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OF THE

Thirtieth Annual Session

OF THE

BETHEL ASSOCIATION

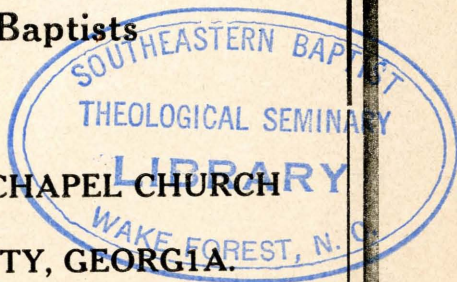
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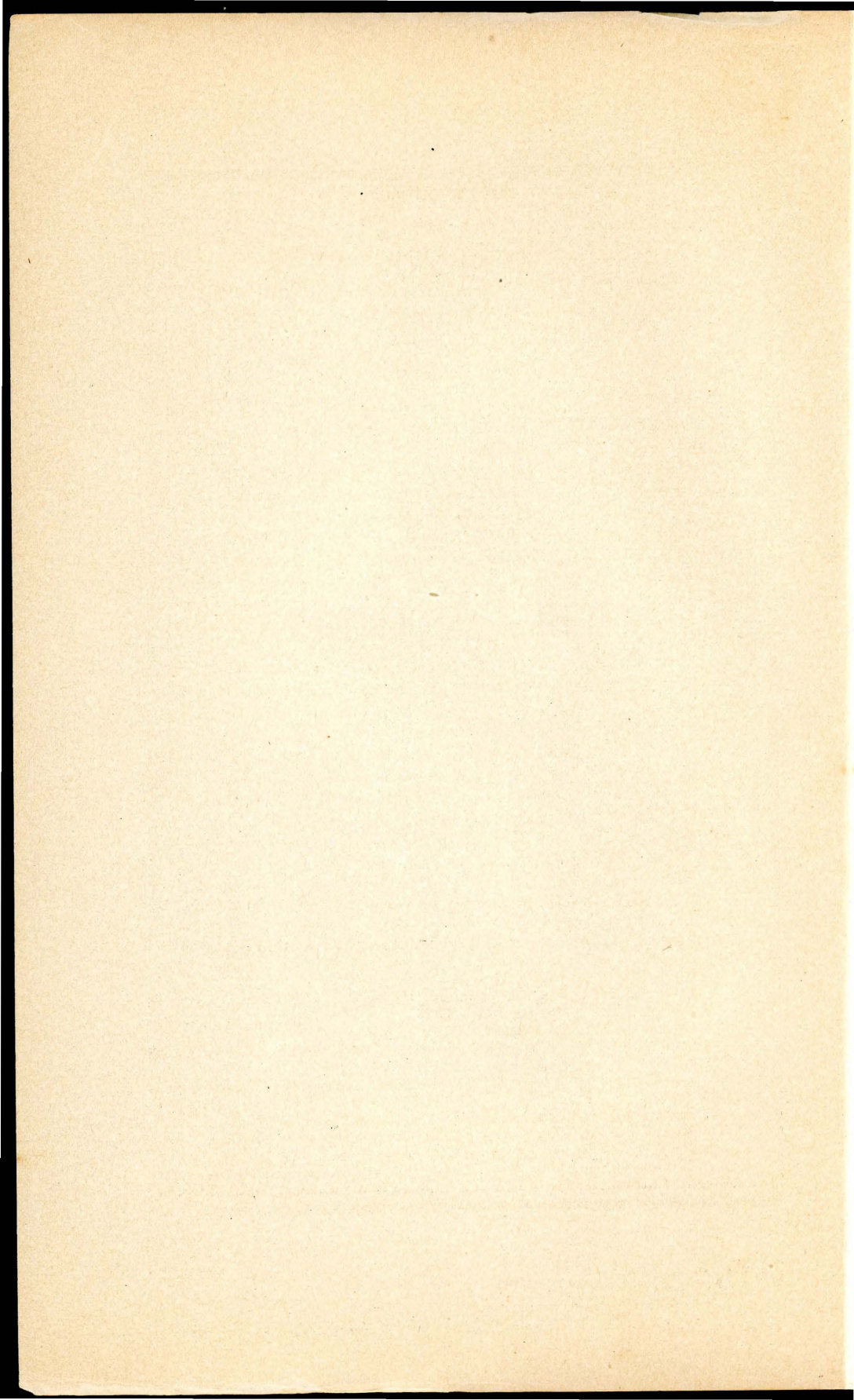
Primitive Baptists

HELD WITH LOVE CHAPEL CHURCH

TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA.

October 13, 14 and 15, 1925.





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Thirtieth Annual Session of the Bethel Association of Primitive Baptists, Held With Love Chapel Church, Tattnall County, Georgia, October 13, 14 and 15, 1925.

TUESDAY

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. V. Simms.
2. The Association was called to order by Elder W. B. Screws, who appointed W. W. Waters, Clerk.

3. Called for, and read the letters from the churches.

4. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

5. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

6. Appointed committees as follows:

(a) On Preaching: Elder G. D. Todd, Elder R. H. Kennedy, Elder S. C. Davis, Russell Anderson, and W. W. Waters.
S. T. Nichols.

(c) On General Meetings: J. T. Kicklighter, G. W. Lively, and W. A. Brinson.

(b) On Finance: J. K. Durrence, Mrs. Anna H. Mobley, and

7. Called for the report of the Preaching Committee. The report is as follows:

Tuesday a. m.: Elder A. V. Simms.

Tuesday p. m.: Elder C. A. Warnock and C. D. Stewart.

Wednesday a. m.: Elders T. E. Sikes and Jesse Johnston.

