

MINUTES  
OF THE  
**Twenty-Second Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**Lott's Creek**  
**Primitive Baptist Association**



CONVENED WITH

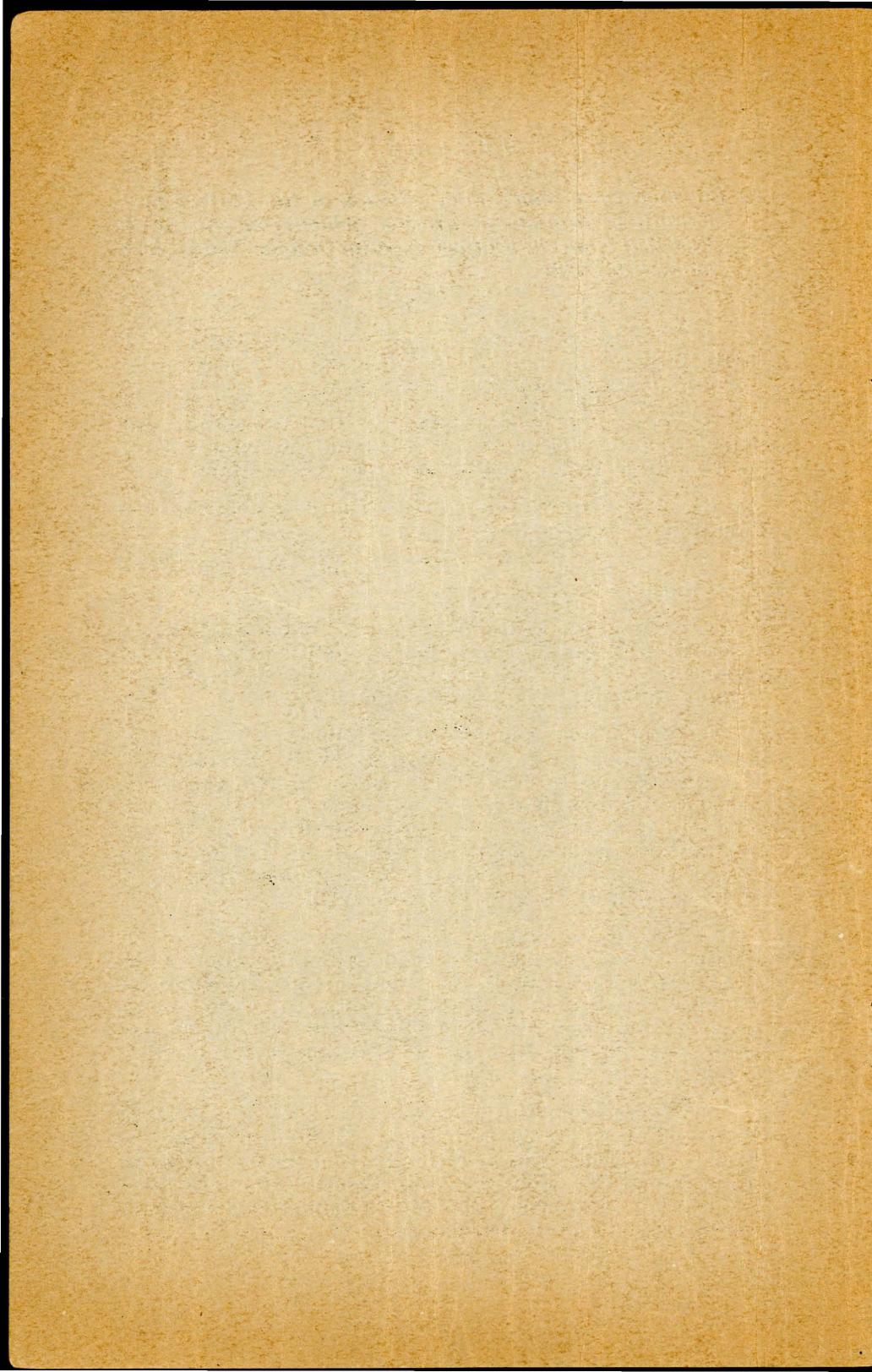
**RED HILL CHURCH**

*Bulloch County, Georgia*

*October 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 1926.*

ELDER A. R. STRICKLAND, Moderator - Daisy, Ga.

A. S. BACON, Clerk - - - - - Pembroke, Ga.



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1. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. P. H. Byrd, of the Upper Canoochee Association from 1st Corinthians, 6 chapter, 19th and 20th verses.

2. After one hour intermission the Association was called to order by Eld. A. R. Strickland. Singing; prayer by Eld. T. G. Wright of the Ocmulgee Association.

