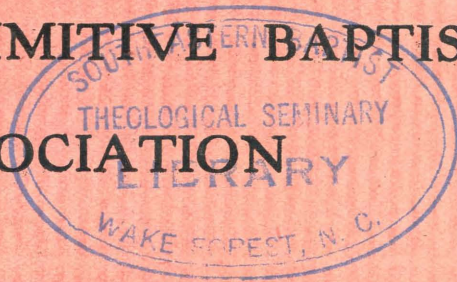


MINUTES

OF THE

**BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**



WHICH CONVENEED WITH

Sunlight Church, Tattnall County,

SEPT. 25, 26, 27, 1908.

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Of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association, which convened with the church at Sunlight on the fourth Sunday, Friday and Saturday before, in September, 1908.

1. Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. T. E. Sikes. Text Philippians, 3 chap, 7-8:

Elder M. F. Stubbs elected moderator.

2. The delegates from the various churches met in the house and was called to order by Elder M. F. Stubbs.

After singing prayer was offered by Elder A. W. Patterson.

3. Called for letters from different churches, which were handed in and read by the following: Elder W. B. Screws, Bros. J. J. Kennedy, H. H. Daniel.

4. Organized the Association by electing Elder W. B. Screws, Moderator, 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; Elders A W Patterson, M. F. Stubbs, C. B. Spivey, F. H. Sills, T. E. Sikes, E. W. Powell, R. H. Barwick; Brethren W. T. Durden, L. M. Mercer, Paul Bird, W. A. Brinson, Clem Lanier.

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, J. J. Kennedy, H. H. Daniel, J. H. Stubbs, Linton Cowart, Wilson Paye. To arrange general meetings, H. H. Kicklighter, E. P. Kennedy, G. I. Anderson. On finances; J. F. Brantley, D. H. Percell, T. B. Denmark.

10. Called for and received the following report from the committee to arrange preaching; Friday P. M. Elder A. W. Patterson. Elder S. F. Sills at night. Saturday 10 A. M. Elder M. F. Stubbs and Elder C. B. Spivey. P. M. Elder R. H. Barwick, Elder E. W. Powell. Sunday 10 A. M. Elder F. H. Sills. Closed by Moderator

11. On motion adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

12. In pursuance of the arrangements of the previous day the Association met at 9:00 o'clock A. M. After singing and prayer by Elder E. W. Powell, we called the roll and proceeded to business.

13. Called for the report of committee to arrange general meetings, which was as follows: November, Cobbs Creek. May Beards Creek. August, Loves Chapel. All to convene on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in their respective months.

14. Called for and received the following report from the finance; V. 21.50, M. 10.25.

15. By the request of Cedar Creek church our next Association will convene with her on the third Sunday, Friday and Saturday before in October 1909.

16. On motion agreed to have three hundred copies of this minute printed; the clerk to superintend the same.

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

W. B. SCREWS, Moderator.

W. A. KENNEDY, Clerk.

We are due the good people of Sunlight vicinity our most cordial thanks and our life long kind and best wishes for the noble, hospitable, and very generous manner in which they kept and cared for us during the meeting.

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 Saint's

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, 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 Beards 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 orderly 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 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 more cordial welcome in the future than we have in the past.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	DELEGATES' NAMES	Conj	Rest	Bap	R.L.	Rec	Ex.	Dec.	T.N.	M.	M	T.M.	
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Sunlight	L H Cowart, W R Payne			4	3	7			30	1	50	4	
Anderson M H	H H Daniel, W A Kennedy												
Bay Banch	J H Stubbs, D H Percell			2					53	1	25	4 00	
Beards Breek	Elder Bazil Jones, J J Kennedy									1	50	2 00	
Bethel	J F Bra...ey, T B Denmark	2	11	4			2	58	2	50	5 00	1	
Cedar Creek	G Q Anderson, H H Kicklighter		1	14	1	1	10	44	1	00	2 50	4	
Cobbs Creek	E P Kennedy, J B Hendricks			6				1	1	35	1 50	5 00	2
Loves Chapel									15	1	00	3 00	2
Little Flock						10							
Rome													

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES
Anderson M. H.	Tattnall	Elder	H H Daniel	Hagan, Ga
Bay Branch	Tattnall	Elder E W Powell	J H Stubbs	Glennville, Ga.
Beards Creek	Tattnall	Eld A R Strickland		
Bethel				
Cedar Creek	Tattnall	Elder W B Screws	J J Kennedy	Collins, Ga.
Cobbs Creek	Toombs	Elder W B Screws	W F Cauley	Perrys Mills, Ga.
Loves Chapel	Tattnall	Elder W B Screws	Martin Knight	Glennville, Ga
Rome	Tattnall	Eld R H Kennedy	J N Scott	Collins, Ga.
Sunlight	Tattnall	Elder C B Spivey	W H Cowart	Cobbtown, Ga
Little Flock				

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