

MINUTES

— OF THE —

83D ANNUAL SESSION

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OCCONEE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT BROWN'S

OGLETHORPE COUNTY, GEORGIA

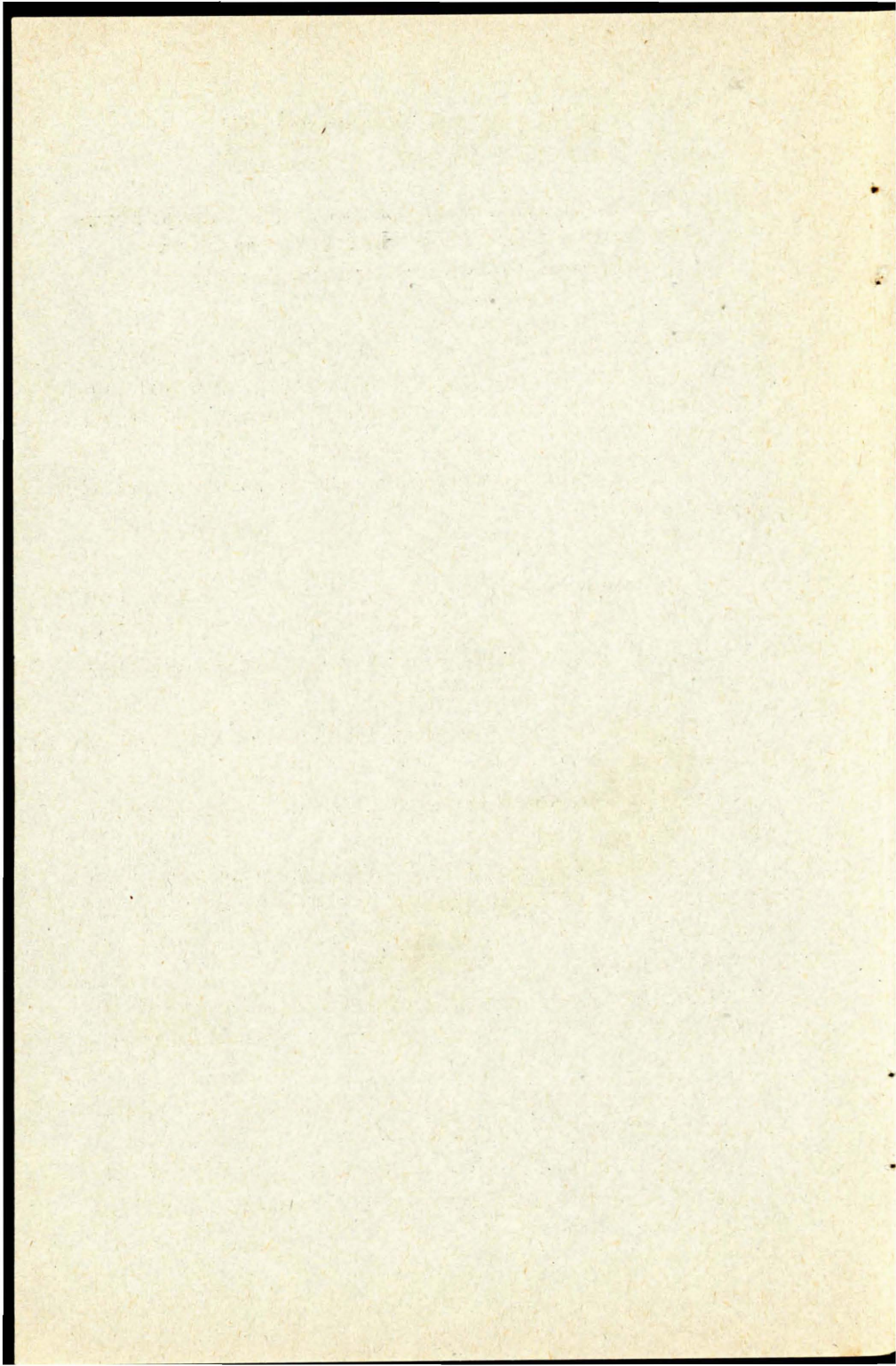
OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 1920



J. M. ADAMS, Moderator	- - -	Monroe, Ga.
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W. H. ROBISON, Clerk	- - -	Monroe, Ga.
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Of the Eighty-Third Annual Session of the Oconee Primitive Baptist Association, Held With the Church at Browns, Oglethorpe County, Georgia, October 8, 9, 10, 1920

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. M. Vail, of the Delaware River Association, the text taken from the 12th chapter of Isaiah, "Behold, God is my salvation."

After one hour's intermission the Association met at the stand.

Prayer by Elder D. M. Vail.

Appointed Elders R. L. Cook, W. W. West and Deacon U. M. Malcom to read the letters from the churches.

