

Minutes of the Eighth Annual

Session

OF THE

*Lott's Creek Primitive
Baptist Association*

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

Red Hill, Bulloch County, Georgia,

October 25th, 26th and 27th, 1912

MINUTES.

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session of the Lotts Creek Primitive Baptist Association, Convened With the Church at Red Hill, in Bulloch County, Ga., 25th, 26th and 27th Days of October, 1912.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Z. H. Bennett, of the Pilgrim's Rest Association (Fla.), from Provverbs, 1st to 5th verses of 9th chapter.
2. After 20 minutes intermission the Association was called to order by Eld. F. M. Donaldson; singing, followed with prayer by Elder J. A. Jordan, of the Yellow River Association.
3. Read letters and recorded the names of messengers.
4. Appointed H. Temple moderator and E. B. Hughes clerk.
5. Called for petitionary letters. None.
6. Appointed committees as follows: To arrange preaching during this meeting, A. R. Strickland, H. B. Wilkinson and L. M. Lanier; to arrange general meetings, M. M. Coleman, M. L. Riner and E. J. Burnsed; to receive contributions, D. L. Calaway, G. R. Beasley and F. C. Dyess; to write corresponding letter, H. B. Wilkinson, D. L. Calaway and M. J. Green.
7. Called for correspondence. Then came Elds. A. I. Warren, Lee Hanks and Bro. Mack Lamb from the Upper Canoochee Association; Elds. R. D. Donehoo, H. W. Smith, B. Mason and Brethren J. D. C. Mason and Z. H. Kelehere, from the Prince Williams Association (S. C.), which was received, the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
8. Called for visiting brethren. Then came T. J. Head and J. A. Jordan from the Yellow River Association and Eld. W. J. Hull, from West Providence Association (Tex.), and were received, the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
9. Committee to arrange preaching during this meeting report as follows: Friday p. m., Eld. A. I. Warren, followed

by Elder B. Mason. Saturday a. m., Eld. R. D. Donehoo, followed by Eld. Lee Hanks. Saturday p. m., Eld. H. W. Smith, followed by Eld. J. A. Jordan. Sunday a. m., Eld. T. J. Head, followed by Eld. W. J. Hull and closed by the moderator.

10. Committee to arrange general meetings report as follows: Lower Lotts Creek, December, 1912; Little Flock, March, 1913; Upper Mill Creek, June; Ephesus, August. All to commence Friday before the 5th Sunday in their respective months.

11. Saturday morning, 8:30 o'clock.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing, followed with prayer by Eld T. J. Head.

12. Called the roll.

13. Appointed correspondence as follows: Ebenezer Association, N. J. Nessmith, H. A. Sills and M. M. Coleman; Upper Canoochee Association, W. E. Cribbs, W. H. Lanier, M. Denmark, E. J. Kennedy and Eld. H. Temple; to Prince Williams Association, Elder D. L. Calaway, H. B. Wilkinson, W. J. Denmark and E. B. Hughes; Flint River Association, by package of minutes.

14. Committee to receive contributions report: For minutes, \$29.50; for other purposes, \$58.35.

15. Corresponding letter read and received.

16. The next session of this body will convene with Bethel church, Liberty county, Ga., six miles west of Willie, on the Tuten railway, and six miles east of Easterling, R. & G. railway, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1913.

17. Agreed to have 1,500 copies of these minutes printed; the clerk to have them printed and distribute the same.

18. Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality during this meeting.

19. Motion for adjournment. Minutes read and received and the body adjourned.

ELD. H. TEMPLES, *Moderator.*

E. B. HUGHES, *Clerk.*

Sunday morning, according to previous arrangement, the brethren preached to a large and orderly congregation.

Corresponding Letter.

THE LOTTS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—TO
HER SISTER ASSOCIATIONS, WITH WHOM SHE CORRES-
PONDS;

Dear Brethren:

The good Lord has privileged and blessed us to hold another session of our body in peace and love. Our churches all report peace and prosperity. Many have been added to our number since our last Association, which has caused our hearts to rejoice and glorify our heavenly Father, for we believe it is He that adds to the church such as should be saved. We were made glad with the sweet messages of love delivered to us by our visiting brethren, preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our correspondence were not as full as we hoped to see. We hope, however, to grow more in the favor and affections of our brethren, that they may not only desire to meet with us but will do so by the help of the Lord. We beg our brethren everywhere to use all diligence and power to bring about peace and harmony throughout the entire Baptist family. Brethren, we are brethren; see that we fall not out by the way, but all work for things that make for peace, whereby one may edify another. We are extending the palm of peace to our departing brethren. Brethren are willing to receive them into our fellowship, provided they will leave off the things that have divided us and return in gospel order.

