

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Echeconnee Association

of Primitive Baptists

HELD WITH

Fellowship Church

Houston County, Georgia

September 17-18-19

1912

OFFICERS

Elder S. T. BENTLEY, Moderator Culloden, Ga.
F. M. GREENE, Clerk Perry, Ga.

MINUTES

The eighty-fourth annual session of the Echeconnee Association was held with the Church at Fellowship, Houston County, Georgia, Sept. 17th, 18th and 19th, 1912.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder W. E. Brush, of the Big Sandy Association, Tennessee, from 1st Cor. 1st chapter.

2nd. After prayer by Elder J. A. Monsees, the Moderator proceeded to the organization of the Association. The letters from the churches were called for and read, and the names of the messengers enrolled.

3rd. The organization was perfected by the election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder S. T. Bentley, Moderator, and F. M. Greene, Clerk.

4th. The usual committees were appointed as follows:

On Preaching—B. F. Hancock, J. W. Fielder, B. F. Murry, C. A. Kersey, and J. S. McGhee.

To Write Corresponding Letter—H. L. McKinney.

On Finance and Distribution of Corresponding Minutes—J. F. Heard, B. F. Murry, and A. W. Childs.

5th. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

6th. Adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday morning, Sept. 18, 1912, 9 o'clock.

The Association met, and was led in prayer by Elder W. J. Greene.

1st. Called for correspondence from sister Associations and received as follows:

From the Upatoie—W. L. Caldwell, E. T. Lightner, J. K. Massey,

From Marietta—Minutes.

From Harmony—J. B. Murray.

From Primitive Ebenezer—Elder J. A. Taylor, W. O. Meeks.

From the Ocmulgee—Elders W. J. Greene and J. T. Glover, J. T. Bazemore, B. M. Moore, G. W. Webb, I. W. Nowell, D. T. Mercer, J. P. Greene.

From the Mt. Olive—Elder A. P. Tucker.

From the Original Upper Canoochee—Elders S. M. Anderson, and Lee Hanks.

From the Kehukee of N. C.—No tidings.

The Primitive Western applied for renewal of correspondence, and action was postponed until the next meeting of this body.

2nd. Called for petitionary correspondence from sister Associations.

3rd. Suspended regular order of business to receive visiting brethren, and the following were received: Elder W. E. Brush, of the Big Sandy Association; Elder W. J. Hull of West Providence Association of Texas; Elder J. M. Adams, of the Oconee Association.

4th. Resumed regular order of business..

5th. Returned correspondence to sister Associations:

To the Upatoie—Elders W. J. Heard, B. C. Caldwell, S. T. Bentley, J. T. Young, F. L. Fuller and Brethren M. H. McElmurray, J. M. Frederick.

To the Marietta Springs—Return Minutes.

To Harmony—Elders J. A. Monsees, J. T. Reynolds.

To Primitive Ebenezer—Elders J. T. Young and J. T. Reynolds.

To Ocmulgee—Elders B. C. Caldwell, F. L. Fuller, W. J. Heard, J. T. Reynolds, S. T. Bentley, and Brother E. H. Bagerly.

6th. Adjourned with prayer by Elder J. A. Taylor, to 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday morning, Sept. 19, 1912.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was led in prayer by Elder A. P. Tucker.

1st. Resumed business by appointing correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

To the Original Upper Canoochee Association—Elders S. T. Bentley and I. Grant.

To the Kehukee of N. C.—Return Minutes.

To the Mt. Olive—Elder J. A. Monsees.

The Clerk was authorized to send minutes to the Ketoc-ton Association of Virginia.

2nd. Received contributions sent by churches for Minutes, \$21.75, and \$58.05 for Associational purposes.

3rd. Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

1st. To convene with the Church at Salem, Crawford County, four miles of Roberta, on Southern Railway, on Friday before fifth Sunday in March next.

2nd. To convene with the Church at Griffin, Spalding County, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August next.

4th. Appointed the next session of this body to convene with the Church at Mt. Carmel, Crawford County, Ga., seven miles of Culloden on the Southern and M. & B. railroads.

5th. The following brethren volunteered to go to the Primitive Western Association: Elders S. T. Bentley, W. J. Heard, F. L. Fuller.

6th. The Clerk was instructed to notify the churches whose turns it is to entertain the Association.

(A list of the churches and dates of former Associations appear elsewhere. The churches can tell whose turn it is, and call for same in their letters.)

7th. The Clerk was instructed to have printed 1500 copies of the minutes and distribute them in the usual manner.

8th. Called for, read and adopted the Corresponding Letter.

9th. Read and adopted the Minutes, and after prayer by Elder S. M. Anderson, adjourned.

ELDER S. T. BENTLEY, *Moderator.*

F. M. GREENE, *Clerk.*

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Tuesday, P. M.—Elder F. L. Fuller, followed by Elder W. J. Hull, of Texas.

Wednesday, A. M.—Elder J. M. Adams, of the Oconee, followed by Elder S. M. Anderson.

