

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Walker County, Ga. Organized 1839

The original minutes of the Church are in Cherokee Regional Library, LaFayette, Ga. and the history of the church is in "History of Walker Co., Ga." by Sartain which has recently been re-printed. The following is excerpts from the original minutes of the first ten years.

June 29, 1839. We, a scattered few from the different churches, having been enabled by the grace of God as we hope first to give ourselves to the Lord and then to each other and believing that God has ordered that his children should be gathered together in a church capacity for the purpose of keeping house for the Lord, attending to and perpetuating the ordinances of the Gospel, to watch over each other for good, to support and labor for the spread of the Gospel in the world, do agree to be constituted into a church upon the following abstract of principles.

Having called a Presbytery to constitute us into a Church, viz. Elder Edwin Dyer and William Catlett, E. Dyer moderator -----Prayer by Bro. Catlett. Constantine Wood, Clerk.

The following are Brethern and Sisters who compose the body. John McWilliams, Thomas Whitlow, John Amos, Constantine Wood, Maiden Wood, Mary Liles, Mary Young, Jane Suttle, Elvina Robertson, Elisabeth McWilliams, Omev, a servant of J. Young. Received by letter Elizabeth Little from New Prospect Church, Spartanburgh Dist., S.C.

July 27, 1839. Received by letter Bro. Jesse Griffin from Ebenezer Church, DeKalb Co., Ga.

Sept. 1, 1839. Rec. by letter Sister Jerusah Griffin from Ebenezer Church, DeKalb Co. Ga. and Jesse Austin, Sarah Austin, Elizabeth Austin and Patsy Austin from the Camp Creek Church, Habersham Co. Ga.

Jan. 25, 1840. Bro. Edwin Dyer, G.W. Eaton, Z. Gordon, A.A. Cobb and Wm. Catlett were nominated as the Presbytery to perform the work. New members - Charles Aranton by letter from Grove Level Church, Chattooga Co. Ga.

Feb. 22, 1840. The Church went into the choice of a preacher to supply us this year which resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. Zachariah H. Gordon.

Mar. 27, 1840. Received Sister Edna Cleckter by letter from the Ramah Church, Campbell Co. Ga.

Apr. 25, 1840. Received by letter Sister Nancy Aranton from Grove Level Church, Chattooga Co. Ga.

May 23, 1840. New members - Jacob Cleckler and Abram by letter.

June 27, 1840. Elizabeth Ann Amos received by experience.

July 25, 1840. Rec. by experience Dillard H. Amos and Nathan L. Keown and by letter Almira Jenks from Rockbridge Church, Gwinnett Co. Ga.

Aug. 29, 1840. Rec. by experience Aaron, a servant of E. Liles. Granted letter of dismission to John Amos.

Sept. 12, 1840. Rec. by experience Isaac, a servant of James Young.

Oct. 24, 1840. Granted letters of dismission to Charles and Nancy Aranton.

Jan. 2, 1841. Church agreed unanimously to continue Bro. Z. H. Gordon as her pastor for this year.

Feb. 27, 1841. Letters of dismission to Jesse and Jerusha Griffin.

Mar. 1841. No business. May 1841. Bal. in Treasury 25¢.

June 1841. New member James A. Keown. Elected delegates to the Union meeting, viz. Thomas Whitlow and Jesse Austin.

Aug. 1841. New member, Omey, a servant of C. Wood.

Oct. 1841. Bro. H. Posey Moderator, by experience Milly, a servant of Jas. Young. Received a request from the West Union Church for help to settle a difficulty at her next meeting.

Nov. 1841. Rec. by letter Bro. Spencer Bomar and his wife Mary Jane Bomar from the Campbelton Church, Campbell Co. Ga.

Dec. 25, 1841. Bro. Humphry Posey elected preacher for next year.

Jan. 1842. Rec. Tuxon and Hana, servants of J. Hinton by letter from the Newnan Church, Coweta Co. Ga.

