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OF THE

BETHEL
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



WHICH CONVENED WITH

BEARD'S CREEK CHURCH.

Oct. 17, 18, 19, 1902.

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1.—The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. W. Powell, of the Lower Canoochee Association. Subject: Rom. 8th chapter, 31st verse.

2.—After sixty minutes intermission, the delegates from the various churches assembled in the house and the Association was called to order by Elder A. R. Strickland.

3.—Called for the letters from the different churches, which were handed in and read by Elders A. W. Patterson, B. H. Pearson and J. L. Smith.

4.—Organized the Association by electing Elder A. R. Strickland Moderator and W. A. Kennedy Clerk,

5.—Invited brethren and sisters of our faith and order to seats with us to aid us (if need be) in our deliberations.

6.—Received the following visitors by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship: Elders J. L. Smith, A. W. Patterson, E. W. Powell, Remer Dekel, Bro. Mallie Jones and Bro. J. N. Harvey, all of Lower Canoochee Association; Elder B. H. Pearson, of the Upper Canoochee Association, and Elder J. T. Gardner of the Pulaka Association.

7.—Called for petitionary letters. Received one from Little Flock Church.

8.—Appointed the following committees: To Arrange Preaching: Elder B. Jones, Brethren J. R. Calloway, G. T. Knight, D. H. Purcell and F. C. Dyess. To Arrange General Meetings: Brethren J. E. Surrency, B. J. Woodcock and G. Q. Anderson. On Finances: Elder B. Jones, Brethren J. C. Dasher and W. A. Kennedy.

9.—Called for and received the report of the committee to arrange preaching, as follows: Friday p. m., Elder Remer Dekel and Elder A. W. Patterson. Saturday, 10 a. m., Elder J. T. Gardner, followed by Elder J. L. Smith. Saturday p. m., Elder A. W. Patterson and Elder Jordan Cribbs. Sunday 10 a. m., Elder B. H. Pearson, followed by Elder J. T. Gardner.

10.—On motion, adjourned until Saturday, 9 o'clock a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING.

11.—In pursuance of the previous arrangements, the Association met at 9 o'clock a. m. and began the business of the same, after prayer by Elder A. W. Patterson.

12.—Called for the report of the committee to arrange general meetings, which report was as follows: At Little Flock in March, 1903; at Cedar Creek, in May; at Sunlight in August; all to convene on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in their respective months.

13.—Received and adopted the following report from the committee on finances:

Money for Minutes	- - - -	\$12.75
Money for Ministers	- - - -	18.35

14.—By the request of Bethel Church, about 12 miles south of Groveland; about 13 miles south-east of Daisy; and about 6 miles east of Coe, Ga., the next session of this Association will convene with heron the fourth Sunday, Friday and Saturday before in October, 1903.

15.—Agreed to have three hundred copies of this minute printed, the Clerk to attend to the same

16.—On motion read and adopted this minute and adjourned for preaching.

ELD. A. R. STRICKLAND, Moderator.
W. A. KENNEDY, Clerk.

RESOLVED, That we render to God our most earnest and sincere gratitude for His mercy, love and preservation in the past, and implore a continuation of the same in the future. To brethren, sisters and friends of Beard's Creek vicinity, we are due many thanks and kind wishes for the very hospitable and noble manner in which they entertained us during the meeting.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder Jordan Cribbs, Beard's Creek; Elder A. R. Strickland, Easterling, Ga.; Elder B. Jones, Manassas, Licentiate, Bro. D. L. Calloway, Manassas, Ga.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday p. m.—Elder Remer Dekel. 2d Cor., 5th chapter and 20th verse. Elder A. W. Patterson. Isaiah 33d chapter, 20th and 21st verses.

Saturday a. m.—Elder J. T. Gardner. Mark 16th chap., 15th and 16th verses. Elder J. L. Smith. James 1st chapter, 16th verse.

Saturday p. m.—Elder A. W. Patterson. Heb. 12th chapter, 22d and 23d verses. Bro. Frank Donaldson. ———

Sunday, 10 a. m.—Elder B. H. Pearson. Mark 2d chapter, 27th and 28th verses. Elder J. T. Gardner. Acts. 1st chapter, 1st and 2d verses.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe in the fall of man and the 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 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, the Lord's supper, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of a presbytery.

8. We believe in a final Judgement, 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 Sunday 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. It shall be the duty of this association to elect a moderator and clerk at each session by the messengers present, and 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 churches; 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 brethren everywhere; and we do most affectionately invite them to make loving and personal visits to see us, not only at our Associations, but also to our churches individually, feeling that we will give them a more cordial welcome in the future than we have in the past.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Restored								
		Time of Meetings	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministers	Total No.	Deceased	Excluded	Recomm'n'd	By Letter	By Baptism
Anderson M. H.	J R Calloway, D H Holland	3	1 25	2 00	3 67	3	3	2	2	1
Bay Branch	Eld. A R Strickland, W H Bazemore	4	1 75	5 50	1 56	1	1	2	2	
Beard's Creek	F C Dyess, D H Purcell	3	1 50	4 00	1 55	1	3	2	3	
Bethel	J C Dasher, G T Knight	2	1 25	2 25	1 43	1	3	2	3	
Bettie Grove	J E Surrency, C R Yeomans	1	55	1 11	1 11	1	1	2	3	
Cedar Creek	Elder B Jones, W A Kennedy	1	2 00	2 00	1 23	1	1	2	2	
Little Flock	Elder J Cribbs, L E Lynn	4	1 50	1 50	28			1	1	
Love's Chapel	B J Woodcock, G Q Anderson	2	1 50	5 35	29		2	1	1	
Sunlight	W H Cowart, Rufus Collins	4	1 50	1 50	19		1	1	2	

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE
Anderson	Tattnall	Elder A R Strickland	J A Sikes	Undine, Ga.
Bay Branch	"	" " " "	H H Daniel	Belleville, Ga.
Bethel	Liberty	" " " "	G T Knight	Easterling, Ga.
Bettie Grove	Tattnall	" " " "	J E Surrency	Fison, Ga.
Beard's Creek	"	Elder M F Stubbs	J H Stubbs	Coe, Ga.
Love's Chapel	"	" " " "	H H Kicklighter	Glennville, Ga.
Cedar Creek	"	Elder W A Lamb	W A Kennedy	Manassas, Ga.
		Elder B Jones		
Little Flock	"	Elder Jordan Cribbs	L E Lynn	Lynn, Ga.
Sunlight	"	Bro H V Hill	W H Cowart	Quince, Ga.

ST. JAC. V. W. Y. D. A. S. C. H. I. M. V. U. S.