The next session of this body will be held with Bethel church, Liberty county, Ga., where we hope to meet in the love of God our Savior.

Ordained Ministers.

J. A. Bowen	M. L. Riner
Jordan Cribbs	F. M. Donaldson
N. J. Nessmith	V. B. White
D. L. Calaway	A. R. Strickland
H. B. Wilkinson	H. Temples
M. M. Mattox	H. A. Sills
W. M. Williams.	

Licentiates.

Simon Barr	Perry Banks
W. E. Cribbs	J. E. Strickland
A. C. McCorkel	

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	P. O.
Lower Black Creek	F. M. Donaldson	E. J. Burnsed	Ellabelle, Ga.
Ash Branch	V. B. White	A. S. Bacon	Pembroke "
Red Hill	F. M. Donaldson	W. C. Iler	" "
Columba	J. A. Bowen	J. E. Strickland	Ellabelle "
Lower Lotts Creek	H. B. Wilkinson	O. H. P. Lanier	Statesboro "
Lyons	B. C. Lewis	P. J. A. Colson	Lyons "
DeLoach's	H. B. Wilkinson	W. H. DeLoach	Claxton "
Ephesus	H. B. Wilkinson	S. C. Banks	Register "
Upper Mill Creek	H. Temple	J. N. Akins	Statesboro "
Anderson's	A. R. Strickland	J. A. Sikes	Manassas "
Beards Creek	A. R. Strickland	D. H. Purcell	Daisy "
Bethel	A. R. Strickland	W. H. Dasher	" "
Nevils Creek	N. J. Nessmith	T. B. Hendrix	Blitch "
Emaus	H. B. Wilkinson	I. T. Colson	Claxton "
Inmans Creek	J. A. Bowen	I. F. Keel	Elza "
Bethlehem	F. M. Donaldson	S. J. Riggs	Statesboro "
Lower Mill Creek	H. A. Sills	G. R. Beasley	" "
Little Flock	C. B. Spivey	L. E. Lynn	Collins "

Church Statistics

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Additions				Subtract'ns			Total Mem- bership	Sunday Meetings	Money for Ministers	For Other Purposes
			By Baptism	By Letter	Confession of Faith	Restorat'n	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased				
DeLoach's	Bulloch	M. J. Green, P. A. Hagin	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	77	2	\$2.00	\$6 25
Red Hill	"	R. Denmark, Z. T. DeLoach	6	0	1	0	0	1	0	62	1	2.50	7.50
Nevils Creek	"	T. B. Hendrix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	2	1.00	.50
Lower Mill Creek	"	M. S. Rushing, G. R. Beasley	6	0	3	0	1	0	0	27	0	1.50	3.00
Ash Branch	"	L. M. Lanier, E. W. Parrish	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	76	2	2.00	6.35
Upper Mill Creek	"	H. Temple, M. E. Cannon	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	40	1	2.00	.00
Bethlehem	"	I. L. Smith, S. J. Riggs	5	0	4	0	0	1	1	54	3	2.00	4.65
Inmans Creek	Toombs	I. F. Keel, J. L. Sutton	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	21	2	1.00	.00
Lyons	"	M. M. Coleman, D. D. Collins	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	16	3	1.00	.00
Beards Creek	Tattnall	D. H. Purcell, F. C. Dyess	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	25	4	.75	2.00
Ephesus	Bulloch	C. M. Anderson, John Anderson	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3	1.50	1.70
Bethel	Liberty	A. R. Strickland, Virgil Spivey	1	3	0	1	2	1	1	53	2	1.25	2.00
Little Flock	Tattnall	W. E. Cribbs, J. D. Lynn	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	51	3	2.00	.00
Columba	Bryan	Newton Wise, J. E. Strickland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	3	1.00	.00
Lower Lotts Creek	Bulloch	W. M. Anderson, J. D. Rimes	16	0	2	0	0	0	0	115	4	3.00	10.60
Lower Black Creek	Bryan	E. J. Burnsed, W. M. Burnsed	1	3	2	0	0	0	2	50	4	1.50	5.00
Andersons	Tattnall	D. L. Calaway, M. L. Riner	4	1	2	0	2	1	4	105	3	2.50	5.00
Emaus	Bulloch	H. B. Wilkerson, I. T. Colson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	1	1.00	.00

