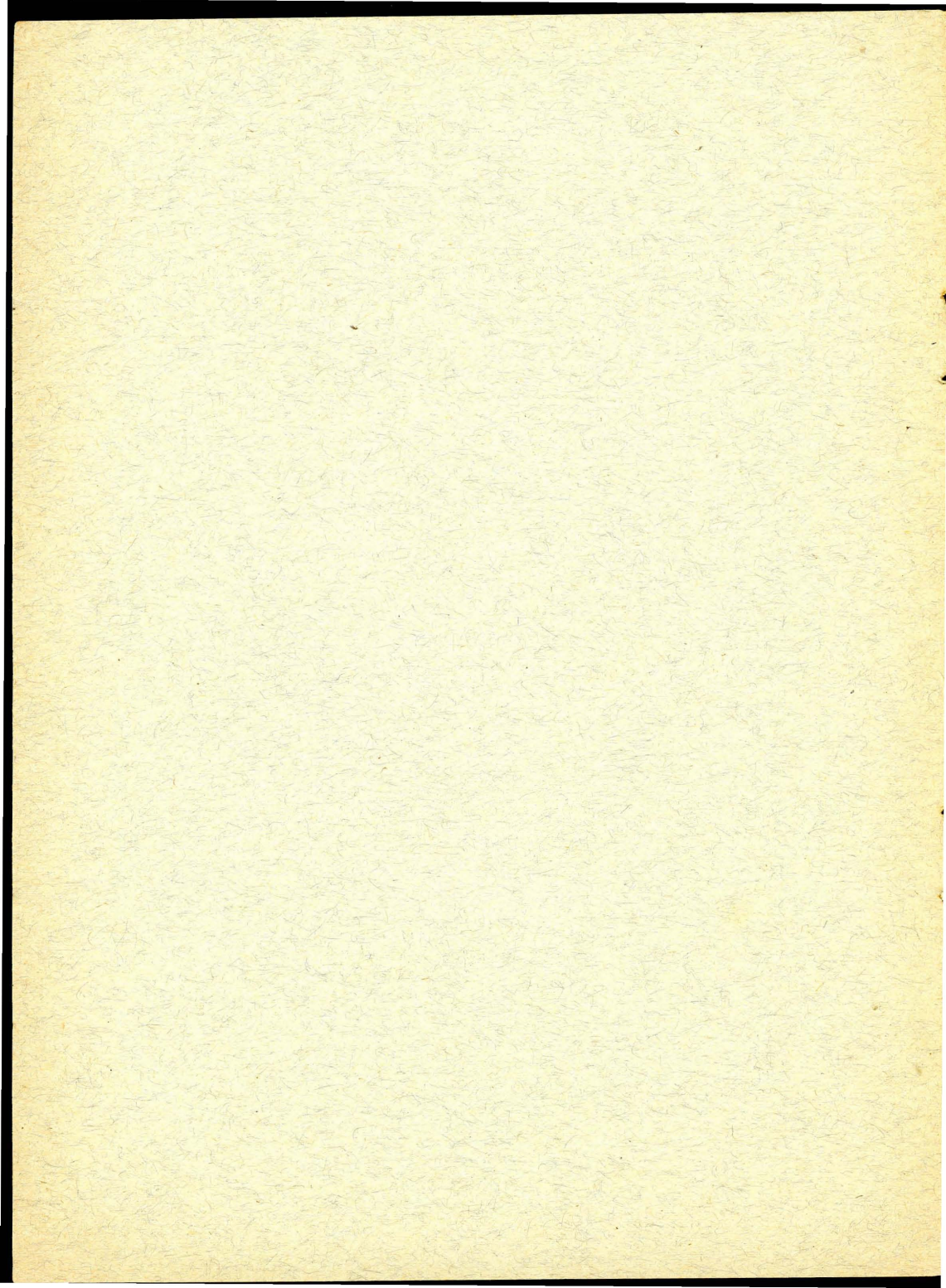


MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Lott's Creek
Primitive Baptist Association



Convened With
ASH BRANCH CHURCH
BULLOCH COUNTY, GA.
OCTOBER 24, 25 AND 26, 1919.

