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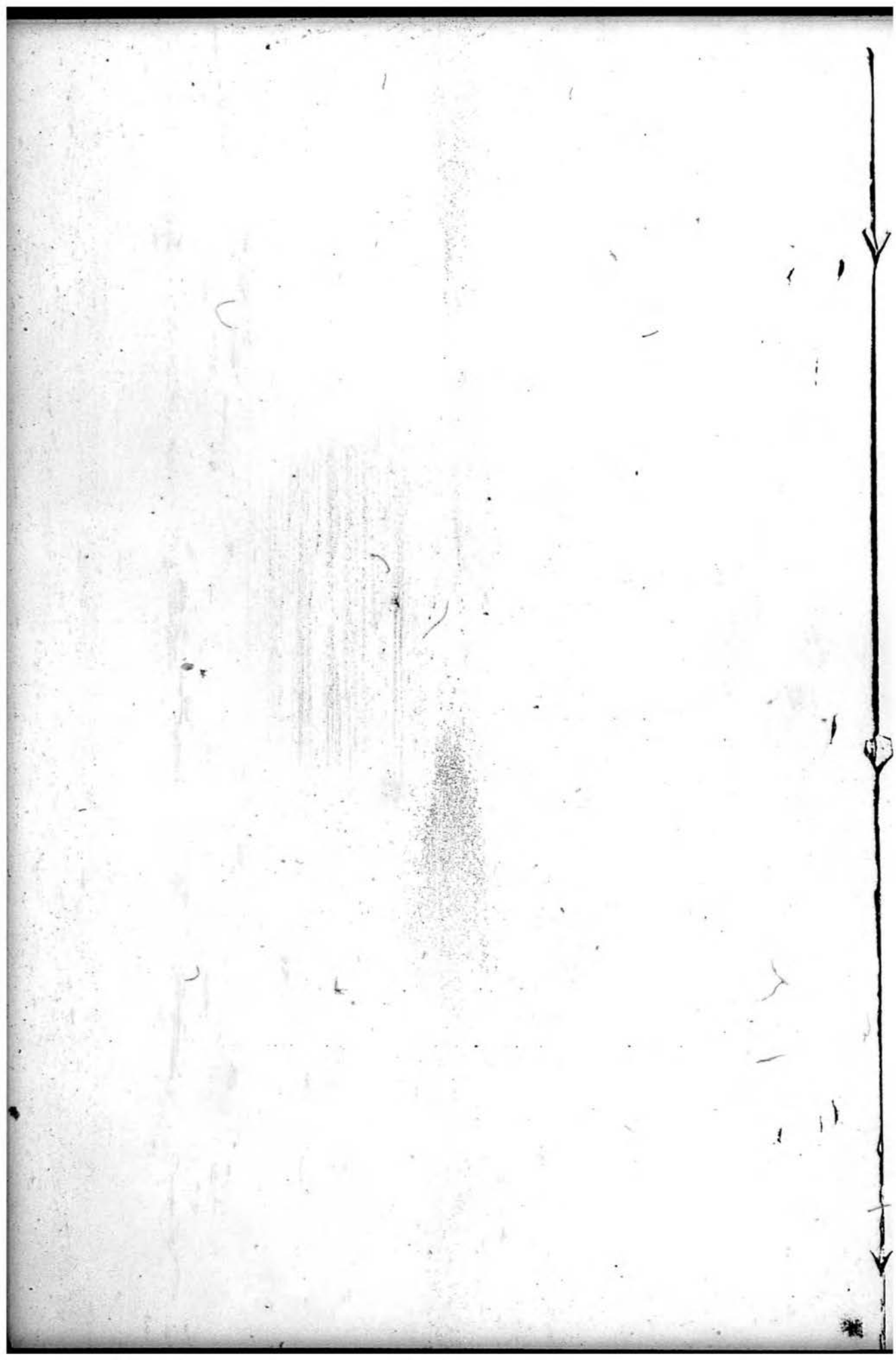


CONVENED WITH ANTIOCH CHURCH,

MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA,

On Saturday and Monday, the 18th & 20th days of October, 1851.

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MINUTES.

The Sermon introductory to business was delivered by Elder David J. Apperson, from the 4th chapter of Ephesians, after which the delegates assembled at the church.

1. Chose brother D. J. APPERSON Moderator until the body organize. Prayer by brother Apperson.

2. Read letters from nine churches and minuted their state.

3. Called for petitionary letters, and received letters and delegates from three churches, viz: Macedonia, of Russell county, Alabama, and Macedonia and Tabernacle, of Marion county, Georgia, which were cordially received and the right hand of fellowship extended to them by the Moderator.

4. Elected Elder D. J. APPERSON Moderator, and EDWARD C. BEERS Clerk.

5. Invited visiting brethren of a kindred spirit to seats with us.

6. Called for correspondence, and received the letter and delegates of the U. B. Association, viz: brother J. C. R. Lockhart, F. J. Rodgers and Thos. Lawson—the right hand of fellowship extended to them by the Moderator.