Preamble

The organization of this association is the result of an effort on the part of the DeLoach church and other peace loving Primitive Baptists to unite all the Primitive Baptist churches in Bulloch and Bryan counties, state of Georgia.

Inasmuch as that effort failed in part, the churches now forming the Lower Canoochee, proper, refusing to unite under the circumstances, which is their privilege, to which privilege none of the churches object, for churches are free and, of right ought to be, to remain in such condition as they severally feel most acceptable with God our Savior and our Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, seeing it impossible to unite all the churches in peace in the Lower Canoochee and live together in peace in the Lower Canoochee Association we, the churches desiring union and fellowship with one another, have agreed in our several conferences to meet DeLoach church according to invitation and promise this 20th day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five, for the formation of the Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association.

We are at peace with all Primitive Baptists everywhere, who are walking in the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have received authority to form this union.

We, as an association of churches, come together on the following Rules and Articles of Primitive Faith:

Rules

1. This association shall meet annually by the authority of the churches, to worship God.
2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers, and the names of said messengers shall be inserted in the letters from the churches.
3. This Association shall be governed by its own rules, but no rule shall be binding on any church.
4. No church shall be admitted into this Association, unless found sound in faith.
5. Any church may withdraw from this Association at the discretion of the church.
6. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk,

chosen by the Messengers present.

7. This Association shall open its business by singing and prayer.

8. All business shall come into this Association by motion and second; and every motion that is seconded shall be decided, except it be withdrawn by the mover.

9. There shall be no talking in time of a public speech, nor reflection on the speaker.

10. No person shall be interrupted in the time of a public speech, unless he departed from the subject in debate; and then only by the Moderator.

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

12. A majority of this Association shall govern in all cases, except the majority depart from the Rules and Articles of Faith herein expressed.

13. No person shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

14. A majority may amend or alter these rules at any time.

15. It shall be the duty of this Association to keep the minutes of all its proceedings and have them published in pamphlet form for distribution among the churches.

Articles of Faith

1. We believe the Old and New Testaments scriptures are the perfectly inspired word of God, and the only infallible standard of faith and practice.

2. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.

4. We believe Jesus Christ to be the son of God.

5. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final perseverance and preservation of the saints.

6. We believe nothing takes place by chance, but God's foreknowledge embraces all things.

7. We believe God predestinated some men and angels to eternal life through Jesus Christ, His Son, before the foundation of the world.

8. We believe God the Father calls, the Son redeems, and the Holy Ghost regenerates the very same person.

9. We believe the Children of God are called from death to life independently of all creature instrumentality, and are justified solely by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

10. We believe man was created in the beginning, in the image of God, very good and upright, but of his own will, without any compulsion and undeceived, he transgressed the laws of God.

11. We believe good works are such only as God has commanded in His Holy Word.

12. We believe the preaching of the Gospel is not to give life to the dead (for God alone can do that) but is to warn, teach, exhort, comfort and edify, reprove and confirm the living children of God.

13. We believe those who believe the Gospel should be baptized, that is, be immersed in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

14. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saints' feet an example to be engaged in by all the orderly children of God.

15. We believe that no man has the right to administer the ordinances but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. We believe a Primitive Baptist church is an organized body of Christ, and to maintain its identity, must stand aloof from the world and all the worldly so called churches, religious societies and institutions, such as Sunday Schools, theological seminaries, mission boards and conventions, and all oath-bound secret societies, which are plainly contrary to the example of Christ and His Apostles.

17. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and unjust, the former to life and the latter to damnation.

18. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come a second time in the body of this world, and after raising the dead will judge the human race in righteousness and send the wicked into everlasting punishment and will welcome the righteous to everlasting happiness in His Holy image and presence.



