

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH SESSION
OF THE
**Lotts Creek Primitive
Baptist Association**



CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT
LITTLE FLOCK, TATTNALL COUNTY, GA.
OCTOBER 20, 21, 22, 1916

ELD. A. R. STRICKLAND, MODERATOR, DAISY, GA.
A. S. BACON, CLERK, PEMBROKE, GA.

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20TH, 21ST, AND 22ND, 1916

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Monses from the Echeconnee Association, from 2nd Timothy, 2nd Chapter and 8th verse.

2. After 20 minutes intermission the Association was called to order by Elder A. R. Strickland. Singing was followed with prayer by Elder R. D. Donohoe from the Prince Williams Association of S. C.

3. Read letters and recorded names of messengers.

4. Appointed Elder A. R. Strickland Moderator and A. S. Bacon, Clerk.

5. Called for petitionary letters, None came.

6. Appointed Committees as follows: To arrange preaching during the meeting—Elder D. L. Caloway and brethren E. H. DeLoach and George Bowen, together with the delegates of this church. To arrange general meetings—Elder V. Y. Spivey and brethren J. L. Rogers and D. L. Lanier. To receive contributions—Elders H. B. Wilkerson, D. L. Caloway and brother W. H. Lanier. To write Corresponding letter—Elder H. B. Wilkerson and brethren Dave Holland and E. J. Burnsed.

7. Called for correspondence, then came Elder R. D. Donohoe and brethren M. S. Simmons and C. E. Dewit from the Prince Williams Association of S. C.; Elder H. O. Meeks and brethren W. W. Howell, E. J. Davidson, M. A. Hall, G. C. Young, A. W. Davidson, and B. F. Cannon from the Ebe-
nezer Association of Ga.; Elder Lee Hanks, A. I. Warren, W. E. Cribbs, and brethren Ira Thigpen, John Coleman and J. R. Hill from the Upper Canoochee.

8. Called for visiting brethren—Then come Elder J. A. Monses from the Echeconnee Association; Elder Lee Kite, H. V. Hill, and brother J. P. Cannady from the Upper Canoochee Association; Elder E. R. Roberts from the Upatoi Association of Ga.

9. The committee appointed to arrange preaching report-

ed as follows: Friday p. m.—Elder A. I. Warren. Saturday a. m.—Elder E. R. Roberts followed by Elder W. E. Cribbs. Saturday p. m.—Elder R. D. Donohoe, followed by Elder W. O. Meeks. Sunday a. m.—Elder W. W. Howell, followed by Elder Lee Hanks, and followed by Elder J. A. Monses, and closed by the Moderator.

10. Committee appointed to arrange general meetings reported as follows: Lower Black Creek, December 1916. Upper Mill Creek, April 1917. Lower Mill Creek, July 1917. Anderson, September 1917, all to convene on Friday before the 5th Sunday in their respective months.

11. Saturday morning 8:30 o'clock—Met pursuant to adjournment, singing followed with prayer by Elder Lee Hanks, from the Upper Canoochee.

12. Called the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence of visiting brethren; then came Elder T. D. Roberts from the Upatoie Association. L. O. Powell, J. A. Keel, John Henson and D. Y. Cannon, from the Ebenezer Association of Ga.

14. Appointed correspondence as follows: To the Ebenezer, Elder M. L. Riner, and brother W. H. Lanier. To the Upper Canoochee, Elders V. Y. Spivey, D. L. Caloway, and brother W. F. Anderson. To the Prince Williams, Elder H. B. Wilkerson and D. L. Caloway. To the Flint River, package of minutes.

15. Received a package of minutes from the Flint River Association, also one from the Mt. Zion Association of Ala., read their corresponding letter and received same.

16. Committee appointed to receive contributions reported as follows. For minutes, \$31.90; for other purposes \$97.45.

17. Corresponding letter read and received.

18. The next session of this body will convene with the church at Beards Creek, Tattnall County, Ga., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1917, 2 miles South of Easterling on the East Georgia R. R., also 5 miles N. E. from Glennville, Ga., on the same road.

19. Agreed to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed the clerk to have them printed and distribute same.

20. Moved and seconded to insert in our minutes the year of constitution of each church in our Association.

21. Motion for adjournment, minutes read and received and the body adjourned Sunday morning according to arrangements, the brethren preached to a large and orderly congregation.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association—To her sister Associations, with whom she corresponds.