Item 1. Elected Elder J. M. Adams Moderator and W. H. Robison, Clerk.

Item 2. Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seat with us.

Item 3. Adopted order of business of last year for this session.

Item 4. Appointed the following Committee on Preaching: G. W. Malcom, Sr., G. T. Whitworth, E. H. Ingram, W. H. Haralson, G. W. Lord, W. W. Tiller, R. A. Cooper, together with the Moderator.

Item 5. Appointed Brethren U. M. Malcom, W. L. Allen and G. T. Whitworth to write Corresponding Letter.

Item 6. Called for correspondence from sister churches with whom she corresponds:

From the Yellow River—Elders R. L. Cook, W. W. West, S. A. Huff and Brethren C. S. Sorrells and Will Brooks.

From the Ocmulgee—Minutes.

From the Marietta—Minutes.

From the Euharlee—No Tidings.

From the Warwick—No Tidings.

From the Delaware—J. M. Adams and Minutes.

From the Delaware River—Elders D. M. Vail, J. M. Adams and Brother William Hobensack and Minutes.

Called for visiting ministers and brethren from orderly Associations and churches with whom we have no direct correspondence and received them.

Appointed correspondence to sister Association:

Yellow River, with the church at Flat Shoals, Henry county, Georgia, beginning Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1921: Elders J. M. Adams, J. H. Stewart, J. F. Chandler, Brethren J. M. Breedlove, Tom Malcom and G. W. Lord.

To the Ocmulgee, with Ephesus church, Monroe county, Georgia, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1921, three miles from Juliette on the Southern Railroad; seven miles from Forsyth, on Central of Georgia Railroad.

To the Marietta—Elder J. M. Adams, with Minutes.

To the Euharlee, at Corinth church, Polk county—Elder J. M. Adams, with Minutes.

To the Warwick—Minutes.

To the Delaware, with Bryn Zion church, in May, 1921—

To the Delaware River, at Southampton church, Southampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, beginning on Wednesday before the first Sunday in June, 1921—Elder J. M. Adams and Brother William Hobensack.

Called for miscellaneous business.

Appointed a committee to draft some resolutions on our dead since our last two sessions: Elder J. H. Stewart and Brethren W. L. Allen and G. T. Whitworth.

Adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met at time appointed. Singing and prayer by Elder R. L. Cook.

Renewed invitation to visiting ministers and brethren and welcomed all present.

Called for Circular Letter written by Elder J. M. Adams. Was read and received as our letter.

Appointed Elder J. H. Stewart to write next Circular Letter.

Called for and adopted the Corresponding Letter.

Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

1st District. Jack's Creek, Walton county, Georgia, seven miles east of Monroe, Georgia, and two miles north of Good Hope, Ga., by Greene County Railroad, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in April, 1921.

2nd District. Union church, Madison county, Georgia, beginning Friday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1921.

Appointed the next session of this body to convene with the church at Rock Springs, Morgan county, Georgia, at the usual time, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1921.

Appointed Brethren R. A. Cooper, Nat Lord and J. M. Breedlove to receive contributions. Called for and received contributions and directed the clerk to have one thousand copies of these minutes printed and distributed in the usual way.

On motion, voted our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness while we have been with them.

Read and adopted the minutes and adjourned.

ELDER J. M. ADAMS, Moderator.

W. H. ROBISON, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Oconee Old School Baptist Association now in session with the church at Brown's, to her sister Associations with whom we correspond, sendeth Christian salutation:

Dear Brethren:

We are again permitted to hold another peaceful session of our body, for which we desire to feel thankful. Your Elders have come preaching salvation by grace, for which our souls have been made to rejoice in God, our Savior.

"Dear, dear brethren," as James says, "Let's endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace. One Lord, one Faith and one Baptism, one Father of us all, in all, and through all, and over all."

Then we are Brethren. How pleasant it is for Brethren to sit together in unity and in spirit and in truth! May the good Lord guide and direct us.

Although your correspondence is not as full as we like, yet it makes us feel glad that you still remember us.

The next session of our body will be held with the church at Rock Springs, Morgan county, Georgia, two miles from Bostwick, Georgia, on Greene County Railroad and eight miles from Rutledge, Georgia, on Georgia Railroad, at the usual time, second Sunday, Friday and Saturday before, in October, 1921.

ELDER J. M. ADAMS, Moderator.

W. H. ROBISON, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

The Oconee Old School Baptist Association, in session with the church at Brown's, Oglethorpe county, Georgia, October 8, 9 and 10, 1920, to the several churches of which it is composed, greetings:

Dearly Beloved:

In compliance with your appointment at your last session and in accordance with our custom, we take for a theme the sworn testimony of the Lord of Hosts, saying "Surely as I have thought so shall it come to pass, and as I have purposed so shall it stand"—Isaiah 14 and 24th. Surely, as well as shall, implying no doubt, as he told Adam he shall surely die. Absolute sovereignty belongs to God only. His thought and purpose was in the past; we will date it with Him in eternity before time began and everything that has ever come to pass. He had thought of it and purposed it for our good and His glory.

