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OF THE

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION

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Cedar Creek Church, Tattnall Co.

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Of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association which convened with Cedar Creεk Church, Oct. 15, 16, 17, 1909.

- 1. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. J. Brown, Mat. 11, 28, 29, 30. After singing prayer by Eld. B. H. Pearson.
- 2. The delegates from the various churches met in the house and was called to order by Eld. W. B. Screws.
- 3. Called for letters from the different churches which were handed in and read by Bro. J. J. Kennedy, Elds. T. E. Sikes and R. H. Kennedy.
- 4. Organized the Association by electing Eld. W. B. Screws, Moderator and W. A. Kennedy, Clerk.
 - 5. Invited brethern of our faith and order to seats with us.
- 6. By the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship the following visitors were received: Elds. M. F. Stubbs, B. H. Pearson, W. J. Brown, E. W. Powell, T. E. Sikes, T. J. Bazemore, Chas. Mikel, J. E. Spillers, P. H. Bird, Jason Franklin and W. B. Screws, Sr.
 - 7. On motion agreed to take the order of business as before.
 - 8. Called for petitionary letters, received none.
- 9. Appointed committees as follows: On Preaching, J. N. Scott, Wm. Stubbs, J. B. Hendricks, J. J. Kennedy, H. H. Kennedy. To arrange general meetings: Troy Durrence, J. H. Stubbs and W. F. Cauley. On finance; W. A. Brinson, Iverson Durrence and Jas. W. Daniel.
- 10. Called for and received the following report from the committees. Elds. P. H. Bird and J. E. Spillers to arrange preaching Friday p. m. 10 a. m., Saturday Elds. M. F. Stubbs and T. J. Bazemore.
 - 11. On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.
- 12. In pursurance of the arrangements of the previous day the Association met at 9 o'clock a. m. After singing and prayer by Eld. M. F. Stubbs, we called the roll and proceeded to business.

- 13. Called for the report of committee to a range general meetings, which was as follows: January, Beards Creek, May, Cobbs Creek, July, Sunlight. All to convene on the fifth Sunday and Friday in their respective months.
- 14. Called for and received the following report from the finance committee; money for visitors \$27.50 for minutes \$10.25.
- 15. By the request of Bay Branch church our next Association will convene with her on the third Sunday, Friday and Saturday before in October 1910.
- 16. On motion agreed to have three hundred copies of this minute printed; the clerk to superintend the same.
- 17. On motion read and adopted this minute and adjourned for preaching.

We are due the brethern, sisters and good friends of Cedar Creek vicinity our most sincere thanks and our life long best wishes for the extremely kind and sumptious manner in which they took care of us during the meeting.



ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head-Father, Son and Holv 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 Saint's 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, Lane's Chapel, Beards Creek, Bethel and Corinth, having then and there agreed to be one body, called the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association.

This Association will meet annually to worship and praise God.
 This Association will be composed of messengers from their churches

whose names shall be inserted in their letters.

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 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 us, not only at our Association, 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.

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Beards Creek	Tattnall	" R. H. Kennedy. J.	. H. Stubbs	Glennville, Ga	
Cedar Creek	Tattnall	" W. B. Screws J.	.J. Kennedy	Collins, Ga.	
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