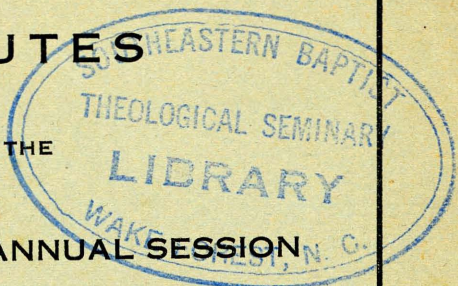


MINUTES  
OF THE  
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION



OF THE  
BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION

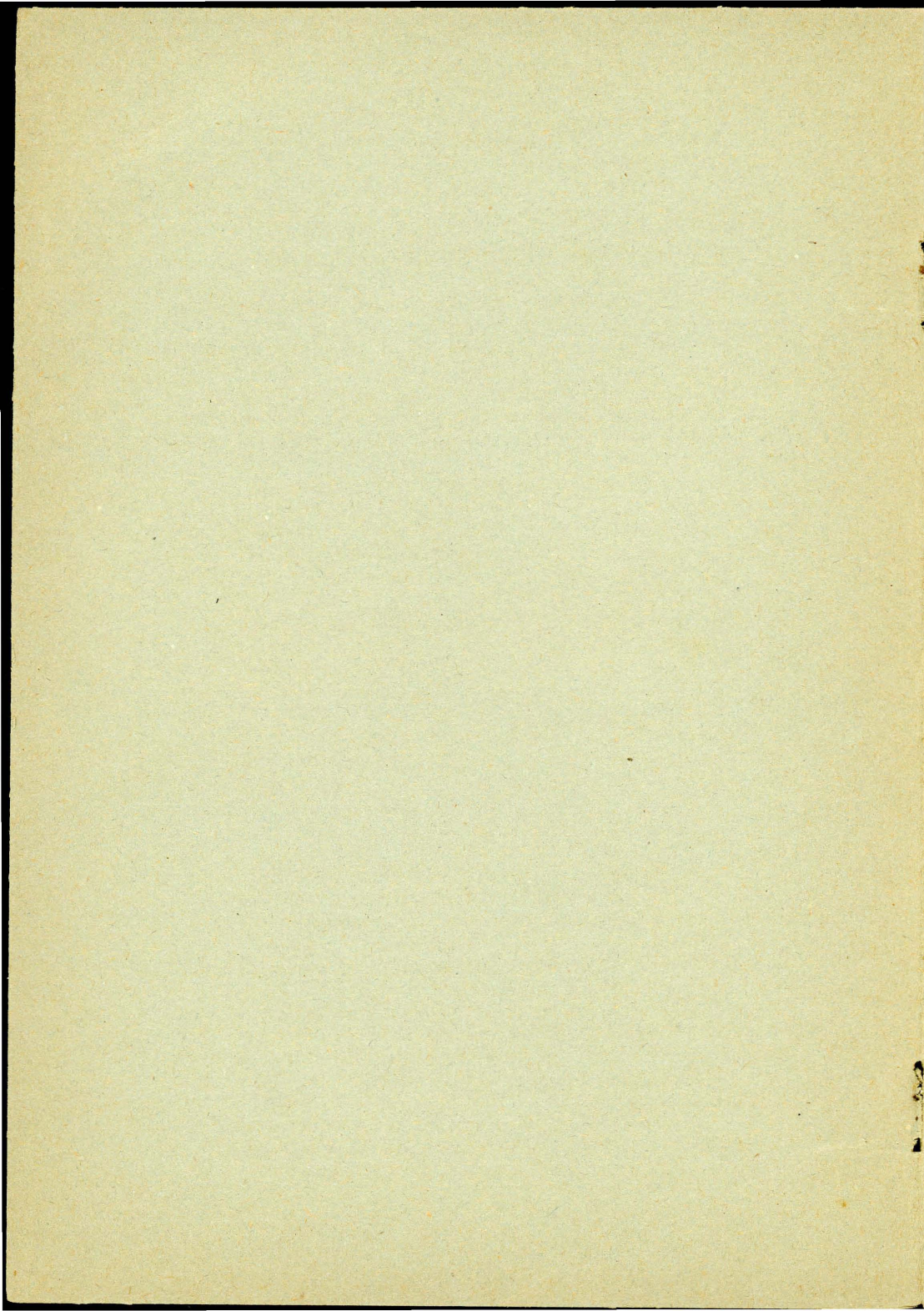
HELD WITH THE  
CHURCH AT LOVE'S CHAPEL  
TATTNALL COUNTY, GA.