Feb. 1842. Rec. by letter Phebe and Polly, servants of Spencer Bomar from Campbbelton Church, Campbell Co. Ga.

Mar. 1842. No business. Apr. 1842. Appointed delegates to Union meeting, viz. James A. Keown, John McWilliams, Constantine Wood.

May 1842. Bro. Cooper moderator. Read and received the letter to the Union meeting to convene at Medicinal Springs. Appointed a committee to finish the Meeting House.

July 9, 1842. Bro. Posey informed Church of his intention resigning. The Church heard a request from the Church at Wood's Station for help at their next meeting which was answered and Bretheren Constantine Wood, Jacob Cleckler and John McWilliams were appointed to go and assist in settling the difficulty. Bro. Edwin Dyer chosen for Preacher.

Aug. 1842. Delegates to the Association to be held at Armuchy Church, Floyd Co. Ga. were appointed.

Sept. 1842. Rec. Richard Shipp and Rebecca Shipp by letter from Gum Creek Church, Walton Cty. Ga.

Oct. 1842. Prayer by Bro. Thornton. Rec. Ephriam Liles and Margaret Jenkins.

Oct. 1842, Wed. Received by experience, John Y. Foster, William Burgess, Aaron Camp, Thomas Manning, Joseph R. Shipp, William A. Camp, Isaac Cottrell, Jacob Cottrell, Jane McWilliams, Margaret McWilliams, Quincy Manning, Susan Harrell, and Rebecca Cottrell. Thursday at the water received by experience John B. Suttle, William C. Young, Sarah Camp, and Cirfa, a servant of Wm. Little and received by letter from the Bethel Church, Gwinnett Co.Ga. Hamilton Trammell.
Thursday night received by experience James H. Kilpatrick.
On Friday the meeting broke up.

Nov. 26, 1842. Rec. by experience Wm. R. Shipp, Wm. McWilliams, Henry B. Kite, Jesse T. Smith, Healy G. Fuller, Polly Fuller, Polly Weathers, Eliza Ann Hinton, Mary Ann Foster, Rachel, servant of J. Y. Foster, Dafney, servant, J.B.Suttle, Mariah, Sert., R.Shipp, Hannah, servt. Wm. Little. Appointed a committee to meet similar committees from LaFayette, Summerville, and Grove Level-----.

Dec. 21, 1842. Rec. by experience Jesse Davis and Seaborn A.Hinton.
Dec. 24, 1842. Rec. by letter Benjamin Jenkins from LaFayette Church.

Jan. 21, 1842. Rec. Charles Kindrick by letter from Summerville Church, Chattooga Co. Also Eliza Shipp from Gum Creek, Walton Co.Ga. By experie ce Robert M. Young and Margaret R. Camp and Nancy Keown.
Sunday, Jan. 22, 1842. Received Rebecca Neal, Sarah Jane Neal and John T. Neal by letter from Hiwassee Church, McMinn Co.Tenn. and John Brock by experience.

Feb. 25, 1843. Bro. Whitlow applied for a letter of dismission. Also Bro. Austin and wife letters of dismission. Agreed to propose a communion season correspondence with the LaFayette and Medicinal Spring Churches.

April 1843. Rec. Sally Brock, Polly, a servant of S. Bomar being reported in disorder a committee appointed to see her and report at next meeting. Called for correspondence and received from Medicinal Spring Bro. Thos. Cooper, from Grove Level J. McDonald and ----- Purcell from LaFayette.

May 1843. Rec. Rebecca Keown.

June 1843. No business. July 1843. Rec. by letter Nancy Foster and Margaret Jackson from New Prospect Church, Spartanburg Dist. S.C.

Aug. 1843. Took up the subject of foot washing. Referred next meeting.

Sept. 1843. Rec. Rebecca Willingham.

Oct. 1843. -----whether this Church will in future take up the duty of foot washing which was agreed to.

Nov. 1843. H. Trammel applied for letter of dismission.

Dec. 1843. Bro. Charles Kindrick and Phebe, servant applied for letters of dismission. Granted.