Dear Brethren: We have been blessed by our Heavenly Father to hold another session of our body in peace and love. Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. May we as churches of Christ strive to maintain unity and peace among ourselves and those in correspondence. It should be our purpose in Christian life to be forbearing and forgiving heeding the command of our Savior in this particular, but in no case should we, any more be so forbearing as to let false doctrine creep into our churches, to mar our peace and unity; which has been brought about by separation from disorder by the constitution of this Association. At this present time many divisions and wars are arising among the Lord's people, over questions of no profit. So if we take a hand in these troubles we will bring upon ourselves swift destruction. We do not approve of the course that some of our periodicals are taking in discussion and distressing on these doctrines. Periodicals should be published and sent out for sole purpose of the edification and instruction of the reader, and not as a means of disseminating false theories and doctrines of men who cannot find enough in the plain teachings of God's word to preach and write about. We feel that the best course for those who are engaged in these wars to remain at home until a settlement is made. The safe steps for our churches is to shut their doors against such as are advocating these strange and new doctrines. Brethren and especially our ministering brethren, we exhort you to be particular as to the course you take because much of the confusion now present in the church of God is laid at your charge. We have been edified with the preaching of those who delivered their message of love to us; and extend to them a welcome and pray them God speed.

The next session of our body will be held with the church at Beards Creek, Tattnal County, Ga., commencing Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1917. 2 miles from Easterling 1 mile from Coe and 5 miles from Glennville on the East Georgia R. R., where we hope to meet a goodly number of our brethren of like faith and order.

ELDER H. B. WILKERSON,
DAVE HOLLAND,
E. J. BURNSED, Committee.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| J. A. Bowen, Collins, Ga. | A. R. Strickland, Daisy, Ga. |
| N. J. Neesmith, Statesboro, Ga. | V. B. White, Pembroke, Ga. |
| D. L. Caloway, Manassas, Ga. | H. Temples, Statesbro, Ga. |
| H. B. Wilkerson, Claxton, Ga. | J. E. Strickland, Ellabelle, Ga. |
| Homer Sanders, Statesboro, Ga. | P. C. Banks, Ellabelle, Ga. |
| M. L. Riner, Pembroke, Ga. | V. Y. Spivey, Daisy, Ga. |
| F. M. Donaldson, Statesboro Ga. | J. S. Brannen, Stilson, Ga. |

LICENTIATES.

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| A. C. McCorkell, Register, Ga. | E. J. Burnsed, Ellabelle, Ga. |
| W. F. Anderson, Claxton, Ga. | S. A. Sims, Stilson, Ga. |

VISITING MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Elder A. I. Warren, Stillmore, Ga.
Elder R. D. Donahoe, Brunson, S. C.
Elder W. E. Cribbs, Lyons, Ga.
Elder Lee Hanks, Vidalia Ga.
Elder H. V. Hill, Graymont, Ga.
Elder J. A. Monses, Macon, Ga.
Elder W. O. Meeks, Griswoldville, Ga.
Elder Lee Kight, Ohoopee, Ga.
Elder R. T. Roberts, Buena Vista, Ga.
Elder W. W. Howell, Danville, Ga.

IN MEMORIAM.

Elders J. H. Smith and M. M. Mattox, Faithful
Primitive Baptist Ministers.

Elder J. H. Smith died February 22nd, 1910, and
was buried in Ash Branch Cemetery, February 23,
1910. Age 70 years and 9 months.

Elder M. M. Mattox died September 6, 1913, and
was buried in Beards Creek Cemetery, September
8th, 1913. Age 73 years and 8 months.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

