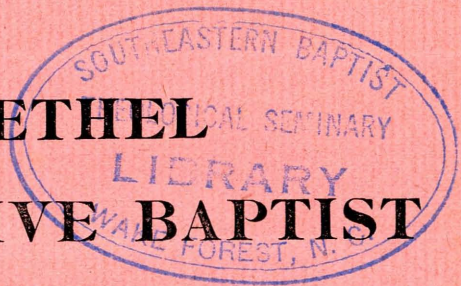


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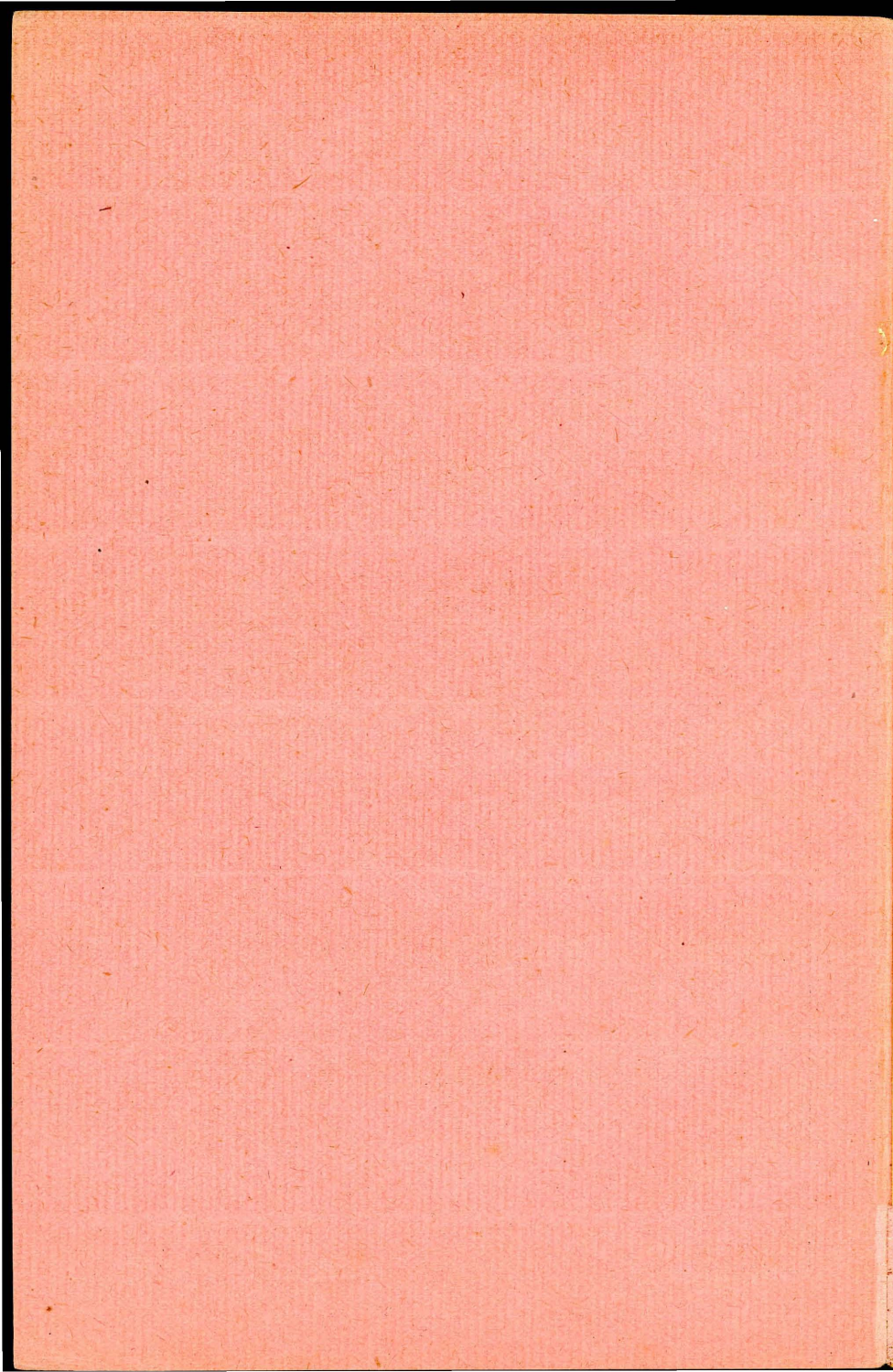
BETHEL
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



WHICH CONVENED WITH

LOVE'S CHAPEL,

Oct. 18, 19, 20, 1901.



