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THE
MARIETTA OLD SCHOOL
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
FRIENDSHIP, PAULDING CO., GEORGIA

OCTOBER FIFTH, SIXTH *and* SEVENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT

INTRODUCTORY SERMON BY
ELD. J. H. FISHER
of Newcastle, Texas

*The next session will convene with the Church at Hardaman,
DeKalb County, Georgia, Friday before the first
Sunday in October, 1929*

OFFICERS

ELD. W. T. WALDEN, Moderator..... Powder Springs, Ga.
ELD. Z. C. HULL, Clerk, Wynne-Claughton Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

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Lee Hanks, Atlanta, Ga.	W. T. Hill, Atlanta, Ga.
M. C. Banks, Atlanta, Ga.	J. H. Fuller, Villa Rica, Ga.
Z. C. Hull, Atlanta, Ga.	

LICENTIATES

W. R. Abernathy
J. T. Daily and James Robins

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M.—Introductory—Eld. J. H. Fisher.
Friday P. M.—Eld. B. F. House.
Friday Night—Eld. Rees Prather.
Saturday A. M.—Eld. J. A. Monsees.
Saturday P. M.—Eld. G. W. Jackson and Eld. J. H. Johnson.
Sunday A. M.—Eld. J. H. Fisher and Eld. Rees Prather.
Sunday P. M.—Eld. W. J. Cheek, and the services concluded by
Eld. W. T. Walden, the Moderator.

MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE

Eld. J. H. Fisher, Editor <i>Glad Tidings</i> , Newcastle, Tex.	Eld. G. W. Jackson, Lilburn, Ga.
Eld. Rees Prather, Grantville, Ga.	Eld. J. O. Moore, Lilburn, Ga.
Eld. J. A. Monsees, Atlanta, Ga.	Eld. W. P. Merrell, Roopville, Ga.
Eld. B. F. House, Opelika, Ala.	Eld. W. T. Walden, Powder Springs, Ga.
Eld. J. A. Evans, Birmingham, Ala.	Eld. H. G. Mitchell, Atlanta, Ga.
Eld. J. A. Johnson, Rome, Ga.	Eld. W. E. Hembree, Alpharetta, Ga.
Eld. W. J. Cheek, Atlanta, Ga.	Eld. J. H. Fuller, Villa Rica, Ga.
Eld. P. C. Upshaw, Rosebud, Ga.	Eld. Z. C. Hull, Atlanta, Ga.
J. W. Hunt, Licentiate, Decatur, Ga.	

CHURCH CLERKS

BETHANY—E. L. Cole, 101 Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
WEST ATLANTA—A. E. Webb, 209 Powell St., Atlanta, Ga.
COLLINS SPRINGS—Felton Brown, Smyrna, Ga.
CROSS ROADS—P. L. Moss, R. F. D., Dunwoody, Ga.
MALONEY SPRINGS—P. F. Daniel, Smyrna, Ga.
POWDER SPRINGS—S. C. Holland, Powder Springs, Ga.
BETHLEHEM—L. W. Johnson, R. F. D., Marietta, Ga.
CORINTH—W. E. Hembree, Alpharetta, Ga.
MACEDONIA—W. T. Abernathy, Rt. 3, Acworth, Ga.
NEW HARMONY—W. A. Harris, Hiram, Ga.
FRIENDSHIP—J. N. Fuller, Rt. 5, Douglasville, Ga.
HARDAMAN—C. C. Cook, Rt. 3, Decatur, Ga.