| CHURCHES | PASTORS | CLERKS | POSTOFFICE |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ash Branch | V. B. White..... | A. S. Bacon | Pembroke, Ga. |
| Andersons | A. R. Strickland. | J. A. Sikes.... | Manassas, Ga |
| Bethlehem | J. H. Sanders.... | S. J. Riggs | Statesboro, Ga. . |
| Beards Creek.... | A. R. Strickland. | D. H. Purcell .. | Daisy, Ga. |
| Battle Creek | A. R. Strickland. | H. D. Lynn..... | Reidsville, Ga |
| Bethel | A. R. Strickland. | W. H. Dasher .. | Daisy, Ga. R. 3 |
| Columbia | J. A. Bowen.... | D. C. Banks | Ellabelle, Ga. |
| DeLoaches | H. B. Wilkinson. | W. H. DeLoach.. | Claxton, Ga. |
| Ephesus | H. B. Wilkinson. | S. C. Banks.... | Register, Ga |
| Emmaus | H. B. Wilkinson | E. J. Mitchell . | Claxton, Ga. |
| Inmans Creek .. | Lee Hanks | I. F. Keel | Elza, Ga., R. 1 |
| Lyons | W. E. Cribbs.... | J. C. O'Neal.... | Lyons, Ga. |
| Lower Mill Crk.. | D. L. Callaway .. | G. R. Beasley .. | Statesboro, Ga. |
| Lower Lotts Crk. | H. B. Wilkinson. | H. J. Aikins... | Register, Ga |
| Lower Black Crk. | V. B. White..... | E. J. Burnsed ... | Ellabelle, Ga. |
| Mt. Carmel ... | E. W. Powell. | D. L. Lanier.... | Stilson, Ga. |
| Nevils Creek .. | E. W. Powell.. | T. B. Hendrix.. | Blitch, Ga. |
| Little Flock | C. B. Spivey.... | L. E. Lynn.... | Collins, Ga. |
| Upper Mill Crk.. | H. Temple | J. N. Aikins.... | Statesboro, Ga. |
| Sanders Church . | J. H. Sanders.... | L. E. Lindsey... | Statesboro, Ga. |
| Red Hill..... | V. B. White..... | W. C. Iler..... | Pembroke, Ga. |

PREAMBLE.

The organization of this Association is the result of an effort on the part of the DeLoach church and other peace-loving Primitive Baptists to unite all the Primitive Baptist Churches in Bulloch and Bryan counties, State of Georgia.

Inasmuch as that effort failed in part, the churches now forming the lower Canoochee, proper, refusing to unite under the circumstances, which, is their privilege, to which privilege none of the churches object, for churches are free and, of right ought to be, to remain in such condition as they severally feel most acceptable with God and our Savior and our Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, seeing it impossible to unite all the churches in peace in the Lower Canoochee and live together in peace in the Lower Canoochee Association we, the churches desiring union and fellowship with one another have agreed in our several conferences to meet DeLoach church according to invitation and promise this 20th day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five, for the formation of the Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association.

We are at peace with all Primitive Baptists everywhere, who

are walking in the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have received authority to form this union.

We, as an association of churches, come together on the following Rules and Articles of Primitive Faith:

RULES

1. This Association shall meet annually by the authority of the churches, to worship God.

2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers. and the names of said messengers shall be inserted in the letters from the churches.

3. This Association shall be governed by its own rules, but no rule shall be binding on any church.

4. No church shall be admitted into this Association, unless found sound in faith.

5. Any church may withdraw from this Association at the discretion of the church.

6. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by the messengers present.

7. This Association shall open its business by singing and prayer.

8. All business shall come into this Association by motion and second; and every motion that is seconded shall be decided, except it be withdrawn by the mover.

9. There shall be no talking in time of a public speech, nor reflection on the speaker.

10. No person shall be interrupted in the time of a public speech unless he depart from the subject in debate; and then only by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

12. A majority of this Association shall govern in all cases except the majority depart from the Rules and Articles of Faith herein expressed.

13. No person shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

14. A majority may amend or alter these rules at any time.

15. It shall be the duty of this Association to keep the minutes of all its proceedings and have them published in pamphlet form for distribution among the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe the Old and New Testaments scriptures are the perfectly inspired word of God, and the only infallible standard of faith and practice.

2. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are

three persons in the Godhead—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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

4. We believe Jesus Christ to be the son of God.

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

6. We believe nothing takes place by chance, but God's foreknowledge embraces all things.

7. We believe God predestinated some men and angels to eternal life through Jesus Christ, His Son, before the foundation of the world.

8. We believe the Children of God are called from death to life independently of all creature instrumentality, and are justified solely by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

10. We believe man was created in the beginning, in the image of God, very good and upright, but of his own will, without any compulsion and undecieved, he transgressed the laws of God.

11. We believe good works are such only as God has commanded in His Holy Word.

12. We believe the preaching of the Gospel is not to give life to the dead (for God alone can do that) but is to warm, teach, exhort, comfort and edify, reprove and confirm the living children of God.

