

MINUTES  
of the  
Eighty-Ninth Annual Session  
of the  
ECHECONNIE ASSOCIATION  
OF PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS  
held with  
Elizabeth Church, Bibb County, Georgia

September 18, 19 and 20, 1917

OFFICERS

ELDER S. T. BENTLEY, Moderator	-	-	-	-	-	Culloden, Ga.
ELDER W. J. HEARD, Asst. Moderator	-	-	-	-	-	Macon, Ga.
F. M. GREENE, Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	Perry, Ga.



## MINUTES

### Georgia, Bibb County, Elizabeth Church Tuesday, September 18, 1917

#### FIRST DAY

1. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder E. J. DeVane of the Mt. Enon Association of the Primitive Baptists, Florida, from Hebrew 11:24.

2. After prayer by Elder I. Grant, the Moderator proceeded to organize the Association. Letters from the various churches were called for and read, and the names of the messengers were enrolled.

3. The organization of the Association was perfected by the election of Elder S. T. Bentley Moderator, with Elder W. J. Heard assistant, and F. M. Green, Clerk.

4. The following committees were appointed:

On preaching: Brethren J. B. T. Scarboro, J. H. B. Butts, F. W. Hammock, G. L. Dent, F. B. Wilder and B. F. Wells.

To write the corresponding letter: Brother T. M. Nash.

On finance and distribution of corresponding minutes: Brethren J. S. McGee, D. C. Wallace and J. H. Mullins.

5. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

6. Call for correspondence from Sister Associations, and received the following:

Upatoi—Elder J. M. Murray and Brethren E. J. Philips, J. T. Rustin, J. H. Springfellow and Will Caldwell.

Marietta Old School—No tidings.

Harmony—Brother J. B. Murray and minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer—Elder W. O. Meeks, Brethren W. D. Smith and J. H. Howell.

Ocmulgee—Elders W. J. Greene, J. T. Reynolds, J. D. Curtis and Brethren J. W. Newton, T. J. Bazemore, J. H. Williamson, C. M. Hudson and B. M. Greene.

Mt. Olive—Elder A. P. Tucker and Brethren Archie Fountain, B. A. Brown and M. S. McCraney.

Original Upper Canoochee—Elders Henry Swain, P. H. Byrd and Doctor E. T. Coleman.

Kehukee of N. C.—No tidings.

Primitive Western—J. F. Futral and minutes.

7. Call for petitionary correspondence from sister associations. Received none.

8. Suspended regular order of business and received visiting brethren as follows: Elders J. M. Adams, of the Ocone; J. T. Saterwhite, of Alabama; M. L. Gilbert and E. J. DeVane of the Mt. Enon, of Florida;

R. L. Cook, J. H. Hunt and Brethren Walter Bartlett, and J. B. Avery, of the Yellow River Association.

9. After prayer by Elder J. T. Saterwhite, the Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

### SECOND DAY—Wednesday, September 19th, 1917.

The association met at the appointed hour, and was led in prayer by Elder E. J. DeVane.

Called the roll of messengers.

1. Returned correspondence to sister associations as follows:

Upatoie—Brother W. E. Champion and Elder W. J. Heard.

Marietta Old School—Send minutes.

Harmony—Brethren R. E. Wright, D. C. Wallace and W. E. Grant.

Primitive Ebenezer—Brother T. V. Mann and Elder B. F. Williamson.

Ocmulgee—Brethren M. H. McElmurray, R. E. Wright, D. C. Wallace, T. V. Mann and Elder J. A. Monsees.

Original Upper Canoochee—Brethren R. W. Long, T. M. Nash and D. C. Wallace.

Kehukee of North Carolina—Send minutes.

Mt. Olive—Brother F. W. Hammock.

Primitive Western—Elder J. A. Monsees and Brethren W. A. Pasley and J. H. B. Butts.

2. Received contribution from all sources \$114.80; for minutes \$48.95; for associational purposes \$65.85.

3. Appointed the Union Meeting as follows: To convene with Emmaus Church, Upson County, Georgia, near Thomaston, on the M. & B. railroad, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the fifth Sunday in July next.

4. Appointed the next meeting of the Association to convene with the church at Mt. Calvary, Monroe County, Georgia, near Moran, on the M. & B. railroad, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the third Sunday in September next.

