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OF THE

NINETY - FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Echeconnee Association of Primitive Baptists

HELD WITH

COUNTY LINE CHURCH LAMAR COUNTY, GA.

SEPTEMBER 19, 20 AND 21, 1922



OFFICERS:

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MACON, GA., R. 3

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COUNTY LINE CHURCH, LAMAR COUNTY, GA.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1922

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder P. H. Byrd, of the Upper Canoochee Association.

2. Moderator called for letters from the churches of the Association, which were read by Elders J. A. Monsee, Z. C. Hull and D. Y. Hicks and the names of the Messengers were enrolled.

3. The Association was perfected by the election of Elder W. J. Heard, Moderator, and J. S. McGee, Clerk.

4. The usual committees were appointed as follows:

On Preaching: Brethren John Kersey, F. W. Hammock, M. I. Jones, W. R. S. Mann and J. W. Willis.

To write Corresponding Letter: Elder D. Y. Hicks.

On Finance and Distribution of Corresponding Minutes: Brethren J. H. B. Butts, R. F. Hicks and J. E. Carney.

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

6. Called for correspondence from sister associations and received the following:

Upatoie—H. E. Saylor.

Harmony—Received Minutes.

Marietta Old School—Elders H. G. Mitchell, Z. C. Hull and Brother M. C. Banks.

Primitive Ebenezer—Elder J. A. Taylor.

Ocmulgee—Brethren G. W. Webb, T. C. Hammock and J. F. Hadaway.

Mt. Olive—Elder R. G. Lewis and Brother H. A. Byington.

Original Upper Canoochee—Elder P. H. Byrd.

Kehukee of N. C.—Minutes.

Primitive Western—Elders Rees Prather, Morgan Williams and B. C. Caldwell.

Lotts Creek—Elder J. A. Bowen.

7. Called for Petitionary Correspondence from sister associations—none received.

8. Upon motion the regular order of business was suspended and the following visiting brethren were received: Elder V. B. White, Lithonia, Ga.; Brother J. F. Greene, Elder W. J. Hull, Headland, Ala.; Elder W. G. Greene, Yellow River Association; Elder J. M. Bagwell, Carrollton, Ga.; and Elder J. M. Woodward, Hawkinsville, Ga.

9. Upon motion, Brethren F. W. Hammock, J. W. McGee and J. S. McGee were appointed to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of Elder Isaiah Grant and Deacon J. B. Hunt.

10. After prayer by Elder Z. C. Hull the Association adjourned to meet at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1922

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was led in prayer by Elder W. G. Greene of the Yellow River Association.

1. Returned correspondence to sister associations as follows:

Upatoie—To convene near Reynolds, Ga., Tuesday after 1st Sunday in September, 1923, Elders W. J. Heard, D. Y. Hicks, Brethren A. S. Kersey, B. M. Moore, D. C. Wallace, R. E. Wright and Elder J. R. Hunt.

Harmony—Send Minutes.

Marietta Old School—W. J. Heard.

Primitive Ebenezer—Send Minutes.

Ocmulgee—Elder W. Z. Gardner, Brethren F. W. Hammock, A. W. Childs, W. R. S. Mann, C. M. Meeks and B. M. Moore.

Mt. Olive—Brethren F. W. Hammock, A. W. Childs and E. G. Fountain.

Original Upper Canoochee—Send Minutes.

Kehukee—Send Minutes.

Primitive Western—Brethren R. E. Wright, J. H. B. Butts, D. C. Wallace, S. R. Hudson, J. W. Kersey and Elder D. Y. Hicks.

Lotts Creek—Elders B. F. Williamson and W. J. Heard.

2. Received from the churches \$92.10 for associational purposes and \$47.50 for minutes.

3. Appointed the Union Meeting to convene with Sardis Church, Bibb County, Friday, Saturday and fifth Sunday in July, 1923.

4. Appointed the next meeting of the Association to convene with Bethlehem Church, Macon, Ga., commencing Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in September, 1923, and embracing three days.

