

MINUTES

OF THE

**TWENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE

**New Beula Primitive
Baptist Association,**



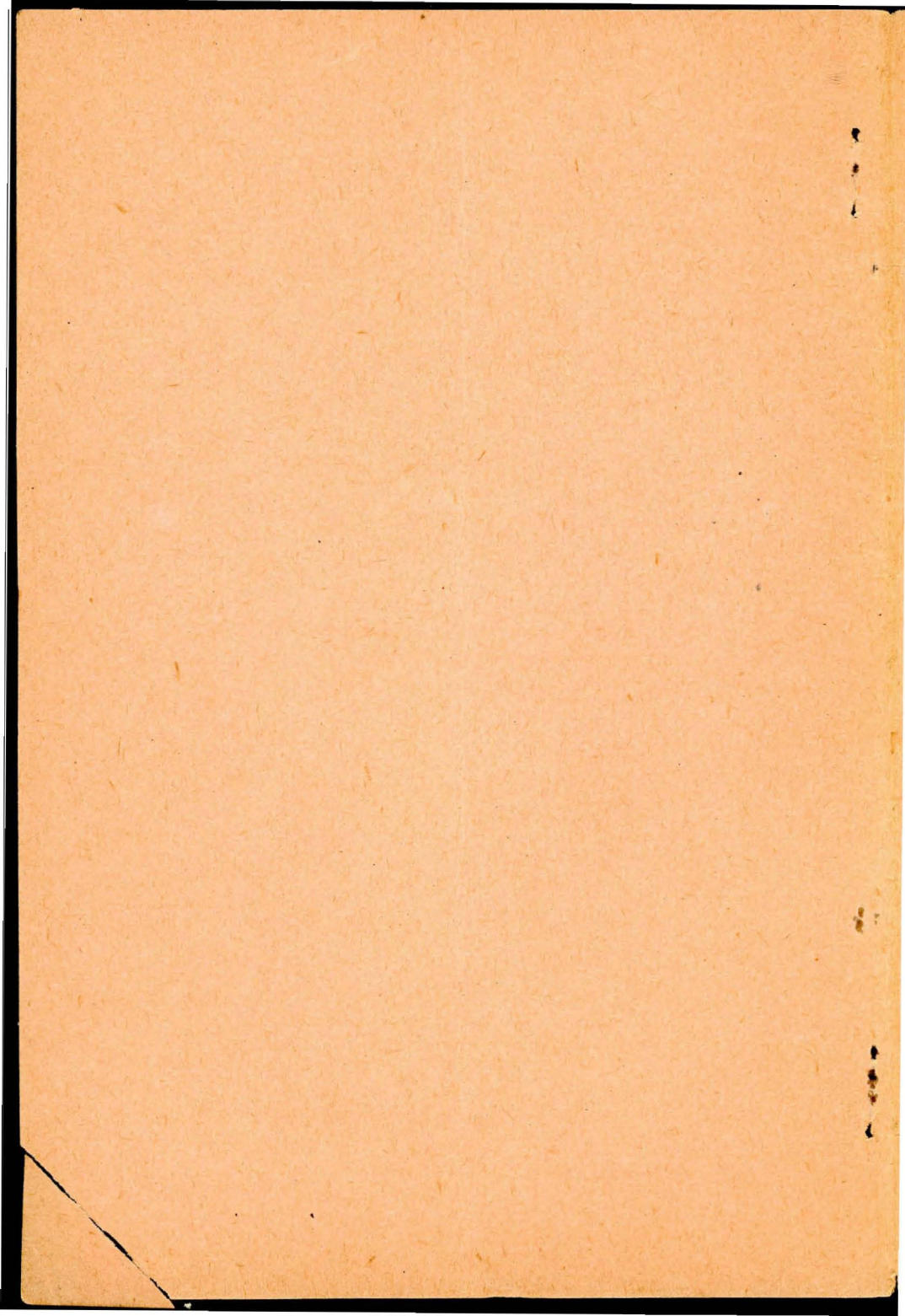
