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FIRST DAY, Friday.

1st. After prayer by Elder J. B. Wilson, the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. H. Temples; 1st John 1, followed by Eld. T. S. Dalton; Phil. 2:12.

2nd. After a short intermission the messengers from the several churches assembled in the house. Prayer by J. R. Calloway.

3rd. Called for and read letters from the churches.

4th. Organized the Body by electing Eld. S. M. Anderson, Moderator and J. J. Sutton, Clerk.

5th. Invited ministers and brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

6th. Read rules of decorum.

7th. Called for petitionary churches.

8th. Appointed the following Committees: On Preaching--Brethren J. W. Durden, J. R. Hill, A. J. Youngblood with the messengers from Rock Hill church. To Arrange General Meetings--Brethren J. J. Sutton, A. J. Rountree and Eld. H. Lee Kite. To write Circular Letter--Eld. J. B. Wilson, brethren John W. Lamb and A. J. Rountree. On Finance--Brethren J. M. Anderson, D. B. Smith and A. J. Youngblood.

9th. Called for Correspondence--From Lotts Creek--Eld. H. Temples and brother M. M. Coleman. Ebenezer Association--Elder W. W. Howell, B. C. Lewis and brethren E. J. Davidson, J. K. P. Hinson and S. R. Arnold. Echeconne Association--Eld. Lee Hanks.

10th. Adjourned until Saturday 8:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY, Saturday, 8:30.

11th. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. W. W. Howell.

12th. Called the roll.

13th. On motion received visitors from the following Associations: Ketocton Association Eld. T. S. Dalton. From Lotts Creek Association, Eld. M. L. Riner, J. R. Calloway, T. E. Ethridge, Eld. Jordan Cribbs.

14th. Called for further correspondence, Bro. J. R. Sanders of Ebenezer Association; Eld. R. D. Dunnahoe, and J. H. Rivers, Prince Williams Association, S. C.

15th. Appointed correspondence to Lotts Creek Association to convene with Ephesus church, Tuesday after 3rd Sunday in October, 1910. Eld. S. M. Anderson, J. B. Wilson, Brethren A. J. Rountree, J. R. Hill, Eld. H. Lee Kite. To Echeconne, to convene with Beech Creek Church, Tuesday after 3rd Sunday in September 1911, Elders J. B. Wilson, S. M. Anderson. To Upotie, Mt. Zion church near Ogle-

thorpe, Ga., Tuesday after 1st Sunday in Sep. 1911, Eld. J. B. Wilson. To Ebenezer with Sweet Home, Chester, Ga., 4th Sunday in Sept. Friday and Saturday before 1911, Brethren J. J. Sutton, J. R. Hill, Elders J. B. Wilson, H. Lee Kite, S. M. Anderson.

16th. Called for report of committee to arrange general meetings: Pilgrim's Rest, Friday before 5th Sunday in April 1911. Bethel, Friday before 5th Sunday in July 1911.

17th. On motion, appointed our next Association to convene with Mt. Zion church, Emanuel county, 1 mile south of Norristown B. & P. R. R., Friday before 1st Sunday in October 1911.

18th. We recommend the printing and distribution of 1200 of these minutes, the clerk to superintend the same and have \$10 for his services.

19th. Called for and adopted circular letter.

20th. Call for contributions for minutes, received \$19.00.

21st. Called for miscellaneous business: On motion continued the same committee with brother John Lamb in place of Eld. L. Holloway deceased to purchase an associational and copy from the Constitution to the present the minutes of the old Upper Canoochee Association.

22nd. On motion 22nd item to fill place of 14th article of Decorum.

On motion appointed Elders H. Meeks and S. M. Anderson to write a Memorial to Elder Lonnie Holloway and to print the same in these Minutes.

On motion, adjourned for preaching and closed until regular time in course.

RESOLVED, That the heartfelt thanks of this association be tendered to the brethren and sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during the meeting. We pray God's blessings to rest on them all.

Elder S. M. ANDERSON, Moderator.

Bro. J. J. SUTTON, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

2. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.

3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.

4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final preservation of the saints.

5. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.

6. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are sacraments of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saints' feet an example, and that no man has a right to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.