OCTOBER 13TH, 14TH AND 15TH, 1916

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(This session was appointed to be held with Cobb's Creek Church, Toombs County, but later the arrangements were changed as above.)







## MINUTES.

### FRIDAY.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. E. Sikes.
2. The Association was called to order by the pastor of Love's Chapel, Elder W. B. Screws.
3. Called for the church letters, which were handed in and read.
4. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. ....
5. Called for petitionary letters. Received one from Primitive Grove church. The church was received into the Association.
6. The moderator appointed committees as follows:  
(a)—On preaching, J. J. Kennedy, J. U. Daniel, R. T. Deal, W. A. Durrence, and C. L. Purvis. (b)—On general meetings, W. H. Cowart, S. T. Nichols, and D. Davis. (c)—On finance, Joseph Rogers, J. J. Kennedy, and Elder R. H. Kennedy.
7. The committee on preaching made the following report: Friday p. m., Elder Jordan Cribbs; Saturday a. m. Elder M. F. Stubbs and A. W. Patterson; Saturday p. m. Elder D. R. McElvin; Sunday a. m., Elders J. E. Spillers and R. H. Jennings.
8. Adjourned until Saturday, 9:30 a. m.

### SATURDAY.

9. The Association was called to order by the moderator Prayer by Elder R. H. Jennings.
10. Called the roll.
11. The Committee on general meetings made the following report: Beard's Creek, April 1917; Cedar Creek, July 1917. Each to begin on Friday before the 5th Sunday in their respective months.
12. The committee on finance made the following report: For minutes \$14.75; for ministers \$128.10.
13. Agreed to hold the next session with Salem church, Screven, Ga., Friday, Saturday and 3rd Sunday in October, 1917.
14. Agreed to have five hundred copies of minutes printed.
15. Prayer by Elder R. H. Kennedy. The Association Adjourned.

ELDER W. B. SCREWS, Moderator.  
W. W. WATERS, Clerk.



## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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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 election, 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 Saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only fit subjects of these ordinances, and believe that the only true mode of Baptism is immersion.
  7. We believe that no minister has a right to administration of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition 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 ..	M. O. McLendon	T. C. Jewell...	Lyons, Ga. ..
Jessup .... .	Jesse Johnson	I. C. Branch .	Jesup, Ga. ...
Love's Chapel .	W. B. Screws	W. W. Waters	Mejdez, Ga. .
Lake Chapel ..	Jesse Johnston	D. C. Deal ...	Patterson, Ga.
Rome .....	R. H. Kennedy	J. N. Scott ...	Collins, Ga. .
Salem .... .	T. E. Sikes ..	L. A. Nichols	Screven, Ga. .
Sunlight .....	W. J. Brown .	W. H. Cowart	Cobbtown, Ga
Primitive Grove	Jordan Cribbs .	G. W. Lively .	Cobbtown, Ga.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by				Rem'd by			TOTAL	For Minutes	For Ministers	Meeting Sundays.
		Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Confession	Letter	Exclusion	Death				
Bay Branch .....	J. U. Daniel, J. W. Cribbs .....	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	38	\$1.25	\$ 8.00	4
Beulah .....	Not Represented .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beard's Creek .....	L. H. Kicklighter, L. Kicklighter. ....	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cedar Creek .....	J. J. Kennedy, L. Powell.....	5	...	1	...	3	...	1	62	1.75	10.00	1
Claxton ....	T. J. Hodges, Joe Rogers .....	5	1	2	...	...	...	1	77	2.00	10.00	1
Cobb's Creek .....	Not Represented .....	11	1	2	...	...	...	...	52	1.25	5.00	4
Jessup .....	E. Branan, H. Branan .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Love's Chapel .....	C. L. Purvis, W. A. Durrence....	15	...	...	...	...	...	1	18	1.00	3.00	4
Lake Chapel .....	R. T. Deal, D. C. Deal .....	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	104	1.50	10.00	2
Rome .....	Eld. R. H. Kennedy, W. S. Mosely. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	.50	6.00	2
Salem .....	J. B. Yeomans, S. T. Nichois..	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	19	1.00	5.00	2
Sunlight .....	J. B. Yeomans, S. T. Nichois..	4	...	1	1	...	...	1	65	2.00	8.00	1
Primitve Grove ....	W. H. Cowart, D. Davis .....	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	34	1.50	5.00	4
Primitve Grove ....	W. B. Byrd, Paul Edenfield .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	1.00	2.00	1



