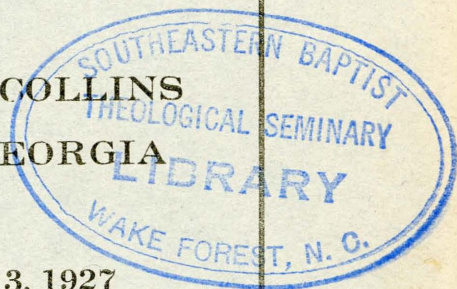
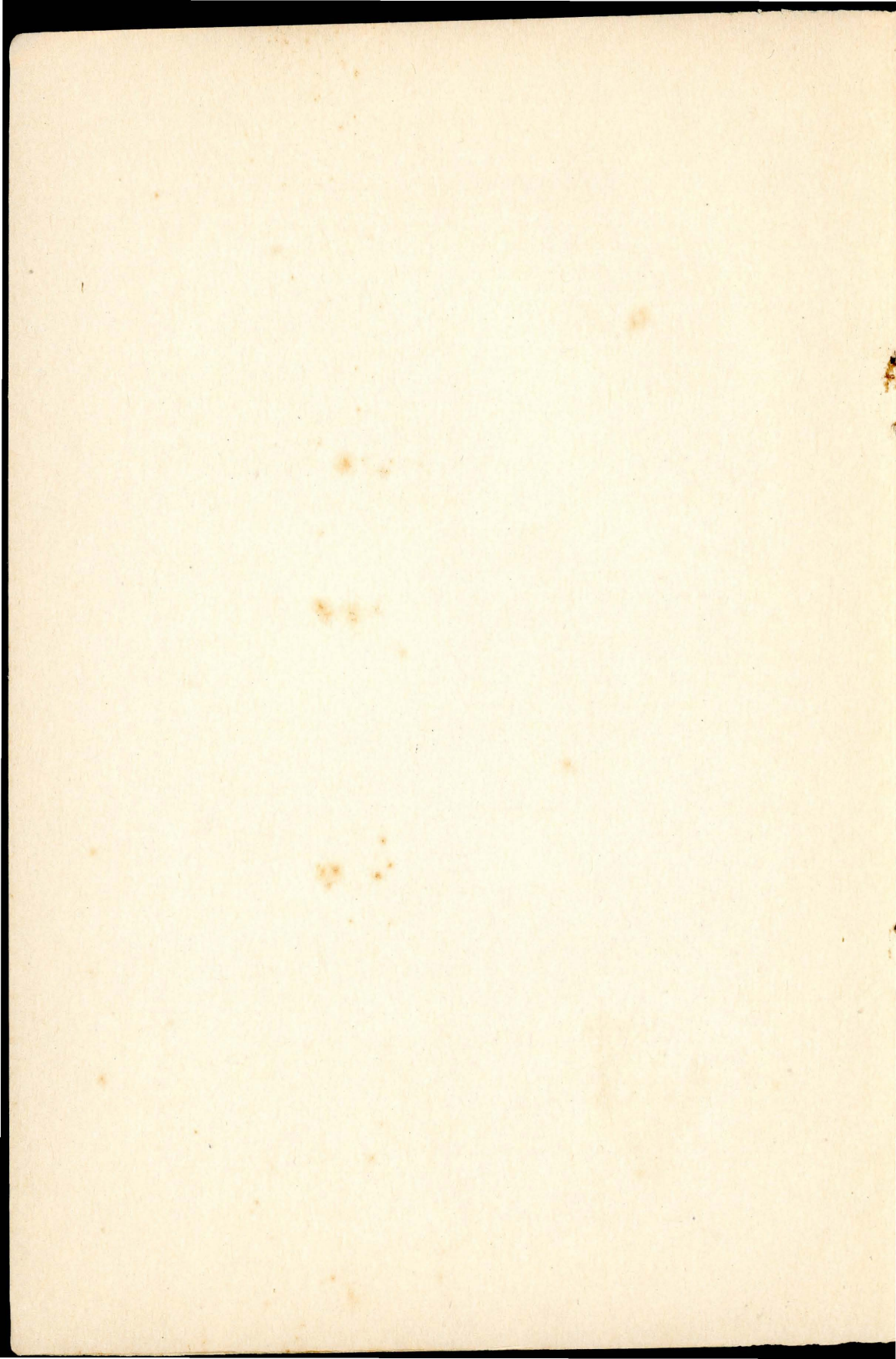


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TUESDAY

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. V. Simms.
2. The Association was called to order by Elder Jesse Johnston, pastor of Rome Church, Elder W. B. Screws acting as Clerk.
3. Invited visitors to seats.
4. Called for and read letters from the various churches of the Association.
5. Lester C. Kicklighter, Glennville, Ga., was elected Clerk.
6. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.
7. Appointed Committees as follows: (a) on preaching, R. H. Kennedy, J. N. Scott, S. C. Davis, John Branch, H. H. Avant; (b) on general meetings, S. T. Nicholls, J. C. Dasher, J. T. Holland; (c) on finance, L. H. Kennedy, W. R. Lewis, L. E. Yeomans.
8. Called for report of Preaching Committee. (See report under "Order of Preaching.")
9. Adjourned till Wednesday morning 10:00 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY

10. Met Wednesday morning. Prayer by Elder W. F. Mimms.
11. Called the roll.
12. Called for the report of the General Meetings Committee. (See report under "General Meetings.")
13. Called for the report of the Finance Committee. (See report under "Finances.")
14. Agreed to have five hundred minutes printed.
15. Agreed to hold next session at Sunlight Church in Cobbtown, Ga., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the Second Sunday in October, 1928.
16. Read and adopted the minutes, and adjourned.