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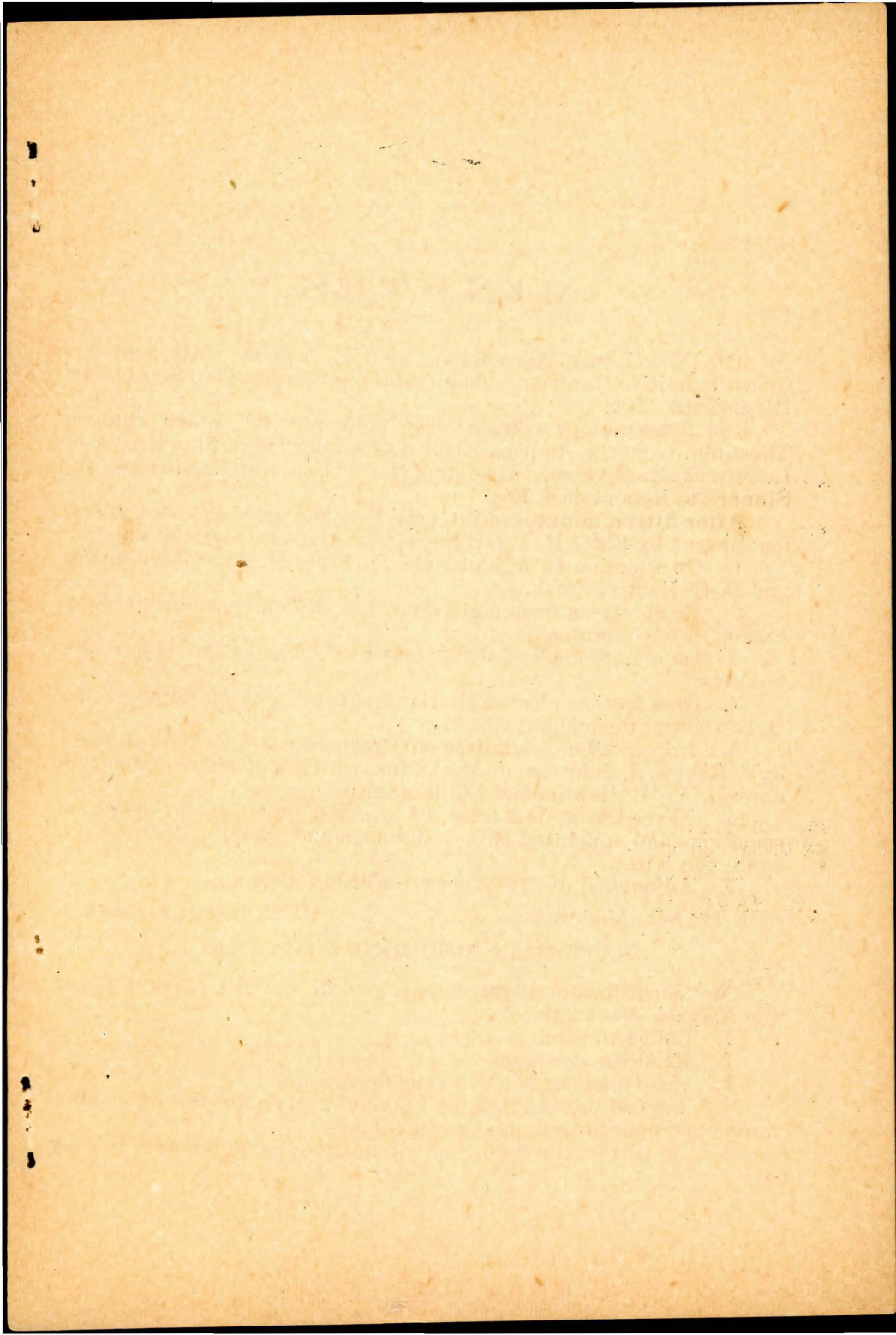
PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH,

APPLING COUNTY, GA.

