



MINUTES



—OF THE—

Sixty-Eighth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Echeconnee Association

of

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

HELD WITH THE

Church At Good Hope, Upson County, Georgia,

September 22, 23 and 24, A. D. 1896.

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OFFICERS.

ELD. S. T. BENTLEY,	- - - -	MODERATOR	ECONOMY GA.
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Minutes.

The Sixty-Eighth Annual Session of the Echeconnee Association of Primitive Baptist was held with the church at Good Hope Upson Co. Ga., Sept. 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. 1896.

1st. The Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. S. H. Whatley from the Yellow River Association. Text 1st verse 3rd chap. of the Epistle of John. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

2nd. Called for the letters sent up by the churches, which were read and the names of messengers enrolled.

3rd. Proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk which resulted in the re-election of Eld. S. T. Bentley Moderator and J. E. Murray Clerk.

4th. Appointed Committees as follows:

On Preaching—Eld. W. W. Childs, brethren J. M. Brown, S. McGee, B. A. Childs, Robt. McKindley.

On Business—to come before the body—A. McKing, J. W. Grant, William Brown.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes,—Eld. W. C. Cleveland S. Mullis, H. B. Pippin.

To write corresponding letters—Eld. W. W. Childs.

On contributions and to distribute corresponding minutes—Eld. W. C. Cleveland, J. M. McFarlin, H. L. McKenney, B. A. Brown and Charley Zellner.

5th. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

6th. Called for correspondence from sister Associations and churches, and received from the Upatoie, brethren Thomas Childs, John Pye, S. H. Bell, W. L. Caldwell.

From the Marietta Old School—a Package of Minutes—from Olive—a Package of Minutes—From the Primitive Western—a Package of Minutes—From the Choctawhatchee—No Minor Messengers—From the Lower Cancochee—Elder M. F. Childs with minutes

From the Harmony—A Package of Minutes—From the Primitive Pu'aski—Elder M McDonald and Brother L. E. Parham with Minutes.

From the Primitive Ebenezer—A Package of Minutes.

Suspended the order of business to receive visitors from sister Associations and churches, and received Elder S. H. Whatley from the Yellow River Association, and Elder T. J. Head from Griffin Primitive Baptist church.

7th. Called for Petitionary letters.

Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Elder T. J. Head.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Sept. 23rd, 1896.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder M. F. Stubbs, from the Lower Canoochee Association.

1st. Called the roll and dispensed with reading the Decorum.

2nd. Called for report of committee to arrange business to come before the Body, The committee reports that they recommend the adoption of the regular order as previously arranged.

3rd. Called for further correspondence from sister Associations.

4th. Renewed the invitation to brethren to seats with us.

5th. Called for the report of committee to examine corresponding Minutes. The committee reports that they find nothing claiming the attention of this Body.

6th. Returned correspondence to sister Associations.

To the Upatoie—To convene with Fellowship church, Harris Co. Ga., one mile west of Shiloah on the Georgia Midland & Southern R. R. on Tuesday after the first Sunday in Sept. 1897. Elders W. C. Cleveland, S. T. Bentley, and W. W. Childs, and brethren William Brown, G. W. Hall, W. C. Gunn, and F. W. Hammack.

To the Olive—To convene with the church at Bethlehem Notasulga, Ala., on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1896—Eld. W. C. Cleveland.

To the Marietta Old School—To convene with the church at Macedonia Bartow Co. Ga., eight miles east of Cartersville on the W. & A. R. R. commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1896.—Return a Package of Minutes,

To the Primitive Western—To convene with the church at Emmaus, Coweta, Co. Ga., Two miles from Moreland on the West Point R. R. commencing on Tuesday after the first Sunday in Oct. 1896.—Return a Package of Minutes.