3. Read letters from nineteen churches and recorded names of messengers.

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

5. Called for petitionary letters. Then came Nevil's Creek Church and upon reading her petition the body accepted her back in full fellowship by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

6. Appointed committees as follows: To arrange preaching during this meeting, Elds. H. B. Wilkinson, D. L. Calaway, and Brother W. H. Lanier, together with the delegates of this church. To arrange general meetings, Elds. W. R. Wilkinson, V. Y. Spivey and Bro. D. L. Lanier. To write corresponding letter, Eld. H. B. Wilkinson and Bro. J. B. Glisson. To receive contributions, Elds. H. B. Wilkinson, D. L. Calaway and Bro. W. H. Lanier.

7. Called for correspondence as follows: From Original Upper Canoochee, Bro. E. T. Coleman; from Prince Williams, Eld. H. W. Smith; from Harmony, no tidings; from Ebenezer, Bro. W. A. Stuckey; from Upatoi, package minutes; from Ocmulgee, Eld. T. G. Wright; from New Beulah, Bro. H. M. Hutcherson; from Flint River, Bro. F. A. Belcher.

8. Called for visiting brethren. Then came Elds. P. H. Byrd, W. E. Cribbs and Bro. J. M. Johnson from the Upper Canoochee; Eld. Lee Hanks from the Yellow River Association; Bro. Robert B. Lee from the Suwannee River Association of Florida; Bro. M. C. Banks from the Marietta Association of Georgia.

9. The committee appointed to arrange preaching during this meeting reported as follows: Saturday morning, Eld. T. G. Wright; Saturday evening, Bro. M. C. Banks, followed by Bro. J. M. Johnson; Sunday morning, Eld. H. W. Smith, followed by Eld. Lee Hanks and closed by the Moderator.

10. The committee appointed to arrange general meetings reported as follows: Mt. Carmel, October, 1926; Lower Mill Creek, January, 1927; Anderson's, May, 1927; Bethel, July, 1927, all to commence on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

11. Saturday morning, 9:00 o'clock, met pursuant to adjournment. Singing. Prayer by Eld. Lee Hanks from the Upper Canoochee Association.

12. Call the roll.

13. Called for further correspondence or visiting brethren. None came.

14. Appointed correspondents as follows: To the Ebenezer to convene on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1927, with Sweet Hope Church, near Chester, Ga., Eld. D. L. Calaway and Eld. D. C. Banks. To the Original Upper Canoochee to convene on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1927, with Lewis Church near Millen, Ga., Elds. Joe Brannen, D. C. Banks, and Bro. L. B. Akins. To the Flint River, to convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1926, with New Hope Church, near Oclocknee, Ga., Elds. H. B. Wilkinson and M. L. Riner. To the Harmony, to convene on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1927, Elds. H. B. Wilkinson and D. L. Calaway. To the Prince Williams, to convene on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1927, with Hoopin Swamp Church, Elds. D. L. Calaway, B. F. Woodcock and Bro. J. B. Glisson. To the Ocmulgee, to convene on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1927, with Mt. Pleasant Church, near Gray, Ga., Eld. W. R. Wilkinson, and Bro. J. B. Glisson. To the New Beulah, to convene on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1927, with Beulah Church, near Graham, Ga., Elds. B. F. Woodcock and M. L. Riner. To the Upatoi, to convene on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1927, Elds. H. B. Wilkinson and M. C. Jones.

16. The committee appointed to receive contributions reported as follows: For minutes, \$51.25; for other purposes, \$156.27.

17. The corresponding letter read and received.

18. The next session of this body will convene, the Lord willing, with DeLoach Church, Bulloch County, Ga., four miles north of Daisy, Ga., and eight miles north of Claxton, Ga., on Seaboard Air Line Railway, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1927.

19. Agreed to have 1,500 copies of these minutes printed, the Clerk to have printing done and distribute the same.

20. Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the brothers, sisters, and friends around Red Hill Church for their good hospitality shown us during this meeting.

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

ELD. A. R. STRICKLAND,  
Moderator.

