

MINUTES

OF THE

Second Session and Constitution

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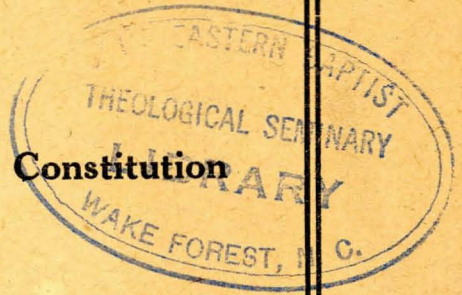
BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

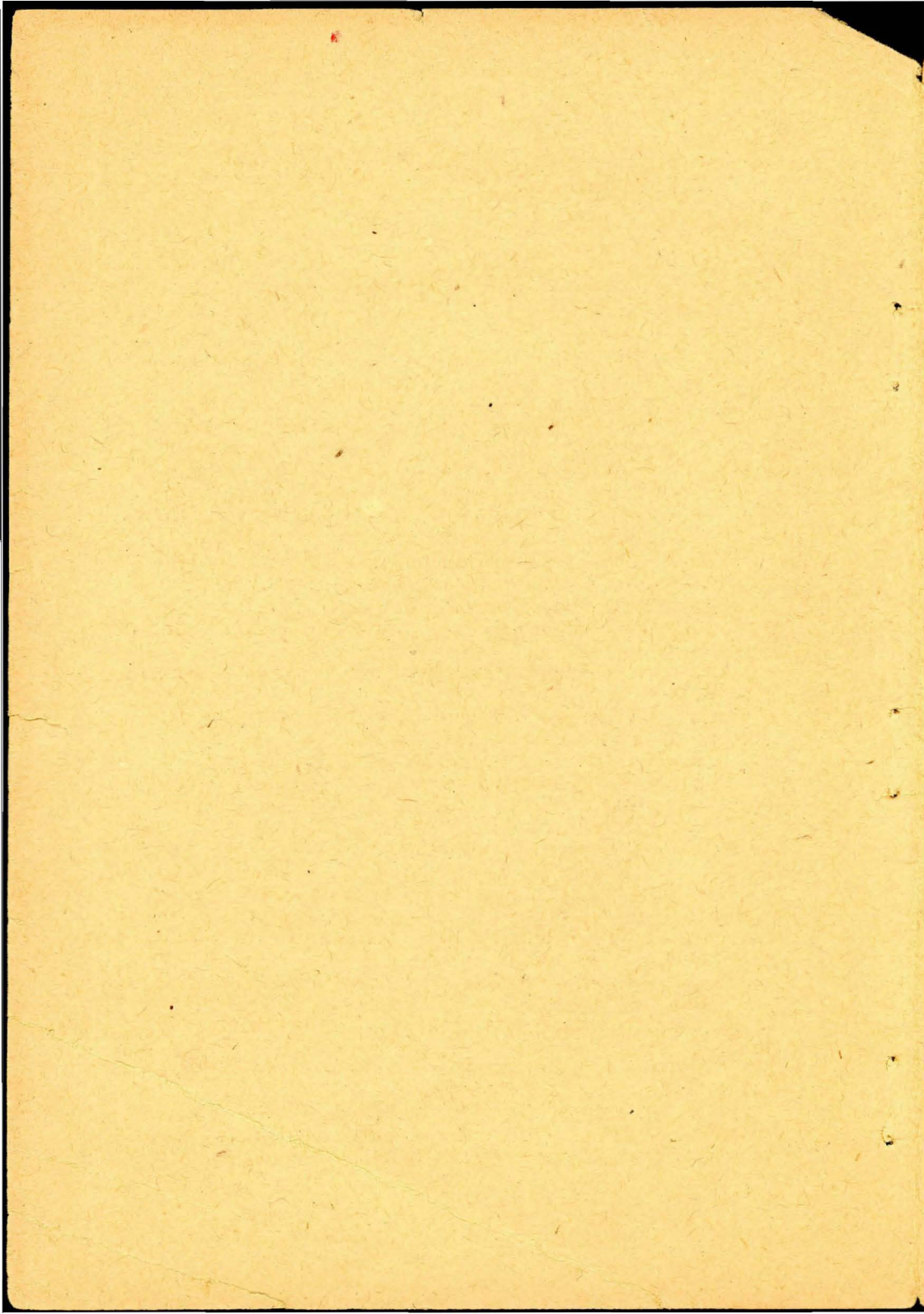
OFFICERS:

Eld. J. M. Bagwell, Moderator, Carrollton, Ga.
Newman E. Denney, Clerk, Roopville, Ga.