The visitors present adopted a resolution of thanks to the church and community for all kindness shown during the session.

Elder Jesse Johnston, Moderator.

Lester C. Kicklighter, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

TUESDAY: Morning, A. V. Simms; Afternoon, R. H. Barwick and C. A. Warnock.

WEDNESDAY: Morning, R. H. Jennings and A. R. Crumpton; Afternoon, J. E. Spillers and J. L. Hayes; Evening, J. T. McArthur.

THURSDAY: Morning, W. H. Crouse and J. M. Thomas; Afternoon, J. W. Hendricks.

FINANCES

For Minutes	\$ 23.50
For Ministers, sent by churches	142.00
For Ministers, by public collection	47.64
Total	\$213.14

GENERAL MEETINGS

Salem Church, Friday, Saturday and Fifth Sunday in October, 1927.
 Lake Chapel Church, Friday, Saturday and Fifth Sunday in January, 1928.
 Beards Creek Church, Friday, Saturday and Fifth Sunday in April, 1928.
 Rome Church, Friday, Saturday and Fifth Sunday in July, 1928.

VISITING MINISTERS AT THIS SESSION

R. H. Barwick, Cordele, Ga.	W. F. Mimms, Cordele, Ga.
A. R. Crumpton, Woodland, Ga.	C. E. Sanders, Collins, Ga.
W. H. Crouse, Statesboro, Ga.	T. E. Sikes, Vidalia, Ga.
J. L. Hayes, Mansfield, Ga.	A. V. Simms, Wade, Ga.
J. W. Hendricks, Savannah, Ga.	J. E. Spillers, Macon, Ga.
Jesse Johnston, Statesboro, Ga.	J. M. Thomas, Jennings, Fla.
R. H. Jennings, Dawson, Ga.	C. A. Warnock, Register, Ga.
J. T. McArthur, Cordele, Ga.	W. E. Chilton, Nashville, Tenn.
	(Licentiate)

HOME MINISTERS

S. C. Davis, Screven, Ga.	W. B. Screws, Glennville, Ga.
R. H. Kennedy, Collins, Ga.	G. D. Todd, Glennville, Ga.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Beards Creek	G. D. Todd	L. H. Kicklighter	Glennville, Ga.
Bay Branch	G. D. Todd	J. U. Daniel	Hagan, Ga.
Cedar Creek	W. F. Mimms	J. J. Kennedy	Collins, Ga.
Claxton	J. W. Crane	E. M. Beasley	Claxton, Ga.
Hazlehurst	A. V. Simms	Mrs. A. H. Mobley	Lumber City, Ga.
Love Chapel	W. B. Screws	W. W. Waters	Mendes, Ga.
Lake Chapel	S. C. Davis	Garland F. Deal	Patterson, Ga.
Primitive Grove	C. E. Sanders	G. W. Lively	Cobbtown, Ga.
Rome	Jesse Johnston	J. N. Scott	Collins, Ga.
Salem	S. C. Davis	L. A. Nicholls	Jesup, Ga.
Sunlight		W. H. Cowart	Cobbtown, Ga.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the 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 Scriptures 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 saints' 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 the right to the administration of the ordinances of baptism and the Lords' Supper, but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

8. We believe in a final judgment, in a future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

CONSTITUTION

An assemblage of delegates met at Bay Branch church, Tattnall county, Georgia, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November 1895, from the several churches, viz: Cedar Creek, Sunlight, Anderson's, Bay Branch, Love Chapel, Beards Creek, Bethel and Corinth, and then and there agreed to be one body, called the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association.

1. This Association shall meet annually to worship and praise God.

2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from their churches, whose names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. This Association will make its own rules to govern itself while 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 of the church with which any session may be held shall be moderator of that session, and the messengers present shall, after the letters from the churches are read and the messengers' names minuted, elect a clerk for a term of one year, his term of office to expire when the church letters are read at the next session, and the messengers' names minuted. The clerk shall be eligible for re-election. He must be a member of one of the churches of the body, but need not be a messenger to the association. He shall keep a record of each minute, and have charge of having them printed.

5. This Association will call for and admit into its body and church that is orderly and orthodox; also if any church wishes to withdraw from her 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. This Association shall appoint a committee to arrange general meetings.

8. This Association shall 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 for sake of spiritual truth, gospel peace, order and freedom we hereby discontinue formal correspondence with 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Messengers	Baptized.	Received by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Dismissed by Letter	Present Membership	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministers	Sunday of Meeting
Beards Creek	G. D. Todd, Lester C. Kicklighter	1		1	1		96	2.50	15.00	1
Bay Branch	John Rogers, L. H. Kennedy		1		1		37	1.25	10.00	4
Cedar Creek	Morgan Powell, J. T. Holland	4		2			75	2.00	10.00	1
Claxton	W. T. Kicklighter, W. R. Lewis	1		2			85	2.00	15.00	2
Hazlehurst	E. E. Highsmith, Ralph Gaskins	1		1		3	19	1.00	9.00	1
Love Chapel	R. L. Banks, John Branch	2		1	1		134	5.00	25.00	2
Lake Chapel	C. C. Deal, Mrs. C. C. Deal					2	21	.75	8.00	4
Primitive Grove	L. E. Yeomans, R. H. Rogers			1			50	2.00	10.00	4
Rome	J. N. Scott, R. H. Kennedy						31	2.00	8.00	2
Salem	S. C. Davis, S. T. Nicholls	2			1		83	3.00	22.00	2
Sunlight	H. H. Avant, W. A. Brinson				2		43	2.00	10.00	4

