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OF THE
Twenty-Ninth Annual Session
Of The
Bethel Association
Of Primitive Baptists
Held With the Claxton Church,

Evans County, Georgia

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Officers

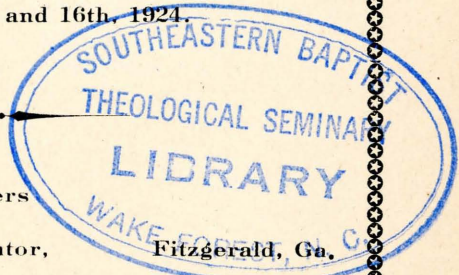
Elder J. Fred Hartley, Moderator,

E. M. Beasley, Clerk,

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1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. Walter Hendricks.
2. The Association was called to order by Elder J. Fred Hartley, who appointed E. M. Beasley Clerk.
3. Called for and read letters from the churches.
4. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.
5. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.
6. Appointed committees as follows:
 - (A) ON PREACHING: W. T. Kicklighter, H. H. Daniel, C. P. Durrence, W. S. Mosely and E. M. Beasley.
 - (B) ON FINANCE: A. J. Nichols, Eld. G. D. Todd, R. B. Jones.
 - (C) ON GENERAL MEETINGS: Eld. W. B. Screws, E. H. Highsmith and R. C. Edenfield.
7. Called for report of committee on preaching. Committee reported as follows: Tuesday A. M. J. Walter Hendricks; P. M. W. F. Mims; Night W. C. Kicklighter; Wednesday A. M. S. C. Davis; P. M. A. R. Crumpton; Night W. B. Goddard; Thursday A. M. W. T. Nipper and Jesse Johnson.
8. Adjourned till Wednesday 10:00 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. Walter Hendricks.
10. Called the roll.
11. Called for report on General Meetings. Committee reported as follows: Three General Meetings appointed: Lake Chapel in March 1925. Cedar Creek in May 1925. Beards Creek in November 1924. Each to embrace Friday, Saturday and fifth Sunday in their respective months.
12. Called for report of committee on Finance. Committee reported as follows:

Money for Minutes	\$ 23.50
Money for Ministers	\$136.25
Money by public collection	\$ 37.80
Total	\$197.55
13. Appointed the next session of the Association to be held with the church at Love Chapel, near Glennville, Ga., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, before the third Sunday in October, 1925.

15. Read and approved the minutes, and adjourned the business part of the Association.

E. M. BEASLEY,
Clerk.

ELDER J. FRED HARTLEY
Moderator.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

Braziel Jones, ----- Collins, Ga.
S. C. Davis, ----- Screven, Ga.
G. D. Todd, ----- Glennville, Ga.
W. B. Screws, ----- Glennville, Ga.
R. H. Kennedy, ----- Collins, Ga.

VISITING MINISTERS.

W. C. Kicklighter, ----- Vidalia, Ga.
J. Walter Hendricks, ----- Atlanta, Ga.
T. E. Sikes, ----- Vidalia, Ga.
W. B. Goddard, ----- Macon, Ga.
J. T. McArthur, ----- Cordele, Ga.
J. Fred Hartley, ----- Fitzgerald, Ga.
Aaron Parrish, ----- Quitman, Ga.
J. S. Baxley, ----- Auburn, Ala.
W. F. Mims, ----- Cordele, Ga.
W. T. Nipper, ----- Columbus, Ga.
Jesse Johnston, ----- Kite, Ga.
A. R. Crumpton, ----- Columbiana, Ala.
C. A. Warnock, ----- Register, Ga.

CHURCHES, THEIR OFFICERS AND POSTOFFICES FOR 1925

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	C. E. Sanders	J. J. Kennedy	Collins, Ga.
Claxton	J. Fred Hartley	E. M. Beasley	Claxton, Ga.
Hazelhurst	T. E. Sikes	Mrs. Anna Mobley,	Lumber City,
Lake Chapel	G. D. Todd	R. T. Deal,	Patterson, Ga.
Love Chapel	W. B. Screws	W. W. Waters	Glennville, Ga.
Primitive Grove	C. E. Sanders	G. W. Lively	Cobbtown, Ga.
Rome	G. D. Todd	J. N. Scott	Collins, Ga.
Salem	R. H. Kennedy	L. A. Nichols	Jesup, Ga.
Sunlight	W. F. Mims	W. H. Cowart	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 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 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, Tatnall 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.

14. Agreed to have 500 copies of these minutes printed.

STATISTICAL TABLE 1924

CHURCHES	When organized	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Dead	Total membership	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministers	Sunday of Meeting
Bay Branch	1877	H. H. Daniel, M. M. Kennedy	1					3	38	\$ 1.25	\$ 10.00	4
Beards Creek	1804	G. D. Todd, L. H. Kicklighter	4	2	2		1	2	88	2.50	15.00	1
Cedar Creek		R. D. Collins, J. A. Collins, M. L. Powell	6		1	1	1	1	69	2.00	10.00	1
Claxton		E. M. Beasley, W. T. Kicklighter	1	1		8	1		77	2.00	15.00	2
Cobbs Creek		Not represented										
Jesup		Not represented										
Hazelhurst	1920	E. H. Highsmith, Mrs. Anna Mobley		2		3	1	1	22	1.00	9.00	1
Lake Chapel		D. C. Deal, G. F. Deal				1	2		31	1.25	11.75	4
Love Chapel	1888	W. B. Screws, R. B. Jones, E. W. Banks	9	1	1	3			130	5.00	20.00	2
Primitive Grove	1907	R. C. Edenfield, J. J. Boyette, B. C. Collins	3			1	3	2	52	2.00	8.00	
Rome		W. S. Mosley, H. B. Scott		1		1			29	1.50	5.50	2
Salem	1908	I. J. Nichols, I. D. Nichols	2			4		3	92	3.00	22.00	2
Sunlight	1883	Joe Collins, Millard Cowart				2	3	1	54	2.00	10.00	4
TOTALS			26	7	4	24	12	13	682	\$23.50	\$136.25	

