

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1922

The sixty-seventh annual session of the Union Association was held with New Hope Church, Berrien County, Ga., October 15, 15 and 16, 1922.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. R. Rhoden of the Ochlocknee Association. Text: "And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep. And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved." Text found in the book of the Prophet Hosea.

Twenty minutes intermission.

The delegates from the churches of the Union assembled in the house and were called to order by Elder W. H. Tomlinson, our beloved moderator, Elder I. A. Wetherington, being detained at home because of sickness.

Prayer by Elder J. W. McMillan of the Union.

On motion Elder W. H. Tomlinson was chosen temporary Moderator.

The Moderator called for correspondence from the sister churches of the Association. The correspondence was full, except one church.

On motion Elder W. H. Tomlinson was elected Moderator and W. G. Avera re-elected Clerk, by acclamation.

On motion agreed to the same order of business as heretofore.

I. Read the Decorum.

II. The Moderator invited visiting ministers and brethren of our faith and order to seats with us, to aid us in our deliberations and to share with us our joys and sorrows.

III. Called for petitionary letters. Received a statement from Wayfare Church, Coffee County, by Brethren Jesse McKinnon and Lyman Adams asking for admission into the Union, which on motion was unanimously and gladly granted.

IV. The Moderator appointed committees as follows:

First. On Preaching and Finance—Brethren J. I. Hancock, J. A. Weaver and A. H. Guthrie, with messengers of this church.

Second. On Business—Elder Aaron A. Knight and Brethren O. L. Folsom and H. L. Lovett, with Moderator and Clerk.

Third. On Memorials—Elders J. L. Harris, J. W. McMillan and Brother L. L. Register.

Fourth. To Write Corresponding Letter—Brother J. D. Register.

On motion the Moderator called for correspondence from our sister associations with whom we correspond.

First. From the San Pedro. None

Second. From the Pulaski. Elder W. R. Akers and Brethren J. H. Hall and S. J. Sheffield, with corresponding letter.

Third. From the Ochlocknee. Elders E. R. Rhoden and Elijah Lindsey and Brethren J. R. Willis and J. R. Clerk.

Fourth. From the Suwanee. Brother W. W. Wetherington, with minutes.

Fifth. From the Flint River. Elder R. A. Luke.

Sixth—From the Alabaha—None.

The business of the first day being completed, on motion adjourned to meet Monday 8 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Elder Aaron A. Knight of the Union.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH.

Although the weather was inclement and the rain continuous during the forenoon, a small congregation assembled for divine worship. The Elders appointed by the committee preached in the power and demonstration of the Gospel to the comfort, edification and consolation of the attentive audience, and to the glory and honor of the God of Israel, and of His Son, Jesus Christ.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

The Association met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Elijah Lindsey of the Ochlocknee.

Resumed business in regular order as follows:

I. Called the roll. Quorum present.

II. The Moderator renewed the invitation to ministers and brethren to seats with us as before.

III. The messengers and visitors from the sister associations were received by the Moderator giving them the

right hand of fellowship.

IV. On motion, the committee reports were called for as follows:

First,

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Business, beg leave to make the following report: We have examined such correspondence as we have from our sister associations and find nothing objectionable. We recommend the same order of business as shown in our minutes of last year. We recommend that the next session of our Association be held with New Ramah Church, Ray City, Berrien County, Georgia.

Approved by the Association.

Second,

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Memorials, beg leave to make the following report: It has pleased the good Lord in His kind providence and by His great power to call from our midst Brother W. W. Johnson, who was Deacon and Clerk of Bethel Church at the time of his death. Brother Johnson was born April the 15th, 1855, and united with Bethel Church, Echols County, Georgia, March 14, 1903. He was ordained to the office of deacon November 19, 1904. Brother Johnson was a consistent member and a faithful deacon and clerk and was ever found earnestly contending for the faith of the church and the order of God's house until the time of his death, which occurred at his home, May 14, 1922. In his death we realize a great loss to his family, to Bethel Church, to his community and to the Union Association. We deeply regret and mourn his death, but desire to be submissive to the will of God, who doeth all things well. Brother Johnson is survived by his wife and five children, who have the sincere sympathy of the Association, but we trust and believe that our loss is his eternal gain.

Approved by the Association.

