was agreed their request be granted.

17th. Agreed to defer the appointing of the meeting of the Association for further consideration.

18th. Called for the report of the Committee to Examine Corresponding Minutes, who reported nothing objectionable.

19th. Called for the report of the Committee to Arrange the General Meetings, whose report is as follows:

First—Lane's Meeting House, Bulloch county, Ga., October, 1898.

Second—Lower Lott's Creek, Bulloch county, Ga., April, 1899.

Third—Upper Black Creek, Bulloch county, Ga., July, 1899.

All to convene Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

20th. Called for the Corresponding Letter, which was handed in and read, and, as we have some confusion in our body, it was, on motion, agreed to suspend all correspondence for the present.

21st. Called for the report of the Committee on Finance, who report \$15.15 for visiting ministers, and \$30.75 for minutes.

22d. On motion, agreed to have 1,200 copies of these minutes printed, the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

23d. On motion for adjournment, the minutes were read and amended, and adjourned *sine die*.

SUNDAY MORNING—10 O'CLOCK.

The brethren met according to appointment, and Eld. A. V. Simms preached to a large congregation, followed by the Moderator in some brief remarks. Prayer by Eld. A. R. Strickland.

W. M. WILLIAMS, *Moderator*.

A. TRAPNELL, *Clerk*.

Resolved, That we return our heartfelt thanks to God for his preservation of us, and to the members of this church and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality during this meeting.—CLERK.

Order of Preaching.

FRIDAY P. M.—Eld. R. Dunahoe preached: 2 Tim. iv. 2, followed by Eld. D. R. McElvin: Eph. ii. 5.

SATURDAY, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.—Eld. A. V. Simms preached: Gen. xlv. 24, followed by Eld. W. W. Riner: Luke xiii. 23. Forty minutes' intermission. Eld. H. Temels preached: St. John v. 39, followed by Eld. A. R. Strickland. Prayer by Eld. A. V. Simms.

SUNDAY, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.—Eld. A. V. Simms preached: 1 Tim ii. 5, closed by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. A. R. Strickland.

Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

H. B. WILKINSON.....	Green, Bulloch Co., Ga.
J. L. SMITH.....	Arlen, Bulloch Co., Ga.
J. H. SMITH.....	Pembroke, Bryan Co., Ga.
M. F. STUBBS.....	Statesboro, Bulloch Co., Ga.
M. M. MATTOX.....	Groveland, Bryan Co., Ga.
JORDAN CRIBBS.....	Collins, Tattnal Co., Ga.
J. B. BOWEN.....	Excelsior, Bulloch Co., Ga.
W. M. WILLIAMS.....	Jimps, Bulloch Co., Ga.
E. M. McELVIN.....	Statesboro, Bulloch Co., Ga.
D. R. McELVIN.....	Arlen, Bulloch Co., Ga.

CHURCHES AND THEIR OFFICERS.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES
Ashes Branch.....	Bulloch	J. H. Smith	E. B. Hughes	Esla, Ga.
Bethlehem.....	Bulloch	J. L. Smith	J. Riggs	Sam, Ga.
DeLoache's.....	Bulloch	W. M. Williams	W. H. DeLoach	Green, Ga.
Emmaus.....	Bulloch	H. B. Wilkinson		Green, Ga.
Ephesus.....	Bulloch	W. M. Williams	S. Berrough	Green, Ga.
Fellowship.....	Bulloch	M. F. Stubbs	H. J. Proctor	Proctor, Ga.
Lane's.....	Bulloch	H. Temples	T. J. Knight	Arlen, Ga.
Lake.....	Bulloch	M. F. Stubbs	J. Everett	Excelsior, Ga.
Lower Lott's Creek.....	Bulloch	J. B. Bowen	Eli Kennedy	Jimps, Ga.
Lower Black Creek.....	Bryan	J. H. Smith	J. M. Newmans	Pembroke, Ga.
Little Flock.....	Tattnal	J. Cribbs	L. E. Lynn	Collins, Ga.
Middle Ground.....	Bulloch	D. R. McElvin	W. A. Groover	Statesboro, Ga.
Nevel's Creek.....	Bulloch	W. M. Williams	D. L. Rigdon	Gen, Ga.
Old Mill Creek.....	Bulloch	J. H. Smith	N. W. Woodcock	
Reedy Creek.....	Tattnal	J. Cribbs	J. C. Sapp	Elton, Ga.
Statesboro.....	Bulloch	M. F. Stubbs	W. Stubbs	Statesboro, Ga.
Spring Grove.....	Bryan	E. M. McElvin	C. W. Clanton	Groveland, Ga.
Savannah.....	Chatham	J. L. Smith	T. J. Denmark	Savannah, Ga.
New Bethlehem.....	Bulloch	J. H. Smith	M. S. Rushing	Statesboro, Ga.
Upper Lott's Creek.....	Bulloch	J. L. Smith	J. S. Franklin	Portal, Ga.
Upper Black Creek.....	Bulloch	J. L. Smith	A. J. Iler	Harvel, Ga.
Upper Mill Creek.....	Bulloch	H. Temples	Asbery Bland	Fly, Ga.

CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, The assemblage of delegates at Lime Stone Church, Washington county, Georgia, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1829, from the several churches, viz: New Hope, Hebron, Lime Stone, Hines, Mill Creek, Fox Bay, Canoochee, Lake, Upper Black Creek, Bethlehem, Little Briar Creek, Gum Log and Bethesda, having then and there agreed and covenanted together to become united in one body, called the United Baptist Conference, or Association; but at the Association held at Lower Lotts Creek, Bulloch county, in the year 1847, agreed then to become two bodies, for convenience, called Upper and Lower Canoochee Associations, and we, the Lower Canoochee Association, composed of the several churches, viz: Nevills' Creek, Mill Creek, Lower Lotts Creek, Lake, Fellowship, DeLoache's, Upper Black Creek, Ash's Branch, Bethlehem, Upper Lotts Creek, Spring Grove, Lower Black Creek, Columbia, Anderson's, Fox Bay, Sun Light, Cedar Creek, Beard's Creek, Bethel, Lane's, Upper Mill Creek, Bay Branch, do agree to unite on the following principles:

1. This Association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.
2. This Association will 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 the 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 cases of difficulty, and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.
5. The Association may 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 discretion, or, on application, she may have a letter of dismissal.
6. As the love of money is the root of all evil, and has produced so much distress among people, and we, wishing to live in peace, therefore, this Association shall not encourage religious speculations called missionary, or by any other name, under pretence 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 we take them for the rule of our faith and practice.

RULES

BY WHICH THE LOWER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE GOVERNED WHILE IN SESSION.

1. This Association shall be composed of Messengers from the churches whose names are inserted in their letters.
2. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by Messengers present.
3. This Association shall open by singing and prayer.
4. This Association shall attend to all petitions and queries found in the letters from the churches, and make such regulations and give such advice as they think proper.

5. All business shall come into this Association by a move and a second, and every move that is seconded shall be taken up by the Association and decided, except it be withdrawn by the mover.

6. There shall be no talking in time of public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

7. No person shall be interrupted in time of public speech, unless he departs from the subject in debate, and then only by the Moderator.

8. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Moderator.

9. A majority of this Association shall govern in all cases, and no member shall absent himself without leave from the Moderator.

10. All violations of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator

11. A majority of the Association may alter and amend these rules at any time.

12. Whereas, There are so many institutions of men (so-called Benevolent) and believing it to be our duty to provide for a general union of the churches, we therefore declare non-fellowship with all the unscriptural institutions of the day, such as Theological Schools, State Conventions, Missionary Societies, Bible Societies, Tract Societies, Temperance Societies (so called), and kindred relations, holding them to be unscriptural.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, viz.: 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, and the only rule of faith and practice.

6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of Saints' feet an example, and that no man has the 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 by the presbytery.

7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.

8. We believe in a final judgment, in a future reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

9. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Conf'n of Faith	Recommended	Restored	Expelled	Dead	Total	Money for Minutes	Money for Visiting Ministers	Sabbath Meetings
1 Ashes Branch	J. H. Smith, W. E. Cribbs	2	1					1	42	\$ 2 00	\$	2
2 Bethlehem	I. L. Smith	6			3	2		1	69	3 50	.....	2
3 Bethlehem, New	M. Riggs, M. S. Rushing							1	12	1 00	.....	3
4 DeLoach's	J. W. Bennett, D. D. DeLoach	9	1		3	1	1	1	78	2 00	.....	2
5 Emmaus	Not represented											1
6 Ephesus	W. M. Williams, S. Helmus	1	1		2		1	2	20	1 00	.....	3
7 Fellowship	Not represented											4
8 Lane's	J. G. McElvin, J. S. Lee				4			2	35	1 50	.....	1
9 Lake	A. Trapnell, H. Franklin	4							65	2 50	7 00	1
10 Lower Lott's Creek	J. B. Bowen, James Riggs	2						1	40	2 00	1 40	4
11 Lower Black Creek	J. M. Newmans, J. B. Brown							3	27	2 00	.....	4
12 Little Flock	Jordan Cribbs, James Tapley	1	2		2		1		27	1 00	.....	4
13 Middle Ground	D. R. McElvin, E. M. McElvin									1 25	1 75	4
14 Nevels Creek	J. T. Nesmith, D. L. Rigdon	1					1		22	1 00	.....	1
15 Old Mill Creek	N. W. Woodcock, J. T. Lee	5	1		1	1	1		25	1 00	.....	1
16 Reedy Creek	J. C. Anderson, S. C. Williamson				1	2	1		61	2 00	.....	2
17 Statesboro	Not represented											2
18 Spring Grove	Levie Grimes, C. W. Harvey								16	75	.....	3
19 Savannah	W. W. Berrough				2		2		14	50	1 00	3
20 Upper Lott's Creek	J. T. Kingery	2						1	47	2 00	.....	4
21 Upper Black Creek	W. J. Richardson, M. C. Jones	6	2		1	1			62	2 50	3 00	3
22 Upper Mill Creek	M. E. Cannon, M. McElvin	2	3						28	1 25	1 00	1

