

# MINUTES

OF THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

The Church at Bethany, Carroll County, Ga.,

October 17, 18, 19, 1919.

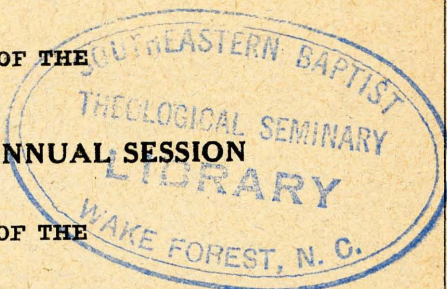
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Next Session will Convene with the Church at Pleasant Grove,  
near Glenn, in Heard County, Ga., Second Sunday in  
September, Friday and Saturday Before, 1920.

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### OFFICERS:

ELDER M. T. SHEPPARD, Moderator.....Lamar, Ala., Rt. 1  
NEWMAN E. DENNEY, Clerk.....Carrollton, Ga., Rt. 3









## PROCEEDINGS

Of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association, held with the church at Bethany, Tyus, Ga., October 17, 18, and 19th, 1919, embracing third Sunday, October, 1919.

Introductory sermon by Elder M. T. Sheppard of the body, subject, Romans 1st chapter, 14th and 15th verses.

Intermission one hour.

Then the people met in the house, after singing had prayer by Bro. S. J. Jackson. Elder M. T. Sheppard being pastor of the church, took charge as Moderator.

1. Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with the body.

2. Called for and had the letters read from the different churches composing the Bethel Association.

3. On motion, received the Hillabahatchee without a letter.

4. On motion, elected N. E. Denney, Clerk.

5. Called for petitionary churches.

6. On motion, adopted last year's order of business for this session.

7. Appointed usual committees: On Preaching, Brethren D. H. Rogers, L. H. Burson, S. J. Adamson, assisted by Bethany's delegates, S. J. Jackson and G. I. Langly.

To examine corresponding minutes: Brethren E. B. Meadows and M. M. Mulloy.

On contribution: J. T. Burson, C. R. Denney, W. E. Sears, W. F. Williamson.

To write corresponding letter: Elder J. M. Bagwell.

All elders of this Association are members of the body.

8 Called for correspondence and received from Yellow River minutes.

On motion, received Elder J. M. Adams, of the Oconee, and Elder C. A. Clemons, from the Euharlee, as visitors.

From the New Hope: J. W. Lee, J. B. Ayers, B. A. Hatfield, W. W. Denney, W. A. McCain, G. H. Cole, J. L. Bradley. Received these as corresponding brethren by motion.

From the Marietta: R. A. Lambert.

On motion, adjourned until 8:30 next day.

Saturday, October 18th. Met according to adjourn-



ment. After singing, had prayer by Bro. B. W. Adamson.

1. Invited visiting brethren to seats.
2. Renewed call for correspondence.

9. Return correspondence:

To the Euharlee, which convenes Saturday, Sunday and Monday, embracing the third Sunday in September, at Union church, location, 12 miles south of Rockmart and 9 miles north of Villa Rica, in Paulding county, the following: Elders J. M. Bagwell, M. T. Sheppard, Brethren E. B. Meadows, C. M. Denney, J. H. Burson, W. C. Shadinger, J. C. Brock, T. Z. Head, Newman E. Denney.

10. On motion took up correspondence with the Marietta. First in October, Friday, Saturday and Sunday—near Atlanta: Elders M. T. Sheppard, J. M. Bagwell.

Returned correspondence: Brethren John Burson, J. C. Brock, W. C. Shadinger, Whit Brock, T. Z. Head, S. J. Jackson, E. B. Meadows.

11. On motion took up correspondence with the Cane Creek Association, which convenes at Mt. Miria, fourth in September, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 1920, 12 miles north of Anniston, Ala. The following agreed to go: Elders W. P. Merrell, M. T. Sheppard, Brethren M. M. Mulloy, J. M. Arnett, W. F. Williamson, J. H. Smith.

