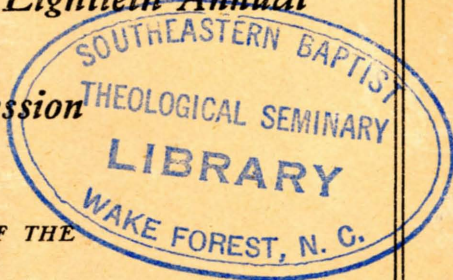


Minutes of the Eightieth Annual

Session

OF THE



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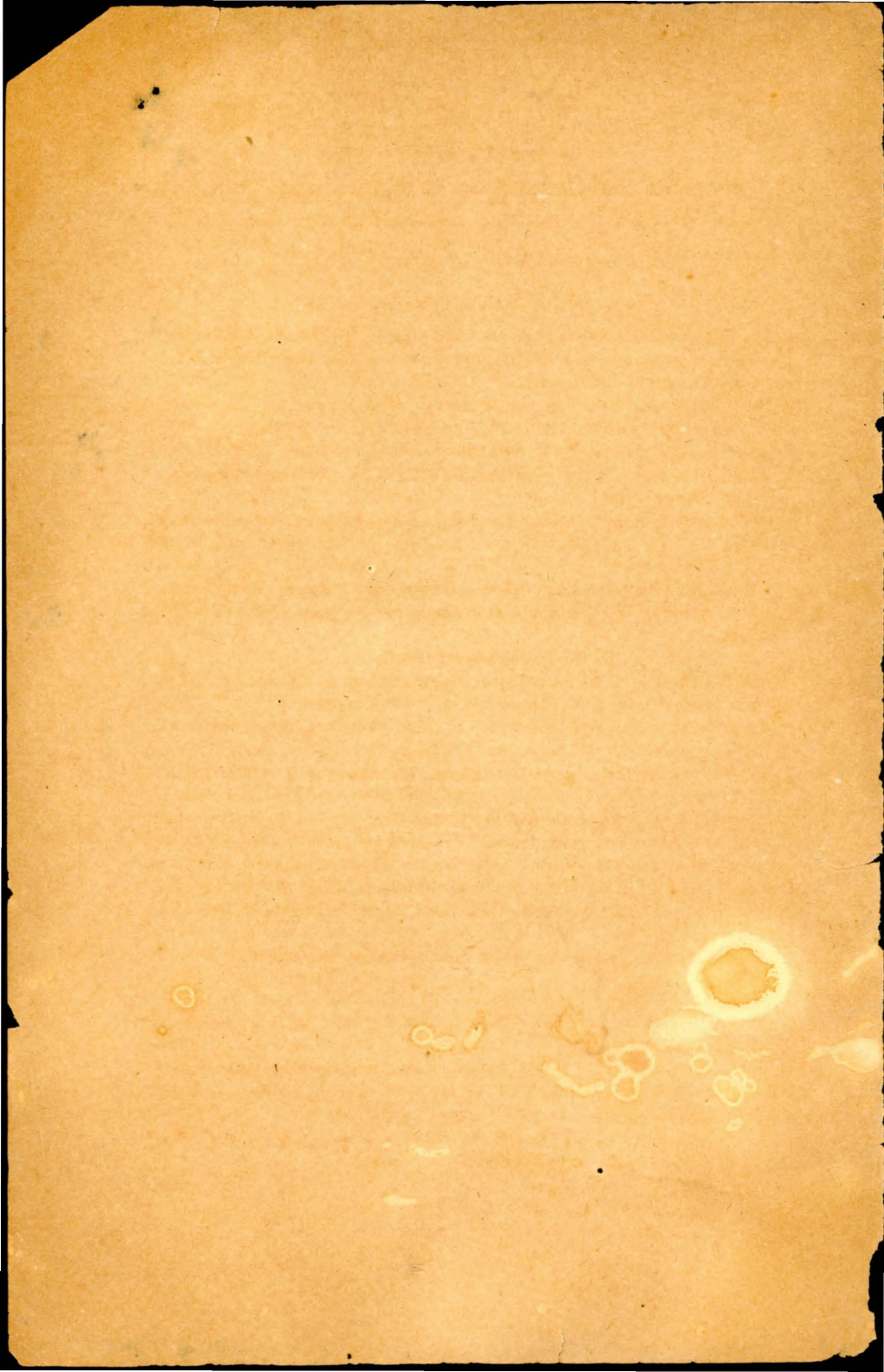
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Regular Primitive Baptists