13. We believe those who believe the Gospel should be baptized that is, be immersed in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

14. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of the saints' feet an example to be engaged in by all the orderly children of God.

15. We believe that no man has the right to administer the ordinances but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe a Primitive Baptist church is an organized body of Christ, and to maintain its identity, must stand aloof from the world and all the worldly so-called churches, religious societies and institutions, such as Sunday schools theological seminaries, mission boards and conventions, and all oath-bound secret societies, which are plainly contrary to the example of Christ and His Apostles.

17. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and unjust, the former to life and the latter to damnation.

18. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come a second time in the body of this world, and after raising the dead will judge the human race in righteousness and send the wicked into everlasting punishment and will welcome the righteous to everlasting happiness in His Holy image and presence.

CHURCH STATISTICS

| CHURCHES | Year Constituted | COUNTY | NAMES OF MESSENGERS | Additions | | | | Subtract | | | Total Membership | Sunday Meetings | Money for Minutes | For other Purposes |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------|--------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | Baptized | By Letter | Con. of Faith | Resolutions | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Deaths | | | | |
| Ash Branch..... | ..... | Bulloch | W. H. Lanier, E. W. Parish..... | 9 | 1 | ... | 3 | 2 | ... | 1 | 97 | 2 | \$2.00 | \$5.20 |
| Andersons | 1847 | Tattnall | D. L. Caloway, D. H. Holland..... | 8 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 116 | 3 | 3.00 | 9.60 |
| Beards Creek | 1804 | Tattnall | J. L. Rogers, A. W. Kicklighter.. | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 4 | 1.00 | 4.00 |
| Bethlehem ..... | ..... | Bulloch | J. I. Brannen, S. J. Riggs | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | ... | 3 | 57 | 3 | 2.00 | 8.20 |
| Battle Creek | 1812 | Tattnall | R. H. Jones, Jas. Branson | 3 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 1 | .50 | 1.50 |
| Bethel | 1883 | Liberty | A. R. Strickland, V. Y. Spivey ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 57 | 2 | 1.25 | 5.00 |
| Columbia | 1880 | Bryan | D. C. Banks, Newton Wise..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 | 3 | 1.00 | 3.00 |
| DeLoaches ..... | ..... | Bulloch | E. H. DeLoach, T. H. Bennet..... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 73 | 2 | 2.50 | 4.10 |
| Ephesus ..... | ..... | Evans | A. C. McCorkle, C. M. Anderson... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 26 | 3 | 1.50 | 2.00 |
| Emmanuel ..... | ..... | Bulloch | H. B. Wilkerson, W. F. Anderson... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 | 1 | .60 | 4.50 |
| Inmans Creek ..... | ..... | ..... | J. S. Sutton, W. F. Morgan | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 25 | 2 | 1.00 | 4.50 |
| Mt. Carmel | 1844 | Bulloch | S. J. Richardson, D. L. Lanier | 2 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 35 | 3 | .50 | 3.00 |
| Little Flock ..... | ..... | Tattnall | M. E. Lynn, L. A. Lynn..... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 51 | 3 | 1.50 | 5.00 |
| Lower Mill Creek | 1827 | Bulloch | G. R. Beasley, Morgan Rushing.... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 | 1 | 2.00 | 3.00 |
| Lower Lott's Creek | 1804 | Bulloch | G. W. Bowen, Morgan Anderson.... | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 133 | 4 | 3.50 | 14.80 |
| Lower Black Creek | 1839 | ..... | W. W. Futch, J. T. Smith..... | 12 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | 65 | 4 | 1.55 | 4.75 |
| Lyons ..... | ..... | Toombs | D. D. Collins, M. M. Coleman.... | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | 3 | ... | ... | 21 | 1 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Nevils Creek ..... | ..... | Bulloch | R. R. Hendrix, W. J. Blackburn... | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 21 | 3 | 1.00 | 1.35 |
| Red Hill ..... | ..... | Bulloch | C. C. DeLoach, E. A. Denmark.... | 3 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 4 | ... | 66 | 1 | 1.50 | 5.20 |
| Upper Mill Creek ..... | ..... | Bulloch | J. N. Aikens, Mallie Denmark.... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 39 | 1 | 2.60 | 6.00 |
| Sanders Church ..... | ..... | Bulloch | J. H. Sanders, D. L. Rygdon | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 2 | 1.00 | 1.75 |