12. To the Yellow River Association, which convenes at Nancie's Creek church, DeKalb county, near Gordon, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, after the fourth Sunday in September, 1920: T. Z. Head, J. H. Burson, J. C. Brock, T. W. Brock, N. E. Denney.

13. The New Hope Association, which convenes with Whooping Creek church in Carroll county, Ga., Saturday, Sunday and Monday, embracing the second Sunday in October, as usual. Location: Coming on the train, get off at Carrollton church, 6 miles southeast, or get off at Clem, Ga., church, 2 1-2 miles west, both on Central of Georgia Railroad—conveyances out from both of these points. The following agreed to go: Brethren M. M. Mulloy, J. C. Brock, J. T. Burson, L. H. Burson, C. M. Denney, T. Z. Head, W. A. Denney, J. B. Burson, G. W. Simpkins, D. H. Rogers, G. J. Langly, J. E. Burson, W. F. Williamson, J. T. Denney, W. C. Shadinger, N. E. Denney, Elders J. M. Bagwell, W. P. Merrell, M. T. Sheppard.



14. To the Oconee Association: Brethren J. H. Burson, T. W. Brock, E. B. Meadows, J. T. Burson, S. J. Jackson.

15. Appointed union meetings: Second district having first choice, agreed to meet at Hopewell second Sunday in August, Friday and Saturday before.

First district to meet with Bethany church first Sunday in August, Friday and Saturday before.

16. Agreed for the body to meet with Pleasant Grove church second Sunday in September, Friday and Saturday before, next year, 1920. Location: 1 mile west of Glenn, in Heard county; 7 miles north of Standing Rock, Ala.; 12 miles southwest of Franklin; 12 miles north of LaGrange, Ga.

17. Called for report of committee to examine corresponding minutes. Nothing claiming the attention of the body.

18. On motion, agreed to have 800 copies of these minutes published and distributed in the usual way, and the Clerk to retain balance of minute fund for his services.

19. Miscellaneous. On motion agreed to drop Lanet church from the body because they have rescinded the act of being in our Association and joined another.

20. Read and adopted corresponding letter.

21. On motion, this body tenders a unanimous vote of thanks to Bethany church and community for their kindness and so liberally supporting this session of the body.

By motion, read and adopted these minutes.

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### ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M., Introductory by Elder M. T. Sheppard. P. M. by Elder B. W. Adamson and Bro. M. M. Mulloy, all of the body.

Saturday A. M., Elders C. A. Clemons, of the Euharlee, J. C. Brock, of the body. P. M., exhortation and prayer by Bro. J. B. Ayers, of the New Hope, followed by Elder W. P. Merrell, of the body. Closed by the Moderator, Elder M. T. Sheppard.

Sunday, October 19th, Elders J. M. Adams, Oconee, T. A. Cobb, of the New Hope. P. M., Elder J. M. Bagwell, of the body. Closed by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder C. A. Clemons, of the Euharlee. Adjourned in peace and love.



The Bethel Primitive Baptist Association now in session. To her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth greeting.

Dear Brethren: By the mercies of God we have been permitted to hold another session of our body, and love, union and fellowship seemed to abound for which we feel to thank God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. We also thank and praise His holy name for the increase of our correspondents, and we trust that it will continue to increase until we all come into the unity of the faith.

You will find the time and place of our next session in the body of these minutes, where we hope to meet a goodly number of our correspondents again. Come, dear brethren, and worship with us is our desire and prayer. Till then, farewell.

ELDER M. T. SHEPPARD, Moderator.

N. E. DENNEY, Clerk.

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### MEMORIAL

For the respect of our beloved dead since our last annual session—Brethren J. H. Rogers and John Moseley; Sisters Josie Moseley, Laura Reid.

It makes our hearts sad when we think that we have to give up our loved ones. All of the above died in the triumphs of the faith once delivered to the saints, as we believe. And as long as they were able to go they wanted to be with the brethren and sisters and tell them of the wonderful power of Jesus to save poor lost and ruined sinners. We feel that we want to bow in humble submission to the will of the Lord and say: "The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

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### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder W. P. Merrell - - - - - Roopville, Ga.  
Elder J. M. Bagwell - - - - - Carrollton, Ga.  
Elder M. T. Sheppard - - - - - Lamar, Ala.

