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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION.

The South Georgia Association met with Marietta church on Oct. 24th, 25th, 26th, 1907, to hold its thirty-first annual session of the Free Will Baptist church.

Eld. J. W. Peavy preached the introductory sermon, on Wednesday night, Oct. 23rd, text, Ecc. 11: 7.

The body was called to order by the moderator, Rev. J. A. Blanton by singing song No. 20, in Revival songs.

Bro. I. M. Crews clerk pro tem.

Committee on preaching was appointed by the moderator; towit, Bro. N. L. McLane, Bro. Cicero Thomas, J. W. Bukins, W. W. Cobb.

By motion the body adjourned till 1 o'clock p. m.

Bro. E. Nobles preached at 11 o'clock, Bro. Haskins closed.

Thursday Evening Session.

The body was called to order by singing No. 35, in Revival Songs. Prayer by Bro. H. W. Reigns.

Decorum was read by the moderator.

Letters from the various churches was called for.

Bro. T. J. Sikes and Bro. I. J. Blanton, Jr., were appointed to read the letters while the clerk enrolled the names of the preachers and delegates.

MINISTERS.—J. A. Blanton, I. J. Blanton, Peter McLane, J. T. Knight, J. W. Peavy, E. Nobles, T. J. Stricklan, H. W. Reigns, L. Cowart, A. D. Emanuel, and J. A. Thompson.

LICENTIATES—E. B. Joyner, A. B. Bowen.

Philadelphia—J. D. Mazell, N. Rodenbery.

Sattilla—G. W. Harrison, I. J. Blanton, Jr.

Glenville—J. C. Deloach, W. B. Surrenncy, A. F. DeLoach.

Mary's Chapel—Jesse Watson, J. P. Amons, W. P. Mann.

Mt. Pleasant—By letter.

Hall's Chapel—W. B. Rodgers, J. M. Sheard.

Harmony—W. H. Wayes.

Odessa Grove—J. H. Grantham.

Alapaha—T. J. Sikes, J. W. Harrison.

Stony Hill—Cicero Thomas, W. W. Rodgers.

Corinth—J. M. Crews.

Marietta—W. L. McLaine, M. M. Cobb, G. W. Collins.

Ebenezer—U. J. DeLoach, J. A. Baxter, C. B. Knight.

New Hope—W. M. Edenfield.

Pine Valley—By letter.

Petitionary letters as follows:

Pilgrim's Rest—Walter Bird. Read and received.

Knight's Chapel—J. K. McLamb. Read and received.

Piney Grove—T. J. Strickland. Read and received.

Christian Hope—Rejected by failing to send delegate.

Home Mission Board—J. D. DeLoach, J. M. Crews.

By motion this body go into a permanent organization.

Eld. J. A. Blanton was elected moderator and Eld. J. T. Knight assistant, and E. B. Joyner clerk. Elected by acclamation, Bro. J. M. Crews treasurer, and Bros. J. C. DeLoach and W. L. McLane were elected as the associational deacons.

Bro. W. F. Haskins was received as a visiting member from the State Line Association.

Conference adjourned till 8:30, Friday a. m.

Preaching at 1 o'clock by Rev. J. T. Knight, text, Rom. 1: 17, 18. The services were closed by Bro. E. B. Joyner.

Friday Morning,

The body was called to order by singing song No. 81. Prayer by Bro. J. P. Amons.

The letters of Deep Creek and Bethel churches were called for.

Deep Creek—Madison Powell, B. A. Jeffers, J. C. Pierce.

Bethel—J. W. Beekins.

Bro. A. D. Emanuel, was received and his credentials into this association.

The letter of Pine Level church was read, J. A. Thompson, Jr., delegate.

Rockingham church was represented by Rev. J. A. Thompson.

Conference adjourned with prayer by E. B. Joyner for Bro. H. W. Reigns to preach the 11 o'clock sermon, text, Luke 17:10, followed by Bro. A. B. Bowen.

Friday Evening.

Conference called to order by singing song No. 64.

Roll called and called for report on denominational literature, it was read and adopted.

Report on temperance, was read and received.

Report on nominations, was read and received.

A committee on obituaries was appointed—Bros. A. D. Emanuel, I. J. Blanton, T. J. Strickland.

Report on finance was read and adopted.

Report on education was read and adopted.

There was a collection taken up for educational purposes amounting to thirty dollars, and it was given to E. B. Joyner to pay his back school debt.

The conference adjourned until 8:30, a. m., Saturday.

The Sunday School called its body together by song and prayer. Transacted their business until time for preaching at 6:30, by Bro. L. Cowart, text Heb. 11:25, followed by Bro. T. J. Strickland.

Saturday Morning.

The body was called to order by song No. 97. Prayer by Bro. W. B. Surrency.

