

MINUTES

Of The

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

BETHEL ASSOCIATION

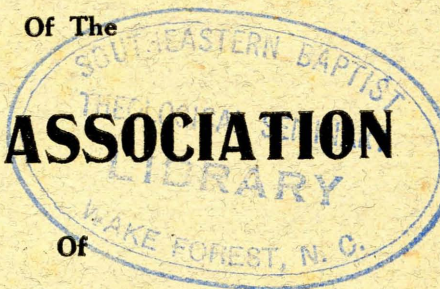
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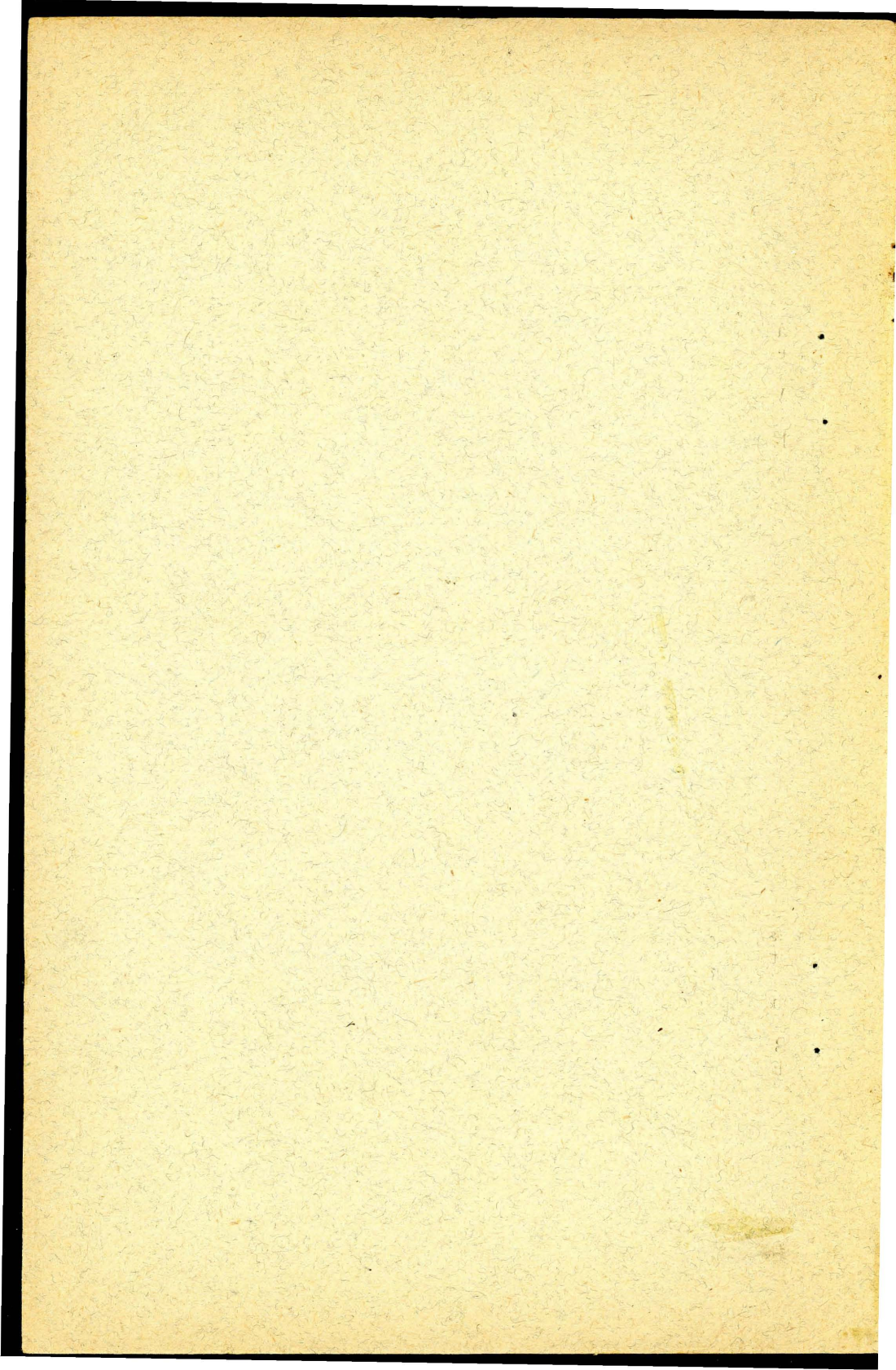
Primitive Baptists

Held With

LAKE CHAPEL CHURCH
APPLING COUNTY, GA.

October 12, 13, 14, 1920.