5. The Clerk was ordered to have a thousand copies of the minutes printed and distributed as usual.

6. The corresponding letter was adopted as read by Brother T. M. Nash.

7. The Association gave a rising vote of thanks to the Mayor and Council of the City of Macon for the use of the Auditorium. Thanks are also due the brethren and friends of Elizabeth and neighboring churches for their kind hospitality to our body while in session here. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

8. The minutes were read, approved and adopted. After prayer by Elder A. P. Tucker, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed above.

Elder S. T. BENTLEY, Moderator.

Elder W. J. HEARD, Asst. Moderator.

F. M. GREENE, Clerk.

### **CORRESPONDING LETTER.**

The Echeconnee Association, in Session,  
With Elizabeth Church, Macon, Ga.  
To the Sister Association, with whom she corresponds:

### **GREETING:**

Dear Brethren and Sister in the Lord:

Through the tender mercies of our God, we are blessed once more to meet in an associate capacity.

Our churches report peace, love, unity and fellowship flows from heart to heart, and from breast to breast. The servants of God of our corresponding associations, together with the visiting ministers, come, bearing the evidence that they have been with Jesus and Him crucified. This, my precious brethren, will never divide or separate God's humble poor.

May we ever be content with the Old Church, as she shines forth in all her pristine beauty, just as our Blessed Master established her, adding nothing to, nor taking nothing from.

The next session of our body, will, the Lord willing, be held with the church at Mt. Calvary, Monroe County, Georgia, where we hope to meet your correspondents again.

T. M. NASH.

### **ORDER OF PREACHING.**

Tuesday A. M., Introductory sermon by Elder E. J. DeVane.  
Tuesday Evening, Elder M. L. Gilbert.  
Wednesday A. M., Elders J. T. Saterwhite and Henry Swain.  
Wednesday P. M., Elder A. P. Tucker.  
Wednesday Evening, Elder J. M. Murray.  
Thursday A. M., Elders R. L. Cook and Henry Swain.

### **MINISTERS OF THE ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION.**

Elder S. T. Bentley .....	Culloden, Ga
Elder W. J. Heard .....	Route 3, Macon, Ga.
Elder J. A. Monsees.....	Macon, Ga.
Elder B. F. Williamson .....	Lizella, Ga.
Elder J. T. Young.....	Lizella, Ga.
Elder I. Grant .....	Roberta, Ga.
Elder J. R. Hunt .....	Katleen, Ga.

### **LICENTIATES**

T. G. Wright .....	Macon, Ga.
T. V. Mann.....	Gogginsville, Ga.

### **VISITING MINISTERS**

Elder J. M. Murray .....	Ellaville, Ga.
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Elder W. O. Meeks .....	Griswoldville, Ga.
Elder W. J. Greene .....	Gray, Ga.
Elder J. T. Rynolds .....	Macon, Ga.
Elder J. D. Curtis .....	Mansfield, Ga.
Elder A. P. Tucker .....	Moultrie, Ga.
Elder Henry Swain .....	Graymount, Ga.
Elder P. H. Byrd .....	Graymont, Ga.
Elder J. M. Adams .....	Monroe, Ga.
Elder J. T. Saterwhite .....	Lafayette, Ala.
Elder M. L. Gilbert .....	Dade City, Fla.
Elder E. J. DeVane .....	Plant City, Fla.
Elder R. L. Cook .....	Social Circle, Ga.
Elder J. H. Hunt .....	Atlanta, Ga.
Elder J. M. Woodward .....	Hawkinsville, Ga.

## DECORUM

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, producing letters from their churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, on confession of faith, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION, providing for themselves a Moderator and Clerk, who shall serve them during the session; using the pastor of the church where they assemble or choosing one from the body, as they please.

4. As one of the cardinal tenets of faith of the Primitive Baptists in that the Old and New Testaments are our only rule of faith and practice, and as the Bible recognizes no other religious disciplinary power but the Church, where God, in His wisdom, mercy, and in honor to His Son, placed it.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union, they may petition by letter and delegates, and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of the proceedings of the Association.

8. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

9. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

10. To correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

11. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

12. It is also agreed that nothing shall be so construed in the above as to interfere with the fellowship and communion of the churches or brethren of this union, or with those with whom we may correspond, directly or indirectly; and nothing shall be presented to this body, as a query, or question bearing on the same, but shall be considered by the churches, as we believe is directed by the Holy Scriptures.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2nd. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

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

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

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

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

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

8th. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

9th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances. We believe that immersion is Baptism.

10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.

