

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TOWALIGA ASSOCIATION
OF
PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS,
HELD WITH
ML. Nebo Church, Glascock, County, Ga.,

Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and 2, 1895.

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Hebrews 6:17.

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MILNER, GA:

TOWALIGA MESSENGER PRINT:

1895.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read letters and enroll messengers' names.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Appoint a committee to arrange service.
7. Appoint some brother to write Corresponding Letter.
8. Call the roll and read the Decorum.
9. Appoint Correspondents.
10. Appoint Union Meetings.
11. Appoint time and place for next Association.
12. Appoint some brother to preach next Introductory Sermon.
13. Appoint some brother to write Circular Letter.
14. Call for Circular Letters.
15. Call for Corresponding Letter.
16. Call for contributions. Say how many minutes shall be printed; fix clerk's compensation.
17. Call for miscellaneous business.
18. Read minutes and adjourn.

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ORDAINED ELDERS

Washington J. Oxford, Winfred, Jasper, Co., Ga.
Ira L. Gunter, McDonough, Henry Co., Ga.
Wiley F. Rogers, Commissioner, Wilkinson, Co., Ga.
John Rowe, Butler, Taylor Co., Ga.
William T. Godard, Milner, Pike Co., Ga.
John A. Wright, Zebulon, Pike Co., Ga.
J. G. Huckabay, Tobler, Upson, Co., Ga.
E. G. Ratliff, Eula, Ga.
G. W. Phillips, Atlanta, Ga.

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LICENTIATES.

Andrew J. Brown, Rocky Ford, Ga.
J. C. Daniel, South Atlanta, Ga.
R. W. Daniel, Rowland, Ga.
L. C. Dickey, Frattsburg, Ga.
Jesse McElroy, Jackson, Ga.
J. Luther Hays, Hayston, Ga.
G. W. Cook, Zebulon, Ga.

MINUTES.

MOUNT NEBO CHURCH, GLASSCOCK Co., Ga., Aug. 31, 1895.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. G. Ratliff from Hebrews 6:17, followed by Elder W. T. Godard from same text.

One hour's intermission.

Messengers and correspondents assembled in the house, while preaching at the stand by Elders Branson and Rogers.

1. Singing and prayer by Elder L. M. Ball.
2. Read letters and enrolled messengers' names.
3. Re-elected by acclamation, Elder I. L. Gunter, Moderator, and Elder W. T. Godard, Clerk.
4. Called for and received correspondence from Little River, Elder L. M. Ball; from Powells' Valley, of Tennessee, Elder Eli M. Branson. Sickness prevented the corresponding messengers from Blue Ridge Association and Brushy Creek Union.
5. Appointed brethren T. J. Preston, W. P. Persons, N. E. Mason, John B. Brown to associate with the messengers of Mt. Nebo Church, to-wit: Brethren J. F. Walden, T. Daniel and W. O. Harrell to arrange divine services during the session.
6. On motion suspended the reading of decorum.
7. Adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY.

Prayer meeting at 9 a. m. conducted by the Brother Moderator. Preaching at 10 a. m. by Elder L. M. Ball, followed by Elder E. M. Branson.

Afternoon—preaching by Elder I. L. Gunter, followed by Elder W. T. Godard, to a large and attentive audience, and we hope and believe to the good of the church and joy of the whole people.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Preaching by licentiate J. L. Hayes and Elders Ratliff and Godard.

MONDAY.

At 8 a. m. the body met according to adjournment. Opened by praise and prayer by Elder Branson.

1. Renewed the call for correspondence, and the body was most delightfully entertained by a brotherly address from Elder Branson.

2. Appointed correspondents, to-wit: To the Blue Ridge to be holden with the Church at Strait Gap, Lumpkin, county, Ga., nine miles North of Dahlonega, Ga., Friday before first Sunday in October, 1895, Elder I. L. Gunter. Little River, to be holden with Beulah Church, eight miles East Marietta, Cobb county, Ga., on Saturday before third Sunday in August, 1896, Elder S. G. Ratliff and brethren Leach, Stephens, Persons and Preston, also Elders Huckaby and Gunter. Brushy Creek Union to be holden with the Church at Hopewell, Irwinville, Irwin county, Ga., Friday before third Sunday in September, 1896, Elders Rogers and Ratliff, and brethren Hendrix, Brown and J. F. Walden. Powells' Valley, Elders Rowe and Godard.