ELDER A. R. STRICKLAND, Moderator Daisy, Ga.
A. S. BACON, Clerk Pembroke, Ga.



**MINUTES OF THE
LOTT'S CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. Lee Hanks of the Upper Canoochee Association from Titus 2:11.

2. After an intermission of ten minutes, the association was called to order by Eld. A. R. Strickland. Singing, and prayer by Eld. Henry Swain of the body.

3. Read letters and recorded names of messengers.

4. Moved and seconded to table the letter from Nevil's Creek and to dismiss her from the roll of churches until satisfaction has been given.

5. Appointed Eld. A. R. Strickland Moderator and A. S. Bacon Clerk.

6. Called for petitionary letters and one came, Sister Canoochee church, and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

7. Appointed committees as follows:

To arrange preaching during this meeting—Elds. H. B. Wilkinson, V. B. White and Bro. J. R. Callaway, together with the delegates of this church.

To arrange general meetings—Eld. D. L. Callaway and Brethren D. L. Lanier and J. R. Callaway.

To receive contributions—Elds. H. B. Wilkinson, D. L. Callaway and Bro. W. H. Lanier.

To write corresponding letter—Eld. Henry Swain and Brethren S. J. Riggs and George Deekle.

8. Called for correspondence and received the following:

From Original Upper Canoochee—Elds. Lee Hanks, W. E. Cribbs and Brethren J. M. Patrick, A. L. Cowart, W. C. Banks, G. W. Banks, A. W. Davidson, J. J. Coleman.

From Upatoi—Elds. T. D. Roberts and J. M. Murray.

From New Beulah—Elds. H. Hand and Banks Lewis.

From Ebenezer—Elds. H. Temples and J. A. Taylor.

From Prince Williams—Elds. H. W. Smith, B. Mason and Brethren C. E. DeWitt, Newton Terry and Ned Dodson.

From Harmony—No tidings.

9. Called for visiting brethren. Then came Eld. M. L. Gilbert from Mt. Enon Association, Florida, and Elds. S. S. Pickett and A. S. Hogarth from Pilgrims Rest Association, Florida.

10. The committee appointed to arrange preaching reported as follows.

Friday p. m., Eld. B. Mason, followed by Eld. Hugh Connell
Saturday a. m., Eld. Banks Lewis, followed by Eld.
S. S. Pickett, closed by Eld. H. Hand.

Saturday p. m., Eld. J. A. Taylor, followed by Eld. J.
M. Murray, closed by Eld. T. D. Roberts.

Sunday a. m., Eld. Isaac Jones, followed by Eld. M. L.
Gilbert, closed by the Moderator.

11. The committee appointed to arrange general meetings reported as follows: Emmaus, November, 1919; Beards Creek, February, 1920; Mt. Carmel, May, 1920; Inmans Creek, August, 1920; all to commence on Friday before the 5th Sunday in their respective months.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:00 O'CLOCK.

12. Met pursuant to adjournment, singing, prayer by
Eld. D. M. Moneyham of the Flint River Association.

13. Called the roll.

14. Called for further correspondence. Then came
Bro. H. A. Belcher, as correspondent, and Elds. D. M.
Moneyham, Hugh Connell and W. B. Lowe, as visitors from
the Flint River Association; H. Temples from the Ebenezer;
Eld. Isaac Jones from White Oak Association, North Carolina;
Eld. J. N. Dunaway from Bethlehem church, Tenn.

15. Appointed correspondence as follows:

To Ebenezer—Eld. D. L. Callaway and Brethren S. E.
Sims and M. E. Cannon.

To Upper Canoochee—Elds. A. R. Strickland, D. L.
Callaway and Brethren J. R. Callaway and W. H. Lanier.

To Prince Williams—Elds. M. L. Riner, W. F. Anderson
and Brethren D. T. Beasley and J. N. Glisson.

To Flint River—Elds. H. B. Wilkinson, M. L. Riner
and Bro. C. A. Warnock.

To Harmony—Eld. M. L. Riner and Brethren W. R.
Wilkinson and D. W. Denmark.

To Upatoi—Elds. M. L. Riner, B. F. Woodcock and
Bro. W. R. Wilkerson.

