

MINUTES

.....OF THE.....

53D ANNUAL SESSION

.....OF THE.....

**LOWER CANOOCHEE PRIMITIVE
Baptist Association.**

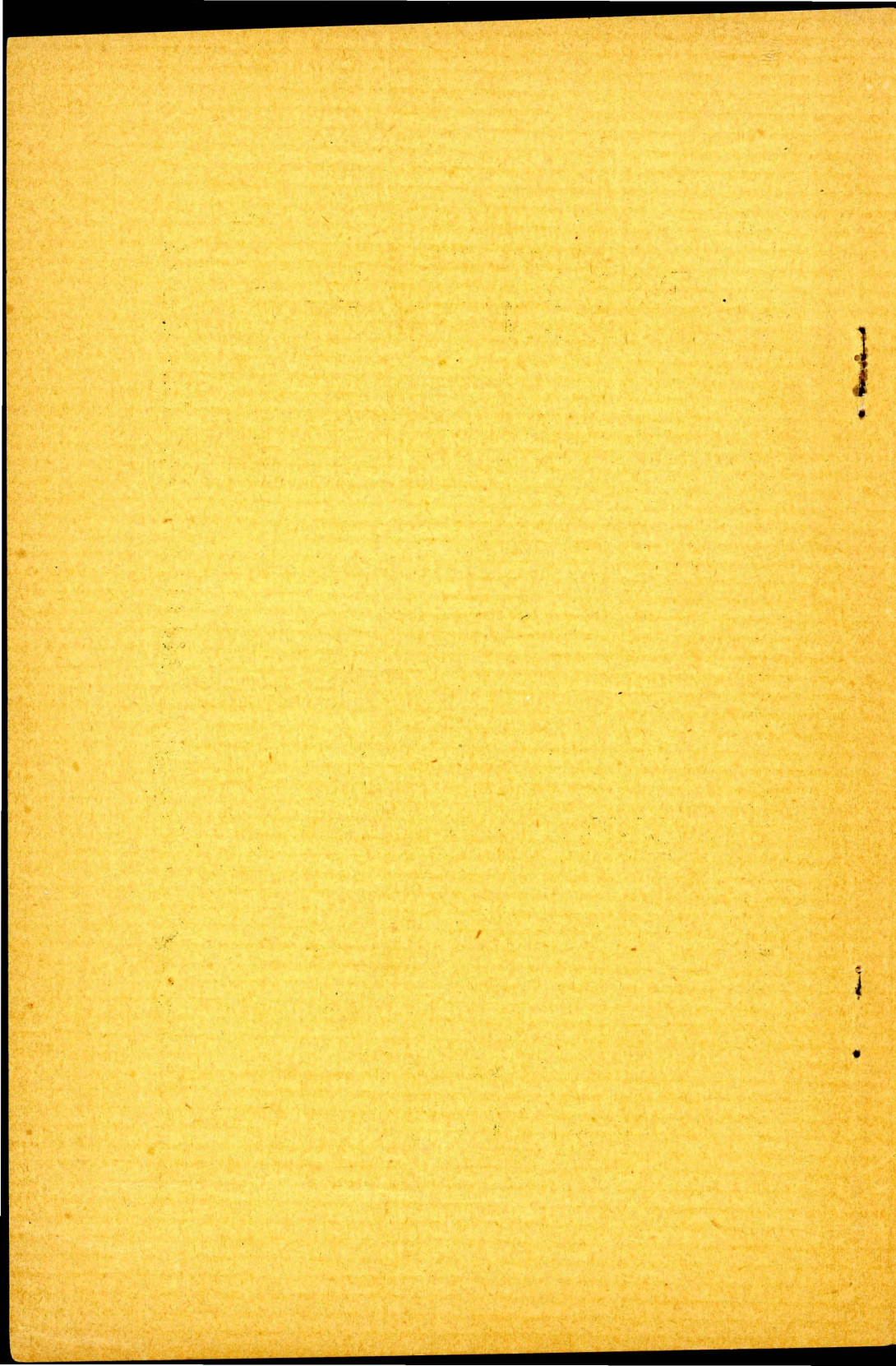
.....CONVENED WITH THE.....