He thought and purposed to make a world and all that in it is, in accordance to His purpose. will and counsel, all meaning the same, saying also "My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure." We say that all of them shall stand, they have ever stood, all being fixed or settled in His thought or purpose before he made man or devils.

The fall of Adam and his posterity into sin and death was all in accordance with his purpose and knowledge. It was in His purpose to call Abraham and make promises to him and his seed by way of Egypt through the wilderness to the promised land that flowed with milk and honey. Joseph's brethren were ignorant of the purpose that God had for them in selling him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver to get him out of the way, while it put him in the way to save much people, as Judas did Jesus for thirty pieces of silver to do with him whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done, yet he came not to do His will, but the will of His father.

In due time he died for the ungodly, was made sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him, made unto wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost, His people from their sins, delivering them from the power of darkness and translating them into the kingdom; hence He is our King reigning in righteousness. We are not our own, not in us to direct our steps, working in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure, giving us faith, hope and charity, and it is His purpose that we shall live by them and not by sight. So let us take comfort in that our God is a sovereign all-power in Heaven and earth is in His hands. He only has to speak and it is done; command, and it stands fast. His name is a strong tower and the righteous runneth into it and are safe; good works are the fruits of faith; the tree is known by the fruit it bears, for He is the vine and we are the branches; hence, all of our fruit must come out of the vine; also members of His body led by the spirit of God, if indeed we are His, then we may dwell together in unity and worship Him in spirit and in truth. It was his purpose for Jesus to be the way, the truth and the life for us, so that He will present us holy and unblameable and unreprouable in His sight. Then when we awake in His likeness we will be satisfied, raised a spiritual body to enjoy that inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled and fades not away, but reserved in Heaven for you who are kept by the power of God ready to be revealed at the last time, where sin and sorrow is felt no more forever. May it be His purpose to make us humble and patient until death.

JAS. M. ADAMS.

FOR RESPECT OF OUR DEAD SINCE OUR LAST
TWO SESSIONS

Brethren S. N. Autry, J. B. Patton, W. H. Malcom, B. G. Verner, W. J. Malcom, G. W. O'Kelly; Sister Roberta Malcom, M. E. Thompson, A. J. Dunson, Pauline Hollis, Mattie Jay, Susie Cox, Martha Durden, Susie McCollough, Mary Johnson, Lizzie Seymore, Lou Bullock, Elizabeth Eberhart, Mary Chandler, Jane Adams, Sallie Bradbury, Sadie Bradbury, Dora Malcom, Nancy Meadows.

It makes our hearts sad when we think that we can never see their faces any more, but we feel that their faith was established in the man, Christ Jesus, and that they are now basking in the sunshine of His love.

J. H. STEWART,
W. L. ALLEN,
G. T. WHITWORTH,
—Committee.

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Dead	TOTAL	Meeting Days	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministers
Beaverdam	Jim Whitworth, Tolbert, Ga.	B. W. Stewart, J. S. Fleeman							9	3	1.50	9.00
Gravelly Creek												
Union	G. L. Chandler, Danielsville.	G. W. Lord, Bob Carithers	1						26	1	2.00	
Moriah	E. M. Edwards, Colbert.....	G. T. Whitworth, W. S. Brown	2						42	4	2.00	
Jack's Creek	W. H. Robison, Monroe.....	G. W. Malcom, W. H. Robison							153	2	2.00	
Lystra	W. G. David, Danielsville....	J. B. Moon, J. S. Carithers							120	3	1.50	
Brown's	R. A. Cooper, Crawford.....	W. W. Tiller, R. A. Cooper							116	2	1.50	
Black's Creek	N. S. Lord, Commerce.....	N. S. Lord, E. H. Ingram	5						247	2	1.50	
Monroe	J. Q. Adams, Monroe.....	J. M. Adams, G. W. Peters							116	4	1.50	2.00
Rock Springs	H. P. Adair, Rutledge.....	H. P. Adair, U. M. Malcom	3				1		46	3	3.00	9.50
Big Creek	O. P. Cooper, Arnoldsville....	W. T. Butler, J. P. Harris							18	1	1.50	
Mt. Zion	W. J. Poss, Athens.....	Ganaway Malcom, W. J. Poss							223	1	1.75	5.00
Mt. Paron	George Hollis, Social Circle.	W. H. Haralson, W. L. Allen							483	1	5.00	10.00
Shoal Creek	J. F. Bolton, Monroe.....	C. R. Garrett, J M Breedlove							31	1	2.00	5.15