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
Carrollton, Carroll County, Ga.

Oct. 19-20-21, 1917





PROCEEDINGS

The Bethel Primitive Baptist Association met with the Primitive Baptist Church at Carrollton, Carroll County, Ga., October 19, 1917.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Reese Prather, of the Primitive Western Association, from 10th Chapter and 1st verse of St. John, "Verily, Verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber," etc.

Then one hour's intermission after which the delegates assembled in the house and had prayer by Elder J. E. Center, of the Little Flock Association, of Texas. The house was then called to order by the Moderator Elder J. M. Bagwell.

1st. Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with the body.

2nd. Called for and read the letters from the different churches composing this Association.

3rd. Elected the present clerk, N. E. Denney.

4th. Called for petitionary churches and received Lanet Primitive Baptist church, Tallapoosa church, Pleasant Grove church.

5th. On motion adopted last years order of business.

6th. Appointed the usual committees on preaching: Brethren J. B. Word, J. H. Almon, W. F. Williamson, together with Carrollton, P. B. C. delegates, viz.: J. C. Brock and J. H. Burson.

To examine corresponding minutes: Brethren T. Z. Head and B. T. Huggins.

On contribution: Brethren R. H. Duke and J. H. Burson.

To write corresponding letter: Elder M. T. Shephard.

7th. Received Elder T. J. Head, of the Yellow River Association, with their minutes, asking for correspondence with our body which was unanimously granted.

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Received from the Primitive Western, Elder Reese Prather and Bro. J. T. Ferrell as visitors.

From the New Hope, Elder W. P. Merrell and Brethren R. C. Merrell and J. R. Turner.

From Little Flock Association, of Texas, Elder J. E. Center.

On motion adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder W. P. Merrell.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Met according to adjournment. After singing, had prayer by Elder M. T. Shephard of the body.

1st. Renewed call for correspondence and received Brother J. H. Adams, of the Yellow River.

2nd. Returned correspondence to the Yellow River Association: Brethren G. W. Simpkins, J. H. Burson, J. C. Brock, W. C. Shadinger, T. Z. Head and Elder J. M. Bagwell.

On motion agreed to ask for correspondence with the Primitive Western which is to convene Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, 1918, with the church at Bethel, Meriwether county, Ga., 6 miles southeast of Luthersville, on the Central Railroad. J. P. Ward, M. M. Mulloy, W. M. McKennemore, T. Z. Head, J. H. Almon, G. W. Drummond and Elder J. M. Bagwell agreed to go. Also to the Cane Creek: Brethren M. M. Mulloy, J. C. Brock, G. C. Burson, Elder M. T. Shephard.

3rd. Appointed Union meetings as follows: Second District having choice of time at Cannon, Heard county, Ga., commencing on Friday before the Third Sunday in July. First District with the church at Emmaus on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in August.

4th. Appointed the next session of this body to convene with the church at Hopewell, Heard county, Ga., on Friday before the Third Sunday in October, 1918, which is 13 miles South of Bowdon, Carroll county, Ga., 18 miles South-west of Carrollton, on the Central Railroad, 12 miles West of Franklin.

5th. Read and adopted corresponding letter.

6th. Committee appointed to examine corresponding minute report nothing claiming the attention of the body. Finance committee reported \$27.00 received for minutes.

7th. Called for miscellaneous business. On motion agreed to have 600 copies of these minutes published and distributed in the usual way. After paying for same the clerk to retain balance of minute fund for his service.

On motion Lanet church and Pleasant Grove church at their request were placed in the Second District and Tallapoosa in the First District.

On motion, read and adopted these minutes prepared by the clerk.

On motion of Elder Shephard this body tenders its thanks to this church and vicinity for the hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

After prayer by Elder Reese Prather the Association adjourned in peace and love.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday P. M.: Elder M. T. Shephard.

Saturday, 10 A. M.: Elder T. J. Head, of the Yellow River, followed by Elder W. P. Merrell, of the New Hope.

Intermission one hour.

Saturday, 1 P. M.: Preaching by J. E. Center, of Little Flock, followed by Elder M. T. Shephard, of the body.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

10 A. M., Elder J. E. Center, followed by Elder J. M. Bagwell, of the body.

Intermission one hour. Elder T. J. Head, of Yellow River. Closing remarks by the moderator.

