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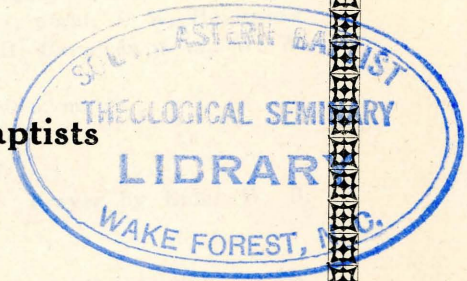
**Twenty-eighth Annual Session**

of the

**BETHEL ASSOCIATION**

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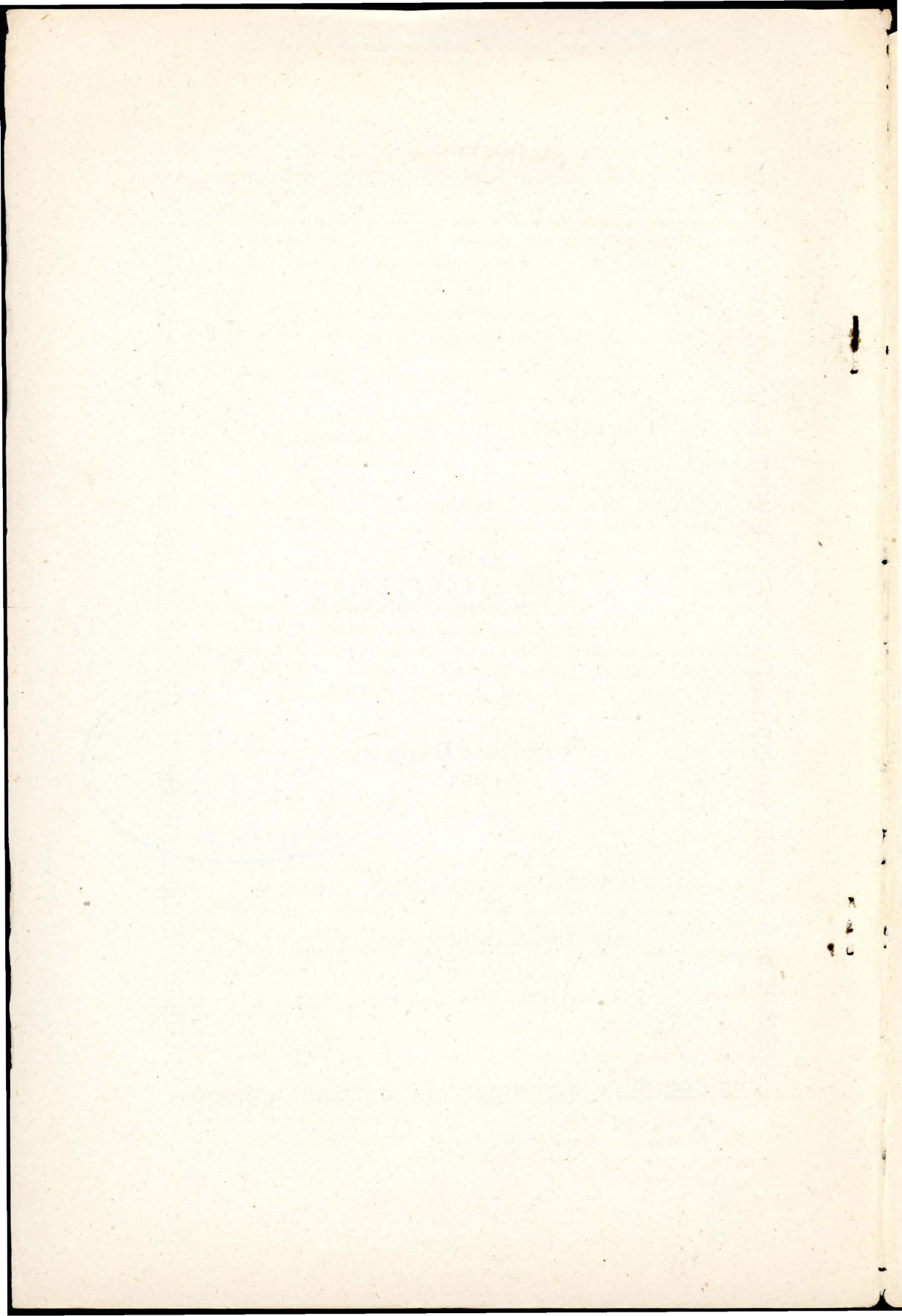
**Primitive Baptists**



**HELD WITH BEARDS CREEK CHURCH**

**TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**October 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1923**



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Twenty-eighth Annual Session of the Bethel Association of Primitive Baptists, held with Beard's Creek Church, Tattnall County, Georgia, October 16, 17 and 18, 1923.