CONVENED WITH

New Hope Church, Emanuel County, Ga.,

October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1909



MINUTES

Of the Eightieth Annual Session of the Original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association, convened with New Hope Church, Emanuel County, Ga., October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1909.

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. H. B. Wilkinson, of Lotts Creek Association, of Georgia. Text, 1st Tim. 4:16: "Take heed unto thyself and to the doctrine."

2nd. After one hour's intermission the messengers from the several churches assembled in the house. Prayer by Eld. Lee Hanks.

3rd. Called for and read letters from fourteen churches.

4th. Organized the body by electing Eld. S. W. Anderson moderator and J. J. Sutton clerk.

5th. Invited ministers and brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

6th. Read rules of Decorum.

7th. Called for petitionary letters and received Pilgrims Rest church, Johnson county, Ga., the moderator extending her messengers the right hand of fellowship.

8th. Appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—J. R. Hill, J. J. Kersey and M. A. Braddy, with this church's delegation, J. W. Lamb and A. J. Youngblood.

To Arrange General Meetings—John Edenfield, A. J. Rountree and J. R. Hill.

To Write Circular Letter—Eld. Lonnie Holloway, A. J. Rountree and J. T. Turner.

On Finance—J. M. Anderson, A. J. Rountree and A. J. Youngblood.

9th. Called for correspondence. Received from Lotts Creek Association Elds. F. M. Donaldson, A. J. Brown, H. B. Wilkinson, H. Temples and Brother J. L. Sutton; from Ebenezer, Eld. B. Lewis and Brethren J. E. Lord and Robert M. Lord; from Echeconnee, Eld. Lee Hanks.

10th. Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday 8:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, 8:30 A. M.

11th. The association met pursuant to adjournment.

12th. Called the roll.

13th. On motion, received visitors from the following associations: Retocton, Eld. T. S. Dalton, Virginia; Seven Mile Association, North Carolina, Eld. W. M. Mousees; Oconee Association, Eld. C. H. Anthony; Lotts Creek Association, Eld. M. L. Riner, David Caloway, and Brethren M. E. Cannon, L. O. Akin and L. M. Lanier.

14th. Called for further correspondence; received none.

15th. Appointed correspondents to the following associations: Lotts Creek, to convene with Anderson's church on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1909, Elds. J. B. Wilson, H. V. Hill and Lonnie Holloway; Echeonnee, to convene with Emmaus church, near Thomaston, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the 3d Sunday in September, 1910, Elds. S. M. Anderson and Lonnie Holloway; Ebenezer, to convene with Myrtle Springs Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1910, Eld. S. M. Anderson and Brethren J. J. Sutton and J. R. Hill; Uptotie Association to convene with Mt. Paron church Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in September, 1910, Elds. J. B. Wilson and J. M. Holloway.

16th. Called for report of committee to arrange general meetings: Oak Ridge in May, 1910; Hebron, August, 1910, each to commence on Friday before the 5th Sunday in their respective months.

17th. On motion, appointed our next association to convene with Rock Hill church, seven miles north of Soperton, five miles south of Adrian and six miles southwest of Norristown, to commence on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1910.

18th. We recommend the printing and distribution of fifteen hundred of these minutes, the clerk to superintend the same and have \$10 for his services.

19th. Called for and adopted circular letter.

20th. Called for contributions for minutes; received \$22.50.

21st. Called for miscellaneous business. On motion, appointed Elds. J. B. Wilson, Lonnie Holloway, S. M. Anderson and Bro. J. J. Sutton to get up a record of the original Upper Canoochee Association and to present it to the next session of this body.