Wednesday p. m.: Elders Aaron Parish and J. T. McArthur.

Thursday a. m.: Elders J. G. Woodfin and W. F. Mims.

8. Adjourned to meet Wednesday at 10:00 a. m.

WEDNESDAY

9. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder G. D. Todd.

10. Called the roll.

11. Called for the report of the General Meeting Committee. The committee reports general meetings arranged as follows:

Sunlight Church, November, 1925.

Beards Creek Church, January, 1926.

Cedar Creek Church, May, 1926.

Claxton Church, August, 1926.

Each to embrace Friday, Saturday, and fifth Sunday, in their respective months.

12. Called for the report of the Finance Committee. The report is as follows:

Money for minutes.....\$ 23.25

Money for ministers, sent by the churches..... 140.50

Money for ministers by public collection..... 35.94

13. Appointed the next session of the association to be held with the church at Salem, Screven, Ga., on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1926.

14. Agreed to have five hundred copies of the minutes printed.

15. Read and adopted the minutes, and adjourned the business part of the association.

Note: The visitors present gave a rising vote of thanks to the church and community, for the kind hospitality shown them during the meeting.

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

Ministers of the Association

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| BAZIL JONES..... | Collins, Ga. |
| S. C. DAVIS..... | Screven, Ga. |
| R. H. KENNEDY..... | Collins, Ga. |
| G. D. TODD..... | Glennville, Ga. |
| W. B. SCREWS..... | Glennville, Ga. |

Visiting Ministers

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| A. V. SIMMS..... | Atlanta, Ga. |
| C. A. WARNOCK..... | Register, Ga. |
| C. D. STEWART..... | Luthersville, Ga. |
| T. E. SIKES..... | Vidalia, Ga. |
| JESSE JOHNSTON..... | Kite, Ga. |
| AARON PARISH..... | Quitman, Ga. |
| J. T. McARTHUR..... | Cordele, Ga. |
| J. G. WOODFIN..... | South Pittsburg, Tenn. |
| W. F. MIMS..... | Cordele, Ga. |
| J. S. BAXLEY..... | Auburn, Ala. |
| C. E. SANDERS..... | Collins, Ga. |
| N. M. ATKINSON..... | Lyons, Ga. |

Churches, Their Officers, and Post Offices of Clerks

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | CLERKS. | POSTOFFICES. |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Bay Branch | R. H. Kennedy..... | J. U. Daniel..... | Hagan, Ga. |
| Beards Creek..... | G. D. Todd..... | L. H. Kicklighter..... | Glennville, Ga. |
| Cedar Creek..... | W. F. Mims..... | J. J. Kennedy..... | Collins, Ga. |
| Claxton | J. F. Hartley..... | E. M. Beasley..... | Claxton, Ga. |
| Hazlehurst | T. E. Sikes..... | Mrs. Anna Mobley..... | Lumber City, Ga. |
| Lake Chapel..... | S. C. Davis..... | R. T. Deal..... | Patterson, Ga. |
| Love Chapel | W. B. Screws..... | W. W. Waters..... | Mendes, Ga. |
| Primitive Grove..... | C. E. Sanders..... | G. W. Lively..... | Cobbtown, Ga. |
| Rome | C. E. Sanders..... | J. N. Scott..... | Collins, Ga. |
| Salem | W. C. Kicklighter..... | L. A. Nichols..... | Jesup, Ga. |
| Sunlight | W. F. Mims..... | W. H. Ccwart..... | Cobbtown, Ga. |

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 of the Association may be held shall be the moderator of that session, and shall appoint a clerk for that session, the clerk to keep a record of each minute, and have the same printed and distributed.

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 | Names of Messengers | Baptized | Received by Letter | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Dead | Membership | Money for Minutes | Money for Ministers | Sunday of Meetings |
|--------------------|---|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Bay Branch - - - | L. H. Kennedy, J. K. Durrence - - - - - | 2 | | | | 2 | | 38 | \$ 1 25 | \$ 10 00 | 4th |
| Beards Creek - - | G. D. Todd, J. T. Kicklighter - - - - - | 4 | 1 | | | 1 | 4 | 87 | 2 50 | 15 00 | 1st |
| Cedar Creek - - - | Morgan Powell, M. B. Yeomans - - - - - | | | 1 | | | | 70 | 2 00 | 10 00 | 1st |
| Claxton - - - - - | Keller Dyers, W. T. Kicklighter - - - - - | 6 | | | 1 | 1 | | 82 | 2 00 | 15 00 | 2nd |
| Hazlehurst - - - | Mrs. Anna Mobley, Mrs. E. H. Highsmith | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 20 | 1 00 | 9 00 | 1st |
| Lake Chapel - - - | Davis Dubberly - - - - - | | | | | 1 | 1 | 29 | 1 00 | 9 00 | 3rd |
| Love Chapel - - - | W. W. Waters, Russell Anderson - - - - - | 4 | | | | | 3 | 131 | 5 00 | 25 00 | 2nd |
| Primitive Grove | G. W. Lively, R. C. Edenfield - - - - - | 4 | | | 4 | | | 49 | 2 00 | 10 00 | 4th |
| Rome - - - - - | R. H. Kennedy, J. N. Scott - - - - - | 1 | | | | | | 30 | 1 50 | 5 50 | 2nd |
| Salem - - - - - | S. C. Davis, S. T. Nichols - - - - - | | | | | | | 89 | 3 00 | 22 00 | 1st |
| Sunlight - - - - - | J. B. Hendricks, W. A. Brinson - - - - - | | | | | 2 | | 52 | 2 00 | 10 00 | 4th |
| Total - - - - - | | 19 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 577 | \$23 25 | \$140 50 | |