Third,

THE CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Union Association of Primitive Baptists now in session with New Hope Church, Berrien County, Georgia, sendeth greetings to her sister Associations:

Dear and much beloved Brethren in the Lord: Through the mercies of an all wise God, who hath seen fit to spare and bless us to meet together again as we hope in His blessed name in that of an associate capacity and in peace and love.

Most of our churches are represented and report peace and love, with little exception.

Our correspondence is not as full as we desire, yet we have been made to rejoice in the glad tidings of salvation by grace in and through a crucified risen and exalted Savior, embodied in the sweet messages of love brought to us by your humble servants of the Lord.

For these and all other blessings, both spiritual and temporal we hope we feel grateful to the Lord.

Dear brethren, we hope to meet you again at our next Association, which will convene, the Lord willing, with New Ramah Church, situated near Ray City, Berrien County, Georgia, on the Georgia and Florida railroad, Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1923. Until then, dear brethren, farewell.

Approved by the Association.

Fourth,

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit our report:

Received from the churches -----	\$106.95
Balance on hand -----	10.00
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Total receipts -----	\$116.95
Paid correspondents -----	\$ 16.00
Paid for minutes and services of clerk -----	70.00
Donated to our aged and beloved Moderator, Elder I. A. Wetherington -----	12.00
To our beloved afflicted brother and Elder, H. W. Parrish -----	8.00
And to our beloved Brother S. W. Avera for his faithfulness in visiting almost every session of the Union Association since its constitution, we donate	5.00
And to our beloved Sister Bowen in her affliction and sad bereavement of her husband we donate -----	5.95
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Total disbursements -----	\$116.95
We recommend that the Clerk have 1,200 minutes printed	

for the use of the churches and for correspondence to our sister Associations.

Approved by the Association.

Fifth,

REPORT OF PREACHING COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Preaching, make the following report:

Order of Preaching

Saturday, A. M.—Introductory sermon by Elder E. R. Rhoden of the Ochlocknee.

Saturday, P. M.—Elder Elijah Lindsey of the Ochlocknee and Elders H. W. Parrish and H. T. Griner of the Union.

Sunday, A. M.—Elder J. W. McMillan of the Union and Elder W. R. Akers of the Pulaski.

Sunday, P. M.—Elders A. A. Knight and L. M. Guthrie of the Union.

Monday, A. M.—Elder Duncan McCranie of the Union and Elder W. R. Akers of the Pulaski. Closed by the Moderator.

VI. The following correspondents were appointed to our sister Associations:

First. To the Ochlocknee—Elders W. H. Tomlinson and J. W. McMillan and Brother H. J. Bridges.

Second. To the Suwanee—Elders J. L. Townsend and L. M. Guthrie and Brethren G. M. Mobley, J. S. Shaw and G. W. Sutton.

Third. To the Alabama—Elders Richard Vickers and Aaron A. Knight and Brother Charlie H. Vickers.

Fourth. To the Pulaski—Elder Aaron A. Knight and Brother O. L. Folsom.

Fifth. To the San Pedro—Elders J. W. McMillan, J. L. Townsend, Brother I. G. Touchton.

Sixth. To the Flint River—Elders L. M. Guthrie and J. L. Townsend.

*ELDER W. H. TOMLINSON, Moderator.

W. G. AVERA, Clerk.

OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

1. The Suwanee convenes with Prospect Church, Hamilton County, Florida, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1923.

Prospect Church is situated thirteen miles from White Springs, twelve miles east of Geneva, and seventeen from

Jasper, all on the G. S. and F. railroad.

2. The San Pedro convenes with Mt. Nebo Church, _____ County, Florida, Friday before first Sunday in October, 1923.

Mt. Nebo Church is situated one-half mile from Mayo Junction and two miles east of Day, on the L. O. P. and G. R. R.

4. The Pulaski convenes with Lebanon Church, Crisp County, Georgia, Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1923.

Lebanon Church is situated five miles west of Arabi on the G. S. & F. R. R. and five east of Marshal on the Albany Northern R. R.

4. The Ochlocknee convenes with Bethel Church, Brooks County, Georgia, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1923.

Bethel Church is situated eight miles east of Pavo on the G. N. R. R., nine miles west of Barney and eight miles west of Morven on South Georgia R. R.

5. The Alabaha convenes with Satilla Church, Pierce County, Georgia, Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1923.