7. Read the decorum.

8. Appointed the following committees on preaching: brethren J. M. Parker, J. O. McGuirt from the church, and W. T. Park, S. Fulford and T. Richards from the body. On arrangement, brethren H. Massey, W. T. Park, R. Christian, F. T. Bozeman and D. J. Apperson.

9. Called for the Circular Letter, which was read and received, but declined publishing it on account of its length.

10. Adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by brother T. Lawson.

On Sunday the stand was occupied by brethren D. J. Apperson and J. C. R. Lockhart in the order of their names—brother Apperson on the subject of Missions—after which a collection was taken up, and received eleven dollars and twenty cents.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Rodgers.

1. Invited visiting brethren of a kindred spirit to seats with us.

2. Called for and received the report of the arranging committee.

3. Called the names of the delegates and marked absentees.

4. Took up the item of correspondence, and called for volunteers to the U. B. Association, when the following brethren volunteered their services, viz: John Reeves, H. S. Rees, E. C. Beers, W. T. Park, W. F. Benson, D. J. Apperson, J. Vincent, W. H. Hand, T. R. Dupree and Joseph Braily.

5. Read letters from brother Heddon of the Hiwassee Association, also brother Apperson's answer to the same. Also a letter from brother Martin of the Salem Association, and agreed to appoint brethren D. J. Apperson and Kimbrel Massey a committee to keep up a correspondence, by letter, with those Associations, and to forward to them a copy of the Minutes of our Association.

6. Called for and received the report of the Executive Committee, (Appendix A.)

7. Appointed an Executive Committee consisting of the following brethren, viz: W. T. Park, F. T. Bozeman and James Vincent.

8. Appointed our next Union Meeting of the first district to be held with Sardis church, Muscogee county, Georgia, commencing on Friday before the third Sabbath in August next. Brother K. Massey to preach the Introductory Sermon.

9. Appointed our next Union Meeting of the second district to be held with New Prospect church, Talbot county, Georgia, commencing on Friday before the third Sabbath in July next. Brother H. S. Rees to preach the Introductory Sermon.

10. Agreed that the next annual meeting of this body be held with Corinth Church, Marion county, Georgia, commencing on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October next. Brother K. Massey to preach the Introductory Sermon—brother W. F. Benson his alternate.

11. Appointed brother E. C. Beers to write the Circular Letter.

12. Brother W. F. Benson to preach the Missionary Sermon—brother J. Reeves his alternate.

13. Called for the report of the committee to collect funds and superintend the entombing the remains of brother and sister White, which was received and agreed to adopt the plan proposed by our brethren of the U. B. Association, and agreed to add to the committee brethren R. Christian and H. S. Rees, brother Roper having removed and brother James Rees having been dismissed by his request.

14. Took up the case of having a uniformity of Hymn Books for the use of our denomination, and agreed to defer it for further consideration.

15. Called for contributions for entombing the remains of brother and sister White, and received seven dollars. (Appendix B.)

16. Called for contribution for printing Minutes, and received \$21 50.

17. Agreed to reprint the constitution of the Association. (Appendix C)

18. Received of brother J. Vincent \$10.00, taken up at the Union Meeting at Republican church, for missionary purposes.

19. Appointed E. C. Beers to write the Corresponding Letter.—
(Appendix D.)

20. Required the Clerk to order and superintend the printing and distributing 300 copies of these Minutes, and have the overplus of money for his services.

21. Resolved, That we tender to the citizens of this vicinity our grateful thanks for their hospitality to us during our stay with them.

22. Adjourned.

D. J. APPERSON, Moderator.

E. C. BEERS, Clerk.

(APPENDIX A.)

Report of the Executive Committee.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report—

Balance on hand,.....	\$18 51
Received of brother J. Vincent, taken up at the Union Meeting at Republican Church, for missionary purposes,.....	10 00
Received of Tabernacle Church,.....	50
Received of New Prospect Church,.....	1 05
Received of Corinth Church,.....	2 25
Received of Providence Church and congregation,.....	5 90
Total,.....	\$33 21
Paid brother M. Duncan for services rendered in the bounds of Association,...	10 00
Respectfully submitted.	\$23 21

(APPENDIX B.)

Report of the Committee to collect Funds for entombing the remains of brother and sister White.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report—

Funds in hand,.....	\$5 25.
Taken up at the Association,.....	7 00
Respectfully submitted.	\$12 25.

E. C. BEERS, Chairman.

(APPENDIX C.)

CONSTITUTION OF THE

Chattahoochee United Baptist Association.