Middleground Church,

Bulloch County Georgia.

October, 10, 11, 12, 1902

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MINUTES

Of the Lower Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association Convened with the Church at Middleground, Bulloch County, Ga., October 10, 11, and 12, 1902.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. A. V. Sims.
2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from the different churches met at the stand and the Association was called to order by the Moderator. After singing, prayer by Eld. J. T. Gardner.
3. Called for the letters from the churches which were handed in, read and statistics minuted.
4. Organized by electing Eld. A. W. Patterson Moderator, and Bro. Jason Franklin Clerk.
5. Called for petitionary letters.
6. Appointed Committees as follows: On preaching, J. F. Brannen, W. J. Richardson and the delegates of this church. On finance Jason Franklin and P. C. Waters. To write corresponding letter, D. R. McElveen and Jason Franklin. To arrange General Meetings, W. J. Richardson and Charlie Akins.
7. Received visitors and correspondents from sister Associations: From the Pulaski, Eld. J. T. Gardner; from Echeeconnee, Eld. B. H. Pearson; from Yellow River, T. J. Bazemore; from New Beulah, Eld. T. E. Sikes; from Prince Williams, S. C., no tidings. from Ochlocknee Eld. A. V. Sims; from Bethel, Eld. B. Jones and Brethren J. Dasher and B. Woodcock.
8. Called for the report of Committee to arrange preaching, which was heard and adopted. Saturday 10 o'clock a. m. Eld. B. H. Pearson, followed by Eld. H. Temples, Intermission of one hour, After dinner, Eld. J. T. Gardner, followed by Eld. A. W. Patterson.
9. On motion adjourned to meet Saturday 9 o'clock a. m. Song and prayer by Eld. H. Temples.
10. Saturday 9 o'clock a. m. met pursuant to adjournment, Song and prayer by Eld. B. Jones.
11. Called the roll.
12. Called for further correspondents and received Andrew Rountree from the Upper Canoochee as a visitor.
13. Appointed our next Association to meet with the church at Lanes, 1½ miles East of Stilson, Ga., on the S & S R. R.
14. Called for report of Committee to arrange general meetings, who report as follows: 1, Bethlehem in March; 2, Fellow-

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ship in May. Each to commence on Saturday before the 5, Sunday in their respective months.

15. Called for report of Committee to write corresponding letter, which was read and adopted.

16. Called for report of Finance Committee, who report \$12.25 for minutes and \$35.45 for the ministry.

17. Appointed correspondents as follows: To the Ochlocknee Association which meets with Ramah church, Friday before 3, Sunday in September 1903, Eld. M. F. Stubbs.

To the Echeeconnee Association which meets with Bethel church, Hamilton county Fla.

To the New Beulah which meets with Beulah church near Graham Station Southern R. R. on Friday before 2, Sunday in Sept. 1903, Eld. J. L. Smith.

To the Pulaski Association, which meets with Valley Grove church 5 miles from Ocilla, Ga., on Friday before 1, Sunday in Oct. 1903, D. R. McElveen.

To the Bethel Association which meets with Beards Creek church, Tattnall county Ga., 7 miles south of Daisy S A L R. R., on Friday before 3, Sunday in Oct. 1902.

A. W. PATTERSON.

18. On motion agreed to have 600 copies of these minutes printed, the Clerk. to superintend the printing and distribution of same.

19. On motion read and adopted these minutes and adjourned.

A. W. PATTERSON.

JASON FRANKLIN, Clerk.

Moderator.

We tender our highest appreciation to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of this vicinity for their liberality and congeniality to this body while in session at this place.

Clk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Lower Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the church at Middleground to her sister Associations; sends greeting.

Dear Brethren in the Lord :- We have been permitted to meet and hold another session of our body and transact our business in peace and love. We are blessed with a liberal correspondence from our sister Associations, some of whom we esteem as able ministers of the Gospel.

The next session of our body will convene with Lanes church, two miles north of Stilson, S & S R. R. Bulloch county Ga., on

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Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in Oct. 1903, at which time and place we hope to see many of our Brethren from our sister Associations especially those who labor in word and doctrine.

A. W. PATTERSON.

JASON FRANKLIN Clk.