To the Choctawhatchee--To convene with the church at New Hope, Barbour Co. Ala., eleven miles south-west from Eufaula, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Sept. 1896.—Return Minutes.

to the Lower Canoochee—To convene with the church at Beard's Creek, Tatnall Co. Ga., eleven miles south of Daisie, S. F. & W. R. commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1896.—Elders S. T. Bentley W. C. Cleveland.

To the Harmony—To convene with the church at Hebron Sumter Co. Ga., in the town of Andersonville, on the Central R. commencing on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1896.—Eld. I Grant and brethren J. M. Brown, G. G. White, S. McGee, J. W. Fielder, W. J. Heard, D. W. Massey, H. E. Murray.

To the Pimitive Pulaski—To convene with the church at New Hope Irwin Co. Ga., fifteen miles south of Rochelle, A. M. R. R. commencing on Saturday before the 1st Sunday Oct. 1896.—Elds. W. C. Cleveland S. T. Bentley.

To the Primitive Ebenezer—To convene with the church at Trial Branch, Pulaski Co. Ga., ten miles north-east of Cochran, commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in Sept. 1896.—Return a Package of Minutes.

7th. Called for contributions sent up by the churches, and received for Minutes (\$23.25) and for the ministry (\$57.95)

8th. Appointed Union meetings as follows:—At Harmony like Co. Ga., commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in Aug. And Pleasant Hill, Houston Co. Ga., commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May 1897.

9th. Appointed the next session of this Body to convene with Fellowship church, Houston Co. Ga., five miles south-east of Powersville on the Central R. R. commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in Sept. 1897.

10th. Agreed to have (1200) of this Minute printed and distributed in the usual manner.

11th. Called for the corresponding Letter which was read and adopted.

12th. Read Minutes and after prayer by Eld. M. McDonald of the Primitive Pulaski Association. ADJOURNED.

H. E. MURRAY,

S. T. BENTLEY.

CLERK.

MODERATOR.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Tuesday P. M. Eld. M. McDonald followed by Eld. T. J. Head.
 Wednesday A. M. Eld. M. F. Stubbs followed by Eld. S. H. Whatley. Wednesday P. M. Eld. W. C. Cleveland followed by Eld. W. W. Childs. Thursday A. M. Eld. T. J. Head, closed by Eld. S. H. Whatley.

Eld. S. T. Bentley was to have concluded the services, but was called away to preach a funeral discourse. The meeting was well attended throughout, and love and harmony seemed to abound, for which "The Lord be praised." CLERK.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Echeconee Association of Primitive Baptist, now in session with Good Hope church, Upson Co. Ga. To her sister Associations with whom she corresponds:—Greeting.

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD—By the extended goodness and mercy of our covenant keeping God we are again permitted to hold another session of our body in peace, love and harmony. The Churches all report peace with some prosperity. Your correspondence has not been as full as we desired, but your Ministers came bringing the messages from the Lord much to our comfort and joy, earnestly contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints. Brethren we desire a continuation of your correspondence, and hope that we may ever be directed of the Lord to walk orderly; that we may retain your confidence and esteem. The next session of our body will be held—the Lord willing—with the church at Fellowship, Houston County, Ga., five miles south-east of Paversville, on the Central railroad of Georgia, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1897; when and where we hope to greet your messengers again.

H. E. MURRAY,
 Clerk.

ELD. S. T. BENTLY,
 Moderator.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The introductory Sermon will be delivered.
2. Call for and read letters from the churches and enroll the names of messengers.

3. Choose Moderator and Clerk.
4. Appoint Committees as follows: On preaching,—On Business to come before the Body,—To examine Corresponding Minutes,—To write Corresponding Letter,—On contributions and to distribute Corresponding Minutes
5. Invite visiting Brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for Correspondence from Sister Associations.
7. Call for Petitionary churches.

SECOND DAY.

