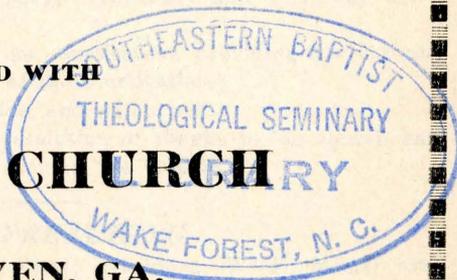


**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**BETHEL ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS**

HELD WITH

**SALEM CHURCH**

**SCREVEN, GA.**



**OCTOBER 12, 13 AND 14, 1926**

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## TUESDAY

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder George D. Godard.
2. The Association was called to order by Elder W. C. Kicklighter, who appointed W. B. Screws, Clerk.
3. Invited visitors to seats.
4. Called for and read the letters from the churches.
5. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.
6. Appointed committees as follows: (a) On preaching, W. G. Rountree, H. H. Daniel, S. T. Nichols, Ben Miller and S. C. Davis. (b) On general meetings, J. J. Kennedy, J. Harley Kicklighter and R. D. Collins. (c) On finance, G. D. Todd, L. E. Yeomans and H. H. Avant.
7. Called for report of preaching committee. (See report elsewhere.)
8. Adjourned till Wednesday morning.

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## WEDNESDAY

9. Met Wednesday morning. Prayer by Elder Aaron Parrish.
  10. Called the roll.
  11. Called for the report of the general meeting committee. (See report elsewhere.)
  12. Called for the report of the finance committee. (See report elsewhere.)
  13. Agreed to have five hundred minutes printed.
  14. Agreed to hold the next session at Rome Church, two miles south of Collins, on the S. A. L. Ry., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1927.
  15. Adopted an amendment to the constitution, providing for the annual election of a clerk. (See item 4 of the constitution.)
  16. Read and adopted the minutes, and adjourned.
- (The visitors present adopted a resolution of thanks to the church and community for all kindnesses shown during the session.)

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## ORDER OF PREACHING

TUESDAY: Morning, G. D. Godard; afternoon, W. F. Mims; evening, J. W. Hendricks.

WEDNESDAY: Morning, T. E. Sikes and L. M. Ball; afternoon, C. A. Warnock and Aaron Parrish; evening, W. W. Riner.

THURSDAY: Morning, Jesse Johnston and J. T. McArthur.

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## FINANCES

For Minutes .....	\$ 22.75
For Ministers, sent by the churches .....	129.00
For Ministers by public collection .....	25.75
Total .....	\$177.50

## GENERAL MEETING

Primitive Grove Church, Friday, Saturday and fifth Sunday in July,  
1927.

### VISITING MINISTERS AT THIS SESSION

L. M. Ball, Ocilla, Ga.	Jesse Johnston, Kite, Ga.
G. D. Godard, Milner, Ga.	Aaron Parris, Boston, Ga.
W. W. Riner, Atlanta, Ga.	T. E. Sikes, Vidalia, Ga.
J. T. McArthur, Cordele, Ga.	W. F. Mims, Cordele, Ga.
C. A. Warnock, Register, Ga.	J. W. Hendricks, Savannah, Ga.
W. C. Kicklighter, Ocilla, Ga.	

### HOME MINISTERS

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

### CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, AND POSTOFFICES

Beards Creek	G. D. Todd	L. H. Kicklighter	Glennville
Bay Branch	R. H. Kennedy	J. U. Daniel	Hagan
Cedar Creek	W. F. Mims	J. J. Kennedy	Collins
Claxton	R. H. Kennedy	E. M. Beasley	Claxton
Hazlehurst	A. V. Simms	Mrs. Anna Mobley	Lumber City
Love Chapel	W. B. Screws	W. W. Waters	Mendes
Lake Chapel	.....	.....	.....
Primitive Grove	C. E. Sanders	C. W. Lively	Cobbtown
Rome	C. E. Sanders	J. N. Scott	Collins
Salem	S. C. Davis	L. A. Nichols	Screven
Sunlight	W. F. Mims	W. H. Cowart	Cobbtown

### 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 Lord's 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's 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 any 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 the sake of spiritual 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.

## 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, H. O. Kicklighter .....	3	3	2	2		96	2.50	15.00	1
Bay Branch .....	H. H. Daniel, M. M. Kennedy .....					1	37	1.25	10.00	4
Cedar Creek .....	J. J. Kennedy, R. D. Collins .....	8		2	2		73	2.00	10.00	1
Claxton .....	H. J. Easterling, E. M. Beasley .....	1	4		1	1	87	2.00	15.00	2
Hazlehurst .....	Mrs. N. Gaskins, Miss A. Hismith .....	2					22	1.00	9.00	1
Love Chapel .....	J. H. Kicklighter, W. B. Screws .....	8		2	2		134	5.00	20.00	2
Lake Chapel .....	Not represented .....									
Primitive Grove .....	L. E. Yeomans, J. N. Lanier .....	3	2	2	1		51	2.00	10.00	4
Rome .....	B. E. Grier, J. N. Scott .....	1					31	2.00	8.00	2
Salem .....	S. T. Nichols, Ben Miller .....	1			1	7	82	3.00	22.00	1
Sunlight .....	H. H. Avant, W. G. Rountree .....	2		2	3	3	46	2.00	10.00	4