12th. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Introductory Sermon will be delivered.
2. Call for and read letters from the churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Choose a Moderator and Clerk.
4. Appoint committees as follows:
  - On preaching.
  - To write Corresponding Letter.
  - On Contributions and to distribute Corresponding Minutes.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for Correspondence from sister Associations.
7. Call for petitionary churches.

## SECOND DAY.

1. Call the Roll and read Decorum.
2. Call for further Correspondence from sister Associations.
3. Renew the invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.
4. Return Correspondence to sister Associations.
5. Receive contributions and distribute Corresponding Minutes.
6. Appoint Union Meetings.
7. Appoint the next session of this body.
8. Agree on the number of minutes to have printed.
9. Call for Corresponding Letter.
10. Read minutes and adjourn.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS AND ADDRESSES	PASTORS	Received by Exp. and Bapt.	Received by Recommendation	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution for Minutes	Contribution for Ministers
Good Hope														
Mt. Carmel	W. A. White, Musella, Ga.	S. T. Bentley, F. W. Hammock, W. T. Holmes	S. T. Bentley	1	2						65	3	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.35
Salem	R. F. Hicks, Roberta, Ga.	I. Grant, E. L. McGee, R. F. Hicks	Isiah Grant					1			371	2	1.50	2.00
Providence	F. Danielly, Roberta, Ga.	J. S. McGhee, B. A. Childs, F. Danielly	S. T. Bentley								162	4	1.00	4.00
Friendship	C. A. Butts, Pickard, Ga.	J. B. Reeves, W. A. Pasley, J. H. B. Butts	S. T. Mentley	2				1			139	1	1.00	5.00
Bethlehem	F. W. Williams, Macon, Ga.	F. W. Williams, W. E. Grant, Dave C. Wallace	W. J. Heard	6		2	1	1	3		586	4	4.00	5.00
Fellowship	F. M. Greene, Perry, Ga.	J. H. M. Cliett, R. W. Long, W. E. Champion	W. J. Heard	14		1		6			153	2	5.00	5.00
Pleasant Hill	J. D. Cherry, Byron, Ga.	J. T. King, J. B. T. Scarborough, W. L. Lewis	W. J. Greene	4	1						142	2	1.00	2.00
Sardis	T. M. Nash, Macon, Ga.	W. J. Heard, H. L. McKinney, T. M. Nash	W. J. Heard	2		2		2	1		269	3	4.00	7.50
Mt. Paron	W. J. Marshall, Lizella, Ga.	R. E. Wright, R. J. Hancock, W. H. McElmurray	W. J. Heard	2				1			252	1	3.00	3.00
Beaver Creek	W. B. Watson, Perry, Ga.	W. O. Boon, W. E. Andrews, J. R. Hunt, W. B. Watson	J. M. Woodward	1							118	1	2.00	2.00
Shiloh	William Greene, Lizella, Ga.	J. W. Bartlett, M. T. Bartlett, W. J. Roquemore	J. T. Young	5				1			128	2	2.00	3.00
Harmony	I. R. Bloodworth, Meansville, Ga.	J. C. D. Bloodworth, J. W. Kersey, C. W. Sullivan	J. A. Monsees								222	4	.50	3.00
High Shoals	T. M. Mullins, Gogginsville, Ga.	J. H. Mullins, T. V. Mann, W. R. Mann, T. M. Mullins	B. F. Williamson					1			130	2	1.00	3.00
Mt. Calvary	J. H. Baggartley, Moran, Ga.	J. H. Baggartley, R. H. Bazemore, Wilson Jones	W. O. Meeks	3							21	3	1.50	3.00
Concord														
Griffin	C. T. Elliott, Griffin, Ga.	C. T. Elliott, A. J. Hudgens, J. D. Witt	B. F. Williamson	1							43	3	2.00	3.00
Emmaus	M. L. Hancock, Thomaston, Ga.	R. L. Smith, T. E. Whittle, M. L. Hancock	J. M. Woodward	1		2			1		150	4	2.00	4.00
Barnesville	E. P. Childs, Barnesville, Ga.	E. P. Childs, J. C. Martin, J. M. Akins	B. F. Williamson					1			18	4	1.00	2.00
Elizabeth	D. F. Wells, Macon, Ga., R 6.	G. L. Dent, F. B. Wilder, D. F. Wells	J. A. Monsees	5				1			35	1	2.00	5.00
TOTAL				46	2	9	1	16	5	22			36.50	65.85

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