Moderator.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday a. m.—Introductory by Eld. A. V Sims, of the Ochlocknee Association, p. m. Eld. E. W. Powell of this body, followed by Eld. B. Jones of the Bethel Association.

Saturday a. m. Eld. B. H. Pearson, followed by Eld. H. Temples of the Upper Canoochee Association, p. m. Eld. J. T. Gardner from the Echeeconnee Association, followed by Eld. A. W. Patterson of this body.

Sunday a. m. Eld. T. J. Bazemore of the Yellow River Association, followed by Eld. A. V. Sims of the Ochlocknee Association, p. m. Eld. J. T. Gardner of Echeeconnee Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

M F Stubbs, Statesboro Ga.	J L Smith, Stilson, Ga.
A W Patterson " "	D R McElveen Arlen, Ga.
E M McElveen, Maulding Branch Ga.	E W Powell Excelsior, Ga.

CHURCHES THEIR OFFICERS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES.
Lake	M F Stubbs	Joshua Everett	Excelsior, Ga.
Upper Lotts Creek	C B Spivey	N D Hendrix	Portal, Ga.
Lanes	J L Smith	J T Knight	Stilson, Ga.
Middleground	D R McElveen	W A Groover	Statesboro, Ga.
Savannah	J L Smith	W W Barrrough	Savannah, Ga.
Bethlehem	J L Smith	S J Riggs	Sam, Ga.
Upper Black Creek	J L Smith	A J Iler	Harville, Ga.
Statesboro	M F Stubbs	T J Denmark	Statesboro, Ga.
Spring Grove	H B Wilkinson	C W Harvey	Groveland, Ga.
Fellowship	J L Smith	H J Proctor	Proctor, Ga.

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CONSTITUTION.

Whereas, The assembly of delegates at Limestone Church, Washington county, Ga., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September 1829 from the several churches, Viz: New Hope, Hebron, Limestone, Hines, Mill Creek, Fox Bay, Canoochee Lake, Upper Black Creek, Bethlehem, Little Briar Creek, Gumlog and Bethesda 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 the 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 DeLoache's, Upper Black Creek, Ashes Branch, Bethlehem, Upper Lotts Creek, Spring Grove, Lower Black Creek, Columbia. Anderson's, 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 will 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 this association to elect a moderator and clerk to keep a record of each minute.
4. This association will call for and admit into 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 to write corresponding letter.
9. This association will appoint a committee on finance.
10. This association will receive all visiting and corresponding brethren who are orderly and orthodox Primitive Baptist and manifest the same by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.
11. This Association will appoint and return correspondence to sister Association of like precious faith and order.

