

MINUTES OF THE
Seventy-Third Annual Session
OF THE
NEW HOPE

Primitive Baptist
Association

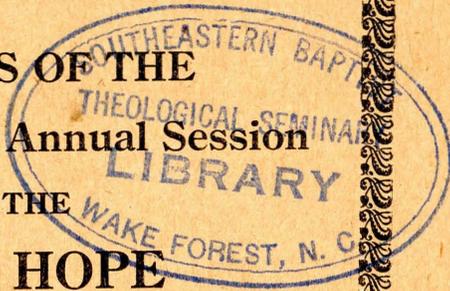
HELD WITH THE
Church at Concord
October 11, 12, 13, 1913



Officers

ELDER THOMAS CARNES, Moderator
VILLA RICA, GEORGIA

ELDER J. M. BAGWELL, Clerk
R. F. D. No. 6, CARROLLTON, GA.



MINUTES

Concord, Carroll Co., Ga.

October 11, 1913

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. M. Bagwell, of the body, from Luke the 7th chapter 19th verse: "And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art Thou He that should come? or look we for another?"

Intermission one hour.

The delegates then assembled in the house and was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Eld. W. R. Avery of the Beulah Association.

1st Invited visiting and corresponding brethren to seats with this body.

2nd Called for and read the letters composing this association. On motion received the delegates from Bethlehem church without a letter.

3rd On motion elected Eld. Thomas Carnes, moderator, and Eld. J M Bagwell, clerk, by acclamation.

4th Called for petitionary churches.

5th Adopted the order of last years business for this session.

6th Appointed the usual committees. On preaching, Elders John M Buttrum, T B Chandler, Bro. W O Jennings, with this church's delegates, Bro's W A McCain and W M Spence.

To examine corresponding minutes, Eld. W P Merrell and Bro. J T Eady.

On Contributions, J W Lee and W A McCain.

To write corresponding letter, W M Spence.

7th Called for for correspondence from sister associations:

From the Euharlee—Minutes.

From Cane Creek—Elders J W Monk, Wm. Kidd, T J Parrish, Licentiate I J Reaves and brethren J H Wade, J A Burgess and F Hanson, with minutes.

From the Marietta Old School—Licentiate E A Mayner, Brethren W A Harris and W C M Hardy, with minutes.

From the Beulah—Elders W R Avery, W J Parrish and Brethren J H Megginson, T J Head, J W Arnett, G W Drummond and J W Veal with minutes.

From The Yellow River—Eld. T J Head and Brother B M Morris.

From The Fellowship—Elders HB Howard, M C Gray with minutes.

From the Primitive Western—Eld. J H Thompson
Licentiate J W Parks and brethren C K Bass, J S Smith.
Received Eld. J E Center of Little Flock Association, Bell
County, Texas as visitor.

8th After prayer by Eld. T G Layton of the body,
adjourned until 8:30 Monday morning.

Services at the Stand this P. M. by Eld. Wm. Kidd of
the Cane Creek Association, followed by Eld. J H Thomp-
son of the Primitive Western.

SUNDAY Oct. 12th.

Preaching at 10 o'clock A. M. by Eld. W R Avery of
the Beulah, followed by Eld. J W Monk of the Cane Creek.
Intermission one hour.

Preaching by Eld. J E Center of Texas, followed by
Eld. T J Head of the Yellow River Association.

MONDAY Oct., 13th.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld. Wm. Kidd of the Cane Creek.

1st Called the roll, marked absentees, and read the
decorum.

2d Renewed the call for correspondence.

3d Returned correspondence to Sister associations.

To the Euharlee to be held with the Church at Silver Creek
4 miles south east of Silver Creek Station on the Southern
and Central R. R., Floyd Co., Ga. beginning Saturday be-
fore the third Sunday in Sept., 1914, Licentiate W J Cheak
and brethren W T Lee, N V Parish, J M Garner, J O
Crutchfield, and Licentiate J F Mixon.

To the Beulah to be held with the church at Darien,
Ala., Tallapoosa Co. 5 miles south west of Wadley on the
A. B. & A. R. R., commencing Friday before the third
Sunday in Sept. 1914, Eld. G W Burson, T A Cook, Licen-
tiate, J M Stephenson and brethren J T Jones, C M Duke,
B T Huggins, P A Hatfield, J P Pyles, W M Boatright, W
P Colè, and N E Denney.