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The New Beula Association met in session with Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Appling County, Ga., September 7th and 8th, 1906.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Simeon Thornton, from the Alapaha River Association; text, 5th chapter of Luke and 32nd verse, "He Came Not to Call the Righteous, but Sinners to Repentance, Etc."

After fifteen minutes of intermission, the delegates met in session; prayer by Elder H. J. Griffis, of the Alapaha Association.

1. On a motion to organize, elected Elder H. Hand, Moderator, and D. H. Hartly, Clerk.
2. Read letters from eight churches which were ordered recorded in the minutes.
3. On a motion adopted the order of business of last year's minutes.
4. On a motion elected H. Hand, Permanent Moderator, and D. H. Hartly, Permanent Clerk.
5. Appointed a Committee on Preaching and Contributions—J. F. Rivers, J. Johnson, J. M. Collins, with the delegates from this church, A. M. Stewart and William Lewis.
6. Agreed to write a letter of love and union to our sister associations and appointed Bro. J. Johnson and Elder J. N. Smith to write the letter.
7. Adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

H. HAND, Moderator.

D. H. HARTLY, Clerk.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met according to adjournment; prayer by Bro. Mark Ellis, of the Alapaha Association.

1. Called the roll.
2. Read the decorum.
3. Read an amendment to our decorum.
4. Agreed to send it home to the churches for their consideration and report to our next association.
5. On motion the following committee was appointed to copy

the amended decorum for the churches : C. M. Sikes, J. Johnson and A. M. Stewart.

6. The letter of love and union to our sister associations was read and adopted by the body.

7. Called for the report of the Committee on Contributions. The committee report that they find on hand \$33. The Clerk was instructed to have 400 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the church and have \$17 for same, the balance of the funds to be given visiting preachers.

8. On motion it was agreed to change the time of our association from Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in September to Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in October.

9. Called for visitors from sister associations and received from the Alapaha Association Elder Simeon Thornton, Elias Meeks, John Taylor, D. F. Cole, B. F. Minchew, Elder H. J. Griffis, J. W. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Meeks and Mark Ellis.

ORDER OF PREACHING FROM DAY TO DAY.

Saturday Morning—Elder H. J. Griffis, followed by Mark Ellis.

Saturday, 4 P. M.—G. W. Sasser, followed by J. N. Smith.

Sunday Morning—Elder Simeon Thornton.

The Moderator closed.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To Our Sister Associations and the Beloved Saints in the Lord,
Greeting :

Dear Brethren :—

By the grace of God we are permitted to meet again in our Twenty-first Annual Session. Love and peace seems to abound among us, and we are glad to have the privilege of receiving some of your beloved ministers and brethren. While it seemed best at our last session to drop our formal correspondence, we desire a more fuller visitation of our brethren, we feel glad of these manifestations of your love. Dear brethren, we invite you to continue to visit us in our association and church meetings. Dear brethren, let us walk together in love and charity, ever ready to serve one another in the blessed kingdom of our Lord. Let us be patient and let us run the race that is set before us. Brethren, hold fast to the things that the Master has entrusted in your hands—in all things hold fast to the Bible, earnestly contending for the faith once de-

livered to the saints, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Then whatsoever trials, troubles, bereavements and sorrows that we have to meet, let us be reconciled to God. If it works for our good, He knows best. Let us lean upon His strong arm and lay hold of the promises. Farewell, Brethren.

H. HAND, Moderator.

D. H. HARTLY, Clerk.

ORDAINED PREACHERS AND THEIR P. O.