Jan. 1844. Rec. George Gladden and Louisa Nickolls and by letter Mahala Gladden and Peggy a coulored sister belonging to sister Margaret Jackson, the first from Pettits Creek, Cass County, Ga., the other from New Prospect, Spartanburgh, S.C.
Letter of dismission to John Brock and wife.

Apr. 1844. Rec. by letter James Foster, New Prospect Church, Spartanburg, Dist. S.C., Mary Altum from Salem Church, Habersham Co. Ga.

July 1844. Letter of dismission to Rebecca Merritt.

Oct. 1844. Bro. John Holmes moderator--to choose a Preacher. Chose Elder Z. H. Gordon. Church agreed to open her door for new members at school house near Mr. Stansel's.

Nov. 1844. At Cross Road School House received by letter Alfred Hicks and Harriet Hicks from Sharp Mtn., Cherokee Co. Ga.

Dec. 1844. Letters of dismission to Polly Puryear and Tuxon, a coulored Brother belonging to J. Hinton.

Jan. 1845. Letter of dismission to Louisa Nickolls.

Feb. 1845. Rec. Artemus Shattuck and ordained minister by letter from Carrollton Church, Carroll Co. Miss.. Letters of dismission to Richard Shipp, Rebecca Shipp, Joseph R. Shipp, Eliza Shipp, Jesse F. Smith, Haby G. Fuller, Polly Fuller, James Foster, and Jesse Davis.

March 1845. A report being in circulation that Wm. R. Shipp and Jesse T. Smith had been in some difficulty Bretheren E. Liles and Bro. Jinkins were appointed to inquire into the matter. It being stated that Sister Rebecca Merritt (formerly Willingham) had left this Church and been rebaptised into another----- Letter of dismission granted D.--Amos and wife. Rec. Alsey Young. Her letter from Greens Creek Church, Rutherford Co., N.C.

April 1845. The following members were arraigned for communing with Pedobaptist- Jas. R. Kilpatrick, Rebecca Neal, Susan M.E. Harrel and Margaret Camp. The Church agreed to bear with them this time.

May 1845. Church called on Elders E. Dyer, Wm. Catlett and G. W. Selvidge to assist our ministers Z.H. Gordon and Artemus Shattock in the work.

July 1845. Rec. Alvan Shattuck.

Aug. 1845. Granted letters of dismission to Sister Jerusha Griffin and Benjn. Jinkins and wife. Appointed the deacons of this Church a committee to take a deed from S. Bomar for the land whereon the meeting house stands. Received Sister Wim---Caroline Beal by letter from West Union Church, Chattooga Co. Ga.

Sept. 1845. Granted letter of dismission to Robert M. Young.

Nov. 1845. Rec. Caldonia Camp. Granted letters of dismission to Sister Patsey Austin and her daughter Elisabeth Little.

Jan. 1846. Rec. Hugh McClure and Margaret McClure by letter from Enon Church, Campbell Co.Ga. Letters of dismission to Sisters Susan M.E.Conley and Margaret R. Conley after which Bro. Gordon resigned the Pastoral care of the Church.

April 1846. Rec. by letter from First Creek, Anderson Dist. S.C. Benjn. F. Hunt, from Pleasant Grove, Chattooga Co.Ga. William C. Millican and from Armuchee Church, Floyd Co.Ga. Cyrene Millican.

June 1846. Rec. Selete Lawrence and by letter Tuxton a coulored Brother belonging to Jas. Lawrence.

July 1846. Agreed to refer the matter of a new association to the Union meeting to held at Spring Place.

Aug. 1846. Received a request from Dogwood Valley Church for help and appointed J. Shirley, J. McWilliams and J. B. Suttle.

Sept. 1846. Received a verbal petition from a portion of the Mount Carmel Church for help to assist in settling a matter of difficulty. Rec. William Little and by restoration James R. Kirkpatrick.
Rec. Julia Liles.