Wednesday P. M.—Elder W. J. Greene, followed by Elder W. E. Brush.

Thursday, A. M.—Elder J. A. Taylor, followed by Elder Lee Hanks.

The Association selects this medium of thanking the brethren and friends of Fellowship Church for their kindness to our body while with them. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Echeconnee Association, now in session with the Church at Fellowship, Houston County, Georgia, to her Sister Churches, with whom she corresponds, greetings:

Our Beloved Brethren and Sisters in the Lord: Once more we have been permitted to assemble, as we trust by the Holy Spirit of the Most High God, singing songs and invoking God's blessings upon His humble poor, being edified and instructed by the teaching of God's Word as in Christ Jesus, all to the glory and honor of Him, we trust.

Our next session, the Lord willing, will convene with the Church at Mt. Carmel, Crawford County, Georgia, seven miles of Culloden, on the Southern and the M. & B. Railroads, commencing on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September, 1913, embracing three days. Then and there we hope to meet a goodly number of your correspondents again.

ELDER S. T. BENTLEY, Moderator.

F. M. GREENE, Clerk.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The Primitive Baptists have been greatly disturbed by the introduction of new and unscriptural practices in their worship, namely, instrumental music, secret orders, and other things of like character; therefore be it

Resolved, That we declare against these measures in our churches together with all others that practice or affiliate with the same.

MINISTERS OF THE ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION AND
THEIR POST OFFICES.

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| Elder S. T. Bentley..... | Culloden, Ga. |
| Elder W. J. Heard..... | Macon, Ga. |
| Elder J. A. Monsees..... | Macon, Ga. |
| Elder J. T. Reynolds..... | Byron, Ga. |
| Elder B. F. Williamson..... | Macon, Ga. |
| Elder Isaiah Grant..... | Roberta, Ga. |
| Elder B. C. Caldwell..... | Fayetteville, Ga. |
| Elder L. W. Allman..... | Griffin, Ga. |
| Elder F. L. Fuller..... | |

VISITING MINISTERS.

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| Elder W. J. Greene..... | Clinton, Ga. |
| Elder S. M. Anderson..... | Summitt, Ga. |
| Elder A. P. Tucker..... | Moultrie, Ga. |
| Elder J. T. Glover..... | Wayside, Ga. |
| Elder J. M. Adams..... | Monroe, Ga. |
| Elder W. E. Brush..... | Atwood, Tenn. |
| Elder W. J. Hall..... | Texas |
| Elder J. A. Taylor..... | |
| Elder Lee Hanks..... | |

CHURCHES WHERE THE ASSOCIATION MET FOR THE
LAST TWENTY YEARS.

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| Bethlehem, Upson County | 1893 |
| Pleasant Hill, Houston County | 1894 |
| High Shoals, Monroe County..... | 1895 |
| Good Hope, Upson County..... | 1896 |
| Fellowship, Houston County | 1897 |
| Friendship, Upson County | 1898 |
| Mt. Paron, Crawford County | 1899 |
| Mt. Carmel, Crawford County | 1900 |
| Sardis, Bibb County | 1901 |
| Harmony, Pike County | 1902 |
| Ramah, Monroe County | 1903 |
| Bethlehem, Bibb County | 1904 |
| Bethlehem, Upson County | 1905 |
| Friendship, Upson County | 1906 |
| Salem, Crawford County | 1907 |
| Pleasant Hill, Houston County | 1908 |
| Providence, Crawford County | 1909 |
| Emmaus, Upson County | 1910 |
| Beaver Crew, Houston County | 1911 |
| Fellowship, Houston County | 1912 |

DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, producing letters from their churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, on confession of faith, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION, providing for themselves a Moderator and Clerk, who shall serve them during the session; using the pastor of the church where they assemble or choosing one from the body, as they please.

4. As one of the cardinal tenets of faith of the Primitive Baptists is that the Old and New Testaments are our only rule of faith and practice, and as the Bible recognizes no other religious disciplinary power but the Church, where God, in His wisdom, mercy, and in honor to His Son, placed it.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union, they may petition by letter and delegates, and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of the proceedings of the Association.

8. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

9. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

10. To correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

11. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

12. It is also agreed that nothing shall be so construed in the above as to interfere with the fellowship and communion of the churches or brethren of this union, or with those with whom we may correspond, directly or indirectly; and nothing shall be presented to this body, as a query, or question bearing on the same, but shall be considered by the churches, as we believe is directed by the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

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

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5th. 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.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

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

8th. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

9th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances. We believe that immersion is Baptism.

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

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

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

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 a Moderator and Clerk.
4. Appoint committees as follows:
 - On Preaching.
 - 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 further Correspondence from sister Associations.
3. Renew the invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.
4. Return Correspondence to sister Associations.
5. Receive contributions and distribute Corresponding Minutes.
6. Appoint Union Meetings.
7. Appoint the next session of this body.
8. Agree on the number of minutes to have printed.
9. Call for Corresponding Letter.
10. Read minutes and adjourn.