Resolved, That we form an Association upon the principles laid down in the Holy Scriptures, to-wit: Associations appear from Scripture and Ecclesiastical history to have been originally formed, not from any positive injunction either from Christ or his Apostles, but for mere expediency, for the purpose of concentrating the efforts of individual churches, and bringing them to bear with greater energy up-

on the subjects designed to be accomplished by those churches. They were also considered as advisory council and resorted to as such, but never claimed any right of Lording it over God's heritage, nor were their advice considered binding on the churches. In a word, Associations were wholly dependant on churches, and churches were not dependant on Associations; and notwithstanding the power arrogated to themselves by some modern Baptist Associations, we view them as being no where preceded by the primitive usages of any self-erected bodies. We, the delegates from our respective churches, being authorized by said churches, do agree to form ourselves into an Association, to be known by the name of the CHATTAHOOCHEE UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION; and we promise not to withdraw ourselves from this Association without first stating our reasons to the body for such intended withdrawal. It is proposed by this Association, first, to promote revivals of religion by camp and protracted meetings. Secondly, to take an active part in home missions. It is not intended by this Association to discuss queries. It is not the design of this Association to interfere in any with the independence of churches composing it. It is not intended to establish creeds, rules of discipline, or to make any law whatever to bind the churches, but to leave each church to regulate its own affairs. We, as an Association, take the Old and New Testament as our Confession of Faith. As relates to the independency, we believe that a duly organized church consists of a congregation of saints, baptized upon a credible profession of faith in Christ. Christ is the only Christian law-giver and supreme head of the churches, and the word of God the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in concerns of religion, and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the right of his fellow man.

A church has a right to adopt such measures only as are in accordance with the word of God, and such are deemed necessary to carry into effect the great system of practice. The church is the highest ecclesiastical tribunal on earth, from whose decision there is no appeal.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the body.

Read and adopted the above as the Constitution of the Chattahoochee United Baptist Association.

D. J. APPERSON, Moderator.

E. C. BEERS, Clerk.

(APPENDIX D.)

Corresponding Letter.

*The Chattahoochee United Baptist Association to the United Baptist
Association with whom she corresponds.*

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the mercy of God we have been permitted to meet again in an associate capacity. We were happy to receive your letter by the hands of Brethren J. C. R. Lockhart, T. Lawson and E. Rogers, your correspondents. We have great reason to believe that their labors have proved a blessing to us. And we hope that the Messengers named in our minutes may prove the same to you,—and we desire a continuance of your correspondence and co-operation, and may the great Head of the church help us “so to run that we may obtain.”

Yours, in Christ Jesus, farewell.

D. J. APPERSON, Moderator.

E. G. BEERS, Clerk.



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STATE OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR 1851.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES. *ORDAINED, †LICENSED, ‡ABSENTEES.	CLERKS OF CHURCHES.	Baptised,	Confession of Faith,	By Letter,	Restored,	Dismissed by Letter,	Excommunicated,	Dead,	Total,	For Minutes,	Meetings,	MINISTERS.	P. OFFICES.
Antioch.....	Muscogee.....	J. M. Parker, John O. McGuirt, W. F. Benson,*	J. M. Parker....					5			21	1 00	2	John Reeves,...	Columbus, Ga.
Pardis.....	"	H. S. Rees,† John P. Rees, E. C. Beers,†	Thos. G. Rees...	1				5			17	1 50	4	Wm. F. Benson,	" "
Tabernacle,...	Marion,.....	Calvin Hart, Thos. R. Dupree,.....	Wm. Sadler....								11	1 00		Moses Duncan,...	" "
Providence,...	Muscogee,.....	Albert Averett, James Vinson,.....	J. Vinson.....	1				22			70	2 00	3	K. Massey,.....	Lanier.
New Prospect,...	Talbot,.....	George Dias, William Shepherd,† James Revel,.....	R. Jones.	4					2	1	33	2 50	3	D. J. Apperson,...	Poinexter.
Macedonia,...	Russel, Ala...	R. Christian, C. Jones,.....									6	1 00	4	J. Hartsfield,...	Grangerville.
Republican,...	Muscogee,	Samuel S. Bartlett, Joseph G. Terry,.....	S. S. Bartlett...	19	1	1		8		1	70	2 00	1	Hewitt,†..	Talbotton.
Shady Grove,...	Chambers, Ala.	F. T. Rozeman, Joseph Brailly,.....	H. Wallace,....			1		1	1	1	38	2 00	1	Henry S. Rees,†	Columbus.
Corinth,.....	Marion,.....	W. T. Park, James Powel,.....	J. A. Park.....	1		1		1			48	2 00	4	E. C. Beers,†...	"
Liberty,.....	Sumter,.....	Thomas Fletcher, James Richards,.....	W. H. Hewitt..	7	6	4			1		44	3 00	2		
Macedonia,...	Marion, Ga...	W. H. Hana, D. J. Apperson,*				3					14	1 00	1	Elder JAS. REES'	
Stillo,.....	Macon,....	S. Fulford, L. Hartsfield, M. Duncan,* K. Massey,*	J. Hartsfield....			2		12	11		23	2 00	2	name omitted, by his request.	
U. B. Association last year's Minute,.....				33	7	13		54	15	3	395	\$21 00			
RECAPITULATION,				60	5	16	4	18	17	6	498				
				93	12	29	4	72	32		983				