

MINUTES

of the

Seventy-fifth Annual Session

of the

LOWER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

of

Primitive Baptists



HELD WITH STATESBORO CHURCH

BULLOCH COUNTY, GEORGIA

October 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1923

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Baptist Association convened with Statesboro Church,
Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia.,
October 9th, 10th and 11th, 1923.

1. Meeting opened with singing and prayer by Elder S. H. Whatley.
 2. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. M. Thomas.
 3. The Association was called to order by the Moderator.
 4. Called for letters from the churches which were handed in, read and statistics minuted.
 5. On motion organized permanently by electing Elder J. Walter Hendricks Moderator and Joshua Everett Clerk.
 6. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.
 7. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.
 8. Appointed committees, as follows:
 - On Preaching:** Elder D. R. McElveen, H. V. Franklin, J. F. Fields, M. L. Dixon and Charles Akins.
 - On Finance:** R. H. Warnock, E. J. Bird and G. B. Hendricks.
 - On General Meetings:** M. N. Kirkland, C. L. Nevill and H. F. Warnock.
 - 9 Called for report on committee on preaching, who report as follows: Tuesday p. m., Elder W. C. Kicklighter, Tuesday night, Elder S. H. Whatley; Wednesday a. m., Elder G. D. Todd, followed by Elder T. E. Sikes, Wednesday p. m. Elder S. C. Davis, Wednesday night, Elder J. M. Thomas; Thursday a. m., Elder J. T. McArthur, followed by Elder W. B. Screws, Thursday p. m., Elder W. W. Riner, closed by the Moderator.
 10. On motion, adjourned until 10:00 Wednesday morning.
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WEDNESDAY—SECOND DAY

11. Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Elder S. C. Davis.
12. Called the roll.
13. On motion appointed next session of this body to convene with the Church at Fellowship, Bulloch County, Georgia, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, before the second Sunday in October, 1924, three miles south of Stilson.
14. Call for report of committee to arrange general meetings, who report as follows: No general meetings arranged.
15. Correspondence having been suspended, we cordially invite all orthodox Primitive Baptist to visit our annual sessions.
16. Call for report of committee on finance, who report as fol-

lows: For minutes, \$38.00; for visiting ministers sent in by the churches, \$158.00; by public collection, \$49.57.

17. On motion agreed to have five hundred copies of these minutes printed. The clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of same.

18. On motion the foregoing minutes were read and adopted.

19. On motion the Association adjourned.

ELDER J. WALTER HENDRICKS, Moderator.

JOSHUA EVERETT, Clerk.

In behalf of the Moderator, Ministers, Messengers and visitors, composing this Association; we, with a heart full of love and gratitude, wish to invoke the blessings of our kind Heavenly Father upon all the brethren and sisters and friends for their hospitality, in so bountifully providing for the meeting, which we appreciate very much.

CLERK

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

D. R. McELVEEN	Stilson, Ga.
C. E. SANDERS	Collins, Ga.
J. WALTER HENDRICKS	Atlanta, Ga.
C. A. WARNOCK	Register, Ga.
Wm. H. CROUSE	Statesboro, Ga.

CHURCHES, THEIR OFFICERS AND POST OFFICES

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Post Offices
Lake	W. B. Screws	S. W. Warren	Metter, Ga.
Middleground	R. H. Kennedy	L. F. Martin	Statesboro, Ga.
Brooklet	R. H. Kennedy	D. R. Lee	Brooklet, Ga.
Statesboro	W. H. Crouse	Glenn Bland	Statesboro, Ga.
Fellowship	W. B. Screws	C. H. Warnock	Stilson, Ga.
Savannah	J. W. Hendricks	E. W. Parrish	Savannah, Ga.
Metter	W. H. Crouse	Geo. W. Brown	Metter, Ga.
Upper Black Creek	S. C. Davis	B. J. Fordham	Brooklet, Ga.
Upper Lotts Creek	J. W. Hendricks	N. D. Hendricks	Metter, Ga.
Lanes	S. C. Davis	D. R. McElveen	Stilson, Ga.
Spring Grove .....	.....	G. N. Harvey	Groveland, Ga.