To the Cane Creek to be held with the church at Mt.
Mariah, Calhoun Co., Ala. 4 miles south of Jacksonville and
eight miles North of Aniston on the Southern and L. & N.
R.R. commencing Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept.,
1914. Licentiate J. M. Stephenson, brethren W. P. Cole, J. C.
Brock, Z. D. Noles, J. D. Powell, J. W. Dryden L. H. Pate,
T. W. Brock, S. D. Chandler, J. P. Pyles and Eld. Thomas
Carnes.

To the Marietta Old School to be held with the Church
at Cross Roads thirteen miles North of Atlanta, Fulton Co.,
Ga. Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1914, Licen-

tiates W. J. Cheak, J. F. Mixon, and brethren W. P. Cole, G. W. Pucket, W. H. Fields.

To the Yellow River to be held with the church at Haynes Creek, Gwinnet Co., Ga. four miles South West of Grayson on S. A. L. R. R. Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1914. Licentiate J. T. Dailey, W. J. Cheak, and brethren C. M. Duke, J. T. Lee, and Henry Acree.

To the Fellowship to be held with the church at Holly Pond, Cullman County, Alabama, fifteen miles east of Cullman City on the L & N. R. R. Commencing Friday before the third Sunday in October 1913, Licentiate J. M. Stephenson and brethren W. P. Cole, C. M. Duke.

To the Primitive Western to be held with the church at Bethel, Merriwether County, Ga. seven miles east of Lutherville on the Central R. R. and seven and one half miles North west of Alvaton on the A. B. & A. R. R. Commencing Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1914, Elds. T. B. Chandler J. M. Bagwell and brethren J. F. Jones, J. T. Jones, J. D. Nelson, R. W. Richards, J. T. Copeland, F. M. Fuller, L. S. Jeffers, and J. P. Pyles

4th Appointed Union meetings as follows, Second District having first choice:

1st Dist. Union church, Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1914.

2nd Dist. Center, Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1914.

3rd Dist. Bethel, Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1914.

4th Dist. Cold Springs, Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1914.

5th Appointed the next session of this body to convene with the church at Harmony, Cleburne County, Ala., 8 miles south of Muscadine on the S. R. R. and 10 miles Southwest of Tallapoosa commencing Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1914.

6th Called for, read, and adopted the corresponding letter.

7th Called for report of committee to examine corresponding minutes, Said committee report they find nothing claiming the attention of the body, except in the minutes of the Fellowship Association, we find certain requests relative to corresponding with other associations, but we feel that we should defer any action untill we are better informed than we are at present.

8th Called for report of committee on contribution. Said committee reports for minutes \$32.50.

9th Called for General business. On motion appointed Eld. T. B. Chandler to write a short sketch of the life of our beloved and departed brother, Eld. W. H. Hamrick. On motion instructed the clerk to have 1000 copies of these minutes printed and distribute the same in the usual way, and after paying for same to retain the balance of minnte fund for his services.

On motion this body expresses its thanks to Concord church, and to the community for their kindness and hospitality to us while in their midst, then adjourned to the stand. Preaching began at 10 O'clock A. M. by Eld. M C Gray followed by Eld. H B Howard both of the Fellowship Association, closed by the Moderator and after prayer by Eld. J J Pope of the body adjourned in peace and love.

ELD. THOMAS GARNES, Mod.

ELD. J M BAGWELL, Clerk.

Corresponding Letter

The New Hope Primitive Baptist Association now in Session with the Church at Concord, Carroll, Co., Ga. Oct., 11, 12, & 13, 1913. To her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds:

Dear and beloved Brethren in the Lord—We have been permitted to hold another session of our body, the buisness has been transacted in peace and love. We still maintain our visible existance and are trying to contend for the Faith once delivered to the Saints, forming no alliance with the inventions of men. We are blessed with a goodly number of your correspondence this session. The Preaching comforting, congregations large and orderly, and the weather all that could be desired, and we are truly thankful to God for all these blessings.

Dear Brethren visit us again, and we will try to reciprocate all we can. The next session of our body will be held, the Lord willing, with the Church at Harmony Cleburne, Co., Ala. 8 miles South of Muscadine on the Southern R. R, and 10 miles S. W. of Tallapoosa, where we hope to meet you again, till then farewell.