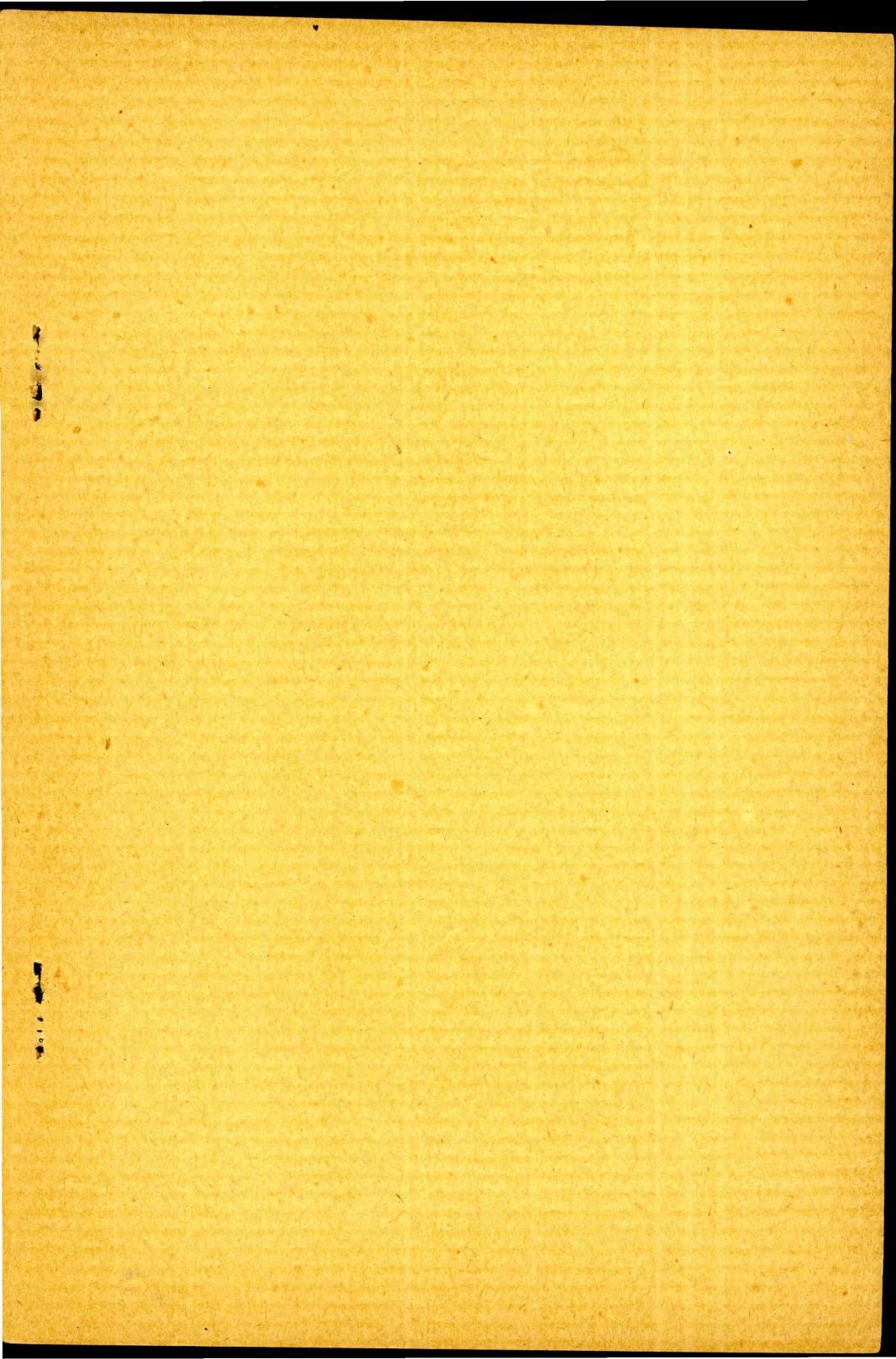
CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Recommended.	Expelled.	Dead.	Total Membersh'p	Sabbath Meetings.	Money for Minutes.	Money for Ministers.
Lake	Bulloch . . .	E. W. Powell, Jason Franklin	. 3	. 4	. . .	. . .	. 1	. 2	. 74	1st	2 50	5 00
Upper Lotts Creek	"	J. S. Franklin, J. L. Smith . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. 1	. 41	4th	2 00	5 00
Lanes	"	J. S. Lee, T. J. Knight . . . .	. 4	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. 35	1st	75	2 85
Middleground	"	D. R. McElveen, C. Akins . . .	. 3	. 1	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. 40	1st	75	2 10
Savannah	Chatham . . .	W. W. Barrough, B. F. Hagin	. 1	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. 17	1st	25	1 75
Bethlehem	Bulloch . . .	I. L. Smith, Joshua Riggs . . .	. . .	. 2	. . .	. . .	. 1	. . .	. 62	2nd	1 50	2 10
Upper Black Creek	"	W. J Richardson, P C Waters	. 4	. 1	. 1	. 10	. . .	. 1	. 57	3rd	1 25	3 75
Statesboro	"	A W Patterson, J F Brannen	. 6	. 4	. . .	. 1	. . .	. . .	. 61	4th	1 50	5 00
Spring Grove	Bryan	N. J. Harvey 1	. 14	1st	75	2 00
Fellowship	Bulloch . . .	G. W. Burnsed, H. J. Proctor 1	. 2	. 1	. 30	4th	1 00	5 00

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and living God and that there are three persons in the God-head: 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 preservation of the saints.
5. We believe the Scriptures of the old and New Testament to be the word of God.
6. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and true believers are the only fit subjects of those 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, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.
8. We believe in a final judgment, in the future state of reward and punishment and that of eternal duration.



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James
P. Ashburn