MINUTES.

Of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association, which convened with the church at Love's Chapel, October 18, 19 and 20th, 1901.

1. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. L. Smith, of the Lower Canoochee Association. Text: Mat. 16 chap. and 18 verse.

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

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

4. Organized 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 in our deliberations.

6. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

7. Appointed the following committees: To arrange preaching: Elder B. Jones, and Brethren J. W. Durrence, T. J. Hodges, G. W. Brown and H. H. Kucklichter. To arrange general meetings: F. C. Dyess, J. E. Surrency and N. A. Booth. On finance: E. P. Kennedy, F. C. Dyess and J. W. Durrence.

8. Called for the report of the committee to arrange preaching, who reported as follows: Friday p. m., Elder D. E. McKelvin and Bro. Wm. Brannen. Saturday 10 a. m., Bro. E. W. Powell followed by Elder B. H. Pearson. Saturday p. m., Elder H. B. Wilkerson and Bro. Chas. Mikel.

Sunday, 10 a. m., Elder B. H. Pearson, followed by Elder J. L. Smith.

9. On motion, adjourned until Saturday morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING.

10. Pursuant of arrangement met 9 a. m., and entered on the business of the Association.

11. Received the following visitors by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Elder B. H. Pearson of Barnesville, Ga., Elders J. L. Smith, H. B. Wilkinson and Brethren E. W. Powell and Chas. Mikel, all of the Lower Canoochee Association.

12. Called for the report of committee on general meetings which was as follows: Anderson's M. H. in December 1901. Bay Branch March 1902; Bethel, June 1902; Bettie Grove Aug. 1902. All to convene on the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in their respective months.

13. Received the following report from the committee on finances: Money for Minutes \$11.75. Money for visitors \$13 85.

14. By the request of Beard's Creek church, (15 miles south of Belleville, Haagan and Daisy,) the next session of this Association will convene with her on th rd Sunday, Friday and Saturday before in October 1902.

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 to the stand for preaching.

Elder 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 Love's Chapel vicinity, we are due many thanks and kind wishes for the very hospitable and noble manner in which they entertained us during the meeting.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday p. m. Eld. D. E. McKelvin and Bro. Wm. Brannen.
Saturday 10 a. m., Bro. E. W. Powell and Elder B. H. Pearson. P. M., Elder H. B. Wilkinson and Bro. Chas. Mikel.
Sunday 10 a. m., Elder B. H. Pearson and Elder J. L. Smith.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder A. R. Strickland, Easterling, Ga. Elder B. Jones, Manassas. Licentiate, Bro. D. L. Callaway, Manassas, Ga.

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 Je-us 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, Lane'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 our 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 NAMES.	By Baptism	Rec by Let	Recomm'ded	Excluded	Deceased	Total No.	Ministers	Money for	Money for	Time of
Anderson M. H.	E. P. Kennedy and T. J. Hodges	4	1		1	1	70	2 00	1 25	3d	
Bay Branch	Elder A. R. Strickland and J. W. Durrence		1	7			56	1 25	3 85	4th	
Beard's Creek	F. C. Dyess and J. H. Stubbs	2			3		58	2 00	1 50	3rd	
Bethel	W. H. Dasher and N. A. Booth		1				41	1 25	1 75	2nd	
Bettie Grove	F. N. Smith and J. E. Surrency		2				12	75		1st	
Cedar Creek	Elder B. Jones and W. A. Kennedy	4			2		24	1 50		1st	
Love's Chapel	G. W. Brown and H. H. Kicklighter					1	33	1 50	5 00	2nd	
Sunlight	Allen Collins and W. H. Cowart					1	17	1 50		4th	

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Anderson M. H.	Tattnall	Eld. A. R. Strickland	J. A. Sikes	Undine
Bay Branch	"	"	H. H. Daniel	Belleville
Bethel	Liberty	"	G. T. Knight	Easterling
Bettie Grove	Tattnall	"	J. E. Surrency	Tison
Beard's Creek	"	" M. F. Stubbs	H. H. Stubbs	Coe
Love's Chapel	"	"	H. H. Kicklighter	Glennville
Cedar Creek	"	B. Jones, W. A. Lamb	W. A. Kennedy	Manassas
Sunlight	"	H. V. Hill	W. H. Cowart	Quince

