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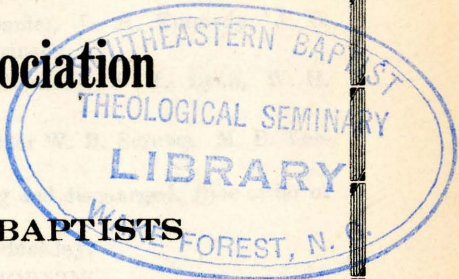
Twenty Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

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PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS



HELD WITH

Bay Branch Church

Evans County, Georgia, Oct. 11, 12, and 13, 1921.

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J. U. Daniels, Clerk,.....Hagan, Ga.

BANNER-HERALD, CORDELE, GA.

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Of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Bethel Association of Primitive Baptists, held with Bay Branch Church, Evans County, Georgia, October 11, 12, and 13, 1921.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. H. Pierson, of Macon, Ga.
2. The Association was called to order by Elder J. Fred Hartley.
3. Called for and read letters from the churches.
4. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Called for petitionary letters, None received.
6. Appointed committees as follows:
(A) *On Preaching*: H. H. Daniel, L. H. Kennedy, J. C. Dasher, J. I. Durrence, W. A. Brinson.
(B) *On Finance*: Dr. J. J. Kennedy, J. T. Lynn, W. H. Cowart.
(C) *On general meetings*: Elder W. B. Screws, M. B. Yoe-mans, J. N. Scott.
7. Committee reported on preaching and discharged. (See order of preaching)
8. Adjourned until 10:00 A. M. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9. Met pursuant to adjournment and prayer by Elder W. C. Hanson.
10. Called the roll.
11. Committee on general meetings reported as follows:
Love's Chapel in January 1922; Beards' Creek in April 1922; Rome in July 1922; All to begin on Friday before the Fifth Sunday in their respective months.
12. Committee on finance reported as follows and discharged:

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| Money for minutes | \$ 25.50 |
| Money for visitings ministers | 129.00 |
| Money by public collection | 19.80 |
| Total | <hr/> \$174.30 |
13. Appointed the next session of this Association to convene with Primitive Grove church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the 3rd. Sunday in October 1922. (Primitive Grove Church is situated between Cobbtown and Metter Georgia, four miles from Metter, six miles from Cobbtown.)
14. Agreed to have five hundred copies of these minutes printed.
15. On Memorial—Elder W. B. Screws, Dr. J. J. Kennedy, and I. D. Nichols, were appointed as a committee to prepare a Memorial of Elder Silas Thornton.

16. After reading and adopting the foregoing minutes, the Association adjourned to meet at time and place above mentioned.

ELDER J. FRED HARTLEY, Moderator.
J. U. DANIEL, Clerk,

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Upon motion of Elder Wm. H. Crouse that we the visiting ministers, brethren and sisters do most heartily express our thanks to the brethren and sisters and kind freinds of this vicinity for their kind hospitality shown us while in their midst. And may God's richest blessings ever attend them and be afforded of His rich grace to sustain them in all of their trials and tribulations.

Order of Preaching.

Introductory by..... Elder B. H. Pierson
Tuesday P. M. Elder J. Theodore McArthur
Wednesday A. M. Elder Wm. H. Crouse
Wednesday P. M. Elder R. H. Barwick and C. E. Sanders
Thursday A. M. Elder W. C. Hanson
Thursday P. M. Elders Walter M. Blackwell, and D. R. McElveen

Ministers of this Association

Elder W. B. Screws..... Glennville, Ga.
Elder G. D. Todd..... Glennville, Ga.
S. C. Davis..... Screven, Ga.
Bazil Jones..... Manassas, Ga.
W. L. Oxford..... Lyons, Ga.
W. C. Kicklighter..... Cobbtown, Ga.
B. F. Woodcock..... Jesup, Ga.

Note.—Elder R. H. Kennedy was a member of this Association, but has recently moved his membership to Brooklet of the Lower Canoochee Association.

Visiting Ministers.

D. R. McElveen..... Stilson, Ga.
B. H. Pierson..... Macon, Ga.
J. Theodore McArthur..... Cordele, Ga.
Wm. H. Crouse..... Cordele, Ga.
R. H. Barwick..... Cordele, Ga.
J. Fred Hartley..... Fitzgerald, Ga.
R. H. Kennedy..... Brooklet, Ga.
T. E. Sikes..... Vidalia, Ga.
W. C. Hanson..... Eclectic, Ala.
C. E. Sanders..... Stilson, Ga.
Walter M. Blackwell..... Fitzgerald, Ga.

Churches, Pastors, Clerks and Postoffices for 1921.

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| Bay Branch | J. Fred Hartley | J. U. Daniels, Hagan, Ga. |
| Beard's Creek | G. D. Todd | L. H. Kicklighter, Glennville, Ga. |
| Cedar Creek | T. E. Sikes | J. J. Kennedy, Collins, Ga. |
| Claxton, Ga. | J. Fred Hartley | R. J. Kennedy, Claxton, Ga. |
| Lake Chapel | G. D. Todd | J. Troy Lynn, Patterson, Ga. |
| Loves Chapel | W. B. Screws | William W. Waters, Mendes, Ga. |
| Primitive Grove, | Jesse Johnston | G. W. Lively, Cobbtown, Ga. |
| Rome | W. C. Kicklighter | J. N. Scott, Collins, Ga. |
| Salem | R. H. Kennedy | L. A. Nichols, Jesup, Ga. |
| Sunlight | No Pastor | W. H. Cowart, Cobbtown, Ga. |
| Jesup | G. D. Todd | H. L. Brannen, Jesup, Ga. |
| Cobbs Creek | W. L. Oxford | T. C. Jewell, Lyons, Ga. |

Memorial of Elder Silas Thornton

Since our session of 1920, Elder Silas Thornton has been removed from our body, he having fallen asleep in Jesus.

