

MINUTES

— OF THE —

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

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OCONEE PRIMITIVE  
BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MT. PARON

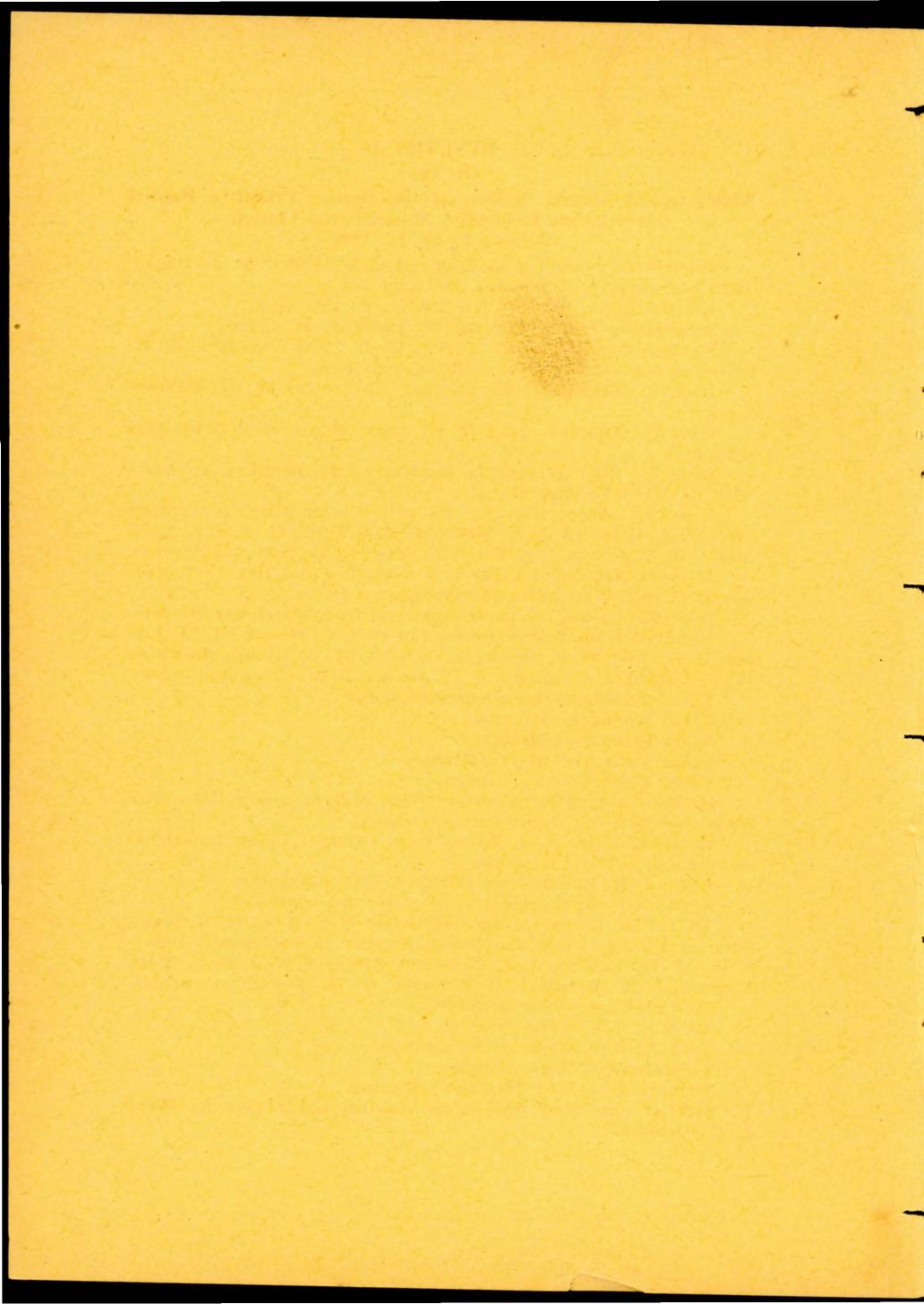
WALTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 9, 10, 11, 1929



J. H. STEWART, Winterville, Ga.-----Moderator

W. H. ROBISON, Winder, Ga.-----Clerk



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**Of The**  
**Ninety-second Annual Session of the Oconee Primitive Baptist**  
**Association, Held With Mount Paron Church,**  
**October 9, 10, 11, 1929**

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. J. Banks. Text, 8th chapter of Romans, 2nd and 3rd verses.

Elected Elder W. L. Allen Moderator Pro Tem.

Association began. Prayer by Elder J. M. Livsey.

Appointed Elder W. J. Green, R. L. Cook and Bro. J. W. Green to read letters from sister associations.

Item 1. Elected J. H. Stewart Moderator, W. H. Robison Clerk.

