

○ **MINUTES** ○
— OF THE —
FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
— OF THE —
Harmony Primitive Baptist
— * ASSOCIATION, * —
— HELD WITH —
UNION CHURCH,
TERRELL COUNTY, GEORGIA,
COMMENCING -:- ON -:- SATURDAY,
— BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN —
OCTOBER, 1888.

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. It begins with the first settlers, who came to the Americas in search of a new life. They found a land of opportunity, but also one of hardship. The early years were marked by struggle and sacrifice, as the settlers fought to establish a new society. Over time, the United States grew from a small colony into a powerful nation. It was a process of constant evolution, shaped by the dreams and aspirations of its people. The history of the United States is a testament to the power of the human spirit and the ability of a nation to overcome adversity. It is a story of hope and progress, of a people who have built a great nation from the ground up. The history of the United States is a story that continues to inspire and inform us today.

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The Fiftieth Annual Session of the HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was held with Union church Terrell county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1888.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Mims, of the Uharlee Association, text, Acts, 2:47, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

2. After an intermission of one hour, the messengers from the several churches composing the Association, assembled and the Association was organized. Prayer by Elder Lee Hancks.

3. Letters from churches received and names of delegates enrolled and the state of the churches minuted. On account of age and infirmities, Elder J. M. Woodall requested the Association to relieve him from the responsible position as Moderator of the Association, and his request was granted.

4. On motion the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk. Elected Elder W. T. Everett Moderator, and R. F. Ivey Clerk.

5. Called for Petitionary Letters.

6. Invited brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

7. Appointed the following committees: On Business—Eld. J. M. Woodall, J. R. Battle and Elder P. L. York; On Preaching—R. H. Jennings, Elder J. H. Davis and B. F. Markett, with the delegates of Union church; to write Corresponding Letter—Elder P. L. York, H. H. Mott and W. A. Webb; to Examine Correspondence—J. H. Hammond, E. Fain, T. Trotman and Elder J. M. Woodall.

8. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations. Received from the Upatoie, Messenger Peter Stewart, with Letter; from Union, Messenger Elder J. C. Rodgers; from Choctawhatchee—Messengers Elder Lee Hancks and Z. T. Marsh, with Letters and Minutes; from Uharlee Association—Elder J. A. Mimms was received on motion; from Flint River—Eld. S. E. Davis, Eld. P. T. Everett, Eld. G. N. Ray and A. C. Sheffield; from Pulaski—On motion Eld. H. Hall was received; from Olive—Letter and Minutes; From Chipola and Beulah O.

9. On motion the Association adjourned until Monday morning at 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. C. Rodgers.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 15, 1888.

10. The Association met according to adjournment, prayer by Elder J. H. Davis.

11. Called for the Report of the Committee on Business. On motion the same was read and received.

12. Called the roll and read the Decorum.

13. Called for further Correspondence.

14. Called for the Report on Correspondence, and said Committee found nothing to claim the attention of the body.

15. Appointed Union Meetings: First District, at Antioch church, Stewart county, commencing Friday before the 5th Sunday in August, 1889; Second District, at Providence church, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in June;

Third District at Hepzibah church, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in March, 1889.

16. Returned Correspondence to the Upatoie Association, to convene with Bethlehem church, Taylor county, commencing on Tuesday, after the 1st Sunday in September, 1889—Brethren R. H. Jennings, R. A. Dodson, B. F. Markett and J. R. Battle Messengers.

16. Pulaski Association, to convene with Christian Hope church, Wilcox county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1889—Messengers, J. R. Battle, R. A. Dodson and C. G. King; Ochlochnee Association, to convene with Mt. Zion church, Thomas county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1889—Messengers, Elder W. T. Everett; Beulah Association, Correspondence discontinued on account of the distance; Union Association, to convene with Ramah church, Clinch county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1888—Messengers, ———; Choctawhatchee Association, to convene with Sardis church, Dale county, Ala., 3 miles east of Dean Station, commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1889—Messengers, Elder P. L. York, Elder J. H. Davis, Elder J. L. Blackshear, Elder W. T. Everett, A. Garrett, R. H. Jennings, E. Fain, B. D. Jones and H. H. Mott; Flint River Association, to convene with Liberty Hill church, Early county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1888—Messengers, Elder W. T. Everett, J. H. Hammond, Elder J. L. Blackshear, H. H. Mott, J. H. Davis, Elder P. L. York and D. A. and E. Fain; Olive Association, to convene with Sharon church, Tallapoosa county, Ala., commencing on Friday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1888—Messengers, ———.

17. Called for Corresponding Letter, which was read and received.

18. Called for Contributions, and received for the Minutes, \$26 20; for Correspondence, \$47 00 On motion it was agreed that 1,000 Minutes be printed, and to allow the remainder left after printing and distributing said Minutes, to the Clerk, for his services.