Satilla Church is situated four miles from Bristol on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad.

6. The Flint River convenes with Live Oak Church, Grady County, Georgia, Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1923.

Live Oak Church is situated seven miles north of Cairo on the A. C. L. R. R.

ELDERS OF UNION AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

I. A. Wetherington	Lake Park
H. W. Parrish	Sparks
W. H. Tomlinson	Douglas
Aaron A. Knight	Ray City
R. A. James	Argyle
L. M. Guthrie	Pearson
J. L. Harris	Valdosta
J. W. McMillan	Ocilla
H. T. Griner	Alapaha
J. L. Townsend	Kinderlou
Richard Vickers	Pearson
Duncan McCranie	Hahira

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES AND POSTOFFICES

Antioch—T. R. Zipperer, Valdosta.
Arna—J. W. Morris, Pearson.
Bethel—W. H. Rives, Dayton.
Bethany—J. W. Delk, Kirkland.
Cat Creek—J. A. Johnson, Hahira.
Empire—W. G. Avera, Nashville.
Liberty—J. Q. Allen, Lenox.
Mt. Olive—J. M. Burkhalter, Stockton.
Mt. Paran—J. J. Tucker, Alapaha.
Mt. Pleasant—A. J. Carson, Homerville.
New Hope—T. J. Griffin, Nashville.
New Ramah—G. C. Mikell, Nashville.
New Friendship—Wiley Stalvey, Hahira.
Oak Grove—B. B. Oliff, Quitman.
Olive Leaf—J. B. Coon, DuPont.
Pleasant—J. A. Webb, Nashville.
Pleasant Grove—J. I. Hancock, Nashville.
Prospect—R. E. Lee, Homerville.
Providence—J. D. Register, Valdosta.
Ramah—J. C. Cason, Homerville.
Refuge—Levi Courson, Pearson.
Salem—W. F. Patten, Adel.
Spring Hill—Ira Wetherington, Sparks.
Union—J. A. Weaver, Naylor.
Unity—N. A. Carter, Naylor.
Valley Grove—H. J. Bridges, Ocilla.
Wayfare E.—W. L. Copeland, Howell.
Wayfare C—E. E. Newbern, Douglas.

COVENANT

We, the churches composing this Association, in love to God, for His glory, and for the promotion of His Cause and Kingdom, in love to one another, having fellowship for each other, in Christian bonds, to live together in associate capacity, as true worshipers of God, and in view of the same do hereby adopt the following:

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge to be best qualified for that purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches they shall be entitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Union Association.

3. In the letters from the different churches of the Association shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, recantation, confession of faith, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since the last Association.

4. The Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor by which she can infringe upon the internal rights of the churches.

5. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen annually by the members present (who shall be members of the body) and who shall hold their offices until next election.

6. If any new church or churches desire to be admitted into the Union they shall petition by letter and messenger, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving its messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. We advise the churches not to send more than two messengers until they shall exceed one hundred members, then a messenger for every fifty after the first hundred.

8. It is the object of this Association to promote the general union of the churches.

9. This Association will recognize the gospel discipline of the churches, and drop from our list any church or churches from which sister churches have withdrawn.

10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

11. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two-thirds of the members present.

12. Any member knowingly and willingly breaking any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association if they think proper.

13. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ELDER W. H. TOMLINSON, Moderator.

W. G. AVERA, Clerk.

DECORUM

1. Every motion made and seconded shall command the attention of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

2. Every member 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.

3. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

4. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing or whispering while one is speaking, nor cast any reflections on the speaker. The speaker shall adhere strictly to the subject and in no wise reflect upon the person who spoke before him, by making remarks on his imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as he can, so as to give his light or idea.

5. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6. The several names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association may require.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as another member, provided the chair be filled, and shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a record of the proceedings of the Association.

9. To correspond with other Associations of our faith and order.

10. The brethren in the ministry, together with visiting brethren from our sister associations, shall be invited to seats with the Association.

11. The Association shall have the power to adjourn

themselves at any time and place they may think most convenient to churches and the Union.

ELDER W. H. TOMLINSON, Moderator.