Nov. 1846. Unanimously chose Bro. A. Shattuck Preacher for next year.

Feb. 1846. Rec. by letter Janus Blackwood from Greens Creek Church, Rutherford Co. N.C. for himself and wife.

Sept. 1847. Rec. Benjamin Holland by letter from Macedonia Church, Walker Co. Ga.

Oct. 1847. Rec. Ensley Cottrall and Sarah Altum

Nov. 1847. Chose Artemus Shattuck as Pastor for as long as circumstances justify it.

Dec. 1847. Took up subject of Bro. John Martin, a member of Macedonia Church who advanced unscriptural doctrine at this church on the third Sabbath.

March 1848. Rec. John H. Chapman and wife Lucy by letters from New Prospect Church, S.C. Rec. by letter Sister Margaret Copeland and granted letter of dismission to Sarah Altum.

April 1848. Rec. by letter James A. Keeling, Elisabeth Ann Keeling and Martha Jane Keeling.

May 1848. Rec. Alexander Copeland and Penelope Copeland by letter as members with us. The committee from both Churches investigating the difficulty ----find Bro. William Burgess guilty of making false statements about a horseswap made between Bretheren Hinton and Burgess by saying it was made after dark. Signed Amos Griffin.
Rec. by letter from Waterville Church Wm. Kelling and his wife Jane Kelling.

July 1848. Rec. James Young and Matilda McWilliams, both having letters, Josiah Robbins, George Marion McWilliams, Charles Cope-land, Eliza McWilliams, Isabel Robbins and Dick, a servant of J.B. Suttle. Rec. Jane Blackwood and Terry, a servant of C. Wood, William Robbins, John Liles, Francis M. Young, David Owens, and Sam, a servant of Thos. Manning. Rec. Jason Robbins, Jason Van-landingham, Huldah Copeland and Sarah Camp.

Aug. 1848. Rec. Susan Johnson and Elisabeth B. Wood. Bro. Isaac Cottrell having left us and joined the Methodist Church-----.
Letters of dismission to David A----s and Winney Caroline Beall.

Sept. 1848. Rec. Elisabeth Lawrence, Winney Lawrence, Clarissa Lawrence and Elisabeth Henderson. Rec. Anderson Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Leak Johnson and Bob, a servant of Wm. McWilliams, also Sister Sarah Altum returned.

Nov. 1848. Chose Bro. Hillman Williams as our Pastor for next year.

Jan. 1849. Rec. Bro. Uel M. Mathews, a licensed Preacher, and his wife Martha E. Mathews by letter from Mittstown Church, Oglethorpe Co. Ga.

Mar. 1849. Rec. Benjamin F. Davis by letter from Macedonia Church.

Apr. 1849. Granted letters of dismission to Bro. Charles Copeland and wife Huldah and Bro. H. B. Kite.

May 1849. Rec. Sister Susanah P. White by letter from Macedonia Church, Walker Co.

Aug. 1849. Rec. Harriet Liles, John D. Altum, W. N. Cleckler, Henry R. Cottrell, Jacob Ezel, Jesse Keeling, Mary Francis Cleckler, Livanian E. Cleckler, James Gribsby, Polly Cottrell, Eliza A. Cleckler, Wellborn Milican, Harriet Foster, Martha Milican, Eleanor Capman, and Frances Milican by letter and Wm. Burgess by restoration. Rec. Becky, a servant of Cap. S. Fariss, George D. Kite, Nancy Ann Blackwood and Malinda Blackwood. Chose Bro. Jacob Tate for balance of year as Pastor.

Sept. 1849. Rec. Sarah Gibson, James Little, Dawson Vanlandingham, Elisabeth Burgess, Ann Wood, Martha Foster, Lodushy Sartain, Mary Grigsby, Edward B. Wood and Gabriel Stephens.

Nov. 1849. Voted to continue Bro. Jacob Tate as our Pastor for next year. Granted letters of dismission to Uel M. Mathews and wife Martha E. and Gabriel Stephens.