Roll call and reading of decorum.

Then Bro. T. C. Pierce of Deep Creek, was received as a delegate to our body, and by request of Bro. L. Cowart and letter the churches Pine Valley, Berien Co., Ga., and Ozias church, Clinch Co., Ga., were dismissed to organize a new association known as the Little River Association of Ga., we then empowered Bro. N. Rodenbery with power to dispose of the claim of said property of the Free Will Baptist, at Uptonville Ga., and use the amount received on the church building near his place.

Report on destitution read and received.

Report on preaching: Bro. J. W. Peavy preach at 11 o'clock, text, Luke 22:20. Services closed by Bro. J. A. Thompson.

Report on the home mission board read and adopted.

Report of Bro. J. T. Knight on mission work, as our home missionary read and adopted with the agreement to pay the remainder \$10.18. Collection taken and Bro. Knight payed in full. The home mission board was made permant by appointing the following: Bro. J. D. Deloach Chm., Bro. J. M. Crews, Bro. J. W. Herring, Bro. J. H. W. Oglesby, Leon Starling.

Moved and sustained that we insert our church covenant in our minutes from year to year. The body then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock with prayer by Bro. J. C. Deloach.

Saturday Evening.

The body was called to order by singing song No. 126. Prayer by Bro. L. Cowart.

Roll called. Report on obituaries read and adopted.

Moved and sustained that the pastors salary be in the church letters and be inserted in our minutes. Rockingham church paid Bro. J. A. Thompson \$21.45.

Moved and sustained that the body send twenty dollars for minutes, and have as many minutes printed as that amount will pay for.

Moved and sustained that the clerk receive fifteen dollars for his services.

Moved and sustained that each session of association have commemoration and feet washing at the close of each session.

By motion, Bro. J. M. Crews, Bro. I. J. Blanton and Bro. U. J. Deloach be appointed to draft resolutions of thanks to the people of this community of Marietta church for their kindness during this session of this association.

Bro. J. A. Blanton was appointed to assist in establishing a new association known as the Little River Association at Ozias church.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn to meet with Corinth church, Pierce county, Ga., on Wednesday night before the Fourth Sunday in Oct. 1908.

The minutes of the entire session was read and adopted. Then the parting hand was taken.

Saturday night, preaching by Bro. J. T. Knight, text, Eph. 2: 10., followed by E. B. Joyner. Bro. E. Nobles preached Thursday 11 o'clock. Bro. Haskins closed.

Appointed committees:

On Preaching—W. L. McLane, W. M. Cobb, G. W. Collins, Cicero Thomas, J. A. Thompson, Jr.

Destitution—J. C. Deloach, J. W. Bukins, W. P. Mann, J. H. Grantham, J. H. McLamb.

Denominational Literature—J. D. Deloach, T. J. Sikes, Jesse Waterson, W. M. Edenfield, Willie Rodgers, Walter Byrd, N. Roddenberry.

Temperance—I. J. Blanton, Jr., Matison Powell, W. H. Wayes, C. B. Knight, J. D. Mazell.

Education—W. B. Surrency, J. P. Ammons, J. W. Harrison, U. J. Deloach, W. B. Rodgers.

Nominations—J. M. Crews, G. W. Harrison, J. A. Baxter, B. A. Jeffers, J. M. Sheard.

Reports of Committees.

EDUCATION—We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that among our denomination, that education is somewhat limited and would urge our people to make a more determined effort in that direction, and we recommend that Bro. E. B. Joyner be continued in school for another year.

W. B. SURRENCY, Chm.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE—We, your committee beg leave to submit the following:

We request that all of our members take and read the BAPTIST, published at Ayden, N. C., also that our Sabbath Schools use our denominational literature.

J. D. DELOACH, Chm.

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Seeing the growing evil of intemperance, we earnestly request that each of our members totally abstain from all intoxicating drink and that each church deal with any member failing to do so; if not, said church be delt with by your honorable body.

Kindly submitted,

I. J. BLANTON, Jr., Chm.

NOMINATIONS—We, your committee, on nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

That the next session be held with Corinth church, Pierce county, Ga., and that Bro. H. W. Reins preach the introductory sermon, and that the session will commence on Wednesday night before the 4th Sunday in Oct. 1908.

J. M. CREWS, Chm.

FINANCE—We, your committee, on finance beg leave to make the following report:

We find in the hands of the Treasurer. \$ 3.55
Received from various churches, 45.25

Total, \$48.80

A. F. DELOACH, Chm.

OBITUARY—We find that during the last association year 1907, that it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst twenty-two of our number. While

we are grieved, yet we bow in humble submission to him that doeth all things well. We feel that our loss is their eternal gain. Peace be to their sleeping dust, and may we meet them in heaven.