After taking the parting hand had, benediction by Elder J. E. Center, of Temple, Tex.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Bethel P. B. Association now in session to the sister Associations with which we correspond sendeth Greeting: "Dear Brethren: We have been blessed of the Lord to hold the Second session of our body and our correspondence was not as full as we desired, but we feel the Lord was with those that came for the visiting ministers were laden with the precious truths of the Gos-

pel, which filled our hearts with joy; for this we desire to thank and adore the God of Israel, who has kept us and manifested His loving kindness in our midst.

"We desire a continuation of your correspondence."

The next session of our body will convene with the church at Hopewell, Heard county, Ga., 12 miles south of Bowdon; 18 miles Southeast of Carrollton on the Central Railroad, where we hope to meet a goodly number of correspondents. Until then, farewell.

ELDER J. M. BAGWELL, Moderator.
NEWMAN E. DENNEY, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder J. M. Bagwell, Carrollton, Ga.
Elder M. T. Shephard, Lamar, Ala.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three that bear record in Heaven—the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

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

3. We believe that God elected or chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be wholly and without blame before Him in love.

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

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

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 fall finally away.

7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper, and washing the saints feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and the true mode of baptism is immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will

be everlasting and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.

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

10. We believe that God has ordained good works, that His children should walk in them, and that good works are only such as God commanded in His word and not such as without the warrant thereof, are devised of men out of blind zeal, or any pretense of good intentions.

DECORUM

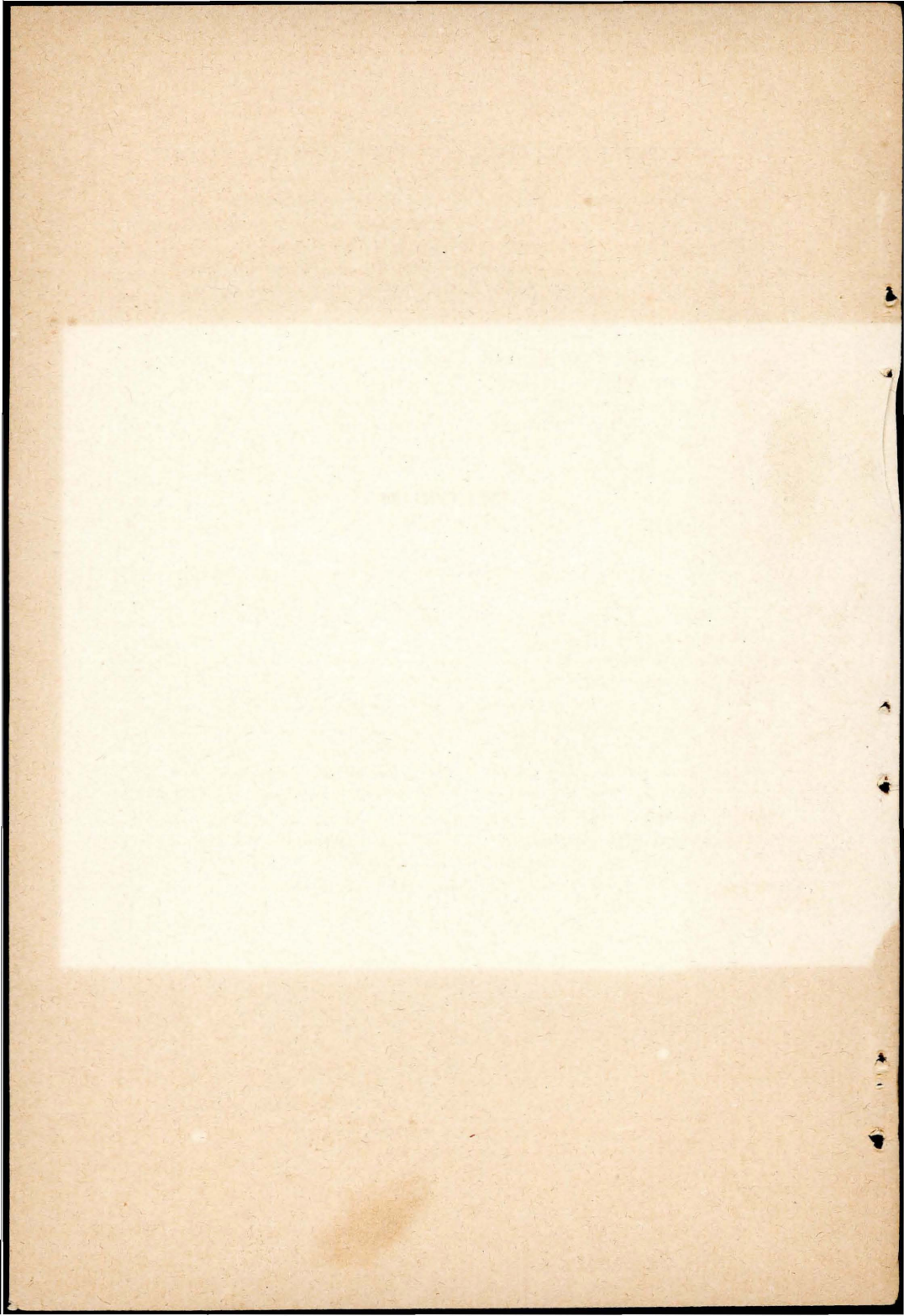
Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator shall invite ministers and members to seats.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech with any other member of the body, provided his seat be filled, but shall have no vote except there be a tie, then he may.