Eld. Thomas Carnes, Mod., Eld. J. M. Bagwell, Clerk.

Obituary

Eld. W. H. Hamrick was born in 1840, and died February 26, 1913, he united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Mars Hill the 2nd Sunday in May, 1868, and lived a devoted member of the Primitive Baptist church during his stay on earth. Was ordained to the ministry about the year 1837 or 1838. He was an able and zealous contender of the faith that was once delivered to the saints. In his death his wife has lost a devoted husband, his children a good and pious father, and the church a peaceful and helpful servant, and we greatly mourn his absence, but can say by the evidence he left that our loss is his eternal gain, and we should bow in humble submission, saying, the Lord's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

T. B. CHANDLER.

Ordained Ministers and Their Postoffices

Eld. J. M. Buttram, rt2, Fruithurst Ala	Eld. A Hembree rt 1	Banning Ga.
" T. B. Chandler, rt3 Bremen, Ga.	" W. S. Kilgore	Villa Rica "
" W. P. Merrell Roopville "	" T. A Cook	rt 5 Bowdon "
" J. M. Bagwell, rt 6 Carrollton "	" I. P. Daniel	rt 2 Bremen "
" G. W. Burson "	" W. J. Shepherd	rt 4 Bowdon "
" Thomas Carnes, Villa Rica, "		

Licentiates

J. T. Daily, rt 5 Douglasville, Ga.	W. J. Cheak, (P O not known)
J. E. Holland, Bowdon, "	J. F. Mixon, Tallapoosa Ga,
J. M. Stephenson, Carrollton, "	

Constitution

1—This Association shall meet annually if the churches think proper, and be composed of messengers from different churches, and each church shall have two members and no more, the messengers name shall be inserted in the letter from the church which they represent.

2—The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the 'New Hope Primitive Baptist Association.'

3—The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the members present, who shall be of this body, and shall hold their office until next election.

4—The different churches may express in their letters the number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored and dead since last Association.

5—No act of this Association shall be binding on the churches but it shall be its duty to give the best advice in matters of difficulty, and endeavor to preserve the union of the churches.

6—This Association shall receive any church that may petition by letter and delegates, if found orthodox in faith and moral in practice. Also, if any church that is in order wishes to withdraw she may, on application obtain letter of dismission.

7—This Association will not fellowship with any church or churches nor hold them in union who are engaged in supporting any Missionary, Bible Tract, Sunday School Union, or advocating State Conventions or Theological schools or any society that has been or may hereafter be formed under a pretense of circulating the Gospel of Christ, nor will she correspond with any Association that is engaged in supporting any of the named institutions.

8—If any church in this union becomes offended with a sister church in point of faith or practice, it shall be the duty of said church to have an interview with the church thus offending, and if satisfaction cannot be obtained she shall call in the aid of one or two churches who shall investigate the whole matter, and decide according to their best judgment, and report to the Association, which shall be final and entered on record as such; and if said church shall be found guilty, as charged, the association shall withdraw from said church.

9—This Association may correspond with other associations of the same faith and order, and with such only, and may withdraw her correspondence at discretion.

10—Amendments to this constitution may be made by two-thirds of members in session.

11—This association shall have power to adjourn to any time or place she may think most convenient to the churches of this union.

DECORUM

1—This association shall be opened and closed with prayer, and when opened the Moderator shall invite visiting brethren to sit with us, that is of our faith and order.

2—If new churches desire to be admitted into this association, they shall petition by letter and delegates; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly shall be received by the association and manifested by the Moderator, giving the right hand of fellowship.

3—Every query sent to the association by any church in the union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated or not, if there is majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not it will be withdrawn, provided always those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

4—Every motion made and seconded shall come under observation of association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

5—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 his subject.

6—No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.

7—No member of the association shall have the privilege of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech, nor casting reflection on the speaking.

8—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without leave.

9—The several names of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association shall require.

10—The Moderator shall be entitled to the same liberty of speech as any member, provided the chair be filled and he shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided.

11—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the association.

12—The minutes of the association shall be read and signed by the moderator and Clerk before it rises.

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 that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.

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 a Presbptery, 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 has commanded in His word and not such as without the warrant thereof, as are devised of men, out of blind zeal, or any pretense of good intentions.