A. D. EMANUEL, Chm.

DESTITUTION—We, your committee on destitution, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find at least twelve of our churches that have not received any minutes for 1906 and 1907, and we hope the body will consider this matter and dispose of it as they see proper.

J. C. DELOACH, Chm.

J. D. Deloach, requested that the committee on home mission board, raise money for the mission funds and forward it to him at Glennville, Ga., R. No. 1., as early as possible so as we may be able to put a missionary in the field at once.

HOME MISSION BOARD—We, the committee on home mission board, beg leave to make the following report:

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| Received at last session, | \$2.00 |
| From Bro. J. W. Herring, | 2.60 |
| From Bro. J. W. H. Oglesby, | 2.30 |
| From J. A. Blanton, | 5.00 |
| From J. W. Herring, | 3.29 |

Total, \$15.19

Paid to Bro. J. T. Knight, \$15.19

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. DELOACH, Chm.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS—We, your committee recommend that this honorable body tender their thanks to Marietta church and community for their hospitality to the preachers and delegates of the South Georgia Association. May God ever bless and sanctify and save the people of this community.

U. J. DELOACH, Chm.

Sunday Morning.

Bro. J. A. Blanton preached in the house at 11 a. m. text, Rev. 8: 1., followed by Bro. A. D. Emanuel. Bro. J. T. Knight preached in the school house at the same time, text, Matt. 5: 8., followed by A. B. Bowen. Bro.

J. W. Peavy preached in the grove at the same time, text, Act. 17:33. Preaching at night by Bro. J. W. Peavy, text, Acts. 2: 38.

The meetings were good. There was estimated eight hundred people on the ground. A collection of \$16.95, was given to the preachers present. W. F. Haskins, \$7.20, E. Nobles, \$3.00, J. W. Peavy, \$3.00, T. J. Knight, 50cts., E. Nobles, \$3.00, T. J. Strickland, \$1.75, J. A. Blanton, 50cts., I. J. Blanton, 50cts, A. B. Bowen, 50cts. Total amount \$16.95.

MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

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| Eld. J. A. Blanton, | Surrency | Ga |
| I. J. Blanton | Surrency | " |
| J. W. Peavy | Surrency | " |
| J. T. Knight | Glennville | " |
| C. C. Butler | Sproule | " |
| W. T. E. Butler | Sproule | " |
| J. A. Thompson | Graham | " |
| J. O. Fenel | Jesup | " |
| J. F. Pafford | Adel | " |
| L. Cowart | McDonald | " |
| H. W. Reins | Baxley | " |
| J. M. Emanuel | Macon | " |
| A. D. Emanuel | Lyons | " |
| M. F. Cason | Lyons | " |
| G. Lane | Lyons | " |
| E. Nobles | Blackshear | " |
| N. G. Yarbough | Jesup | " |
| D. W. Blanton | Pye | " |
| S. Herring | Pye | " |
| J. J. Davis | Hasty | " |
| P. McLean | Pye | " |

Licentlates.

G. W. Lee, M. Carter, I. L. Price, M. Jones, A. B. Bowen, E. B. Joyner, W. M. White, J. Taylor.

CHURCH COVENANT.

1. Having been brought as we humbly trust by divine grace into the knowledge of our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to devote our time and talents to the interest of pure and undefiled religion, we do

solemnly covenant with each other to walk together in love and brotherly kindness and to glorify God through life as the only hope in death.

2. We agree to exercise Christian love and affection for each other as members of the household of faith, that the knowledge of truth may be glorified in us and by us, to the end that we may be perfect in the will of God through Christ Jesus concerning us.

3. We will endeavor to uphold the public worship of Almighty God and ordinances of His Church, not to forsake the assembling ourselves together; that we will cheerfully contribute of the means with which we are blessed for the ministry among us, and other necessary expenses of the church.

4. We will not neglect the devotional exercises of secret prayer and the duties of family worship, and the training up of our children and those under our care with a view to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of heaven.

5. We agree to neglect our secular or worldly avocations to attend the stated meetings of our church, and to labor for its prosperity in the most holy faith, believing that if we do this we let our light shine, if we fail to attend to those sacred duties we prove to be a stumbling block to the world and a reproach to the church.

6. We believe that all Christians are endowed with certain talents and influences, for the improvement of which they will be accountable to the Great Head of the church; that if there are unruly members in the church, it is our duty to approach such in the spirit of love and to admonish them to forsake their evil doings; if they will not hear thee, take one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established; then if they will not hear thee, tell it unto the church, and if they will not hear the church, let them be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.

7. We believe the worldly dance and drinking ardent spirits with and commingling with drunkards are sins which should be sharply rebuked by the church.