Item 2. Adopted order of business of last session for this session.

Item 3. Invited visiting ministers and Brethren to seats with us and welcomed them.

Item 4. Appointed the following committee to arrange preaching: Brethren J. B. Moon, C. R. Garrett, G. E. Ivy, A. G. Adair, R. P. Cheek, together with messengers from this church.

Item 5. Appointed Elder J. F. Chandler and Bro. C. T. Carter, E. A. Shaw to write correspondence letter.

Item 6. Called for correspondence from sister associations. Received from Yellow River, Elders J. C. Hewett, J. M. Livsey, R. L. Cook, D. P. Smith, H. O. Nash, W. A. Brooks, Brethren W. F. Buford, J. O. Adams, J. H. Adams, J. W. Green and others.

From Ocmulgee—Drop correspondence.

From Warwick—Minutes.

From Delaware—Minutes.

From Delaware River—Minutes.

From Euharlee—No tidings.

Called for visiting ministers from orderly associations with whom we have no direct correspondence.

Received Elder A. J. Banks from Original Upper Canoochee association.

Elder J. B. Brown from Pilgrims Rest association.

Appointed correspondence to sister associations.

To Yellow River—At Lawrenceville on S. A. L. R. R. beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1930—Elders J. H. Stewart, J. F. Chandler, Brethren W. J. Poss, E. H. Engram, J. M. Breedlove, R. P. Cheek, G. W. Malcom and others.

To Delaware—Send minutes.

To Warwick—Send minutes.

To Delaware River—Send minutes.

To Euharlee—Send minutes.

Adjourned to 8:30 Thursday morning.

Met at appointed time after singing and prayer by Elder J. F. Chandler.

Renewed invitations to visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

Called for Corresponding Letter by Elder J. F. Chandler, Bro. C. T. Carter, E. H. Ingram and received it as ours.

Appointed Union Meetings:

First District—Shoal Creek, Walton Co., Ga., beginning on Friday before first Sunday in July, 1930.

Second District—Big Creek, Oglethorpe Co., Ga., beginning on Saturday before first Sunday in June, 1930.

Appointed the next session of this body to be held with Union Church, Madison Co., Ga., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1930.

Appointed Brethren W. J. Poss, W. H. Harrolson, J. M. Breedlove to receive contributions.

Called for contributions and directed Clerk to have 700 minutes printed and distributed in usual way.

On motion voted our thanks to the Brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness shown us while with them.

ELDER J. H. STEWART, Moderator, Winterville, Ga.  
W. H. ROBISON, Clerk, Winder, Ga.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

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Wednesday A. M.—Elder A. J. Banks.

Thursday A. M.—J. M. Livsey.

Thursday P. M.—J. C. Hewett, H. O. Nash.

Friday A. M.—Elder R. L. Cook, J. H. Stewart.

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## NAMES OF VISITING MINISTERS

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Elders A. J. Banks, J. M. Livsey, H. O. Nash, J. B. Brown,  
J. C. Hewett, R. L. Cook, D. P. Smith, W. A. Brooks, R. L. Moss.

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## NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

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Elder J. M. Adams	-----	Monroe, Ga.
Elder W. L. Allen	-----	Monroe, Ga., R.
Elder J. H. Stewart	-----	Winterville, R.
Elder J. F. Chandler	-----	Danielsville, R.

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**IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD SINCE OUR LAST SESSION**

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Lystra—Bro. A. J. Drake, W. G. David, Deacon J. L. Moore.

Big Creek—Sister Sallie Landrum.

Moriah—Sister Mary Eberhart.

Black Creek—Brother Deacon J. B. Rogers, Sister Bug Sorrow.

Shoal Creek—Bro. Hillyer Bolton, Berry Partain.

Union—Sister Clim Lord.

Monroe—Sister Margaret Fambrough.

Mount Paron—Sister Francis Tolar, Sister Susan Gresham.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

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I. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there is a Trinity of persons in the God-head, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

III. 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 or ability.

IV. 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 that they in particular are redeemed.

V. That sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

VI. That all those who were chosen in Christ will be effectually called, regenerated, converted, sanctified and supported by the Spirit and power of God, so that they shall persevere in grace, and not one of them be finally lost.

VII. That good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification; and that they only justify us in the sight of men and angels, and are evidences of our gracious state.

VIII. That there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

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## CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Oconee Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the church at Mt. Paron to her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds sendeth christian greetings.

Dearlly Beloved Brethren: Through the tender mercies of an allwise God we have been blessed to hold another session of our body. We feel to hope that what we have done has been through love and good will. We have been forced to drop correspondence with the Ocmulgee Association which we deem to be out of order for denouncing the doctrine of absolute predestination of all things, whatsoever comes to pass. The next session of our body will be held with the church at Union, Madison county, Georgia, on the Seaboard Railroad, 10 miles north of Colbert, Ga., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1930, where we hope to meet again.