Statiscal

	Churches	County and State	Delegates Names	Rec. by Ex. and Bap.	Rec. by Confes.	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Money for Minutes	Meeting Day	Table	Clerk's Address	Pastor
1st Dist.	Concord	Carroll County, Ga	W.A. McLean W. M. Spence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	035	1 50	3	W M Spence	Carrollton, Ga Route 5	Eld G W Burson
	Bethel	"	Eld. TB Chandler W H Pope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	010	50	4	H W Philips	Temple Ga Route 2	" T B Chandler
	Union	Paulding "	A. S. Camp W. H. Fields.	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	019	00	3	W H Fields	Dallas " " 5	" J P Daniel
	Piney Woods	Haralson "	J. W. Partridge Eld. J P Daniel	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	401	50	1	J G Blackman	Buchanan Ga " 1	" J P Daniel
	Macedonia	"	J. F. Mixon J. R. White	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	221	25	3	R K Holcomb	" " " 1	" T G Layton
	Maple Sprngs	"	Miles Ingram N. V. Parish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 8	50	2	N V Parris	Rockmart Ga	" J P Daniel
	Mt. Olive	"	Eld. T. J. Layton J T Jones	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	271	50	1	J D Nelson	Bremen Ga	" J M Bagwell
	Mt. Zion	Polk "	R. N. Dinger J. M. Garnet	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	014	25	3	W A Isbell	Cedartown, Ga Route 5	" T A Cook
	State Line	Cleburne Ala	H. T. Dinger J. W. Dryden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	012	50	3	J W Dryden	Muscadine A a " 1	" not named
	Mars Hill	"	Eld Jno Buttram MFM' Whorter	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	431	50	4	W F Mcwhorter	Fruit Hurst " " 1	" John M Buttram
2nd Dist.	Harmony	"	G. M. Duke	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	321	50	3	C W Duke	Edwardsville " " 1	"
	Corinth	"	Eld. T A Cook P A Hatfield	0	0	0	0	1	1	016	151	25	3	ES Hand	Bowden Ga Route 5	" T A Cook
	Poplar Springs	Carroll County Ga	J.D. Powell J. B. King	2	0	0	2	1	3	182	200	00	3	J D Powell	Barge Ga.	" T B Chandler
	Center	Haralson "	W T Lee L S Jeffers	4	0	2	0	0	1	240	150	50	2	J Price	Felton Ga	" G W Burson
	Salem	"	Eld. J. J. Pope S W Brown	0	0	0	0	7	1	017	125	1	5	W Brown	Buchanan Ga	" J J Pope
	Bethlehem	Carroll "	R D Copeland J B Ayers								1	25				" T A Cook
	Hopewell	Heard "	L R Cook J T Denny	2	0	0	13	1	0	131	150	50	1	H Rogers	Bowden Ga Route 2	" W P Merrell
	Bethel	"	Eld. J M Bagwell J P Pyles	0	0	6	0	1	1	143	150	3	2	J T Burson	Roopville " " 3	" J M Bagwell
	Tallapoosa	Carroll "	J P Chandler J W Lee	0	0	0	2	0	0	155	150	2	2	H Burson	Carrollton Ga	" J M Bagwell
	Bethany	"	F M Fuller J B W	7	0	2	0	0	0	019	00	1	1	F M Fuller	Bowden " " 1	" G W Burson
3rd Dist.	Emmaus	"	C M Denney B T Huggins	0	0	2	0	0	0	117	100	4	W C Shadinger	Carrollton " " 10	" G W Burson	
	Antioch	"	Not Represented													
	County line	"	P A Cook	1	0	0	2	1	0	217	100	3	J F Jones	Whitesburg Ga " 1	" W S Kilgore	
	Hopewell	"	J T Eady W O Jennings	0	0	1	0	0	0	028	25	4	W O Jennings	Carrollton Ga " 4	" Thos. Carnes	
	Hooping Creek	"	Eld. W P Merrell H D Gray	1	0	1	0	0	0	120	100	1	N J Jones	Clem Ga	" W P Merrell	
	Cold Springs	Douglass "	J T Lee L D Dodson	2	2	0	0	0	1	147	150	3	J T Lee	Douglasville Ga	" Thos. Carnes	
	New Hope	"	Eld. Thomas Carnes J T Daily	2	0	1	2	0	0	041	150	2	J T Daily	" "Route 5	" Thos. Carnes	