A. S. BACON,  
Clerk.

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### ***CORRESPONDING LETTER***

The Lott's Creek Association. To Her Sister Associations  
With Whom She Corresponds:

Dear Brethren:—

Through the goodness and mercy of an All Wise Providence we have been permitted to hold another session of this Association. Certainly goodness and mercy has followed us since our organization, for we have seen our churches over doubled in number and our numerical strength likewise increased. We feel assured the Lord has been with us in our effort to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

All churches report peace and good will. The Lord has blessed us with gifts to preach to us young and strong, whom we appreciate, for truly the harvest is great, we need true laborers. May these increase in wisdom and knowledge, and others added as needed. We reaffirm our intention to stand by the help of the Lord, upon the principles of doctrine and practice, upon which our churches were

constituted, and trust that nothing new or old will come among us, or be brought among us by others, that will mar our peace or spoil our joy; and to this end we ask ministers who are ensnared with the Doctrine of Absolute Predestination of All Things, and non-resurrectionists and other things not in harmony with the teaching of the Word of God, to remain where they are, because we do not want to be bothered with any false theories. We hope to see, ere long, all Primitive Baptists of same faith, in harmony and in correspondence with each other. Let us therefore lay aside all bitterness and strive for the things that make for peace. We heartily endorse the effort of brethren in Southwest Georgia and Texas, in uniting in peace and love. Our next session will be held with DeLoach church, where we hope to meet a full correspondence.

H. B. WILKINSON,

J. B. GLISSON.

## IN MEMORIAM

Elder J. H. Smith, died February 22, 1910, and was buried in Ash Branch cemetery February 23, 1910; aged 70 years and 9 months.

Elder M. M. Madttox, died September 6, 1913, and was buried in Beards Creek cemetery September 8, 1913; aged 73 years and 8 months.

Elder N. J. Nesmith, born October 2, 1859, and died December 19, 1918; aged 59 years, 2 months.

Elder F. M. Donaldson, born July 22, 1855, died May 3, 1919; aged 63 years, 7 months.

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### *Ordained Ministers and Addresses*

V. Y. Spivey, Reidsville, Ga.	D. C. Banks, Statesboro, Ga.
H. B. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga.	D. L. Calaway, Manassas, Ga.
A. C. McCorkle, Jimps, Ga.	A. R. Strickland, Daisy, Ga.
P. C. Banks, Ellabelle, Ga.	J. E. Strickland, Stilson, Ga.
J. S. Brannen, Stilson, Ga.	W. F. Anderson, Claxton, Ga.
J. A. Bowen, Collins, Ga.	W. R. Wilkinson, Savannah, Ga.
M. C. Jones, Statesboro, Ga.	409 West Gwinnett St.
E. J. Burnsed, Savannah, Ga.	B. F. Woodcock, Jesup, Ga.
M. L. Riner, Collins, Ga.	S. E. Sims, Stilson, Ga.

### *Licentiates and Addresses*

D. W. Denmark, Statesboro, Ga.    J. B. Glisson, Daisy, Ga.  
J. H. Sims, Stilson, Ga.

### *Visiting Ministers and Addresses*

H. W. Smith, Lena, S. C.	Lee Hanks, Atlanta, Ga.
T. G. Wright, Macon, Ga.	P. H. Byrd, Graymont, Ga.
W. E. Cribbs, Collins, Ga.	M. C. Banks, Atlanta, Ga.

## *Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Postoffices*

Churches	Pastors	Clerks and Postoffices
Ash Branch .....	W. R. Wilkinson..	A. S. Bacon, Pembroke, Ga.
Anderson's .....	A. R. Strickland..	J. L. Calaway, Manassas, Ga.
	A. C. McCorkle...	
Bethlehem .....	J. A. Bowen.....	L. G. Banks, Statesboro, Ga.
Battle Creek .....	A. R. Strickland..	J. H. Bronson, Reidsville, Ga.
Beard's Creek .....	A. R. Strickland..	D. H. Purcell, Daisy, Ga.
	M. C. Jones.....	
Bethel .....	A. R. Strickland..	Bazil Dasher, Daisy, Ga.
	J. B. Glisson.....	
Canoochee .....	D. L. Calaway....	W. F. DeLoach, Claxton, Ga.
DeLoach .....	H. B. Wilkinson..	W. B. DeLoach, Claxton, Ga.
Ephesus .....	H. B. Wilkinson..	J. H. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga.
Emaus .....	S. E. Sims.....	L. L. Barrow, R 1, Claxton, Ga.
Mt. Carmel .....	W. R. Wilkinson..	J. C. Beasley, Stilson, Ga.
Inman's Creek .....	M. C. Jones.....	W. W. Anderson, Elza, Ga.
Nevil's Creek .....	J. E. Strickland..	T. B. Hendrix, R C, Statesboro.
Little Flock .....	W. R. Wilkinson..	L. E. Lynn, Collins, Ga.
Lower Mill Creek....	A. C. McCorkle...	J. A. Rushing, R 1, Statesboro.
Lower Lott's Creek..	H. B. Wilkinson..	H. J. Akins, Register, Ga.
Lower Black Creek..	J. A. Bowen .....	H. C. Burnsed, Ellabelle, Ga.
Lyons .....	No report.	
Upper Mill Creek....	A. C. McCorkle....	J. N. Akins, Statesboro, Ga.
Red Hill .....	J. E. Strickland..	M. P. Fordham, Brooklet, Ga.
Atlantic .....	J. E. Strickland..	A. C. Banks, 715 E. 33rd St., Savannah, 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 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 it be 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 made on the speaker.
10. No person shall be interrupted in the time of a public speech unless he departs 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 the 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.
16. Any church becoming unsound in faith and practice shall be dropped from this Association after being labored with by sister churches.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Old and New Testament scriptures are the rules 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 predestined 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.
9. We believe that man was created in the beginning in the image of God, very good and upright, but of his own will, without any compulsion and undeceived, he transgressed the laws of God.
10. We believe good works are such only as God has commanded in His holy word.
11. We believe the preaching of the gospel is not to give life to the dead (for God alone can do that) but is to warn, teach, exhort, comfort and edify, reprove and confirm the living children of God.
12. We believe those who believe the gospel should be baptized, that is immersed, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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 of all oath-bound secret societies, which are plainly contrary to the example of Christ and his apostles.

