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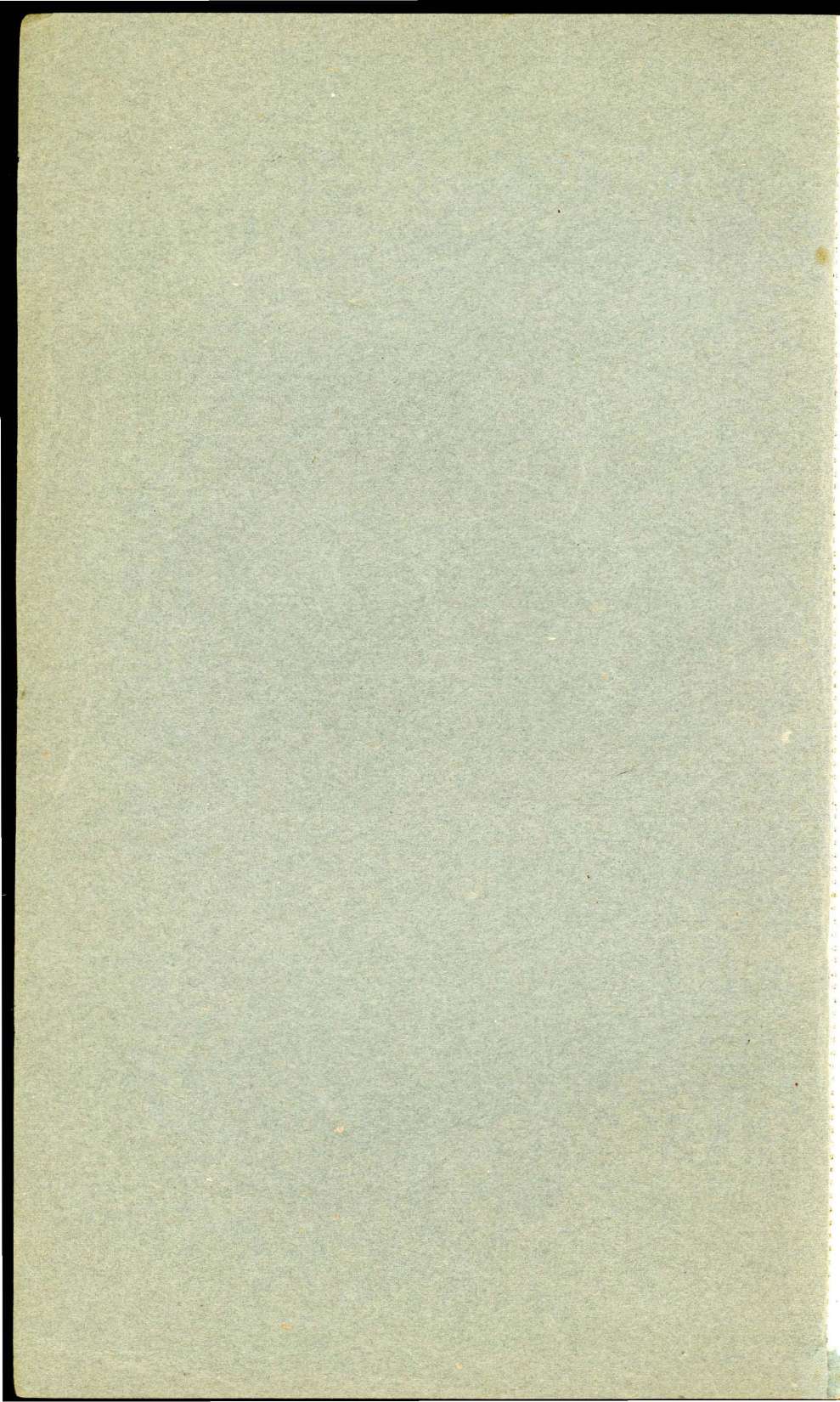
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MINUTES
of the
Seventy-Eighth Annual Session
of the
**ALABAMA RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

Held with Damascus Church, Bacon County, Georgia, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 5, 6 and 7, 1920.



OFFICERS:
ELDER J. T. MINCHEW, Moderator
J. O. WATERS, Clerk.



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ALABAMA RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSO-
CIATION, HELD WITH DAMASCUS SHURCH,
BACON COUNTY, GEORGIA, FRIDAY,
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
NOV. 5, 6, and 7, 1920.**

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder E. R. Rhoden, of the Ochlocknee Association, from Psalms 9th and 11th.