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THE MARIETTA OLD SCHOOL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

Convened with the Church at Friendship,
Paulding County, Georgia

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER FIFTH, 1928

AFTER SINGING AND PRAYER, THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON
WAS PREACHED BY

ELD. J. H. FISHER, of *Newcastle, Texas*

BUSINESS SESSION AT ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

1. Called for, and received letters from the churches. The letters were read by Elds. B. F. House and H. G. Mitchell, and the messengers enrolled.
2. All ordained ministers of the body seated as messengers.
3. Eld. W. T. Walden was chosen moderator, and Eld. Z. C. Hull, clerk.
4. An invitation was extended to visitors, and the following received: Eld. J. H. Fisher, of the Mt. Zion Association of Texas; Eld. B. F. House, of The Beulah Association of Alabama; Eld. J. M. Evans, of the Wetumpka Association of Alabama; Eld. J. A. Monsees and wife of The Echeconnee Association of Georgia; Brother V. D. Mitchell and wife, and Sister I. B. Mitchell, of Mt. Olive Church of Alabama, and Sister A. A. Garrett, of the Harmony Association of Georgia.
5. Called for petitionary letters. Received letter from Hardaman Church, DeKalb County Georgia, with messengers. The church was unanimously received into our body, and messengers enrolled as follows: W. R. Wilkinson and W. L. Prince.
6. Committees appointed as follows:
Finance: Eld. H. G. Mitchell, R. C. Malone, Doc. Fuller, S. C. Holland, J. A. Davis and J. A. Middlebrooks.
Preaching: Elds. H. G. Mitchell, Z. C. Hull, and J. W. Bolling, J. A. Middlebrooks, J. N. Fuller, G. C. Andrews, and Loney Fuller.
Corresponding Letter: W. A. Harris and H. F. Upshaw.

7. Called for correspondence.

THE OCMULGEE ASSOCIATION: No tidings.

THE OCONEE: No tidings.

PRIMITIVE WESTERN: Received Eld. Rees Prather.

BETHEL: No tidings.

EUHARLEY: Received Elds. J. H. Johnson, W. J. Cheek, and A. S. Camp, W. W. Camp, H. C. Baggett, C. R. Camp and M. M. Abner.

YELLOW RIVER: Received Elds. J. O. Moore, G. W. Jackson and J. W. Moore, B. F. Almond, Licentiate, J. W. Hunt and Eld. P. C. Upshaw.

ADJOURNED UNTIL SATURDAY, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER SIXTH

1. After singing and prayer by Eld. B. F. House, the Association met in business session, and renewed invitation to visitors. Received Eld. W. P. Merrell, F. M. Fuller and J. T. Edeth from The Bethel Association of Georgia.
2. Returned correspondence with sister Associations and correspondence enrolled as follows:

THE OCMULGEE: To convene with the church at Crooked Creek, near Eatonton, Ga., Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1929. Elds. W. T. Walden, H. G. Mitchell and H. F. Upshaw.

THE PRIMITIVE WESTERN: To convene with the church at Bethel, near Lutherville, Ga., Tuesday October 9th, 1928. Elds. H. G. Mitchell and W. E. Hembree.

THE EUHARLEY: To convene with the church at Corinth, near Dalton, Ga., Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1929. Elds. H. G. Mitchell, W. T. Walden and P. F. Daniel, S. C. Holland and J. R. Jackson.

THE BETHEL: To convene with the church at Bethel, ten miles from Carrollton, Ga., Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1929. Elds. H. G. Mitchell and H. F. Upshaw, S. C. Holland, J. R. Jackson and C. R. Leathers.

3. UNION MEETINGS: The meetings will convene as follows:
Bethany Church, in Atlanta, the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in March, 1929.
Friendship Church, Paulding County, Ga., the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in June, 1929.
4. Corresponding letter read and adopted.
5. Clerk directed to have 600 minutes printed and distributed as usual.
6. The next session appointed to convene with the church at Hardaman, DeKalb County, Ga., four miles south of Decatur, Ga., and nine miles southeast of Atlanta, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1929.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

We desire to tender our thanks to Friendship Church, the community and friends for their kind hospitality extended during our stay in their midst.

ELD. W. T. WALDEN, Moderator.

ELD. Z. C. HULL, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Marietta Old School Primitive Baptist Association in Session With the Church at Friendship to the Associations With Whom We Correspond:

DEAR BRETHREN:

We have been blessed to hold another peaceful session, for which we are so very thankful to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. We feel to praise His exalted name for the "*Glad Tidings of Great Joy*" so ably proclaimed by our corresponding and visiting ministers. We hope they will continue to visit us.