### LICENTIATES

J. C. Brock - - - - - Carrollton, Ga.  
W. B. Adamson - - - - - Glenn, Ga.



## ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in only one and living God, and that there are three that bear record in Heaven—the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that God elected or chosen his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be wholly and without blame before Him in love.

4. We believe that the doctrines of original sin, and a man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that God's elect shall be called effectually, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost and shall preserve in grace and never fall finally away.

7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing the saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and the true mode of baptism is immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are called by God, as was Aaron and came under the imposition of the hands by Presbytery and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

10. We believe that God has ordained good works, that His children should walk in them, and that good works are only such as God commanded in His word and not such as without the warrant thereof, are devised of men out of blind zeal, or any pretense of good intentions.

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## DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator shall invite ministers and members to seats.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech with any other member of the body, provided his seat be filled, but shall have no vote except there be a tie, then he may.

Art. 4. The general principles of order, as embodied in these words, "Let all things be done decently and in order," and "unto edifying,"\* will be expected and required of each member, visitor or correspondent.

Art. 5. In harmony with these general principles, each brother who speaks on any subject under consideration by the Association, will be expected to rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject.

Art 6. The Clerk shall keep a regular record of the proceedings of each Association, by carefully preserving a full file of the minutes.



## ASSOCIATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Article 1. It is understood and agreed upon by the churches composing this Association, that each church, if it so choose, may send not more than two brethren with a letter certifying appointment, the number baptized during the preceding year; received by letter; excluded or dead; also total membership.

Art. 2. That this Association shall be known as the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association.

Art. 3. It is understood that no church, on becoming a member of this Association, parts with, or surrenders, any of her rights, privileges, duties or responsibilities given her by the Great Head of the church, and made binding on her in the New Testament.

Art. 4. It is further understood that all disciplinary power and rights, pertaining to membership or fellowship in the church, belong exclusively to the church or churches, and that this Association shall not assume the right to dictate, to advise, nor in any way interfere with the internal right of the churches.

Art. 5. Any church of this Association can withdraw at pleasure, either by letter, or without it; but in either case, it will be expected that said church first give notice to the Association of her desire to withdraw.

Art. 6. Any church may be dropped from this Associational compact by request of two or more churches; but this, or any other act of the Association shall not itself be regarded as officially impairing or breaking church fellowship among the churches of this union, nor members of churches. We regard all matters touching church fellowship as belonging exclusively to the church or churches, and requiring their official action to make it valid.

Art. 7. This Association shall not form any alliance, correspondence or relation with any institution, secret or otherwise, except to correspond with other Primitive Baptist Associations, the churches which are known to be of the same faith and order with the churches of this Association.

Art. 8. Churches petitioning for membership will be admitted on giving satisfactory evidence of their being of the same faith and order with the churches of this Association.

Art. 9. It shall be the only object of this Association to meet for the worship of God, and shall be opened and closed with prayer, and to receive correspondence and to return correspondence with sister Associations of the same faith and order of this Association.

Art. 10. Visiting brethren of the same faith and order with the churches of this Association known to be in good orderly standing with their churches at home, may be invited to seats with the body, and members of churches of this body may have their names enrolled as correspondents to other associations but none shall be allowed to vote but brethren sent by the churches.

Art. 11. Correspondence with sister Associations may be suspended at the direction of the body.

Art. 12. This Association shall have no other articles of faith than that which each church already has.

Art. 13. The pastor of the church where this Association meets shall be the moderator of the body. The clerk shall be elected by the body.

Art. 14. This Association may adjourn to any time and place she may think most advisable.



