

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST
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OF THE

BETHEL
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION,

WHICH CONVENED WITH

LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH

SEPT. 20-21-22, 1907.

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Of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association, which convened with the Little Flock Church Sept. 20-21-22nd 1907.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Lucius Riner. Text Jno. 5-21-26.

2. The messengers from the various churches was then called to order by Eld. A. R. Strickland.

3. Called for the letters from the different churches, which were handed in and read by Elds. E. W. Powell, W. B. Screws and Bro. J. J. Kennedy.

4. Organized the Association by electing Eld. A. R. Strickland Moderator and W. A. Kennedy, Clerk.

5. Invited Brethern and Sisters of our faith and order to seats with us to unite with us in our deliberations.

6. By the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship the following visitors were received: Elds. Donahoe, E. W. Powel, W. Screws, M. L. Riner, Jordon Cribbs, M. M. Mattox, H. V. Hill. Brethern, Jas. E. Rivers, W. A. Beasley, M. M. Coleman and W. C. Harvey.

7. On motion agreed to take the same order of business as before.

8. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

9. Appointed committee as follows: To arrange preaching, J. J. Kennedy, D. H. Holland, A. W. Odom and Jno. Lynn. To arrange general meeting: F. C. Dyess, J. C. Dashier and T. J. Hodges. On finance: D. H. Percell, T. B. Denmark and W. A. Kennedy.

10. Called for and received the following reports from the committee to arrange preaching: Friday P. M. Elds. W. B. Screws and M. M. Mattox. Saturday A. M. Elds. E. W. Powell and R. D. Donahoe. Saturday P. M. Elds. H. V. Hill and W. A. Beasley. Sunday 10 A. M. Elds. W. B. Screws and Jordon Cribbs, closed by Moderator Eld. A. R. Strickland.

11. On motion adjourned until Saturday 9 A. M.

12. In pursuance of the arrangements of the previous day the Association met at 9 A. M., after singing, prayer was offered by Eld. A. R. Strickland. Next called the roll and proceeded to business.

13. Called for the report of the committee to arrange general meetings, which was as follows: At Anderson's M. H. in March at Rome church in August, each to convene on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in their respective months.

14. Received and adopted the following report from the finance committee: Money for ministers \$16 75 money for visiting ministers \$1 80.

15. By request of Sunlight church on the Collins and Stillmore

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Air Line R. R. the next session of the Bethel Association will convene with that church on fourth Sunday, Friday and Saturday before in Sept 1908, at or near Cobbtown Station on the Wadley Southern R. R.

16. On motion agreed to have (400) four hundred copies of this minute, the clerk to superintend the printing of the same.

17. On motion read and adopted this minute and adjourned for preaching.

Eld. A. R. STRICKLAND, Mod.

W. A. KENNEDY, Clerk

Resolved that we render to the Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent God our most earnest and unspeakable gratitude for his unbounded mercy and goodness to us; in that he has preserved our lives and health through the vicissitudes and scenes of another year and has blessed us in innumerable ways.

To the brethren sisters and friends of Little Flock vicinity we are won many thanks for the kind, liberal and very hospitable manner in which they have taken care of us during the meeting.

ARTICLE OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—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 Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only fit subjects of these ordinances, and believe that the only true mode of Baptisms 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 thier 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 ordely 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 Association, we take pleasure in declaring our warmest Christian love for alo our Brethern every where; and we do most affectionately invite them to make loving and personal visits to see 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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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES
Anderson M H	Tattnall	Eld A R Strickland	J A Sikes	Undine Ga
Bay Branch	"	" E W Powell	H H Daniel	Manassas "
Beards Creek	"	" A R Strickland	J H Stubbs	Coe "
Bethel	Liberty	" " "	G T Knight	Easterling "
Cedar Creek	Tattnall	" W B Screws	J J Kennedy	Collins "
Cobbs Creek	Toombs	" " "	W F Conley	Perrys Mill "
Little Flock	Tattnall	" D L Callaway	L E Lynn	Collins "
Loves Chapel	"	" B H Pearson	M A Knight	Glennville "
Rome	"	" F M Donaldson	J A Bowen	Collins "
Sunlight	"	" Spivey	W H Cowart	Quince "

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	T of Meeting							
		Money for Visitors	Money for Minutes	Total Member- ship	Deceased	Excluded	Recom'd	Rec'd by Letter	
Anderson	D H Holland, T J Hodges	1	2	1	1	75	2	00	3
Bay Branch	H H Daniel, W A Kennedy	1	10	1	1	52	1	25	4
Beards creek	F C Dyess, D H Percell	1	1	1	1	53	2	02	1
bethel	Eld A R Strickland, J C Dasher					45	1	50	2
cobbs creek	H H and J J Kennedy	2	15	1	2	42	2	00	1
cedar creek	Eli Edenfield, T B Denmark	1	5	1	2	37	1	00	4
Little Flock	J L Lynn, A W Odom					50	2	50	4
Loves chapel	S H Stubbs, E W Banks					32	1	50	2
Rome	J G Kennedy, Elliot Anderson					26	1	50	2
Sunlight	J B Moore, W B Bird	2	7	1	1	31	1	50	4