8. We believe in a final judgment, in a future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday morning--Introductory by H. Temples, Lotts Creek Association, Statesboro, Ga.; T. S. Dalton, Ketoc-ton Association, Front Royal, Va.

Friday P. M.--Eld. Jordan Cribbs, Lotts Creek Association.

Saturday A. M.--W. W. Howell, Ebenezer Association.

B. C. Lewis, " "

Saturday P. M.--R. D. Dunnahoe, Prince Williams Association, S.C.

J. H. Rivers, " " "

Sunday A. M.--T. S. Dalton, Ketoc-ton Association, Va.; Lee Hanks, Echeconnee Association; H. Temples, Lotts Creek Association, closed by S. M. Anderson, Upper Cannoochee Association.

ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

S. M. AndersonSummit, Ga. W. A. Beasley . . . Soperton, Ga.

Henry MeeksMeeks, " Z. Cowart,Summit, "

J. J. KerseyAdrian, " J. B. WilsonGraymont "

H. V. Hill, Summit, Ga.

LICENTIATES--H. Lee Kite, Vidalia, Ga., J. M. Holloway, Statesboro, Ga., J. J. Moring, Kite, Ga.

VISITING MINISTERS.

Eld. Lee Hanks, Macon, Ga., Echeconnee Association, Ga.

" T. S. Dalton, Front Royal, Va., Ketoc-ton Association, Va.

" B. C. Lewis, Eastman, Ga., Ebenezer Association, Ga.

" H. Temples, Statesboro, Ga., Lotts Creek Association, Ga.

" M. L. Riner, Collins, Ga., Lotts Creek Association, Ga.

" Jordan Cribbs, Collins, Ga., Lotts Creek Association, Ga.

" W. W. Howell, Danville, Ga., Ebenezer " "

" R. D. Dunnahoe, Hampton, S.C. Prince Williams " S. C.

" J. H. Rivers, Hampton, S. C., Prince Williams " S. C.

MEMORIAL

Eld. Lonnie Holloway born in Emanuel county, Georgia, Jan. 13, 1890, and began preaching at the age of 17; was ordained to the full work of the ministry Nov. 7, 1908 by Elds. H. Temples, S. M. Anderson and H. B. Wilkinson. And, though he was quite young but few ever gave such glorious and encouraging evidences of being called of God to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus. His brethren and sisters had the utmost confidence in him and it grieved them to have to give him up. As a sent man of God, he was the idol of us all. He was one of the most spiritual minded men we ever saw. We feel our loss indeed, but we are sure our loss is his eternal gain. The church feels his loss greatly, but Oh! that dear old christian Father and Mother to be bereaved of so kind and tender a child as he was and they feel the great loss to the church equally. May they be able to say like Job "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away and blessed be the name of the Lord."

Elders S. M. Anderson, H. Meeks.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Primitive Baptists of our faith and order, Greeting:--Beloved in the Lord:--Through the tender mercies of God our Heavenly Father we have been spared to see another session of our body assemble together in another Associational capacity. The precious ministers of Jesus have come to us speaking the oracles of God in humbliness and simplicity, such as will unify the Lord's humble poor. The messages brought in from the churches are good tidings of great joy. We rejoice to see the dear Brethren and Sisters satisfied to ever walk in the "old land marks." We desire to ever walk in the foot prints of Jesus and always be obedient to the commands of our great and adorable King.

May the God of all grace bless us all. Dear Brethren please pray for us that we may ever be in love and simplicity.

J. B. WILSON, J. W. LAMB, A. J. ROUNTREE, Committee.

DECORUM

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our body shall compose the Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship with those received, excommunicated or dead since our last Association.
3. This Union shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, and who shall hold their offices until the next election.
4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions. He may have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair is filled, but shall not vote, except the body be equally divided.
5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of this Association, and the minutes then shall be read and amended, if necessary, and signed by the Clerk and Moderator.
6. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admission who, upon examination, is found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to its delegation.
7. Each church shall have a right to send two delegates to this Association, and no more.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the action of the Association, except withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the Association.
9. 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 the subject.
10. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave of the Association.
11. There shall be no whispering or talking in the time of public speaking, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.
12. Whenever a case is decided by vote, there shall be no debating on the subject.
13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
14. It is and has been the sense of the churches comprising the original Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association not to hold in fellowship any church member or minister who holds the following: Boards, conventions, missionary societies, Sunday schools, Theological schools, Epworth leagues, instrumental music in worship of God, a salaried ministry, or assessing or taxing the members, Freemasonry, Odd Fellows, or other secret orders or religious society that does now exist or may hereafter exist, founded upon the wisdom of men, together with any of the modern attempts to reform the church of God.

15. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches; to give her best advice in matters of difficulty, and if the union between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use her endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches that may be unsound in faith or immoral in practice, until they be reclaimed.

16. To invite ministers and brethren of our faith to seats with us.

17: These rules shall be read at every meeting of this Association, previous to entering on business.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Upper Canoochee Primitive Baptist Association.

1. This Association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.

2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers, if they choose and no more, and the messengers names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. This Association shall have power to make its own rules to govern itself while in session, but none of its rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free, and of right ought to be,

4. It shall be the duty of this Association to give her best advice in cases of difficulty, and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.

5. This Association shall admit into its body any church whom they find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also, if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body she may do so at her best discretion, or, on application, she may have a letter of dismission.

6. As the love of money is the root of all evil and has produced so much distress among Christians, and we, wishing to live in peace, therefore this Association shall not encourage any religious speculations called missionary, or by any other name, under pretense of supporting the gospel.

7. We, the churches composing this Association, believing the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, declare that we take the New Testament for the rule of our faith and practice, for we are not under the law but under grace.

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Year Constituted	COUNTIES	NAMES of MESSENGERS	Post Office	Baptized	Confession of Faith	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommended	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Money for Minutes	Sabbath Meetings	Communion Meetings.
Bethel	1908	Emanuel . . .	J. B. Wilson	Graymont . .	1 . .	2 . .	..	..	3 . .	14	100	3	May and Aug
Canoochee . .	1819	Emanuel . . .	J. R. Hill, A. J. Rountree.	Graymont . .	2 . .	3 . .	..	..	..	58	250	1	May and Aug
Hebron . . .	1804	Emanuel . . .	S. M. Anderson	Garfield . .	..	..	..	2	1 . .	67	200	4	May and Aug
Long Creek	1888	Emanuel . . .	C. P. Williams, C.W. Wall	Sum'ertown	..	..	..	..	1 2	24	125	2	May and Aug
Louis	1900	Jenkins . . .	J. B. Johnson	Butts . . . .	..	..	..	1	1 . .	21	150	3	May and Aug
Mt. Olive . .	1880	Emanuel . . .	A. J. Warren, T. J. Collins	Stillmore . .	1 . .	..	..	..	1 1	24	100	4	May and Aug
New Hope	1818	Emanuel . . .	J.W.Lamb,A.J.Youngblood	Lexy	2 . .	4 . .	2	1 . .	41	150	2	May and Aug			
Mt. Zion . .	1873	Emanuel . . .	J. W. Durden, J. J. Kersey	Norristown .	1 2	..	..	5 . .	2	61	150	1	May and Aug
Oak Grove .	1888	Emanuel . . .	J. J. Sutton, Willie Connoly	Stillmore . .	..	1 . .	1 . .	1 . .	15	100	3	May and Aug		
Oak Ridge .	1891	Montgomery	M. A. Braddy, H.Lee Kite	Vidalia . . .	..	..	..	..	4 . .	53	150	1	April and Aug
Pilgrims Rest	1909	Johnson . .	H. Meeks, J. M. Anderson	Meeks	3 2	4 . .	..	..	2	52	150	4	July
Rosemary Hill	1875	Emanuel . . .	James Oiff	Graymont . .	1 . .	..	..	..	1 4	33	150	2	May and Aug
Rock Hill . .	1900	Emanuel . . .	W. A. Beasley, D. B. Smith	Adrian	4 . .	..	..	..	1 . .	56	125	3	.....	
Mt. Nebo . .	1806	Emanuel . . .	Not Represented	Lyons . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	519	1900	..	.....