To Echeconnee—Elds. H. B. Wilkinson and J. A. Bowen

To Ocmulgee—Elds. H. B. Wilkinson and V. B. White.

To New Beulah—Elds. V. B. White, V. Y. Spivey, B.
F. Woodcock and Bro. W. R. Wilkinson.

16. The committee appointed to receive contributions
reported as follows: For minutes \$44.25; for other purposes
\$175.55.

17. Corresponding letter read and received.

18. It was moved, seconded and carried that we change time of holding our session from Friday, Saturday and Sunday before the 4th Sunday in Oct. of each year to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the 4th Sunday.

19. The next session of this body will convene, the Lord willing, with Lower Mill Creek church, Bulloch county, Ga., eight miles east of Statesboro and six miles north of Brooklet on the S. & S. R. R.

20. Agreed to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed, the Clerk to have printing done and distribute same.

21. Resolved: That we tender our thanks to the brothers, sisters and friends for their hospitality during this meeting.

22. Motion for adjournment. Minutes read and received and the body adjourned.

Sunday morning the brethren preached to a large and appreciative congregation.

ELDER A. R. STRICKLAND, Moderator,
A. S. BACON, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Lotts Creek Association, of Primitive Baptist faith and order, to her sister associations with whom she corresponds:

Dear People of the Living God.

Through the kind providence of an All-wise God we have been permitted to hold another session of our body in peace, love and sweet fellowship, and your ministers have come to us with the burden of the word of the Lord and have preached to us in demonstration of the spirit of God and with power. We desire to return thanks unto God for these blessings and every other blessing we receive from his bountiful hand. We want to preach and believe a doctrine which honors God and gives Him all the praise for everything which is good, holy and righteous and never in anywise attribute to him by the slightest word the authority of sin or our disobedience.

The next session of our body will convene with the church at Lower Mill Creek, eight miles east of Statesboro and six miles north of Brooklet, on the S. & S. Ry., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the 4th Sunday in October,

1920, where and when we hope to meet a fuller correspondence from you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Henry Swain, S. J. Riggs, George Deekle.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

J. A. Bowen, Collins, Ga. A. R. Strickland, Daisy, Ga.
D. L. Callaway, Manassas, Ga. V. B. White, Pembroke, Ga.
H. B. Wilkinson, Claxton, Ga. J. E. Strickland, Register, Ga.
M. L. Riner, Claxton, Ga. P. C. Banks, Ellabelle, Ga.
A. C. McCorkle, Register, Ga. V. Y. Spivey, Manassas, Ga.
Henry Swain, Graymont, Ga. J. S. Brannen, Stilson, Ga.
B. Worldeck, Jesup, Ga.

LICENTIATES:

M. C. Jones, Statesboro, Ga. E. J. Burnsed, Claxton, Ga.
C. A. Warnock, Register, Ga. S. E. Sims, Stilson, Ga.

VISITING MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Hugh Connell, Quitman.	W. E. Cribbs, Vidalia.
H. Hand, Hazlehurst.	J. A. Taylor, Danville.
Banks Lewis, Hazlehurst.	D. M. Monnyham, Whigham.
H. Temples, Statesboro.	Lee Hanks, Vidalia.
J. N. Dunaway, Milner.	T. D. Roberts, Buena Vista.
J. M. Murray, Ellaville.	F. A. Hogarth
H. W. Smith, Lena, S. C.	S. S. Pickett, Ormand, Fla.
B. Mason, Hampton, S. C.	M. L. Gilbert, Dade City, Fla.