T. E. Sikes, Ocilla, Ga.
 J. N. Smith, Hazlehurst, Ga.
 H. Hand, Graham, Ga.
 T. J. Dilburn, Guysie, Ga.
 G. W. Sasser, Guysie, Ga.
 Banks Lewis, Spencer, Ga.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The association will be opened with prayer.
2. Those members chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the association.
3. The members thus chosen shall furnish letters from their respective churches, certifying to their appointment, together with their number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, expelled, dead, and total number of fellowship since our last session.
4. This association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage or infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.
5. This association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the members present.
6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to keep order, to explain and put questions. He shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall not vote unless 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. Minutes shall be read and amended, if needful, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the association adjourns.
8. Any new church petitioning by letter and delegates for admission in the association shall be, if found orthodox and orderly, received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her delegates.
9. Each church shall have the right to send two delegates to this association, and no more, except large churches of 75 or more, which by consent of the association, may send three.
10. Every query presented shall be fully stated in writing and approved by a majority before being taken up.
11. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, unless withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the association.
12. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address

- the Moderator in an orderly manner, and shall not be interrupted unless he departs from the subject.
13. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.
 14. There shall be no loud talking or whispering in time of public speech or reflections cast upon the speaker.
 15. When a question is decided by vote there shall be no more debating on the subject.
 16. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave of the association.
 17. If any member shall break one of these rules of the association he shall immediately be reproved by the Moderator.
 18. These rules shall be read to every association previous to entering upon business.
 19. To keep up a correspondence with sister associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of connection may be preserved among the churches.
 20. To give the best advice in matters of difficulty; and if the union be broken between any of the churches, to inquire into the cause of this breach and to use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church which they judge unsound in faith or immoral in practice until they be reclaimed.
 21. To invite any of the ministers to assist if necessary.
 22. It shall be the duty of this association to provide for a general union of the churches and not hold them in union that support any modern missionary or Bible Sunday School Union, Society or Theological School, either to themselves or any other person, or is in any society that now is or may hereafter be constituted under the pretext of circulating the Gospel of Christ, nor will she correspond with any association that supports or is in any of the above named societies.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in only 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 Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only 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 of his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God 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 saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' Feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that the true mode of 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 man has the right to administer Baptism or the Lord's Supper, except such as are regularly called and come under the hands of the Presbytery.
 12. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead and a General Judgment.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Counties.	Name of Messengers.	Clerks and Postoffice.	Baptised	Received by Letter	On Confession of Faith	Restored	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Deaths	Total Number	Contributions	Time of Meeting	Annual Meeting
Mt. Carmel....	Jeff Davis.	H. Hand,	T. T. Lewis.... Hazlehurst	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	19	\$2	1	July
Ebenezer.....	Jeff Davis.	Banks Lewis, R. J. Dykes,	J. L. Anerson.. Hazlehurst	1	2	0	1	4	0	0	40	3	2	Aug.
Westbrook....	Laurens...	R. E. Ridley, J. F. Rivers,	J. F. Rivers..... Dexter	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	28	6	4	Aug.
Pleasant Grove	Appling...	W. H. Lewis, A. M. Stewart,	A. M. Stewart.... Guysie	5	4	2	0	2	4	0	29	5	3	Aug.
Helena.....	Telfair...	J. N. Smith, J. John-ton,	S. R. Sikes..... Ocilla	3	2	1	0	2	0	2	49	6	3	Aug.
Beula.....	Appling...	D. H. Hartly, A. L. Thornton	D. H. Hartly..... Graham	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	3	3	July
Providence....	Dodge.....	J. M. Colins, C. M. Siikes,	J. T. Brannon.... Cox	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	64	5	1	July
Pleasant Hill..	Dodge.....	T. D. Strickland.	John R. Giddens.. Eastman	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	3	2	Aug.

PASTORS AND THEIR CHURCHES--Mt. Carmel, J. N. Smith, H. Hand; Ebenezer, J. N. Smith; Westbrook, J. E. Sikes; Pleasant Grove, G. W. Sasser; Helena, J. E. Sikes; Beula, H. Hand; Providence, J. E. Sikes; Pleasant Hill, H. Hand.