3. Appointed Union meetings for this body, to-wit: First District, with Mount Moriah Church, Newton county, Ga., Friday before first Sunday in August, 1896. Second District, with Ozias Church, Henry county, Ga., Friday before third Sunday in July 1896.

4. There being four petitions for this body in 1896, it was agreed without a dissenting voice, that it be holden with Beulah Church in Spalding county, Ga., ten miles East of Griffin, on Central R. R., and eight miles West of Jackson on E. T. V. & G., R. R.

5. Appointed Elder J. G. Huckaby to preach next introductory and Elder W. T. Godard, alternate. Brother T. G. Preston to write Circular Letter and Elder S. G. Ratliff his alternate.

6. Read, received, and adopted Circular Letter prepared by Elder J. A. Wright.

7. Read, received, and adopted Corresponding Letter prepared by brother A. J. Brown.

8. Received contributions, for minutes, \$27.60; by messengers for ministerial purposes, \$50.20; by collection at stand on Sunday \$4 85.

9 Ordered 1200 copies of these minutes printed, that the clerk retain 200 of the same for correspondents, that he distribute the same and retain the balance of funds for his services.

10. Resolved, that this body, as a token of its appreciation of the preparations, hospitalities, kindness and manifest love of Mt. Nebo Church and community, tender our most sincere and loving gratitude to them.

11. Adjourned to meet with our sister Beulah Church on Saturday before first Sunday in September, 1896.

Praise and holy exhortation, a blessed hand-shaking and deep and soul-searching prayer by the Moderator; retired to the stand for preaching.

W. T. GODARD,
Clerk.

Elder I. L. GUNTER,
Moderator.

MONDAY AT THE STAND, 9 A. M. SEPT. 2, 1895.

Prayer meeting conducted by brother A. J. Brown; at 11 preaching by Elder Wiley F. Rogers.

Afternoon—Preaching by Elder Branson, followed by Elder Gunter.

At night—Preaching by brother A. J. Brown, followed by Elder Gunter.

May the Lord ever be praised for the blessings of this glorious session.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Towaliga Association of Primitive Baptists, to the Sister Associations and Unions, of the same Faith and Order with whom she Corresponds.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

Through the blessings of God, the Lord has suffered us to live and to hold another, the Fifty-seventh, session of this body, in love and harmony. Our churches were well represented either by messenger or letter. Several of our churches report additions to their membership for which we greatly rejoice. We were also made to rejoice at the presence and labors of your correspondents, we desire a continuance of your visits and correspondence.

The next session of this body will be held with Beulah Church, Spalding county, Georgia, on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1896, when and where to meet many of your desirable correspondents.

We have returned correspondence as set forth in the body of these minutes.

Yours in gospel bonds,

W. T. GODARD,
Clerk.

I. L. GUNTER,
Moderator.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

"Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity, for they should soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb." Ps. 37.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We wish to admonish you to be patient in all things, and fret not thyself because of evil doers, for the blessed Lord has said that offenses would come, but woe unto him by whom the offense cometh, for the conduct of wicked men live in constant self-flattery and self delusion, and thus they are led captive at the will of the devil. Thus his biddings will they do; so dear saint fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity, for this Psalm is throughout an expression of the original promise of God to His covenant people that so long as they obeyed Him He would give them quiet possession, and enjoyment of the Promised Land. Lev. 26 ch. 3-13.

If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them, then I will give you rain in due season. Joshua said let others do as they may, but for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Delight thyself in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thy heart; commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass; that is accomplished in the best way the desirable ends for your welfare.