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

S	COUNTY	PASTORS.	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE.	MESSENGERS	Baptized.	Rec'd. on Con.	By Letter.	Restored
C.....	Carroll .....	Elder J. M. Bagwell.....	J. C. Brock.....	Carrollton, Ga.....	J. M. Bagwell, J. H. Burson.....	2	2		
	Carroll .....	Elder J. M. Bagwell.....	J. M. Lee.....	Carrollton, Ga., Rt. 8.....	L. H. Burson, J. A. Gray.....			2	
	Carroll .....	Elder J. M. Bagwell.....	N. E. Denney.....	Carrollton, Ga., Rt. 3.....	B. T. Huggins, W. C. Shadinger.....				
	Carroll .....	Elder M. T. Sheppard.....	F. M. Fuller.....	Bowdon, Ga., Rt. 1.....	S. J. Jackson, G. J. Langley.....	1			
t.)	Heard .....	Elder J. M. Bagwell.....	J. E. Burson.....	Roopville, Ga., Rt. 3.....	J. T. Burson, M. M. Mulloy.....				
	Heard .....	Elder M. T. Sheppard.....	J. C. Bentley.....	Bowdon, Ga., Rt. 2.....	C. F. Rogers, D. H. Rogers.....			3	
	Heard .....	Not Represented.....		Franklin, Ga.....					
	Heard .....	W. B. Adamson, Mod.....	J. N. Arnett.....	Franklin, Ga.....	Joe Rice, W. F. Williamson.....				
	Heard .....	Not Supplied.....	J. W. Veal.....	Frolona, Ga., Rt. 1.....	T. Z. Head, J. W. Veal.....				
	Randolph, Ala.....	M. T. Sheppard.....	G. A. Houze.....	Glenn, Ga.....	S. J. Adamson, H. C. Jackson.....	4			
	Randolph, Ala.....	M. T. Sheppard.....	J. H. Smith.....	Lamar, Ala., Rt. 1.....	M. L. Roberson, W. E. Sears.....	1			



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CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS.	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE.	MESSENGERS	Baptized.	Rec'd. on Con.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Time.	Contributions	For Missions.
(First Dist.)																
Carrollton P. B. C.....	Carroll .....	Elder J. M. Bagwell.....	J. C. Brock.....	Carrollton, Ga.....	J. M. Bagwell, J. H. Burson.....	2	2			1		22	1	\$4.00		
Tallapoosa.....	Carroll .....	Elder J. M. Bagwell.....	J. M. Lee.....	Carrollton, Ga., Rt. 8.....	L. H. Burson, J. A. Gray.....				1			133	2	4.00		
Emmaus.....	Carroll .....	Elder J. M. Bagwell.....	N. E. Denney.....	Carrollton, Ga., Rt. 3.....	B. T. Huggins, W. C. Shadinger.....		2					118	4	2.00		
Bethany.....	Carroll .....	Elder M. T. Sheppard.....	F. M. Fuller.....	Bowdon, Ga., Rt. 1.....	S. J. Jackson, G. J. Langley.....	1			1			137	1	3.00		
Bethel.....	Heard .....	Elder J. M. Bagwell.....	J. E. Burson.....	Roopville, Ga., Rt. 3.....	J. T. Burson, M. M. Mulloy.....				4	4		252	3	4.00		
(Second Dist.)																
Hopewell.....	Heard .....	Elder M. T. Sheppard.....	J. C. Bentley.....	Bowdon, Ga., Rt. 2.....	C. F. Rogers, D. H. Rogers.....			3		1		41	2	3.00		
Valley Grove.....	Heard .....	Not Represented.....		Franklin, Ga.....												
Canaan.....	Heard .....	W. B. Adamson, Mod.....	J. N. Arnett.....	Franklin, Ga.....	Joe Rice, W. F. Williamson.....					1		121	4	2.00		
Hillabahatchee.....	Heard .....	Not Supplied.....	J. W. Veal.....	Frolona, Ga., Rt. 1.....	T. Z. Head, J. W. Veal.....							121	3	1.00		
Pleasant Grove.....	Randolph, Ala.....	M. T. Sheppard.....	G. A. Houze.....	Glenn, Ga.....	S. J. Adamson, H. C. Jackson.....	4						40		2.35		
Mt. Carmel.....	Randolph, Ala.....	M. T. Sheppard.....	J. H. Smith.....	Lamar, Ala., Rt. 1.....	M. L. Roberson, W. E. Sears.....	1			1			35	4	2.00		



