

# Griffin's History

## Chapter XVIII

### LUSASCOONA REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1840. In May, delegates from four churches met in convention, at Mt. Carmel, Yallobusha county, for the purpose of forming an Association. Eld. J. Robbins was chosen Moderator, and J. Barton, Clerk. Having gone through with the ordinary preliminary arrangements, the Association duly organized, and the right hand of fellowship exchanged by the delegates, the convention adjourned sine die.

1840. In September, the Association convened at Hopewell church Pontotoc county—5 churches represented.

"Eld. J. Robbins chosen Moderator, and J. Barton, Clerk.

#### EXTRACT FROM THE CIRCULAR

"3. We believe in the doctrine of election by Grace —'who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.' 'Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you.' 'According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.' 'Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ unto himself according to the good pleasure of his will.'—'to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.' 'Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.'

"5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. 'Even as Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness.' 'So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.' ' But to him that worketh not, but believeth in him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted— for righteousness.' 'For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.' 'He shall see the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied, by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many, for he shall bear their iniquities.' 'That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

"6. We believe that God's elect will be called and regenerated by the Holy Spirit. 'Knowing brethren beloved your election of God.' 'For our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost.' 'Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood Jesus Christ.'

'Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called, and whom he called them he also justified, and whom he justified, them he also glorified.' 'For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God, according to election might stand, not of works but of him that calleth.

1843. In September, the Association convened at Fellowship church, Yallobusha county—7 churches represented.

"Eld. O Guthrey chosen Moderator, and J. Barton, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: Tallahatchie, Primitive and Noxubee.

"Elds. Guthrey, Moore and Meaders preached on Sunday.

1844. In October, the Association convened at Zion Hill church, Pontotoc county—9 churches represented.

"Eld. S. Parks preached the introductory sermon, by request, he being a corresponding Messenger.

"Eld. E. Moore, chosen Moderator, and J. Barton, Clerk.

"Correspondence arranged with three Associations, viz: Tallahatchie, Primitive and Noxubee.

"Query.—What is a legal and valid Baptism?"

"Answer.—We believe that Baptism administered by a legal and regular ordained preacher of the gospel— baptizing by immersion a proper candidate, after hearing a declaration of his faith in Christ—to be a legal and valid baptism.

"Resolved, That we publish Johnson Guttery in our minutes. Said Guttery was a licensed preacher and was excluded from the Hopewell church, Pontotoc county, Mississippi, a member of this body. Said Guttery was excluded for disobeying the

mandates of the church, and for willful, known lying. Said Guttery has since that time removed to Walker county, Ala., and has, so we are informed, attached himself to a church of the Primitive Baptist order, and is exercising in public as a preacher of the Gospel. We would therefore warn our brethren of the Primitive order against such an impostor.

"Elds. Shelton, Moore. Parks and Meaders, preached on Sunday, in the order of their names.

1845. In October, the Association convened at Bethel church, Pontotoc county—10 churches represented.

"Eld. J. Pearsall chosen Moderator, and J. Barton, Clerk.

"Correspondence received from four Associations, viz: New Hope, Noxubee, Primitive and Tallahatchie.

"Correspondence arranged with the same, and also with the Buttahatchy Association.

1846. In October, the Association convened at Laodicea church, Pontotoc county—14 churches represented.

"Eld. R. R. Shelton chosen Moderator, and J. Barton, Clerk.

"Elds. H. W. Harwell, E. Moore, and R. R. Shelton, preached on Sunday in the order of their names.

"Correspondence dropped with the Noxubee Association, and arranged with five others, viz: The Tallahatchie, Primitive, New Hope, Battahatchy and Regular Baptist Associations.

1847. In October, the Association convened at Shiloh church, Yallobusha county—13 churches represented.

"Eld. J. Pearsall preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. J. Pearsall chosen Moderator, and J. Barton, Clerk.

"Elds. J. Pearsall, S. Parks and E. A. Meaders, preached on Sunday in the order of their names.

"Correspondence arranged with four Associations, viz: Tallahatchie, Primitive, Buttahatchy and Tombigbee, (Ala.)

1850. In October, the Association convened at the Fellowship church, Yallobusha county—14 churches represented.

"Eld. J. Pearsall preached the introductory sermon.

"Eld. J. Pearsall chosen Moderator, and Wm. Milton Clerk.

"Elds. S. Parks, J. Pearsall and E. A. Meaders, preached on Sunday.

"Correspondence arranged with four Associations, viz: The Tallahatchie, Primitive, Buttahatchy and Tombigbee.