22nd. It is and has been the sense of the churches comprising the original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association not to hold in fellowship any church member or minister who holds the following: Board conventions, missionary societies, Sunday schools, Theological schools, Epworth leagues, instrumental music in worship of God, a salaried ministry, or assessing or taxing the members, Freemasonry, Odd Fellows, or other secret orders or religious society that does now exist or may hereafter exist, founded upon the wisdom of men, together with any of the modern attempts to reform the church of God.

23rd. On motion, adjourned for preaching and closed until our regular time in course.

24th. *Resolved*, That the heartfelt thanks of this association be tendered to the brethren and sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during the meeting. We pray God's blessings to rest on them all.

ELDER S. M. ANDERSON, *Moderator*.

BRO. J. J. SUTTON, *Clerk*.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

FRIDAY MORNING—Introductory by H. B. Wilkinson, Lotts Creek Association, Claxton, Ga.

FRIDAY P. M.—Eld. W. M. Monsees, Seven Mile Association, Dunn, N. C.

SATURDAY A. M.—Eld. C. H. Anthony, Oconee Association, Athens, Ga.; H. Temples, Lotts Creek Association, Statesboro, Ga.

SATURDAY P. M.—Eld. B. C. Lewis, Athens, Ga., Ebenezer Association.

SATURDAY P. M.—Eld. T. S. Dalton, Front Royal, Va., Retocton Association.

SUNDAY A. M.—Eld. Lee Hanks, Echeconnee Association.

SUNDAY A. M.—T. S. Dalton, Retocton Association, and Eld. S. M. Anderson, of the Upper Canoochee Association.

ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

S. M. Anderson.....	Summit, Ga.	W. A. Beasley.....	Soperton, Ga.
Henry Meeks.....	Meeks, "	Z. Cowart.....	Summit, "
J. J. Kersey.....	Adrian, "	J. B. Wilson.....	Graymont, "
H. V. Hill.....	Summit, "	Lonnie Holloway.....	" "

LICENTIATES.

H. L. Kite.....	Vidalia, Ga.	Joel O. Moring.....	Kite, Ga.
		J. M. Holloway,	Graymont, Ga.

VISITING MINISTERS.

Eld. Lee Hanks, Macon, Ga., Echeconnee Association, Ga.

" T. S. Dalton, Front Royal, Va., Retocton Association, Va.

" W. M. Monsees, Dunn, N. C., Seven Mile Association, N. C.

" B. C. Lewis, Eastman, Ga., Ebenezer Association, Ga.

" C. H. Anthony, Athens, Ga., Oconee Association, Ga.

" H. B. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga., Lotts Creek Association, Ga.

" H. Temples, Statesboro, Ga., " " " "

" F. M. Donaldson, " " " " " "

" D. L. Caloway, Manassas, Ga., " " " "

" A. J. Brown, Portal, Ga., " " " "

" M. L. Riner, Collins, Ga., " " " "

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Primitive Baptists of Our Faith and Order, Greeting.

BELOVED OF GOD:—Through the transcending mercy of God we have been permitted to meet again in an associational capacity.

The precious ministers of Jesus Christ have come to us speaking the gospel in godly simplicity, such as tend to unify the Lord's humble poor.

The messages sent in from the churches breathe the sweet expression of peace and joy.

We rejoice to know that we are satisfied with the goodness of the Lord's house, and will not recognize anything that God's word does not sustain.

We desire to ever walk in the "old paths," and to stand aloof from the world, that we may prove what is the perfect and acceptable will of our precious and adorable King.

May God bless His dear people for His name's sake.

LONNIE HOLLOWAY,
A. J. ROUNTREE,
J. T. TURNER,

Committee.

DECORUM.