After thirty minutes' intermission, the delegates assembled in the house. The Association was called to order by the former Moderator. Prayer by Elder W. H. Tomlinson, of the Union Association.

1st. Read letters from nineteen churches, minuted their state and enrolled delegates' names.

2nd. Re-elected Elder J. T. Minchew Moderator, and J. O. Waters Clerk by ballot.

3rd. Read the decorum, and invited visiting ministers of our faith, order and practice to seats with us.

4th. Appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching and Finance, Lester Cole, A. M. Stewart and S. L. Youmans, together with delegates of this church.

5th. John Roberts, W. D. Griffis, A. L. Brannen, together with Moderator and Clerk, on Business.

6th. Appointed Brethren Randall Davis and W. S. Lewis to write Corresponding Letter.

7th. On Memoriums, Elder B. A. Thornton, R. A. Griffin, J. D. Thornton.

8th. Then on motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock on Saturday morning.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY

Met according to adjournment, after prayer by Elder G. H. Fowler, of the Suwanee Association, called the roll and proceeded to business.

9th. Called for correspondence from sister associations, and received from the Suwanee Association a pack of minutes by Elder G. H. Fowler and E. J. Roberts. From the Ochlocknee Association a pack of minutes by Elders E. R. Rhoden and E. Lindsey. From the Pulaski Association, a pack of minutes by Elders W. R. Akers, J. T. Hill and Brother A. A. Turner. From the Union Association, a pack of minutes by Elder W. H. Tomlinson and G. C. Mikell. All messengers and visitors being received by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of our Association in token of our love and fellowship for their associations.

Called for marked letters and agreed to hold our next session with Mt. Zion Church, Pierce County, Ga.

Called for the Corresponding Letter, which was read and approved.

Creek Church during his early life, which office he filled with faithfulness until the Lord saw fit to call him home.

Also Brother James S. Thomas, who was deacon of Bethlehem Church. He was, as we believe, an earnest believer in Christ, and his every walk of life was one of Christian faithfulness.

Also Brother Jno. Moody, who was ordained at Satilla Church where he served for several years. When he moved to Bethlehem Church, he continued to serve this church as deacon with faithfulness until God, in His providence saw fit to call him from this life to life eternal.

While we in the death of these brethren have sustained a great loss, yet we bow in humble submission to His will.

ELDER B. A. THORNTON,
R. A. GRIFFIN,
J. D. THORNTON,

Committee.

DECORUM.

1. This Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Those members chosen by the churches of our union shall compose the Alabama River Primitive Baptist Association.
3. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, expelled, and total number in fellowship since our last session.
4. This Association shall not have power to lord it over God's heritage nor infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches.
5. The 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 preserve order, to explain and put questions, and shall have the same right to speak as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall not vote unless the body shall be equally divided.
7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Associations; the minutes shall be read and amended, if needful, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.
8. Any church petitioning by letter and delegates for admission into this 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 the Association, and no more.
10. Every query presented shall be fairly stated in writing and approved by a majority before being taken up.

11. Every motion made and seconded shall come under observation of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the person who made it by 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 while speaking, unless he depart from the subject.

13. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, and shall not continue his speech more than ten minutes at a time without leave of the Association.

14. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of debate or public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

15. When a case is decided by vote, there shall be no more debating on the subject.

16. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave from the Association.

17. If any member shall break the rules of this Association he shall be immediately reprovcd by the Moderator.

18. These rules shall be read at every Association previous to entering on business.

19. It shall be the duty of the Association to keep up a correspondence with other Associations of the same faith and order that a chain of connection may be preserved among the churches.

20. To give the best advice they can in matters of difficulty, and if the union be broken between any of the sister churches, to inquire into the cause of the breach and 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 assistance, if necessary.

22. It shall be the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches, and not hold them in union that support any modern missionary, Bible or Sunday school union, society, theological school, either in themselves or any other person, or in any society that is now or may be hereafter constituted under pretext of circulating the gospel of Christ, or any secret order, nor will it correspond with any association that supports, or is any of the above named societies.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES SUBSCRIBED TO BY THE ASSOCIATION.

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

2. We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written 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 fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only 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 the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints' feet are ordinances, and believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe, that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.
11. We believe that no man has the right to the administration of the ordinance of Baptism and 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.

CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

- Antioch—C. L. Byrd, Winoker, Ga.
 Ben James—W. H. Bowen, Blackshear, Ga.
 Bethesda—A. L. Brannen, Jesup, Ga.
 Bethlehem—W. P. Griffis, Blackshear, Ga.
 Big Creek—George H. Mikell, Screven, Ga.
 Corinth—W. P. Murray, Odum, Ga.
 Damascus—R. A. Watson, Coffee, Ga.
 Elim—W. R. Cole, Nicholls, Ga.
 Mars Hill—J. J. Moore, Hoboken, Ga.
 Mt. Pleasant, Bacon County—A. F. McLanc, Alma, Ga.
 Mt. Pleasant, Ware County—L. J. Strickland, Waycross, Ga.
 Mt. Zion—W. M. Tuten, Blackshear, Ga.
 New Hope—J. J. Blocker, Hickox, Ga.
 New Prospect—W. L. Mikell, Blackshear, Ga.
 Providence—B. M. James, Manor, Ga.
 Ramah—S. R. Jordan, Rockingham, Ga.
 Rehobath—Walter Smith, Waresboro, Ga.
 Rome—A. M. Boyett, Beach, Ga., Rt. 1.
 Satilla—P. J. A. Colson, Screven, Ga.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

- Elder J. T. Minchew, Waycross, Ga., Rt. No. 1.
 Elder W. P. Nunez, Blackshear, Ga., Rt. No. 1.
 Elder H. J. Griffis, Odum, Ga., Rt. No. 2.
 Elder B. A. Thornton, Hickox, Ga.

Elder J. J. Hayes, Waycross, Ga.

Elder W. D. Bryant, Coffee, Ga.

Elder T. J. Dilborn, Alma, Ga.

Elder J. A. Osteen, Alma, Ga.

Elder Simeon Thornton, Blackshear, Ga.

Elder J. P. Mikell, Waycross, Ga.

Churches	County	Messengers	Pastors 1920	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Confession of Faith	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Dead	Total Membership	Contribution	Sabbath of Annual Meeting
Antioch	Charlton	J. W. Davidson, C. L. Byrd	B. A. Thornton ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	\$ 2.00	1 April
Ben James	Pierce	J. O. Waters, S. L. Youmans	J. A. Osteen ...	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	51	10 00	3 May
Bethesda	Wayne	W. L. Lewis, A. L. Brannen	W. D. Bryant ...	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	17	7 00	3 July
Bethlehem	Pierce	W. D. Griffis, R. L. Mikell	W. M. Hyers	0	4	0	0	0	1	3	23	5 50	1 May
Big Creek	Wayne	Hancel Tyre, J. D. Thornton	W. D. Bryant ..	4	0	0	0	4	1	3	69	10 60	1 Oct.
Corinth	Wayne	J. D. Murray, H. R. McGaulley	W. M. Hyers	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	10	3 00	3 Oct.
Damascus	Bacon	J. M. Mitchell, Randal Turner	W. M. Hyers	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	22	5 00	4 Aug.
Elim	Coffee	John Roberts, Lester Cole	J. C. Hewett ...	2	0	0	0	4	1	4	55	6 95	3 Sept.
Mars Hill	Pierce	Matthew Carter, Lee Jacobs	J. A. Osteen ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	5 25	1 June
Mt. Pleasant ...	Ware	L. J. Strickland, J. W. Eunice	J. P. Mikell	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	38	6 50	2 May
Mt. Pleasant ...	Bacon	A. M. Stewart, J. A. Osteen	J. A. Osteen ...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	48	7 00	2 Oct.
Mt. Zion	Pierce	R. Davis, W. M. Tuten	J. A. Osteen ...	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	31	10 20	4 June
New Hope	Wayne	B. A. Thornton, A. J. Petty	B. A. Thornton..	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	48	5 75	3 April
New Prospect ...	Pierce	M. C. Murray, D. J. Dowling	B. A. Thornton..	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	32	4.25	4 April
Providence	Ware	E. M. Cribb, B. M. James	J. C. Hewett ...	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	25	2 25	2 Oct.
Ramah	Pierce	J. W. Davis, I. F. Roberson	W. D. Bryant ...	2	2	0	0	5	0	0	49	8 00	2 Sept.
Rehoboth	Ware	Geo. Gillard, C. C. Anderson	J. C. Hewett ...	2	1	1	0	0	2	4	38	6 25	1 Sept.
Rome	Ware	J. T. Minchew, W. A. King	J. T. Minchew ...	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	31	10 00	4 Oct.
Satilla	Wayne	Steve Moody, P. J. A. Colson	W. M. Hyers ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2 00	2 July
Totals				21	27	3	2	22	9	21	637		