Our churches are all in peace, our ministry is a unit. The letters from the churches show an increase in membership.

Our next session will be held with the church at Hardaman, DeKalb, County, Ga., four miles south of Decatur, Ga., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1929, where we hope to meet you again.

H. F. UPSHAW.

W. A. HARRIS.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Amounts Received for Minutes and Expense of Ministers

Churches—	Minutes	Ministry
BETHANY	\$ 2.00	\$10.00
MACEDONIA	1.50	3.00
MALONEY SPRINGS	1.00	3.00
CROSS ROADS	1.00	
CORINTH	1.00	
COLLINS SPRINGS	2.00	6.00
POWDER SPRINGS	2.00	2.00
NEW HARMONY	2.00	
FRIENDSHIP	2.00	3.00
BETHLEHEM	1.00	1.75
WEST ATLANTA	2.00	10.00
HARDAMAN	2.00	
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	\$19.50	\$38.75
Contributions	9.30	41.25
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TOTALS.....	\$28.80	\$80.00

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there is a Trinity of persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
2. That the Scripture of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. In the fall of Adam and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, in the corruption of human nature and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.
4. In the everlasting love of God to His people, and the eternal election of a definite number of the human race to grace and glory, and that there was a covenant of grace or redemption made between the Father and the Son before the world began, in which their salvation is secure and they in particular are redeemed.
5. That sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.
6. That all those who are chosen in Christ will be effectually called, regenerated, converted, sanctified and supported by the spirit and power of God, so that they shall preserve in grace, and not one of them will be finally lost.
7. That good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification and that they only justify us in the sight of angels and men, and are evidences of our gracious state.
8. That there will be a resurrection for the dead and a general judgment, and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

As for Gospel Order:

1. We believe the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful members who have gained Christian fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.
2. That Jesus Christ is the great head of His Church and only law-giver, and the government is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual and that the discipline of the Church is intended to reclaim those Christians who walk disorderly, either in principle or in practice, and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory and the peace and unity of the Churches.
3. That water baptism and Lord's supper are ordinances of the gospel, to be kept until the Lord's second coming and to be administered only by orderly Baptist ministers regularly ordained.
4. That true believers in Christ Jesus are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the mode.
5. That none but regular baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.
6. That it is the duty of every heaven-born soul to become a member of the visible Church, to make a public profession of his faith, to be legally baptised so as to have a right to partake of the Lord's supper at every legal opportunity during life.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

CHURCHES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Baptised	Restored	By Letter	Dismissed	Confession	Excommunicated	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Days
Bethany	J. A. Monsees.....	Eld. M. C. Banks, G. P. Nall, H. F. Upshaw.....	22	0	13	2	5	0	2	84	1-3
West Atlanta	W. T. Walden.....	J. A. Middlebrooks, J. F. McArthur, A. E. Webb.....	2	0	1	1	0	3	0	82	2
Collins Springs.....	Z. C. Hull.....	J. W. Bolling, Roy Mitchell, John W. Bolling.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	4
Cross Roads	Z. C. Hull.....	P. L. Moss, C. R. Dowis.....	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	19	1
Maloney Springs.....	M. C. Banks.....	P. F. Daniel and Sister E. G. McGarety.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	3
Powder Springs.....	W. T. Walden.....	W. T. Walden, S. C. Holland and A. D. Hardy.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4
Bethlehem	Z. C. Hull.....	L. W. Johnson, W. L. Lazenby.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2
Corinth	O. F. Hembree.....	W. E. Hembree.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	13	1
Macedonia	W. E. Hembree.....	W. R. Abernathy, W. T. Abernathy, E. L. Hunt.....	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	33	1
New Harmony	J. C. Hewett.....	Eld. H. G. Mitchell, J. T. Daily, James Robins.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	3
Friendship	M. C. Banks.....	J. N. Fuller, G. C. Andrews, Loney Fuller.....	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	43	4
Hardaman	P. C. Upshaw.....	W. R. Wilkinson, W. L. Prince.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	2

