

**MINUTES**

Of The

**TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**

Of The

**BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

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**SALEM CHURCH, SCREVEN, GA.**

**October 19, 20 and 21, 1917**



## MINUTES.

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The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. J. Bazemore, College Park, Ga., after which the business session was called to order by Elder T. E. Sikes, pastor of Salem church. Letters from the churches were called for and read.

Reading Committee—S. C. Davis, J. T. McArthur and C. A. Warnock.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters, none received.

Appointed committees as follows: (a) On Preaching—J. I. Durrence, J. C. Branch, D. Davis, J. B. Yeomans and Elder S. C. Davis. (b) On Finance—J. J. Kennedy, W. J. Rountree and Harley Daniels. (c) On General Meetings—R. T. Deal, Elders B. F. Woodcock and Jesse Johnston.

The preaching committee report services as follows:

Friday p. m.—Brother C. A. Warnock and Elder D. R. McElveen. Saturday a. m.—Elders W. M. Blackwell and M. F. Stubbs. Saturday p. m.—Elders J. T. McArthur and S. A. Culpepper. Sunday a. m.—Elders Avant and J. J. Kirkland. Sunday p. m.—Elder J. E. Spillers and Aaron Parish. Adjourned to Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

### SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. J. Kirkland. Called the roll.

The committee to arrange General Meetings report meeting at Lake Chapel in March; Beard's Creek in June and Loves Chapel in September, each to embrace Friday, Saturday and Fifth Sunday in their respective months.

The Finance Committee report for minutes \$18.50; for ministers \$93.00.

The next Association was appointed to be held with Sunlight Church, Cobbtown, Ga., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the Third Sunday in October, 1918.

Agreed to have 500 copies of this minute printed for distribution among the churches.

Adjourned.

T. E. SIKES, Moderator.

L. A. NICHOLS, Clerk.

## MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

Elder Bazil Jones,..... Manassas, Ga.  
Elder Silas Thornton ..... Screven, Ga.  
Elder S. C. Davis ..... Screven, Ga.  
Elder W. B. Screws ..... Savannah, Ga.  
Elder R. H. Kennedy ..... Collins, Ga.  
Elder Jesse Johnston ..... Glennville, Ga.  
Elder B. F. Woodcock ..... Jessup, Ga.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
  2. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.
  3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.
  4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect and final preservation of the Saints.
  5. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.
  6. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the Saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only fit subjects of these ordinances, and that the only true mode of Baptism is immersion.
  7. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of a Presbytery.
  8. We believe in a final Judgment, in the future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.
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Whereas, the assemblage of delegates met at Bay Branch church, Tattnall County, Georgia, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in November, 1896, from the several churches, viz., Cedar Creek, Sunlight, Anderson, Bay Branch, Love's Church, Beard's Creek, Bethel and Cornith, having then and there agreed to be one body, called the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association.

1. This Association will meet annually to worship and praise God.
2. This Association will be composed of messengers from their churches whose names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. This Association shall have power to make its rules to govern itself in session. But none of its rules shall be binding on the churches for they are free and of right ought to be.

4. The pastor and clerk of the church with which any session of the Association may be held, shall be the moderator and clerk of that session, the clerk to keep a record of each minute.

5. This Association shall call for, and admit into its body any church that is orderly and orthodox; also if any church wishes to withdraw from this body she may do so at her discretion.

6. It shall be the duty of this Association to appoint a committee to arrange preaching.

7. It shall be the duty of this Association to appoint a committee to arrange General Meetings.

8. It shall be the duty of this Association to appoint a committee on finance.

9. If any church deems it fit and proper not to represent with us in our Association, such action does not impair our fellowship with the members of such church; and while that for the sake of scriptural truth, gospel peace, order and freedom we hereby discontinue all formal correspondence with our sister Associations, we take pleasure in declaring our warmest Christian love for all our brethren everywhere, and we do most affectionately invite them to make loving and personal visits to us—not only at our Association—but also to our churches individually, feeling that we will give them a cordial welcome.

#### CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	CLERKS P. O
Bay Branch .....	R. H. Kennedy..	J. U. Daniel ....	Hagan, Ga. ....
Beulah .....	Jesse Johnston ..	Pearl Cason ....	Donald, Ga. ..
Beard's Creek ...	M. F. Stubbs ...	J. H. Stubbs ....	Glennville, Ga.
Cedar Creek ....	W. B. Screws ..	J. J. Kennedy ..	Collins, Ga. ....
Claxton .....	W. B. Screws ..	M. J. Stubbs ....	Claxton, Ga.
Cobb's Creek ..	W. B. Screws ..	T. C. Jewell ....	Lyons, Ga. ....
Jessup .....	Jesse Johnston ..	J. C. Branch ....	Jessup, Ga.....
Love's Chapel ..	W. B. Screws ..	W. W. Waters..	Mendez, Ga. ..
Lake Chapel ....	Jesse Johnston ..	D. C. Deal .....	Patterson, Ga.
Rome .....	Jesse Johnston ..	J. N. Scott .....	Collins, Ga. ....
Salem .....	T. E. Sikes .....	L. A. Nichols....	Screven, Ga. ..
Sunlight .....	Wm. H. Crouse .	W. H. Cowart ..	Cobbtown, Ga.
Primitive Grove .	D. R. McElveen.	G. W. Lively ....	Cobbtown, Ga..

## STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Con.	Excluded	Dis. by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	For Minutes	For Ministers	Time of Meeting
Cedar Creek. ....	R. D. Collins, J. J. Kennedy .....	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	71	\$2.00	\$10.00	1st
Salem .....	J. B. Youmans, S. C. Davis .....	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	66	2.00	10.00	1st
Bay Branch .....	H. H. Daniel, J. O. Durrence ....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	38	1.25	8.00	4th
Lake Chapel .....	R. T. Deal, Howell Wasdin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	1.00	10.00	
Beard's Creek .....	Jesse Johnston, J. J. Kicklighter..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	1.75	10.00	1st
Sunlight .....	W. G. Rountree, D. Davis .....	4	3	1	...	...	...	1	41	1.50	10.00	4th
Cobb's Creek .....	T. C. Jewell, T. B. Denmark ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	2.00	5.00	*
Claxton .....	John Rogers, J. S. Daniel .....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	1.25	5.00	4th
Jesup .....	B. F. Woodcock, J. C. Branch .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	18	1.00	5.00	3rd
Rome ....	Eddie Grier, W. S. Mosley .....	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	17	1.25	5.00	2nd
Love's Chapel .....	W. C. Kicklighter, C. H. Banks ..	5	2	...	...	1	...	1	110	2.50	10.00	2nd
Primitive Grove .....	W. B. Byrd, Paul Edenfield ....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	1.00	5.00	*
Beulah .....	Not Represented .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

\* Cobb's Creek, Thursday and Friday before 4th Sunday. \* Primitive Grove, Not Stated.