Art. 4. The general principles of order, as embodied in these words, "Let all things be done decently and in order," and "unto edifying," will be expected and required of each member, visitor or correspondent.

Art. 5. In harmony with these general principles, each brother who speaks on any subject under consideration by the Association, will be expected to rise from his seat and address the Moderator.



CHURCHES	COUNTY and STATE	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Rec'd by Ex. & Bapt'm	Rec'd on Confession	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Time of Meeting	Contributions	CLERK'S NAME	CLERK'S ADDRESS	PASTOR	PASTOR'S ADDRESS	
			0	0	3	0	1	0	0	18	1	\$2.00					
1ST. DIST.	Carrollton, P. B. C.	Carroll, Ga.	J. H. Burson, J. C. Brock	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	18	1	J. C. Brock	Carrollton, Ga.	Eld. J. M. Bagwell	Carrollton, Ga., Route 8	
	Tallapoosa	Carroll, Ga.	W. T. Lee, G. C. Burson	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	30	2	J. M. Lee	Carrollton, Ga., Route 8	Eld. J. M. Bagwell	Carrollton, Ga., Route 8	
	Emmaus	Carroll, Ga.	W. A. Kenemore, W. C. Shadinger	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	17	4	W. C. Shadinger	Carrollton, Ga., Route 8	Eld. J. M. Bagwell	Carrollton, Ga., Route 8	
	Bethany	Carroll, Ga.	J. B. Word, F. M. Fuller	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	38	1	F. M. Fuller	Bowdon, Ga., Route 1	Eld. M. T. Shephard	Damar, Ala., Route 1	
	Bethel	Heard, Ga.	J. H. Almon, R. H. Duke	5	2	2	0	2	0	0	68	3	J. T. Burson	Roopville, Ga., Route 3	Eld. J. M. Bagwell	Carrollton, Ga., Route 8	
2ND. DIST.	Hopewell	Heard, Ga.	N. E. Denney	6	0	0	0	0	0	41	2	2.50	N. E. Denney	Roopville, Ga., Route 2	Eld. M. T. Shephard	Damar, Ala., Route 1	
	Valley Grove	Heard, Ga.	Roe Hearn	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	8	3	1.00	Roe Hearn	Franklin, Ga.	Eld. M. T. Shephard	Damar, Ala., Route 1
	Cannan	Heard, Ga.	W. F. Williamson, J. W. Arnett	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	23	3	2.00	J. N. Arnett	Franklin, Ga.	Eld. M. T. Shephard	Damar, Ala., Route 1
	Hillabahatchee	Randolph, Ala.	T. Z. Head, G. W. Drummond	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	22	3	1.50	J. W. Veal		Eld. J. M. Bagwell	Carrollton, Ga., Route 8
	Pleasant Grove	Heard, Ga.	B. W. Adamson, S. J. Adamson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	1		G. A. Houze	Glen, Ga.		
	Mt. Carmel	Heard, Ga.	W. E. Sears, Eld. M. T. Shephard	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	36	4	2.00	J. H. Smith		Eld. M. T. Shephard	Damar, Ala., Route 1
	P. B. C. Lanett	Heard, Ga.	J. J. Jordan, T. L. Crouch								37	4	2.00	J. J. Jordan	Lanett, Ala.		