19. Appointed the next session of this body to convene with Poplar Springs church Webster county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1889—the church is 4 miles south of Preston, on the A. P. & L. R. R.

20. On motion a vote of thanks is hereby tendered the people of the surrounding neighborhood of Union church, for their kind hospitalities extended to our Association.

21. Read the Minutes and adjourned.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Saturday, 11, a. m., Services opened by Elder J. A. Mims; Saturday, p. m., Services opened by Elder Wm. Hollingsworth, followed by Elder H. H. Hall; Sunday a. m., Services opened by Elder Lee Hancks, closed by Elder Maxwell; Sunday, p.

m., Services opened by Elder Rodgers, closed by Elder P. Everett; Monday, a. m., Services opened by Elder S. E. Davis, closed by G. N. Ray.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

Harmony Association of Primitive Baptist Faith and Order now in session, to her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth greetings: Dear Brethren—We have again been permitted, through the kindness of Providence, to hold another session of our body, which has been conducted in peace and love. The churches are all represented but a few, and bring tidings of peace and love. Our Correspondence has not been as full as we desired, but those that are with us come in the power and spirit of the great God of all power, which they imparted to us in the power of the spirit and love of God. Dear Brethren, the next session of our body will be held with Poplar Springs, church, Webster county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1889—the church is 4 miles south of Preston on the A. P. & L. R. R.; at which place we hope to meet a goodly number of your Correspondence. In love,

ELD W. T. EVERETT, Moderator.

R. F. IVEY, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

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

ART. 3. We believe that God elected or chose His people in Christ, "Before the foundation of the world that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love."

ART. 4. We believe in the Doctrine of original sin, and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature; by his own free will and ability.

ART. 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. 6. We believe that God's elect shall be called, effectually regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and shall persevere in Grace and never finally fall away.

ART. 7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and washing the Saints feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only fit or qualified subjects of these ordinances, and that Baptism by immersion is the only true mode.

ART. 8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. 9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by Presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

ART. 10. We believe that God has ordained good works, that his children should walk in them; and that good works are only such as

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God has commanded in His Word, and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intentions.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in Fellowship.	Finances.		Time of Meeting.		
											For Minutes.	For Correspondence.	Time.	Yearly.	
1ST DISTRICT.															
Antioch	Stewart	Lumpkin...	A C Trotman and M D Tatum				2	1	2	24	\$ 2 00	\$ 3 00	4	July	
Harmony..	Stewart	Richland.	B. W. Norman						2	21	1 00	2 00	4	July	
Slaughter Creek	Stewart	Green Hill.	S Pearson and T Trotman.	1						13	1 00	1 00	3	Aug	
Poplar Springs	Webster.	Preston	J F Jenkins and S E Goss				1			6	1 00	1 00	1	Aug	
Mount Olive	Chattahoochee	Cusseta	J R Brooks and R R Radney							25	2 00	1 00	1	July	
New Bethel	Marion	Church Hill	H H Bell and T Hogg				1			10	1 00	1 00	3	July	
Turkey Creek	Webster.....	Weston.	Elder Doc Chambless and H H Mott.					2		23	1 70	3 00	4	July	
2ND DISTRICT.															
Beulah	Terrell	Dawson	Elder J H Davis and T J Daniel					1		23	1 00	1 50	1	July	
Chickahatchee	Terrell	Dawson	Elder W T Everett and R H Jennings	2			1	2		43	2 50	3 50	1	Aug	
Macedonia...	Terrell	Dawson	Elder J L Blackshear and J H Hammond				1			38	2 00	2 50	4	June	
Liberty.	Sumter	Smithville.	D N Castleberry and W A Webb	3			2	2		13	50	1 50	3	July	
Providence.	Sumter	Americus.	Elder J M Woodall and B F Market				2			21	2 00	4 00	2	July	
Hebron	Sumter	Andersonville.	J R Battle and R A Dodson	2			5			27	1 00	5 00	1	July	
3RD DISTRICT.															
Antioch.	Clay	Fort Gaines	L Brown and A D Averett							15	50	1 00	4	June	
Mars Hill	Calhoun.	Whitney	E E Fain and D A Fain	2	9		1	1		76	4 00	11 00	3	June	
Hepzibah	Randolph.	Cuthbert	Elder P L York and R F Ivey				2			23	1 50	3 00	2	July	
Walnut Grove.	Randolph.	Richland.													
Pataula	Quitman	Georgetown													
Union	Terrell	Dawson	C G King and B Still				1			18	1 50	2 00	2	July	
				2	17		13	9	9	419	\$26 20	\$47 00			



