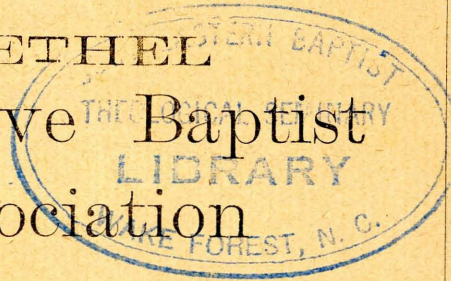


Minutes

— OF THE —

BETHEL Primitive Baptist Association



WHICH CONVENED WITH

ANDERSON'S M H

OCTOBER 14, 15 and 16, '04.

ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED NOV. 1896.

MEMORANDUM

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a summary of the information received from the various sources regarding the activities of the group during the period from January 1, 1945, to the present.

2. The information was obtained from the following sources: (a) the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; (b) the files of the State Department; (c) the files of the War Relocation Authority; and (d) the files of the War Relocation Authority's Office of Information and Education.

3. The information indicates that the group has been active in the United States since the beginning of the war. It has been found that the group has been active in the following areas: (a) the collection of funds; (b) the distribution of literature; (c) the organization of meetings; and (d) the recruitment of members.

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MINUTES.

Primitive Baptist Association which convened with the church at Andersons M. H. Oct 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1904.

1. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Morgan Brown of the New Bulah association. Text, Watch ye and pray lest you enter into temptation.

2. After forty minutes intermission the Delegates from the various churches met in the house and was called to order by Eld. A. R. Strickland.

After singing prayer was offered by Eld. M. F. Stubbs.

3. Called for letters from the different churches which were handed in and read by Elds. Morgan Brown, E. W. Powell and J. T. McArtha.

4. Organized the association by electing Eld. A. R. Strickland mod. and W. A. Kennedy clerk.

5. Invited brethren 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, E. W. Powell and Bro. M. C. Jones of lower Canoochee association, Eld. Morgan Brown of the new Bulah association. Eld. J. T. McArtha of the Ebenezer association and Bro. J. H. Bagley of the Alapaha association.

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

8. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

9. Appointed committees as follows: To arrange preaching, Eld. D. L. Callaway and brethren J. R. Callaway J. W. Durrence, H. J. Banks and G. T. Knight.

To arrange general meetings, Eld. B. Jones, Brethren E. P. Kennedy and J. R. Callaway.

On finances: Brethren J. H. Stubbs, H. J. Banks and J. W. Durrence.

10. Called for and received the report of the committee to arrange preaching as follows: Friday P, M. Eld. J. T. McArtha Saturday A. M. Eld E. W. Powell and Bro M. C. Jones, P. M. Elds. A. R. Strickland and J. T. McArtha. Sunday 10. 30: a. m. Eld M. F. Stubbs followed by Eld Morgan Brown closed by the mod.

11. On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

12. In pursuance of the arrangement of the previous day the association met at 9, o'clock a. m. after singing: Prayer by Bro. M. C. Jones we called the roll and proceeded to business.

13. Called for the report of the committee to arrange general meetings which was as follows: At Bethel in April and at Sun-light in July. All 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 minutes \$13 50 money for visitors \$33.30.

15. By the request of Rome church our next association will convene with her on the third Sunday Friday and Saturday before in Oct. 1905 three miles south of Collins and near Mt. Carmel church on the Collins & Reidsville R. R.

16. Agreed to have three hundred copies of this minute printed the clerk to attend to 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 an omnipotent God our most earnest and unspeakable gratitude for his unbounded mercy and goodness in that he has spared and continued our lives to us, and has blessed us with health and with abundant harvest. To Brethren sisters and friends of Anderson's church vicinity, we are due many thanks and life long kind wishes for the very hospitable and noble way in which they entertained us during the meeting.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday p. m. Eld J. T. McArtha. Saturday a. m. Eld E. W. Powell and Bro M. C. Jones.

P. M. Eld A. R. Strickland and J. T. McArtha.

Sunday 10:30 a. m. Eld M. F. Stubbs followed by Eld Morgan Brown. Closed by the moderator.

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 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 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 Tattnah county. Ga., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1896, from the several churches. Viz: Cedar Creek, Sunlight, Anderson, Bay Branch, Love'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 their 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 fellow-ship with the members of such churches; and while that for the sake of Scriptural truth, Gospel peace, order and freedom, we heredly discontinue all formal correspondence with our sister associations, we take plasure 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 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 fature than we have in the past,

Statistical Table:

CHURCHES	DELEGATES NAMES	Restored	Baptized	Received by Letter	Recom' ended	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Money for Minutes	Money for Visitors	Time of Meeting Sun.
Anderson M H	Eld D L Callaway, J R Callaway	2	3					73	2.50	3.00	3rd
Bay Branch	H H Daniel, W H Bazemore		1		3			41	1.25	5.00	4th
Beards Creek	J H Stubbs, J W Durrence		1	3				58	1.75	5.00	3rd
Bethel	Eld A R Strickland, Geo T Knight		1	1				48	1.50	3.80	2nd
Cedar Creek	Eld B Jones, W A Kennedy				1			22	1.50	3.00	1st
Loves Chapel	H J Banks, B J Woodcock		1	1	2			33	1.00	5.00	2nd
Rome	Eldict Anderson, E P Kennedy		6	1	1			23	1.50	5.00	2nd
Sun Light	W H Cowart, J B Moore							15	1.50		4th
Cobbs Creek	A H Proctor, S H Nevils			2		1		33	1.00	2.50	1st

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Anderson M H	Tattnall	Eld A R Strickland D L Callaway	J A Sikes	Undine Ga.
Bay Branch	"	Eld E W Powell	H H Daniel	Bellville "
Beards Creek	"	" M F Stubbs	J H Stubbs	Coe "
Bethel	Liberty	" A R Strickland	G T Knight	Easterling "
Cedar Creek	Tattnall	" Bazel Jones	M A Kennedy	Maassas "
Cobbs Creek	"	" Jordan Cribbs	W F Conley	Perry's Mill "
Loves Chapel	"	" E W Powell	W A Knight	Glennville "
Rome	"	" Jordan Cribbs	R H Kennedy	Collins "
Sunlight	"	" H V Hill	W H Cowart	Quince "

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NAME	RESIDENCE	EDUCATION	RELIGION
Smith, J. H.	123 Main St.	High School	Methodist
Johnson, M. K.	456 Elm St.	College	Baptist
Williams, R. L.	789 Oak St.	University	Presbyterian
Davis, A. B.	321 Pine St.	High School	Episcopal
Miller, C. D.	654 Cedar St.	College	Methodist
Wilson, E. F.	987 Birch St.	High School	Baptist
Moore, G. H.	101 Maple St.	University	Presbyterian
Taylor, I. J.	202 Spruce St.	High School	Methodist
Anderson, K. L.	303 Willow St.	College	Baptist
Thomas, M. N.	404 Hickory St.	High School	Presbyterian
White, O. P.	505 Ash St.	University	Methodist
Black, Q. R.	606 Sycamore St.	High School	Baptist
Green, S. T.	707 Chestnut St.	College	Presbyterian
Harris, U. V.	808 Walnut St.	High School	Methodist
King, W. X.	909 Elm St.	University	Baptist
Lee, Y. Z.	1010 Oak St.	High School	Presbyterian