W. G. AVERA, Clerk.

ABSTRACTS AND PRINCIPLES

Held by the Primitive Baptists in General to the Confessions of Faith.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three in the God Head, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

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

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the state he is in by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost without the aid of the gospel or the efforts of auxiliaries in any particular.

8. We believe that the saints will persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of Saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that only true believers are subject to these ordinances and that the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper who has not been regularly called and come under the imposition of the hand of the Presbytery.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ELDER W. H. TOMLINSON, Moderator.

W. G. AVERA, Clerk.

STATISTICS

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	MESSENGERS	PASTORS	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Recantation	Confes. of Faith	Dis. by Letter	Excommunicated	Dead	Total Membership	Contributions	Sab. of Meeting	Month of Annual Meeting
och	Echols	Not represented	J. L. Townsend												3 Aug.
	Coffee	W. H. Tomlinson, Ben. Morris	W. H. Tomlinson	2	1			8				113	\$ 5.00	4 Aug.	
el	Echols	F. R. Allen, W. H. Rives	G. H. Fowler						3	1		20	3.00	3 Sept.	
any	Clinch	J. P. Smith, Daniel O'Steen	Richard Vickers					1				32	3.00	3 Aug.	
reek	Lowndes	J. L. Harris, I. W. Peters	J. L. Harris					2		1		63	4.50	1 July	
re	Lanier	J. M. Cook, W. G. Avera	A. A. Knight	2				1		1		73	5.00	4 Sept.	
ty	Berrien	G. W. Sutton, L. L. Register	H. T. Griner					2		1		43	5.00	3 June	
live	Lanier	O. K. Courson, Darius Houze	Richard Vickers							1	1	17	2.65	1 Aug.	
Paran	Berrien	J. D. Boykin, T. T. Tucker	J. W. McMillan	2	1	1					1	28	3.00	2 July	
pleasant	Clinch	Sherod Burkhalter	O. A. Knight		2						3	19	1.50	2 Nov.	
Hope	Berrien	H. L. Floyd, T. J. Griffin	H. T. Griner							1	1	26	2.50	2 Aug.	
Ramah	Berrien	C. H. Vickers, A. H. Guthrie	A. A. Knight	1	6			1	2	3		45	4.00	2 June	
Friendship	Lowndes	G. M. Mobley, J. C. Lastinger	J. L. Harris	1	3				2	2		42	5.00	2 May	
Grove	Brooks	I. G. Touchton, J. L. Townsend	J. L. Townsend									10	1.50	4 July	
Leaf	Clinch	J. B. Coon, D. P. Mathis	I. A. Wetherington	1								27	2.00	4 Oct.	
ant	Berrien	A. A. Knight, Duncan McCranie	A. A. Knight	2	4	1			1	2		106	10.00	3 Sept.	
ant Grove	Berrien	J. I. Hancock, J. W. Griffin	Duncan McCranie		1	1				3	1	82	8.00	1 Oct.	
ect	Clinch	J. R. Morgan	O. A. Knight									18	1.50	2 Oct.	
dence	Lowndes	J. D. Register, J. G. Adams	I. A. Wetherington	1						1		28	4.00	3 April	
h	Clinch	M. H. Hilliard	O. A. Knight	1							1	22	2.00	1 Oct.	
re	Atkinson	R. Vickers, W. M. Joyce	L. M. Guthrie	1	1			1	1	1	5	54	5.00	2 Sept.	
t	Cook	H. W. Avera, O. L. Folsom	J. L. Harris						1	2		49	2.60	4 April	
g Hill	Cook	H. L. Lovett, A. L. Hires	Duncan McCranie	1								27	3.50	2 Oct.	
	Lanier	J. A. Weaver, J. S. Shaw	I. A. Wetherington	2	2				1			54	4.00	2 Sept.	
	Lowndes	J. A. Zeigler, H. B. Blanton	I. A. Wetherington	3	1				1	4		48	6.00	4 Aug.	
y Grove	Irwin	J. W. McMillan, H. J. Brogdon	J. W. McMillan	1	7					3		35	5.00	1 Aug.	
are E	Echols	C. B. Zeigler, M. E. Cowart	I. A. Wetherington	1					4	1		68	5.70	1 Sept.	
are C	Coffee	Jesse McKinnon, Lyman Adams	W. H. Tomlinson										2.00	1 Oct.	
				22	28	4		2	27	13	31	1035	\$106.95		