He was born September 8, 1843. When a young man, he heeded a call to the gospel ministry; and through much hardships, he served the Lord in this capacity, the remainder of his life.

He that called our brother into eternal life, and then called him to the ministry of the Word, has now in love, called him into the great beyond, and the tired, wayworn servant has found rest at last.

We bow in submission to the will of God, while we thank Him for our departed brother's life of faithful service.

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| W. B. Screws | } | Committee. |
| J. J. Kennedy | | |
| I. D. Nichols | | |

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 of 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.

Whereas, the assemblage of delegates met at Bay Branch Church, Tatnall County, Georgia, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in November, 1896, from the several churches, viz: Cedar Creek, Sun-Light, Anderson, Bay Branch, Love's Chappel, Beard's Creek, Bethel, and Corinth, having 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 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 cordial welcome.

CHURCH STATISTICS

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF MESSENGERS | By Baptism | Received by Letter | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Membership | Money for Minutes | Money for visiti'g Ministers | Meeting Days |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bay Branch | H. H. Daniels, L. H. Kennedy | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 41 | 3.00 | 12.00 | 4 Sab |
| Beulah | Not Represented | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 | - | - | - |
| Beard's Creek | Elder G. D. Todd, J. I. Durrence | 5 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 70 | 2.00 | 15.00 | 1 Sab |
| Cedar Creek | J. J. Kennedy, R. D. Collins | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 6 | 68 | 2.00 | 10.00 | 1 Sab |
| Claxton | J. C. Dasher, R. J. Kennedy | 1 | - | 1 | 6 | - | 3 | 52 | 2.00 | 10.00 | 2 Sab |
| Cobb's Creek | Elder W. L. Oxford, W. W. Ansley | 5 | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | 28 | 1.50 | 5.00 | 4 Sab |
| Jesup | Elder B. F. Woodcock, H. L. Brannen | 7 | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | 17 | 1.00 | 4.00 | 2 Sab |
| Lake Chapel | H. P. Deal, J. T. Lynn | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 18 | 1.50 | 10.00 | 3 Sab |
| Love's Chapel | Elder W. B. Screws, Willie Kicklighter | 5 | - | - | 3 | - | 1 | 124 | 5.00 | 20.00 | 2 Sab |
| Primitive Grove | W. B. Bird, G. W. Lively | 4 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 44 | 1.50 | 6.00 | 1 Sab |
| Rome | J. N. Scott, W. S. Mosely | 5 | - | - | 2 | - | - | 26 | 1.50 | 5.00 | 2 Sab |
| Salem | D. J. Smith, I. D. Nichols | 19 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 98 | 3.00 | 22.00 | 2 Sab |
| Sunlight | W. A. Brinson, W. H. Cowart | - | - | - | - | - | - | 45 | 1.50 | 10.00 | 4 Sab |
| By Collection 2nd Day | | | | | | | | | | 19.80 | |
| Totals | | 55 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 15 | 643 | \$25.50 | 147.80 | |

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| Въ Collection Book Date | By Name | Received by Letter | Received by Letter | Disburse | Disburse | Balance | Balance |
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| | М. А. Байковъ, М. Н. Соколовъ | 13 | | | 40 | 1 20 | 10 00 |
| | Д. П. Зинуръ, Г. Д. Мережко | 2 | | | 68 | 3 00 | 25 00 |
| | Г. А. Зинуръ, М. З. Мережко | 3 | | | 34 | 1 00 | 5 00 |
| | М. В. Зинуръ, С. М. Гусевъ | 3 | | | 34 | 1 20 | 0 00 |
| | Гос. С. Сибирь | 2 | | | 134 | 2 00 | 50 00 |
| | Гос. Сибирь | 3 | | | 18 | 1 20 | 10 00 |
| | М. В. Зинуръ, Г. А. Зинуръ | 3 | | | 11 | 1 00 | 4 00 |
| | М. В. Зинуръ, В. А. Соколовъ, М. Г. Виланенъ | 3 | 7 | | 11 | 1 00 | 4 00 |
| | С. П. Соловьевъ | 2 | 4 | | 32 | 1 20 | 2 00 |
| | С. П. Соловьевъ | 1 | 1 | | 28 | 3 00 | 10 00 |
| | С. П. Соловьевъ, В. Д. Соколовъ | 5 | | | 28 | 5 00 | 10 00 |
| | Вен. С. Соловьевъ | 2 | | | 30 | 5 00 | 10 00 |
| | Вен. С. Соловьевъ | 2 | | | 30 | 5 00 | 10 00 |
| | В. Н. Даниловъ, Г. Н. Кемени | 1 | 1 | | 41 | 3 00 | 15 00 |
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