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our body shall compose the UPPER CANOOCHEE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship with those received, excommunicated or dead since our last Association.
3. This Union shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, and who shall hold their offices until the next election.
4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions. He may have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair is filled, but shall not vote, except the body be equally divided.
5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of this Association, and the minutes then shall be read and amended, if necessary, and signed by the Clerk and Moderator.
6. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admission who, upon examination, is found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to its delegation.
7. Each church shall have a right to send two delegates to this Association, and no more.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the action of the Association, except withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the Association.
9. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.
10. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave of the Association.
11. There shall be no whispering or talking in the time of public speaking, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.
12. Whenever a case is decided by vote, there shall be no more debating on the subject.
13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
14. Whereas, There are so many institutions of men (benevolent, so-called), and believing it to be our duty to provide for a general union of the churches, we therefore declare non-fellowship with all of them, and that we will not hold any church in union with us that is connected with all or either of them, or their kindred relation, holding them to be unscriptural.
15. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches; to give her best advice in matters of difficulty, and if the union between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use her endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches that may be unsound in faith or immoral in practice, until they be reclaimed.
16. To invite ministers and brethren of our faith to seats with us.
17. These rules shall be read at every meeting of this Association, previous to entering on business.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UPPER CANOOCHEE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.

2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers, if they choose and no more, and the messengers' names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. This Association shall have power to make its own rules to govern itself while in session, but none of its rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free, and of right ought to be.

4. It shall be the duty of this Association to give her best advice in cases of difficulty, and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.

5. This Association shall admit into its body any church whom they find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also, if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body she may do so at her discretion, or, on application, she may have a letter of dismission.

6. As the love of money is the root of all evil and has produced so much distress among Christians, and we, wishing to live in peace, therefore this Association shall not encourage any religious speculations called missionary, or by any other name, under pretense of supporting the gospel.

7. We, the churches composing this Association, believing the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, declare that we take the New Testament for the rule of our faith and practice, for we are not under the law but under grace.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

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

3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.

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

5. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God.

6. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are sacraments of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the Saints' feet an example, and that no man has a right to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.

8. We believe in a final judgment, in a future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Year Constituted	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	POSTOFFICE	Baptized	Confession of Faith	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommended	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Money for Minutes	Sabbath Meetings	COMMUNION MEETINGS
Bethel	1908	Emanuel	Jas. Wilson, R. L. Lamb	Summit	2		2		3			13	\$1 00	1	May and August
Canoochee	1819	Emanuel	J. R. Hill, A. J. Rountree	Graymont	2		1	1	5	3	54	2 50	1	May and August	
Hebron	1804	Emanuel	S. M. Anderson, J. T. Turner	Garfield	1		1		1	3	71	2 50	4	May and August	
Long Creek	1888	Emanuel	J. M. Wall, J. W. Bishop	Midville						1	26	1 25	2	May and September	
Louis	1900	Jenkins	A. D. Lawrence	Butts						2	21	1 25	3	May and August	
Mt. Olive	1880	Emanuel	A. J. Warren, Sam Edenfield	Stillmore						1	1	22	1 00	4	May and August
New Hope	1818	Emanuel	J. W. Lamb, A. J. Youngblood	Lexsy	2	1	1		1	1	40	2 00	2	May and August	
Mt. Zion	1873	Emanuel	J. J. Kersey, J. O. Moring	Norristown	3	1	6		6	1	66	2 00	1	May and August	
Oak Grove	1888	Emanuel	J. J. Sutton, John Edenfield	Stillmore	1		1			1	14	1 00	3	May and August	
Oak Ridge	1891	Montgomery	M. A. Braddy, H. Lee Kite	Vidalia	1				5		58	2 00	1	May and August	
Pilgrims Rest	1909	Johnson	J. M. Anderson, W. D. Riner	Kite	4	15	21				46	1 50			
Rosemary Hill	1875	Emanuel	Lonnie Holloway, J. M. Holloway	Graymont	4		2			1	37	1 50	2		
Rock Hill	1900	Montgomery	J. J. Coleman, J. R. Ricks	Soperton	3		2				44	1 75	3	May and August	
Spring Hill	1806	Tattnall	J. J. Wrenn, J. L. Mosely	Lyons							25	1 25	2	Feb., May, Aug., Nov.	