MINUTES

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. T. McArthur, of Cordele, Ga., from Matt. 16-18.

After the introductory sermon was preached, the Association was called to order, and elected Eld. S. C. Davis, Moderator, and J. Troy Lynn, Clerk.

The church letters were called for and read by Elds. W. B. Screws, T. E. Sikes and Bro. L. A. Nichols.

Invited brethren to seats with us. Called for petitionary letters; none received.

Appointed committees as follows:

On preaching—C. C. Deal, Howell Wasden, O. R. Patterson, J. T. Kicklighter, A. R. Kicklighter.

On finance—M. L. Powell, H. J. Banks, J. W. Cribbs.

On general meeting—M. O. McLendon, G. D. Todd, W. H. Cowart.

Report of the preaching committee for Tuesday afternoon, Eld. R. H. Kennedy, followed by Eld. D. R. McElveen.

Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Called roll.

The committee on preaching reported as follows: Wednesday morning, Elds. T. E. Sikes and Aaron Parrish; Wednesday afternoon, Elds. G. D. Todd and Jesse Johnston; Thursday morning, Elds. R. H. Barwick and W. A. Lamb. Thursday afternoon, Elds. W. B. Scews and W. L. Simmons.

The committee to arrange general meetings report a meeting at Claxton in January; Beards Creek in May; Cedar Creek in July; each to embrace Friday, Saturday and 5th Sunday of their respective months.

The committee on finance report for minutes, \$25.25; for ministers \$134.00.

The next Association was appointed to be held with Bay Branch church, near Bellville, Ga., Tattnall county, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 11, 12, 13, 1921.

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

Adjourned.

S. C. DAVIS, Moderator.

J. TROY LYNN, Clerk.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

Elder W. B. Screws, Graymont, Ga.
Elder Jesse Johnston, Stillmore, Ga.
Elder R. H. Kennedy, Collins, Ga.
Elder G. D. Todd, Glennville, Ga.
Elder S. C. Davis, Screven, Ga.
Elder Bazil Jones, Manassas, Ga.
Elder Silas Thornton, Screven, 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 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 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, Gorgia, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in November, 1896, from the several churches, Viz: Cedar Creek, Sunlight, Anderson, Bay Branch, Love's Church, Beards Creek, Bethel and Corinth, 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 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, 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 cordial welcome.

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CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES
Bay Branch.....	J. F. Hartley..	J. N. Daniel, Hagan, Ga.....
Beards Creek.....	W. B. Screws..	L. H. Kicklighter, Glennville, Ga.....
Cedar Creek.....	T. E. Sikes....	J. J. Kennedy, Collins, Ga.....
Claxton.....	J. F. Hartley..	R. J. Kennedy, Claxton, Ga.....
Lake Chapel.....	S. C. Davis....	J. Troy Lynn, Patterson, Ga....
Love's Chapel.....	W. B. Screws..	Wm. W. Waters, Mendes, Ga..
Primitive Grove...	Jesse Johnston.	G. W. Lively, Cobbtown, Ga....
Rome.....	T. E. Sikes....	J. N. Scott, Collins, Ga.....
Salem.....	S. C. Davis....	L. A. Nichols, Jesup, Ga.....
Sunlight.....	Jesse Johnston.	W. H. Cowart, Cobbtown, Ga....

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Membership	For Minutes	For Ministers	Sunday Meetings
Bay Branch.....	J. H. Rogers, J. W. Cribbs.....	1	...	...	6	...	...	44	3.00	12.00	4
Beards Creek.....	J. T. Kicklighter, G. D. Todd.....	1	1	4	...	...	1	60	2.75	15.00	1
Cedar Creek.....	M. O. McLendon, M. L. Powell...	1	...	1	...	...	...	73	2.00	10.00	1
Claxton.....	O. R. Patterson, John Rogers.....	7	2	1	3	...	1	58	2.00	10.00	2
Lake Chapel.....	C. C. Deal, Howell Wasdin.....	1	...	...	...	...	2	17	2.00	10.00	3
Love's Chapel....	H. J. Banks, M. A. Knight.....	4	...	...	...	...	1	127	5.00	20.00	2
Primitive Grove..	Jesse Johnston.....	9	...	...	1	...	...	41	1.00	5.00	1
Rome.....	R. H. Kennedy, J. N. Scott.....	...	2	...	...	...	...	23	3.00	15.00	2
Salem.....	C. A. Kicklighter, L. A. Nichols....	4	...	...	...	...	...	77	3.00	22.00	1
Sunlight.....	W. G. Rountree, W. H. Cowart....	1	1	...	...	1	3	45	1.50	15.00	4

