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On Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1931, the churches composing the South Mississippi Primitive Baptist Association convened in its fifteenth annual session at Ephesus Church, Lamar County, Mississippi, Sept. 25, 26 and 27, 1931.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. G. W. Lewis of the Amit Association. After preaching the Moderator dismissed the congregation to meet back Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

(1). The Moderator called the Association to order; prayer by Elder F. B. Moon.

(2) Letters from the different churches was read and messengers names enrolled.

(3) Re-elected Eld. C. N. Ware, Moderator and J. A. Bates was chosen clerk.

(4) Agreed that the former rules of decorum govern the present.

(5) Called for petitionary letters. None offered.

(6) Invited visitors (other than regular correspondents) to seats with us, and received Eld. G. H. Banks from the Betheny Association of Miss.

(7) The Moderator appointed committees as follows: On preaching—A. N. Vance, E. A. Norton, R. E. Scott and W. P. Johnson. On Finance—W. J. Mathews and A. N. Vance, and L. B. Easterling to write the corresponding letter.

(8) Called for correspondence from sister Associations and received from Good Hope, W. F. Ruffin, J. R. Ruffin and A. L. Massey; from Amit, Eld. G. W. Lewis; from Mt. Zion, Eld. F. B. Moon.

(9) On motion adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

(10) Met pursuant to adjournment. After preaching by Elder T. J. Smith and L. B. Easterling, proceeded with the business of the Association.

(11) Called for report on preaching. The committee announced that Elders G. W. Lewis and G. H. Banks preach Sunday morning, closed by the Moderator in the afternoon.

(12) Called for report on finance. The committee reported \$26.50 received as Associational funds.

(13) Called for corresponding letters which was read and received.

(14) On motion all committees were discharged.

(15) Agreed to return correspondance to sister Associations and appointed delegates as follows: Amit. Elder L. B. Easterling and brethern A. N. Vance and D. B. Hollingsworth; Mt. Zion, Eld. L. B. Easterling; Good Hope, Eld. C. N. Ware.

(16) Agreed to hold next meeting of this Association with Ideal Church to convene on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1932. The church is located nine (9) miles northeast of Hattiesburg, Forest County, Miss.

(17) Agreed to have two hundred (200) copies of minutes printed.

(18) Agreed that this Association tender its thanks to this Church and community for this hospitality during this meeting.

(19) On motion adjourn to meet at the time and place herein mentioned.

Elder C. N. Ware, Moderator
J. A. Bates, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers and Addresses

Eld. C. N. Ware	---	Taylorsville, Miss.
Eld. L. B. Easterling	---	Richton, Miss.
Eld. T. J. Smith	---	Purvis, Miss.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The South Mississippi Primitive Baptist Association in session with Ephesus Church, Lamar County, Mississippi, to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sends greetings.

Dear Brethern: Through the mercy of God we have been blessed to hold another session of our Association and transact our business in peace and harmony. We have had the pleasure to hear a number of ministers from among you proclaim the great blessings of our Savior for which we hope that we are thankful. Your ministers came preaching the sweet Gospel of Salvation by Grace, by which our poor hearts was made to rejoice. Dear Brethern, we appreciate their coming and desire a continuation of your correspondence and may the Giver of every good and perfect gift keep all by His power and present us blameless before His throne.

Pray for us and visit us when you can.
Farewell till we meet again.

L. B. EASTERLING

RULES OF DECORUM

Sec. 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the Churches in our Union shall compose this Association.

Sec. 2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment together with the state of their church since last Association.

Sec. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated The South Mississippi Association.

Sec. 4. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches.

Sec. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present annually.

Sec. 6. Any church desiring admittance into this union shall petition by letter and messengers, and, if found orthodox, shall be re-

ceived by the Association and manifested by the Moderator, giving the Messenger the right hand of fellowship.

Sec. 7. Any church in this union shall be entitled to three representatives.

Sec. 8. All queries sent from any church to this Association will not be considered.

Sec. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, except withdrawn by the person who made it and a majority decide.

Sec. 10. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

Sec. 11. No person shall speak more than three (3) minutes upon any subject in debate without the liberty from the Association.

Sec. 12. No person shall absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Moderator.

Sec. 13. This Association will not fellowship any church or churches nor hold them in union, who are engaged in supporting any Missionary Bible Tracts, Sunday School Union Societies, who advocate State Conventions, Theological Schools, nor any other Society that has been or may hereafter be formed under pretense of circulating the Gospel of Christ, nor any Secret Organization, nor will she correspond with any Association that is engaged in supporting any of the above named institutions. "They living without thus," sayeth the Lord.

Sec. 14. Any amendment may be made to these rules at any time when a majority of the Association deem it expedient.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one God and the Trinity of person in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament given by inspiration of God, are Divine authority and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, the imputation of his sin to all posterity, in the total depravity of human nature and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God for His people, in the eternal unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5. We believe that sinners are only justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto and

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