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | CLERKS | COUNTIES | POST OFFICES | NAMES OF MESSENGERS | PASTORS | Baptized | Received by Letter | Confession of Faith | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total Membership | Sunday of Meeting | Money for Minutes | Money for Ministry |
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| Good Hope..... Mt, Carmel..... | W. A. White..... | Crawford..... | Musella..... | Elder S. T. Bentley, F. W. Hancock, A. W. Childs..... | S. T. Bentley..... | 8 | | | | | | 3 | 74 | 2 | 3 00 | 2 00 |
| Salem..... | J. D. McGhee..... | Crawford..... | Knoxville..... | J. D. McGhee, R. F. Hicks, J. R. Sandefur, Elder I. Grant..... | Isaiah Grant..... S. T. Bentley..... | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | | 68 | 2 | 2 00 | 50 |
| Providence..... | F. Danielly..... | Crawford..... | Knoxville..... | J. S. McGhee, B. A. Childs, I. F. Darnilly..... | S. T. Bentley..... | | | | | | | | 65 | 4 | 4 00 | 1 00 |
| Fellowship..... | F. M. Greene..... | Houston..... | Perry..... | A. F. Smith, B. F. Murray, C. A. Kersey..... | W. J. Heard..... | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 46 | 2 | 4 00 | 5 00 |
| Bethlehem..... | L. L. Wright..... | Bibb..... | Macon..... | F. W. Williams, B. H. Baggerley, J. A. Moore..... | J. H. Fresham..... S. F. Bentley..... | 2 | 4 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 111 | 2 | 4 00 | 2 00 |
| Friendship..... | W.S.Bloodworth..... | Upson..... | Thomaston..... | J. H. Butts, A. S. Kersey..... | W. J. Greene..... | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | | | 39 | 1 | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Hill..... | J. D. Cherry..... | Houston..... | Dunbar..... | J. B. Scarboro, B. L. Roberson..... | W. J. Heard..... | | | | | | | | 42 | 2 | 2 00 | 1 00 |
| Sardis..... | T. M. Nash..... | Bibb..... | Macon..... | J. F. Heard, H. L. McKinney, J. W. Fielder, T. M. Nash..... | W. J. Heard..... | 1 | | | | 1 | 3 | | 69 | 3 | 3 90 | 2 00 |
| Mt. Paran..... | M. J. Marshall..... | Bibb..... | Lizella..... | M. H. McElmurray, J. N. Clark, R. J. Hancock..... | J. T. Young..... | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 51 | 1 | 3 00 | 2 00 |
| Beaver Creek..... | J. W. Davidson..... | Houston..... | Bonaire..... | J. W. Davidson, Charlie Stenbridge, J. R. Hunt..... | J. T. Reynolds..... | 1 | | | | 2 | | | 21 | 1 | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| Shiloh..... | J. A. Buckner..... | Bibb..... | | Elder J. T. Young, J. W. Bartlet..... | J. T. Young..... | 5 | | | | | | | 30 | 1 | 4 25 | 75 |
| Harmony..... | J. R. Bloodworth..... | Pike..... | Meansville..... | G. W. Sullivan..... | J. A. Monsees..... | | | 1 | | | | | 37 | 2 | 5 00 | 50 |
| High Shoals..... | T. M. Mullins..... | Monroe..... | Gogginsville..... | W. R. S. Mann..... | B. F. Williamson..... | | | | | 1 | 2 | | 32 | 3 | 2 50 | 50 |
| Mt. Calvary..... | J. H. Baggerley..... | Monroe..... | Smarrs..... | J. H. Baggerley..... | J. T. Reynolds..... | | | | | | | | 17 | 3 | 2 00 | 59 |
| Concord..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Griffin..... | F. M. Gardner..... | Spalding..... | Griffin..... | T. V. Mann, J. P. Witt..... | B.C.Caldwell, M.D..... | | | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | 50 | 3 | 3 00 | 2 00 |
| Emmaus..... | M. L. Hancock..... | Upson..... | Crest..... | M. L. Hancock, G. W. Hall..... | W. J. Heard..... | 2 | | | | | 3 | | 58 | 4 | 5 30 | 1 00 |
| Barnesville..... | E. P. Childs..... | Pike..... | Barnesville..... | E. P. Childs, H. T. Parham..... | J. A. Monsees..... | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 20 | 2 | 3 00 | 1 00 |
| Emmaus..... | A. M. Keith..... | Coweta..... | Newnan..... | Elder B. O. Caldwell, A. M. Keith..... | B.C.Caldwell, M.D..... | | | | | | | | 17 | 1 | 2 00 | 50 |
| Elisabeth..... | J. S. Tabor..... | Bibb..... | Macon..... | Letter..... | C. F. Denney..... | 2 | | | | 2 | | | 17 | 4 | 2 00 | 1 00 |