CONSTITUTION

Whereas, the assembly of delegates at Limestone Church, Washington County, Georgia, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1829, for the several churches, viz: New Hope, Hebron, Mill Creek, Limestone, Hines, Fox Bay, Canoochee, Lake, Upper Black Creek, Bethlehem, Little Briar Creek, Gumlog and Bethseda, having then and there agreed to become two bodies, for convenience, called Upper and Lower Canoochee Association.

And in the Lower Canoochee Association, composed of the several churches, viz: Nevils Creek, Mill Creek, Lower Lotts Creek, Lake, Fellowship, DeLoach's, Upper Black Creek, Ashe's Branch, Bethlehem, Anderson's, Fox Bay, Sunlight, Cedar Creek, Beard's

Creek, Bethel, Lanes, Upper Mill Creek, and Bay Branch, do agree to unite on the following principles.

1. This Association shall meet annually to worship and praise God.

2. This Association shall be composed of messengers, whose names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. It shall be the duty of the Association to elect a moderator and clerk to keep a record of each minute.

4. This Association will call for and admit into its body any church that is orderly and orthodox; also if any church wishes to withdraw from her body, she may do so at her discretion.

5. This Association will make its own rules to govern itself, while in session; but none of its rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free; and so declared in God's word.

6. This Association will appoint a committee to arrange preaching during its session.

7. This Association will appoint a committee to arrange general meetings according to the request of the churches.

8. This Association will appoint a committee on finance.

9. This Association will receive all visiting brethren who are orderly and orthodox Primitive Baptists, and manifest the same by moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

10. In all cases involving a change in this constitution a two-thirds vote shall be required.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. I believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.

4. We believe particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final preservation of the saints.

5. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.

6. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances, and the washing of the saints' feet is an example of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the only fit subjects of these ordinances, and believe the only true mode of baptism is immersion.

7. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.

8. We believe in a final judgment, in a future reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Counties	Names of Messengers	Meeting Days	Baptized	Received by Letter	Confession of Faith	Recom'd by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Present Membership	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministers
Metter	Candler	M. N. Kirkland, E. J. Bird	3 Sab.	4	1	.....	4	.....	.....	3	114	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00
Upper Lotts Creek	Bulloch	J. W. Hendricks, G. B. Hendricks	4 Sab.	.....	1	2	5	.....	.....	.....	87	5.00	15.00
Statesboro	Bulloch	J. F. Fields, H. V. Franklin	2 Sab.	9	9	2	2	.....	.....	.....	222	5.00	25.00
Black Creek	Bulloch	B. F. Lee, Meldrim Davis	3 Sab.	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	4	5	73	3.00	15.00
Fellowship	Bulloch	H. F. Warnock, L. C. Slappy	3 Sab.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	1.00	15.00
Lanes	Bulloch	D. R. McElveen, P. R. McElveen	1 Sab.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	30	1.50	5.00
Brooklet	Bulloch	R. H. Warnock, W. L. McElveen	4 Sab.	1	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	71	5.00	20.00
Savannah	Chatham ..	Geo. S. Cargill, M. L. Dixon	2 Sab.	5	16	.....	7	.....	3	1	110	2.50	7.50
Middleground	Bulloch	Charles Akins, Dan Bunce	1 Sab.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	5.00	20.00
Lake	Candler	Joshua Everett, C. L. Nevill	1 Sab.	3	2	.....	4	.....	.....	3	113	5.00	15.00
Spring Grove	Bryan	H. V. Harvey, G. N. Harvey	3 Sab.	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.50
TOTAL				23	30	4	26	1	8	14	949	\$38.00	\$158.00



