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OF THE

Eighteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Bethel Association

OF

Primitive Baptists

HELD WITH

Cedar Creek Church

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FRIDAY

1. Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. H. Crouse of Graymont, Ga., Text, Romans 8:24

2. The messengers from the different churches met in the house and were called to order by the moderator, Eld. W. B. Screws.

3. Called for the church letters which were handed in and read by Elders S. H. Whatley, T. E. Sikes and R. H. Kennedy.

4. Invited brethren of our faith and order to seats with us and the following were received: Elders S. H. Whatley of Pavo, Ga.; M. F. Stubbs of Statesboro, Ga.; J. E. Spillers of Sycamore, Ga.; S. C. Davis of Screven, Ga.; W. H. Crouse of Graymont, Ga.; W. A. Lamb of Swainsboro, Ga.; T. E. Sikes of Vidalia, Ga.; and J. S. Howerton of Baldwin, Miss.

5. On motion agreed to take the same order of business as heretofore.

6. Called for petitionary letters. One was received from the church at Claxton, Ga., and she was gladly received as a member of our body.

7. The moderator appointed the following committees: On preaching: J. H. Stubbs, H. B. Scott, B. E. Greer, Lewis Powell and J. J. Kennedy. On general meetings; J. T. Kicklighter, J. K. Durrence and W. A. Brinson. On finance, T. B. Denmark, J. T. Lynn and Eld. R. H. Kennedy.

8. Called for and received the following report from the committee on preaching: Friday p. m., Eld. S. C. Davis; Saturday a. m., Elders J. S. Howerton and J. E. Spillers; Saturday p. m., Elders M. F. Stubbs and S. H. Whatley; Sunday a. m., Elders W. A. Lamb and T. E. Sikes.

9. On motion adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY

10. Association was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the moderator. After prayer by Eld. S. H. Whatley the roll was called and business resumed.

11. Called for report of committee on general meetings which was as follows: Cobbs Creek in Nov., 1913; Sunlight in March, 1914. Beards Creek in May, and at Bay Branch in August, all to begin on Friday before the fifth Sunday in their respective months.

12. Called for report of finance committee which showed \$11.25 for minutes, and \$54.00 for visiting ministers.

13. Appointed the next association to convene with the Claxton church about 50 miles west of Savannah on the Seaboard Air Line Ry. on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1914.

14. On motion agreed to leave the number of minutes to be printed to the discretion of clerk.

15. On motion this minute was read and approved and the association adjourned for preaching.

W. B. SCREWS, Moderator

J. J. KENNEDY, Clerk

MINUTES

Minutes of the conference held at Love's Chapel on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in August, 1913.

Whereas, at the last session of the Bethel Association held with Beard's Creek Church embracing the 3rd Sunday in October, 1912, no church called for the next session of the Association (some of the churches failing to send any messengers) it was agreed by those which did represent that they would insert in the minutes of the Association a request that each church belonging to said Association would send messengers to the general meeting then appointed to be held at Love's Chapel embracing the 5th Sunday in August, 1913.

In pursuance of this request every church belonging to said Association was represented by messengers at the said general meeting, and on Saturday the messengers assembled in conference and chose Eld. W. B. Screws as moderator and J. J. Kennedy as clerk.

The moderator then called for an expression from the messengers of each church upon the question of continuing or discontinuing our usual annual associational meetings.

After hearing from each church it was unanimously agreed that the Association should be continued, but we recommed that article four of the constitution of the same be changed to read as follows: 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.

Then appointed the next Association to be held at Cedar Creek Church to begin on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1913.

Then the conference adjourned in order.

W. B. SCREWS, Moderator

J. J. KENNEDY, Clerk

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 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 Lords 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.

Constitution

Whereas, The assemblage of delegates met at Bay Branch Church, Tattnall county, Ga., on Saturday before the fourth Sun-

day in November, 1896, from the several Churches, viz: Cedar Creek, Sunlight, Anderson, Bay Branch, Love's Chapel, Beard's 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 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 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 corespondence 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS' NAMES									
	BAPTIZED	RESTORED	CONF. OF FAITH	RECEIVED	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL	FOR MINUTES	FOR MINISTERS	TIME OF MEETINGS
Bay Branch	L. H. Kennedy	J. K. Durrance	8				43	1 25	8 00	1
Beard's Creek	J. T. Kicklighter	J. H. Stubbs	7	1			62	1 75	8 00	3
Cedar Creek	J. J. Kennedy	Lewis Powell	5		3		62	2 00	10 00	1
Claxton	J. C. Dasher	T. J. Hodges		2			39	75	5 00	3
Cobb's Creek	T. B. Denmark	M. M. Brown	3	2	3	1	43	1 00	3 00	4
Love's Chapel	G. Q. Anderson	J. T. Lynn	4				83	2 00	10 00	2
Rome	H. B. Scott	R. H. Kennedy		2		2	15	1 00	5 00	2
Sunlight	W. A. Brinson	W. H. Cowart				1	37	1 50	5 00	4

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Bay Branch	Tattall	Elder W. H. Crouse	J. U. Daniel	Glennville
Beard's Creek	Tattall	" W. B. Serews	J. H. Stubbs	Collins
Cedar Creek	Tattall	" "	J. J. Kennedy	
Claxton	Tattall	Elder M. F. Stubbs	M. J. Stubbs	
Cobb's Creek	Tattall	Elder R. H. Kennedy	B. E. Grier	Ohoopee
Love's Chapel	Tattall	Elder W. B. Serews	M. A. Knight	Glennville
Rome	Tattall	Elder R. H. Kennedy	J. N. Scott	Collins
Sunlight	Tattall	Elder P. H. Byrd	W. H. Cowart	Cobbtown

