

**MINUTES**

*... of the ...*

**FIRST SESSION**

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**Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist  
Association**

*Convened with DeLoach's Church,  
Bulloch County, Ga.,  
October 21, 22 and 23, 1905.*

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J. H. SMITH, Moderator.

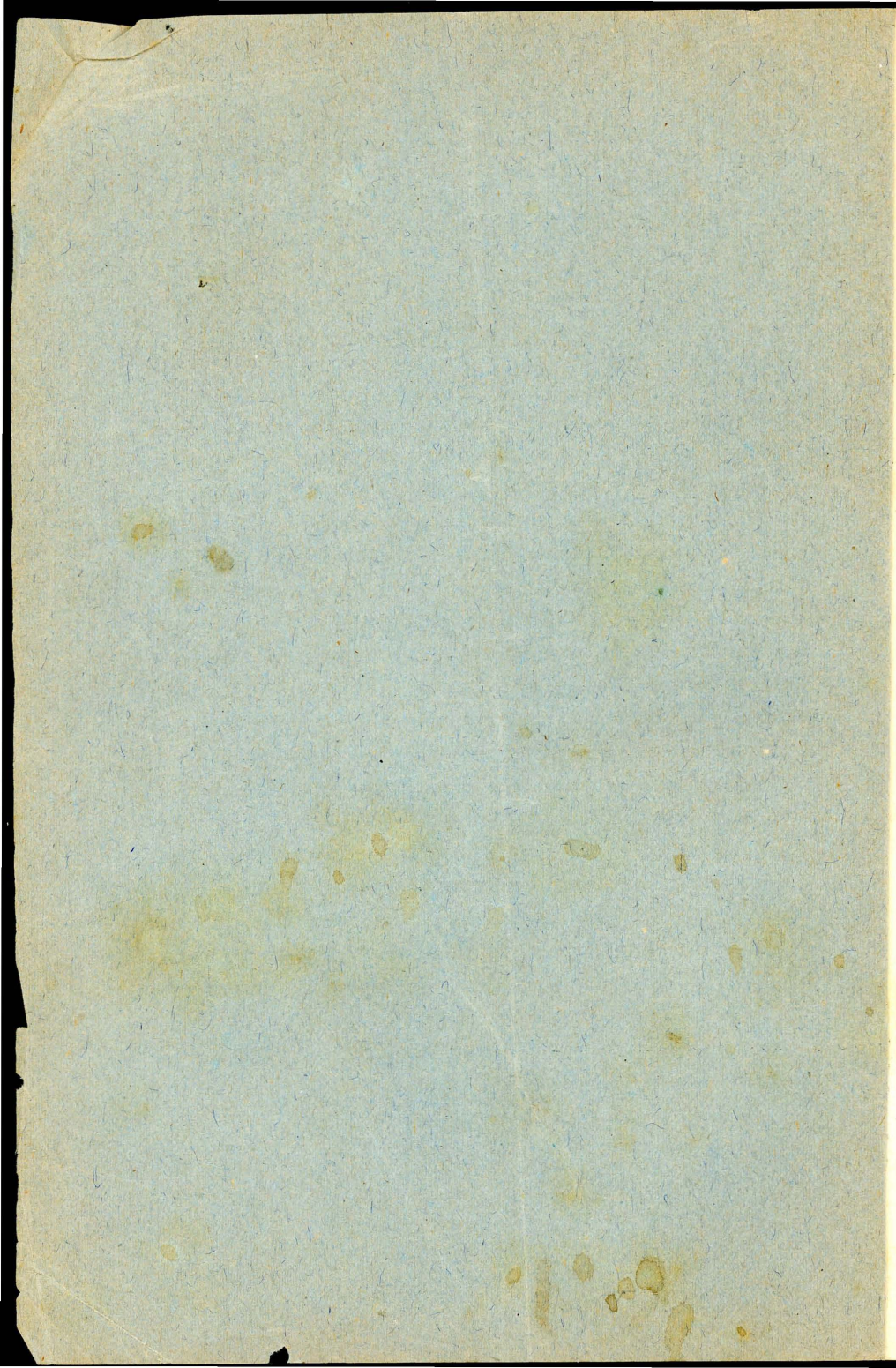
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## PREAMBLE.



The organization of this Association is the result of an effort on the part of 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 forming this union object, for churches are free, and of right ought to be, to remain in such condition as they severally feel most acceptable with God our Savior and our Lord Jesus Christ; therefore, seeing and feeling 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 one with another, have agreed in our several conferences to meet DeLoach church according to invitation and promise this the 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 in peace with all Primitive Baptists everywhere who are walking in the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ,

by whom we have received authority and freedom 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 found sound in the 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 a 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 public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

10. No person shall be interrupted in time of 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 from the Association.

12. A majority of this 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 from 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 a correct minute of all its proceedings and have the same published in pamphlet form for distribution among the churches.



## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe the Old and the New Testament Scriptures are the perfectly inspired Word of God, and the only infallible standard of faith and practice.
2. We believe there is one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead: 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 God the Father calls, the Son redeems, and the Holy Ghost regenerates the very same person.
9. 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 law 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, be immersed in water 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 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 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 to 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.