C. T. CARTER,  
E. A. SHAW,  
ELDER J. F. CHANDLER.

## IN RESPECT OF ELDER J. M. ADAMS

We, the undersigned, by the request of the Oconee Association and the affliction of our former moderator, Elder J. M. Adams, and he not being able to be with us during this session, do desire to say a few words of comfort to him and his dear family. Although our hearts were made sad, he not being able to be with us, but were made glad when we visited him on our way home and found him still rejoicing in that faith that was once delivered to the saints and in which he always stood for during his several years in office as moderator of our Association and bearing his afflictions with wonderful patience. Space will not allow us words to express the love and fellowship we hope we have for him.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELDER J. H. STEWART,  
C. T. CARTER,  
J. B. MOON, Committee.

## THE PLAN OR FORM OF OUR GOVERNMENT

Article 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the church in our union shall compose Association.

2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated "The Oconee Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage; nor to infringe upon any of the interval rights of the churches.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by the members present, and who shall continue in office until the next election.

6. If a new church should desire to be admitted into this union, she shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator's giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. No church in the union shall have a right to more than two messengers, till she shall exceed one hundred members, and then she shall have a right to an additional messenger for every fifty after the first hundred.

8. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the union shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated? And if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn; provided always that those be first considered which affect the union

of churches.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. 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.

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

12. There shall be no talking nor whispering in time of a public speech, nor reflections cast upon the speaker.

13. No member shall absent himself from the Association, without leave from the Moderator.

14. If any member shall break the rules of this decorum, he shall be immediately reproved by the Moderator.

15. It is the business of the Association,

1. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a correspondence with those Associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of communion may be preserved amongst the churches.

3. To give churches the best advice they can in matters of difficulty; and if the communion should be broken between any of the sister churches in the union, to enquire into the cause of the break, and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches, where they shall look upon to be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, till they be reclaimed.

4. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry, or assistants, if they shall judge it to be necessary.

5. To see that the Clerk keeps a regular record of the transactions of the body, and that he be satisfied for his trouble.

6. To have the Minutes of the Association read and corrected if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise; and have them printed if they think proper.

7. To amend this Plan or Form of Government, at any time when a majority of the union shall deem it necessary.

8. To adjourn to any time or place which they may think to be most proper.

D. W. PATMAN, Clerk,

JOHN LACY, Moderator.

1837.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

NAMES OF CHURCHES	NAMES OF PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	Dead	TOTAL	Meeting Days	Minutes	Ministers
<b>First District</b>												
Rock Springs	W. L. Allen	A. G. Adair	Rutledge, Ga.	R. A. Cooper	A. G. Adair	1	1	2	63	\$1.75	\$5.00	
Monroe	J. M. Adams	R. P. Cheek	Monroe, Ga.	R. P. Cheek		1			114	4	1.50	2.00
Mt. Zion	J. H. Stewart	W. J. Poss	Athens, Ga.	W. J. Poss, Ganaway Malcom					23	4	1.50	3.00
Shoal Creek	W. L. Allen	J. O. Doster	Campton, Ga.	C. R. Garrett, J. M. Breedlove		2			222	1	1.50	
Mt. Paron	R. L. Cook	Geo. Hollis	Social Circle	W. H. Harrolson, J. H. O'Kelly					277	1	2.50	5.00
Jacks Creek	R. L. Cook	W. H. Robison	Winder, Ga.	G. E. Ivey, W. H. Robison					42	2	2.00	3.00
<b>Second District</b>												
Beaverdam	J. H. Stewart	C. T. Carter	Winterville, Ga.	C. T. Carter, J. H. Stewart					5	3	1.00	
Union	J. H. Stewart	G. L. Chandler	Danielsville	Nat Lord, Thirston Lord			2		117	1	1.50	
Lystra	J. F. Chandler	O. C. Parham	Danielsville	J. B. Moon, J. W. Drake					316		1.50	
Big Creek	W. A. Brooks	R. L. Edwards	Athens, Ga.	R. L. Edward, A. M. Hanson					112	1	1.00	2.00
Blacks Creek	J. H. Stewart	E. H. Engram	Commerce	L. M. Sorrow, E. A. Shaw			1		245	2	1.50	
Brown's	J. F. Chandler	J. T. Harrison	Lexington	G. W. Brooks, J. T. Harrison			1		12	2	1.50	3.00
Moriah	J. F. Chandler	J. S. Whitworth	Colbert	W. S. Brown, J. F. Chandler		2			135		2.00	5.00