16. 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.

17. 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.

Churches.	Year Constituted	County	Messengers	Baptized	Rec. by letter	Con. of faith	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total mem'ship	Sun. meetings	Money for minutes	Money for other purposes
Ash Branch .....		Bulloch .....	W. H. Lanier, D. L. Lanier.....	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	82	2	\$ 4.00	\$11.60
Atlantic .....	1923	Chatham .....	J. M. Alderman, A. C. Banks.....	3	11	3	0	0	1	1	46	3	1.50	5.00
Anderson's .....	1847	Tattnall .....	I. C. Burroughs, J. L. Calaway.....	1	0	2	0	3	0	3	129	...	5.00	12.50
Bethlehem .....	1847	Bulloch .....	Eld. D. C. Banks, L. B. Akins.....	7	2	0	1	1	1	2	126	...	5.00	20.40
Beard's Creek .....	1804	Tattnall .....	J. B. Glisson, Eld. B. F. Woodcock.....	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	34	4	2.50	8.00
Battle Creek .....	1912	Tattnall .....	Eld. N. Y. Spivey, J. E. Jones.....	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	23	...	1.00	5.00
Bethel .....	1883	Long .....	Eld. A. R. Strickland, Bazil Dasher.....	6	0	0	0	2	2	4	36	2	2.00	6.80
Canoochee .....	1919	Evans .....	Eld. D. L. Calaway, J. A. Sikes.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	...	2.00	5.00
DeLoach .....	1840	Bulloch .....	Z. T. Bennet, P. A. Hagan.....	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	58	2	3.00	15.22
Ephesus .....	1888	Bulloch .....	W. D. Miller, M. J. Anderson.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	...	3.25	7.25
Emaus .....		Evans .....	Eld. H. B. Wilkinson, L. L. Barron.....	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	21	...	1.50	7.00
Mt. Carmel .....	1884	Bulloch .....	D. T. Beasley, U. M. Davis.....	0	0	1	2	0	2	3	34	3	1.50	4.70
Inman's Creek .....		Tattnall .....	J. L. Sutton, R. L. Cowart.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	2	1.50	7.00
Nevil's Creek .....		Bulloch .....	T. B. Hendrix, G. C. Hendrix.....	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	14	...	1.00	1.50
Little Flock .....	1893	Tattnall .....	M. E. Lynn, J. D. Lynn.....	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	65	...	2.00	6.50
Lower Mill Creek .....	1827	Bulloch .....	M. S. Rushing, G. F. Lee.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	40	...	2.00	6.00
Lower Lotts Creek.....	1801	Bulloch .....	J. S. Nesmith, G. A. Deekle.....	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	114	4	5.00	20.00
Lower Black Creek.....	1839	Bryan .....	W. W. Futch, H. C. Burnsed.....	1	4	0	0	2	0	1	62	4	2.50	6.55
Lyons .....	1905	Toombs .....	No report .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Mill Creek.....	1884	Bulloch .....	J. F. Cannon, B. J. Akins.....	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	33	2	2.00	10.25
Red Hill .....	1902	Bulloch .....	E. A. Denmark, C. C. DeLoach.....	4	1	0	0	2	2	2	77	1	3.00	7.00