8. It shall be the duty of all pastors to read or have read this covenant and to explain every part and clause thereof to the church on the opening of all church meetings.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

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| Deep Creek..... | H. Tappen..... | Butts, R. F. D. 1...Ga. |
| Glennville..... | D. J. DeLoach..... | Glennville..... " |
| Phinholoway..... | Levi Manning..... | Mt. Pleasant..... " |
| Bethel..... | Mary Jones..... | Graham..... " |
| Satilla..... | C. C. Quinn..... | Graham..... " |
| Stoney Hill..... | Willie Rogers..... | Tyson..... " |
| Harmony..... | Al. E. Wages..... | Bamboo..... " |
| Ebenezer..... | N. E. Williams..... | Glennville..... " |
| Marietta..... | W. A. Kirkland..... | Cobbtown..... " |
| Odessa Grove..... | W. Oneal..... | Jesup..... " |
| Newell's Chapel..... | | |
| Ozias, Dismissed..... | | |
| Philadelphia..... | N. Roddenbury..... | Folkston..... " |
| Hale's Chapel..... | J. A. Bishop..... | |
| Alababa..... | T. J. Sykes..... | Sykes..... " |
| Corinth..... | J. M. Crews..... | Sproule..... " |
| Pine Level..... | J. N. Johnson..... | Graham..... " |
| Pine Valley..... | | |
| Mary's Chapel..... | H. A. Ammons..... | Surrency..... " |
| Ohoopee..... | | |
| Pleasant Grove..... | | |
| Spring Grove..... | | |
| Hall's Chapel..... | | |
| Sycamore..... | | |
| New Hope..... | W. M. Edenfield..... | Pope..... " |
| Knights Chapel..... | J. S. Chestnutt..... | Ludowica..... " |
| Piney Grove..... | C. K. Horne..... | Hunter..... " |
| Pilgrims Rest..... | B. F. Bratchel..... | Coffee..... " |

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. This body shall at each session be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for the church letters and have them read and the names of ministers and delegates enrolled.
3. Elect a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer by ballot.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for corresponding messengers.
7. Appoint committees as follows: (1) Preaching. (2) Denominational Literature. (3) Temperance. (4) State of Churches. (5) Nominations. (6) Education. (7) Ministers and Deacons. (8) State Convention. (9) Obituaries. (10) Destitution. 11. Finance.
8. Unfinished business.
9. Report of committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES. | COUNTIES. | PASTORS. | Baptized. | Rec. by Letter | Dismissed. | Expelled. | Restored. | Died. | Total No. | Sunday of M. |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------------|
| Deep Creek..... | Jenkins..... | J. T. Knight... | 20 | 2 | | | | 3 | 160 | 4th |
| Glennville..... | Tattnall..... | J. A. Blanton... | 2 | 1 | | | | 3 | 59 | 1st |
| Phinholoway..... | Wayne..... | J. Q. Henderson... | 12 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 37 | 1st |
| Bethel..... | Appling..... | J. A. Blanton... | | | | | | | 75 | |
| Satilla..... | "..... | L. J. Blanton... | 7 | 8 | | 5 | | 4 | 146 | 4th |
| Stoney Hill..... | Tattnall..... | S. Herring..... | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 58 | 3rd |
| Harmony..... | Wayne..... | J. W. Peavy..... | | | | | | | 20 | |
| Ebenezer..... | Tattnall..... | J. A. Blanton... | | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | 119 | 2nd |
| Marietta..... | Tombs..... | A. D. Emanuel... | 10 | | | | | | 70 | 1st |
| Odessa Grove..... | Wayne..... | J. W. Peavy..... | 16 | | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 43 | |
| Newell's Chapel..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ozias (Dismissed)..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Philadelphia..... | Carlton..... | E. L. St. Claire... | | | | | | | 14 | 1st |
| Hale's Chapel..... | Emanuel..... | J. T. Knight... | 13 | 7 | | | | 1 | 52 | 1st |
| Alabama..... | Pierce..... | C. C. Butler..... | 13 | 12 | 2 | | | 2 | 31 | |
| Corinth..... | "..... | J. W. Peavy..... | 2 | 1 | | 8 | | | 86 | |
| Pine Level..... | Appling..... | J. A. Blanton... | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 | 43 | |
| Pine Valley..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mary's Chapel..... | Appling..... | J. T. Knight... | 23 | 6 | | | | 3 | 93 | |
| New Hope..... | Wayne..... | S. Herring..... | | | 1 | | 1 | | 33 | |
| Oheepce..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Grove..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Grove..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hall's Chapel..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sycamore..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Knight's Chapel..... | Liberty..... | J. T. Knight... | 18 | | | | 3 | | 21 | 2nd |
| Piney Grove..... | Appling..... | J. A. Blanton... | | | | | | | 11 | |
| Pilgrims Rest..... | "..... | J. W. Peavy..... | | | | | | | 27 | |