5. The Clerk was ordered to have 1000 copies of the minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

6. The corresponding letter was read and adopted.

7. The resolution upon the death of Elder Isaiah Grant and Deacon J. B. Hunt were read and adopted.

8. The minutes were read, approved and adopted, this September 20th, 1922.

9. The Association by a rising vote gave thanks to brethren, sisters and friends of County Line Church for the loyal and hospitable entertainment of the body.

W. J. HEARD, Moderator, Macon, Ga., R. 3.

J. S. McGEE, Clerk, Roberta, Ga.

RESOLUTION

The Echeconnee Association in session with County Line Church at Milner, Ga.

Whereas the Lord called Elder Isaiah Grant from this earth to his eternal home in heaven on Oct. 9th, 1921. He was buried at Salem Church where he served as pastor 37 years in succession. Funeral conducted by Elders J. M. Murray and D. Y. Hicks. He kept the faith and lived in full fellowship with the elect of God.

Deacon J. B. Hunt, of Beaver Creek Church, Houston County, Ga., departed this life on April 30th, 1922. He served faithful and true was a blessing to the church and state.

Read and approved by the body in session this 20th day of September, 1922.

Committee { J. S. McGee,
F. W. Hammock,
J. W. McGee.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Echeconnee Association in its 94th Annual Session held with County Line Church, Lamar County, Ga.

To Her Sister Associations With Whom She Corresponds:—

GREETINGS:

Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Lord: If our hearts deceive us not we feel profoundly grateful to God for the rich and exalted privilege of being once more permitted to meet you all in an associational capacity. The fellowship and union that all of our churches report serves to increase our joy of

having you with us. Our hearts have been made to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory over your preaching the glorious gospel of the dear Son of God.

The next session of our body convenes with Bethlehem church, Macon, Ga., commencing on Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in September, 1923, where we firmly trust we shall be permitted to meet you in love and peace and correspond with you again.

D. Y. HICKS.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Tuesday a. m.—Introductory Sermon..... Elder P. H. Byrd
Tuesday p. m..... Elder H. G. Mitchell followed by Elder J. A. Bowen
Wednesday a. m..... Elder W. J. Hull followed by Elder Z. C. Hull
Wednesday p. m..... Elder B. F. House followed by Elder W. G. Greene
Thursday a. m..... Elder Rees Prather followed by Elders R. G. Lewis
and W. J. Heard

MINISTERS OF THE ECHECONNIE ASSOCIATION

Elder W. J. Heard..... Macon, Ga., R. 3
" T. G. Wright..... Macon, Ga.
" T. J. Reynolds..... Macon, "
" J. A. Monsees..... Macon, "
" W. O. Meeks..... Macon, Ga., R. 2
" B. F. Williamson..... Lizella, Ga.
" D. Y. Hicks..... Roberta, "
" J. R. Hunt..... Kathleen, "
" W. Z. Gardner..... Milner, Ga., R. F. D.

LICENTIATE

Clifford M. Greene..... Macon, Ga., R. F. D.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Z. C. Hull..... Atlanta, Ga.
" W. J. Hull..... Headland, Ala.
" J. A. Taylor..... Danville, Ga.
" V. B. White..... Lithonia, Ga.
" Morgan Williams..... Chipley, Ga.
" Rees Prather..... LaGrange, Ga.

Elder J. M. Woodward	Hawkinsville, Ga.
" W. G. Greene	
" J. M. Bagwell	Carrollton, Ga.
" B. F. House	Buffalow, Ala.
" H. G. Mitchell	Smyrna, Ga.
" J. A. Bowen	Collins, Ga.
" P. H. Byrd	Graymount, Ga.
" R. G. Lewis	Thomasville, Ga.
" B. C. Caldwell	

LICENTIATES

T. C. Hammock	Gray, Ga.
H. A. Byington	

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 a 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 in 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 of His Son, placed it,

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the 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

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