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. Mattox, 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.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Ash Branch....	V. B. White....	A. S. Bacon....	Pembroke
Anderson.....	A. E. Strickland	P. P. Hodges...	Manassas
Bethlehem.....	Henry Swain....	S. J. Riggs.....	Statesboro
Beards Creek....	A. R. Strickland	D. H. Purcell..	Daisy
Battle Creek....	A. R. Strickland	J. A. Bronson..	Reidsville
	V. Y. Spivey..		
Bethel.....	A. R. Strickland	W. H. Dasher..	Daisy
Columbia.....			
DeLoaches.....	H. B. Wilkinson	W. B. DeLoach	Claxton
	J. E. Strickland		
Ephesus.....	H. B. Wilkinson	C. D. Rushing..	Register
Emmaus.....	H. B. Wilkinson	W. R. Wilkinso	Claxton
Inmans Creek...	J. A. Bowen...	L. B. Edenfield	Lyons
Little Flock....	C. B. Spivey....	L. E. Lynn....	Collins
Lyons.....	W. F. Anderson	W. G. Fowler...	Lyons
Low. Mill Crk...	D. L. Callaway	E. N. Waters..	Statesboro
Low. Lotts Crk..	H. B. Wilkinson	H. J. Aikins....	Register
Low. Black Crk.	V. B. White....	E. H. Burnsed.	Ellabelle
Mt. Carmel.....	J. A. Bowen...	J. E. Sims.....	Stilson
Upper Mill Crk..	J. A. Taylor....	J. N. Aikins....	Statesboro
Red Hill.....	V. B. White...	W. C. Iler.....	Pembroke
Canoochee.....	D. L. Callaway	W. F. DeLoach.	Manassas

PREAMBLE

The organization of this asosciation 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 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 upon 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 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 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 undeceived 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 warn, 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 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 presence.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Year Con.	COUNTY	MESSENGERS	ADDITIONS SUBT.											
				Baptized	Recd. by Let.	Con. of Faith	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deaths	Total Member.	Sun. Meet.	Money for Min.	Other Purposes	
Ash Branch.....		Bulloch...	E. W. Parish, W. H. Lanier.....	5			1	1		1	105	2	\$3.00	\$9.45	
Anderson.....	1847	Tattnall..	D. L. Callaway, J. R. Callaway....	3					15		2	123	3	4.00	18.00
Beards Creek...	804	Tattnall..	J. L. Rogers, B. J. Woodcock.....		1						1	34	4	1.50	5.40
Bethlehem.....	841	Bulloch...	S. J. Riggs, Henry Swain.....	7	2						3	89	3	5.00	27.85
Battle Creek...	1812	Tattnall..	V. Y. Spivey, J. A. Bronson.....	2								15	1	.50	4.50
Bethel.....	883	Liberty...	A. R. Strickland, L. G. Dasher....		1							41	2	1.75	5.50
Columbia.....	880	Bryan....	No report												
DeLoaches.....		Bulloch...	E. H. DeLoach, Z. T. Bennett.....					1			1	67	2	3.00	11.00
Ephesus.....		Evans...	C. M. Anderson, C. D. Rushing....			1						28	3	1.50	4.50
Emmaus.....		Evans.....	H. B. Wilkinson, W. S. Anderson..	3	1				3		1	18	1	1.50	6.50
Mt. Carmel.....	844	Bulloch...	D. T. Beasley, D. L. Lanier.....							2	1	41	3	2.00	3.00
Inmans Creek...		Tattnall..	W. M. Anderson, L. B. Edenfield..	2	1		1	1		2		24	2	2.00	7.00
Little Flock.....	1893	Tattnall..	J. D. Lynn, M. E. Lynn.....	3						1	1	66	4	2.00	6.00
Low. Mill Crk...	1827	Bulloch...	M. S. Rushing, W. E. Lee.....								4	34	1	3.00	5.75
Low. Lotts Crk..	1804	Bulloch...	W. M. Anderson, J. S. Neesmith..	8		1				1	2	138	4	3.50	36.50
Low. Black Crk.	1839	Bryan....	W. W. Futch, J. T. Smith.....	2						2	2	68	4	22.00	5.25
Lyons.....		Toombs...	J. N. Glisson, W. A. Smith.....		3							27	1	1.00	3.00
Upper Mill Crk..		Bulloch...	M. E. Cannon, J. N. Aikins.....	3						1	1	34	1	2.00	6.35
Red Hill.....	1902	Bulloch...	C. C. DeLoach, V. B. White.....	1	2				2		2	63	1	3.00	7.00
Canoochee.....	1919	Evans.....	J. A. Sikes, E. J. Mitchell.....									18	2	2.00	3.00