### OCTOBER 16

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Jennings.
2. The Association was called to order by Elder G. D. Todd, who appointed W. B. Screws 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:** H. F. Stubbs, L. H. Kicklighter, L. H. Kennedy, S. C. Davis, M. B. Yeomans.
  - (b) **On Finance:** J. K. Durrence, C. C. Deal, A. J. Nichols.
  - (c) **On General Meetings:** A. B. Williams, Lonnie Kennedy, C. H. Banks.
7. Called for report of committee on preaching. Committee reports as follows: Tuesday a. m., R. H. Jennings; p. m., W. C. Kicklighter; night, J. E. Spillers. Wednesday a. m., C. E. Sanders and J. W. Hendricks; p. m., T. E. Sikes; night, J. W. Hendricks. Thursday a. m., W. B. Godard and R. H. Barwick; p. m., W. W. Riner.
8. Adjourned till Wednesday, 10:00 a. m.

### OCTOBER 17

9. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. B. Godard.
10. Called the roll.
11. Called for report of committee on general meetings. Committee reports as follows:

Three general meetings appointed: Beards Creek, March, 1924; Lake Chapel, June, 1924; Hazlehurst, August, 1924; each to embrace Friday, Saturday and fifth Sunday in the months mentioned.
12. Called for report of committee on finance. Committee reports as follows:

Money for Minutes .....	\$ 23.75
Money for Ministers .....	136.00
Money by public collection .....	29.00
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Total .....	\$188.75
13. Appointed the next session of the Association to be held with the church at Claxton, Ga., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, before the third Sunday in October, 1924.

14. Agreed to have 500 copies of these minutes printed.
15. Read and adopted the minutes, and adjourned the business part of the Association.

ELDER G. D. TODD, Moderator.

ELDER W. B. SCREWS, Clerk.

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#### MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION

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

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#### VISITING MINISTERS

R. H. JENNINGS .....Dawson, Ga.  
 W. C. KICKLIGHTER .....Vidalia, Ga.  
 J. E. SPILLERS .....Macon, Ga.  
 C. E. SANDERS .....Collins, Ga.  
 J. W. HENDRICKS .....Atlanta, Ga.  
 T. E. SIKES .....Vidalia, Ga.  
 W. B. GODARD .....Macon, Ga.  
 R. H. BARWICK .....Cordele, Ga.  
 W. W. RINER .....Atlanta, Ga.  
 J. T. McARTHUR .....Cordele, Ga.  
 R. H. KENNEDY .....Collins, Ga.  
 J. F. HARTLEY .....Claxton, Ga.

#### CHURCHES, THEIR OFFICERS AND POST OFFICES

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Post Offices
Hazlehurst	T. E. Sikes	W. W. Pridgen	Hazlehurst, Ga.
Bay Branch	J. F. Hartley	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. F. Hartley	R. J. Kennedy	Claxton, Ga.
Lake Chapel	G. D. Todd	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	G. D. Todd	J. N. Scott	Collins, Ga.
Salem	R. H. Kennedy	L. A. Nichols	Jesup, Ga.
Sunlight	J. T. McArthur	W. H. Cowart	Cobbtown, Ga.

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#### 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 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 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, Tattall 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	Organized	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 .....	1877	Lee H. Kennedy, J. K. Durrence .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	39	1.25	10.00	4th
Beards Creek .....	1804	H. F. Stubbs, L. H. Kicklighter .....	13	1	.....	1	3	2	86	2.50	15.00	1st
Cedar Creek .....		M. L. Powell, M. B. Yoemans .....	3	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	67	2.00	10.00	1st
Claxton .....		Kelly Dyess, Doc Easterling .....	12	.....	.....	1	.....	1	82	2.00	15.00	2nd
Cobb's Creek .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jesup .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hazlehurst .....	1920	Mrs. Anna Mobley, A. B. Williams .....	1	2	.....	.....	1	.....	22	1.00	9.00	3rd
Lake Chapel .....		Steve Tyre, C. C. Deal .....	6	1	1	1	1	2	32	1.50	11.50	3rd
Love Chapel .....	1888	J. W. Waters, C. H. Banks .....	5	.....	.....	2	2	1	124	5.00	20.00	2nd
Primitive Grove .....	1907	G. W. Lively, R. C. Edenfield .....	5	3	.....	.....	.....	1	55	2.00	8.00	.....
Rome .....		Lonnie Kennedy, W. S. Mosely .....	1	2	.....	2	.....	.....	28	1.50	5.50	2nd
Salem .....	1908	S. C. Davis, A. J. Nichols .....	3	.....	.....	3	1	1	97	3.00	22.00	2nd
Sunlight .....	1883	Millard Cowart, J. B. Hendricks .....	5	4	1	.....	1	2	60	2.00	10.00	4th
TOTAL .....			54	13	2	10	12	11	692	\$23.75	\$136.00	.....