Let us constantly watch and pray dear brethren that we may enter not into temptation, for if watchfulness and prayer are neglected we stand in great danger of being led astray by the seductive influences of satan. The world and flesh, by which oftentimes false constructions, and improper conduct is hurtful to God's dear children, a fleshly striving for our own peculiar notion of orthodoxy and order is substituted in the place of humble, earnest, and loving advocacy of the truth as in Jesus, to the destruction of peace, and to the bringing in of envies, strife, contention, and every evil work, a harsh, critical and envious spirit.

Dear brethren, fret not thyself of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity, for they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord and do good, so shall thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed.

Let us be patient, one to another, bearing each other's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ. As children of the same Father, subjects of the same redemption, objects of the same grace, members of the same brotherhood, inheritors and heirs of the same kingdom, traveling the same road, and having the same warfare in the flesh. How sweet should be our association together, how endearing our fellowship one for another, and how perfectly agreed should we all be in the one great object of our calling which is to live for each other's good and God's glory.

Finally, brethren, let us earnestly pray that peace and union may ever abound in our midst, that we may ever stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.

J. A. WRIGHT.

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

Number.	CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICES	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Rec'd on Confession of Faith.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dis'd by Letter.	Dead.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Minister's Fund.	Time of Meeting.	PASTORS.
1	Flat Rock	Pike	Zebulon	By Letter.						2		40	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 20	3	Wright.
2	Concord	Jasper	Winfred	S. G. Ratliff, W. P. Persons	2							64	2 00	10 00	4	Ratliff
3	Hebron	Clayton	Jonesboro	By Letter	9						1	31	1 00	1 65	2	Gunter.
4	Mt. Pisgah	Upson	Yatesville	By Letter	1						3	1 44	2 50	3 10	3	Godard,
5	Mt. Moriah	Newton	Hayston	J. Luther Hays, W. S. Kirkpatrick W. N. Leach	4						1	15	1 00	50	2	Phillips.
6	Sandy Creek	Butts	Flovilla	T. G. Preston	8		1				1	52	2 00	2 00	1	Ratliff.
7	Beulah	Spalding	Brushy	By Letter	4					3		45	1 10	1 00	1	Wright.
8	Lebanon	Henry	Hampton	John Barnett,	5							38	1 00	2 00	1	Gunter.
9	Liberty	Pike	Liberty Hill	E. C. Akin Jr.		1			1			39	1 50	3 00	4	Wright.
10	Ozias	Henry	White House	I. L. Gunter.								89	1 25	7 00	3	Gunter.
11	Ocmulgee	Jasper	Flovilla	S. M. Harden, J. B. Benton	1							13	50	1 00	2	Ratliff.
12	Liberty	Wayne	Clock	By Letter						1		9	1 00		4	Thornton.
13	Mt. Nebo	Glassecock	Mitchell	J. F. Weldon, Thomas Daniel, W. O. Harrell	3	3						43	1 50	2 00	2	Huckaby.
14	Flint River	Upson	Rowland	J. B. Brown	2							63	1 25	1 75	3	Rowe.
15	Bersheba	Henry	Locust Grove	Allen Castelow			1		1	3		45	1 50	3 50	4	Gunter.
16	Phillippi	Bulloch	Portal	A. J. Brown, J. K. Hendrix								8	1 00	2 00	3	Rogers.
17	Bethel	Butts	Jackson	By Letter	2	2						22	1 00		3	Ratliff.
18	Mt. Olive	Baldwin	Milledgeville	A. J. Moran	4					1		32	1 00	50	3	Huckaby.
19	Forest	Clayton	Astor	F. J. Stephens	7	1	2			1	2	71	1 50		2	Wright.
20	Friendship	Wilkinson	McIntyre	W. F. Rogers, N. E. Mason								37	2 00	3 00	2	Rogers.
21	Union	Mour	Goggansville	W. T. Godard								39	2 00	5 00	4	Godard.
22	Little Flock	Fayette	Fayetteville	Not Represented						2	1	21			4	Phillips.
Totals					52	7	4	2	16	7	860	\$28 40	\$60 20			

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