1. Call the roll and read Decorum.
2. Call for report of Committee to arrange Business.
3. Call for further Correspondence from Sister Associations.
4. Renew the invitation to visiting Brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for the report of Committee to examine Corresponding Minutes.
6. Return Correspondence to Sister Associations.
7. Receive Contributions and distribute Corresponding Minutes.
8. Appoint Union Meetings
9. Appoint the next session of this Body.
10. Agree on the number of Minutes to have printed.
11. Call for corresponding letter.
12. Read Minutes and adjourned.

THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Upon which the Echeconnee Association was constituted, and for which we now earnestly contend :

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the true believers are the only subject of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.

12. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the presbytery.

Scale of The Churches.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	PASTORS	Baptized	Conf'n of Faith Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'm by letter	Expelled	Deceased	Total Number	Money for min'ty			
													Sabb'th Meeting	Mon'ty for Min'ty		
Sharon	A. J. Zellner	Monroe	Brent	T J Zellner Wm Brown Thos Haygood	W C Cleveland	18	2	0	0	0	1	105	1	2.00	8.00	
Bethlehem	M. R. Hardage	Upson	Waymanville	J M McFarlin E M Barker T J Ellinton	W W Childs	4	2	2	0	0	0	48	2	1.00	2.00	
Ebenezer	H. C. Dickey	Upson	Piedmont	W W Childs W G Hancock N L Respass	W W Childs	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	2	50	1.00	
Good Hope	G. W. Hall	Upson	Thomaston	B A Childs Robt McKinney G W Hall	S T Bentley	2	0	0	1	4	0	1	40	3	1.00	1.40
Mt. Carmel	M. L. Blasingame	Crawford	Mussella	Elds Cleveland & Bentley F W Hamock	W C Cleveland	7	1	0	0	2	0	0	85	3	2.00	5.00
Salem	J. D. McGee	Crawford	Knoxville	I Grant John Andrews J D McGee	I Grant	4	1	0	0	2	0	1	77	2	1.50	3.50
Providence	J. J. Britt	Crawford	Fort Valley	Not Represented	I Grant							42	4			
Emmaus	H. L. McKenney	Upson	Thomaston	D Sheppard H L McKeney T J Reeves	W C Cleveland	5	0	0	0	0	3	92	4	1.00	6.00	
Fellowship	H. E. Murray	Houston	Eva	H E Murray	J T Reynolds	3	0	0	1	2	0	25	2	1.00	2.00	
Bethlehem	Jere Hollis	Bibb	Macon	J M Brown	W W Childs	6	2	1	2	1	0	1	56	4	2.00	3.00
Ramah	J. M. Horne	Monroe	Horne	H B Pippin B F Dumas	W W Childs	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	28	3	75	2.20
Friendship	J. B. Reeves	Upson	Rowland	B A Brown J B Reeves J H B Butts	S T Bentley	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	47	1	1.00	4.10
Pleasant Hill	J. M. Fredrick	Houston	Wellston	A McD King J W Tablor	B H Pierson	2	7	3	0	0	2	4	58	2	1.00	2.00
Sardis	W. J. Heard	Bibb	Macon	J W Fielder J S McGee	J T Reynolds	8	1	0	0	2	0	1	43	3	1.00	2.00
Mount Paran	W T McElmurray	Crawford	Lizella	Represented by letter	J T Reynolds	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	1	1.50	
Shiloh	J. T. Barfield	Bibb	White Water	John A Barkner, J W Grant	I Grant	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	17	3	1.50	1.50
Harmony	I. E. Nichols	Pike	Zebulon	J E Nichols F B Wilder	W W Childs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	1	1.00	3.25
High Shoals	J. H. Mullins	Monroe	Unionville	H A Hartsfeld J M Childs S S Mullins	T J Head	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	2	1.00	4.00
Forsyth Prim.	W. E. Zellner	Monroe	Forsyth	C J Zellner W E Zellner	W C Cleveland	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	23	2	1.00	7.00
Beaver Creek	J. M. Pitts	Houston	Heard	J B Hunt	J T Reynolds	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	12	4	1.50	



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