## PROTEST.



We offer our protest against the practice of some of our people, the Primitive Baptists, of holding protracted meeting, of having their lives and property insured, and of the use of instrumental music of whatsoever kind in the worship of God; and also against the doctrine of ministerial support. It is right and scriptural to lovingly bestow of our carnal things upon those who lovingly and faithfully minister to us of their spiritual things, which practice is carried out, so far as our knowledge extends, among all the churches.

We do not mean this Protest as a declaration of non-fellowship, but simply mean to show our brethren where we stand respecting these things. We promise you, brethren in the Lord, to forbear in love until all come to the unity of the faith and stature of brethren in the Lord, or until forbearance in our judgment ceases to be a virtue.

May the blessed Savior be merciful to all of us and keep us near His bleeding side, in hope of eternal life.

(Each messenger signs their name and name of church.)

DELOACH'S—J. W. Bennett, P. A. Hagin.

ASH BRANCH—J. H. Smith, E. B. Hughes.

EPHESUS—S. C. Banks, S. E. Helmuth.

UPPER MILL CREEK—S. B. Woodcock, J. N. Akins.

COLUMBA—H. J. Blitch, Newton Wise.

EMMAUS—H. B. Wilkinson, T. Colson.

LOWER BLACK CREEK—J. B. Brown, W. A. Burnsed.

LOWER LOTT'S CREEK—James Riggs, Wm. Dekle.

LOWER MILL CREEK—G. R. Beasley, J. A. Lassiter.



## MINUTES

of the First Session of the Lott's Creek Primitive Baptist  
Association, Convened with the Church at DeLoach's,  
Bulloch County, Ga., October 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1905.

1—The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. H. Temple.—St. Matthew 16 chap., 14, 15 and 16 v.

2—After twenty minutes intermission the Association was called to order by Eld. J. H. Smith.

3—Singing, followed by prayer by Eld. Hanks.

4—Read letters and recorded messengers' names.

5—Appointed Eld. J. H. Smith, moderator, and E. B. Hughes, clerk.

6—Appointed committees as follows:

To arrange preaching during this meeting, G. R. Beasley, Wm. Dekle and L. M. Lanier.

To arrange general meetings, James Riggs, J. W. Bennett and J. B. Brown.

To receive contributions, J. N. Akins and P. A. Hagin.

To write corresponding letter, H. B. Wilkinson and J. B. Brown.

7—Received visiting brethren, the moderator extending the right hand.

8—Saturday morning, 9 o'clock, met pursuant to adjournment.

9—Singing, followed by prayer by Eld. Floyd.

10—Report of committee to arrange preaching during this meeting: Saturday morning, 10 o'clock, Eld. Thomas, followed by Eld. Floyd; afternoon, 1 o'clock, Eld. Donnehoe, followed by Eld. J. T. Smith.

11—Report of committee to arrange general meetings: Upper Mill Creek, December, 1905; Columba, April, 1906; Ephesus, July, 1906; Lower Lott's Creek, September, 1906;

all to commence on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

12—Appointed the next session of this body to convene with the church at Ash Branch, Bulloch county, four miles north of Pembroke, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1906.

13—Received contributions, \$21.85.

14—Corresponding letter read and received.

15—Agreed to have 2,000 copies of these minutes printed.

16—Appointed brethren to visit the Associations as follows: Flint River, Elds. Wilkinson and Mattox; Upper Canoochee, J. H. Smith and M. Denmark; Lower Canoochee, M. J. Green and P. A. Hagin; Alapaha, L. M. Lanier and J. H. Smith; Bethel, S. B. Woodcock, W. E. Cribbs and E. J. Kennedy; Ebenezer, M. Denmark, J. N. Akins and L. O. Akins.

17—Resolved we tender our heart felt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for so kindly taking care of us and administering to our wants during this meeting.

18—Minutes read and received and the body adjourned.

19—Sunday morning, 10 o'clock, Eld. Lee Hanks preached to a large and orderly congregation, being followed by Eld. J. A. Taylor, and closed with prayer by Eld. H. Temple.

J. H. SMITH, *Moderator.*

E. B. HUGHES, *Clerk.*



## CHURCHES AND THEIR OFFICERS.

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CHURCHES	Sabbath Meeting	No. Members	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE
DeLoach's-----	2	78	Bulloch	H. B. Wilkerson	W. H. DeLoach	-----
Ash Branch-----	2	67	Bulloch	J. H. Smith	E. B. Hughes	Pembroke
Lower Lott's Creek-----	4	52	Bulloch	H. B. Wilkinson	Eli Kennedy	Register
Lower Black Creek-----	4	29	Bryan	J. H. Smith	J. M. Newmans	Blitchton
Lower Mill Creek-----	1	12	Bulloch	J. H. Smith	G. R. Beasley	Statesboro
Upper Mill Creek-----	3	23	Bulloch	H. Temple	J. N. Akins	Statesboro
Columba-----	3	15	Bryan	J. H. Smith	H. J. Blitch	Ellabelle
Ephesus-----	3	17	Bulloch	H. B. Wilkerson	S. C. Banks	Register
Emmaus-----	1	10	Bulloch	D. L. Callaway	T. Colson	-----

Ordained Ministers—J. H. SMITH  
H. B. WILKERSON  
F. M. DONALDSON

Contributions—\$21.35.

