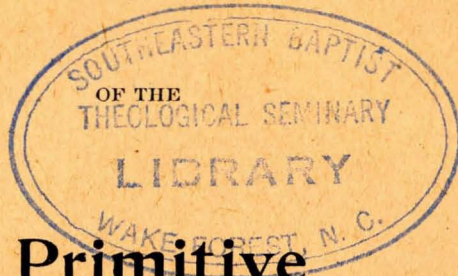


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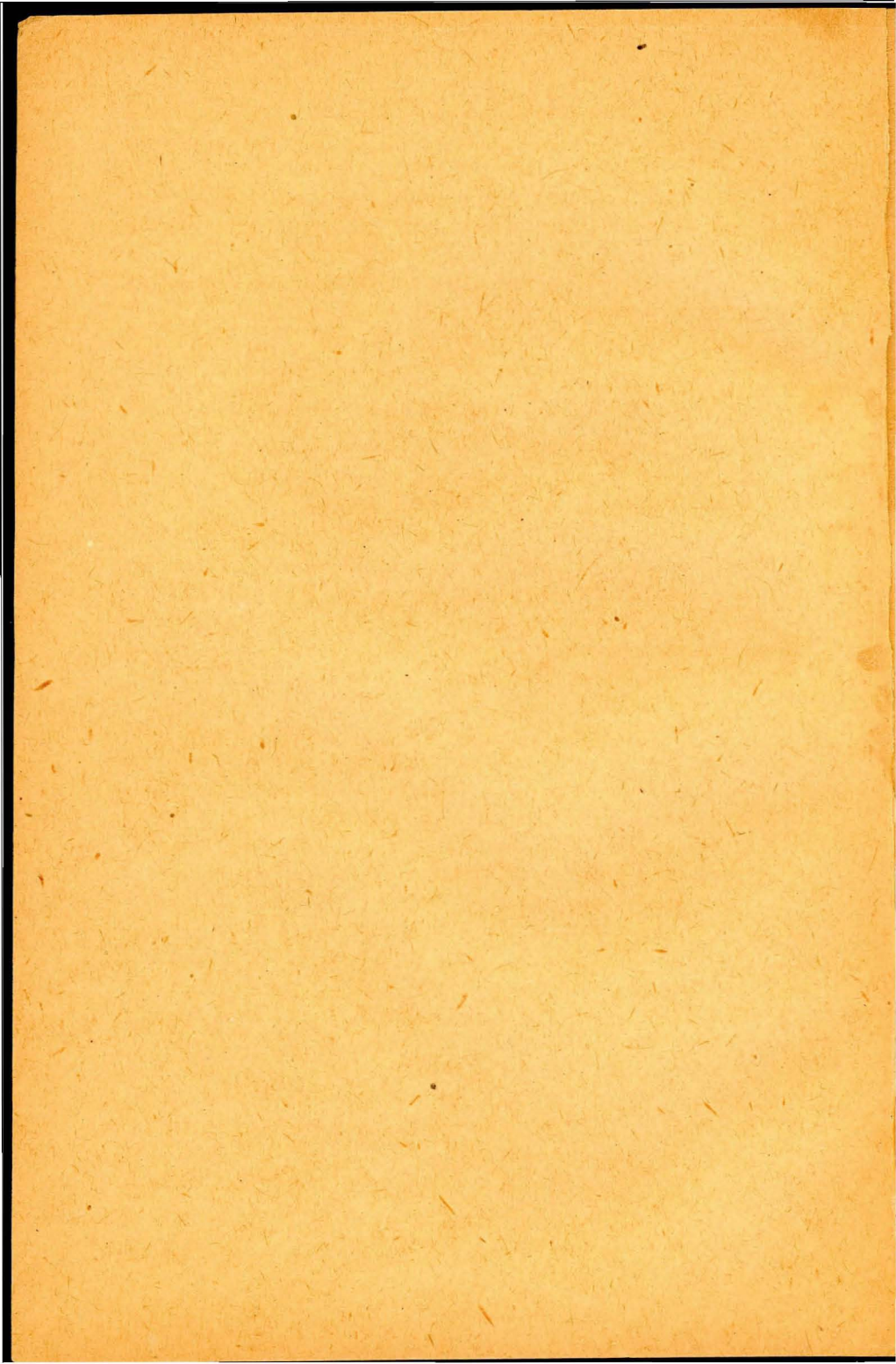
**Bethel Primitive
Baptist Association**

WHICH CONVENEED WITH

CEDAR CREEK CHURCH,

Oct. 14 and 15, 1899.

REIDSVILLE, GA. :
TAYTNALL JOURNAL JOB ROOMS,
DEC., 1899.



MINUTES

Of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association, which convened with Cedar Creek Church October 14th and 15th, 1899.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder M. F. Stubbs, from First Corinthians, 12th chapter, 26th verse.

2nd. After thirty minutes intermission the delegates from the various churches met in the house and were called to order by Elder M. F. Stubbs.

3d. Called for letters from the different churches, which were handed in and read by Brethren J. R. Callaway, H. J. Banks and J. H. Stubbs.

4th. Organized the association by electing Elder M. F. Stubbs moderator and W. A. Kennedy clerk.

5th. Invited brethren and sisters of our faith and order to seats with us, to aid us in our deliberations.

6th. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

7th. Appointed the following committees: To arrange preaching: Brethren J. H. Stubbs, W. W. Daniel, J. W. Durrence, W. A. Kennedy and Elder B. Jones. To arrange general meetings: Brethren H. J. Banks, G. Q. Anderson and D. L. Callaway. On finance: Brethren W. H. Cowart, J. C. Dasher and J. W. Jones.

8th. Bay Branch and Cedar Creek churches requested the association to so change the constitution as to allow the church at which the association convenes the right to elect the moderator and clerk for that particular occasion.

The motion was discussed, but the request was not granted.

9th. Received the report of the different committees.

On preaching, as follows: Saturday afternoon, Elder R. W. Durden, followed and closed by Elder Jordan Cribbs. Sunday, 10 o'clock a. m., Elder M. F. Stubbs, followed and closed by Elder R. W. Durden.

On general meetings, as follows: First, at Aderson's church, in April; second, at Love's Chapel, in July, each to begin on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in their respective month.

On finance, as follows: Received money for minutes, \$10.75. For visiting ministers, \$10.45.

10th. On motion adopted the petition of Bay Branch

church, in which she asked for the next session of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association to convene with her on the third Sunday, Friday and Saturday before in October, 1900.

11th. On motion agreed to have three hundred copies of minutes printed, the clerk to superintend the same.

12th. On motion read and adopted this minute and adjourned to the stand for preaching.

ELD. M. F. STUBBS, Moderator.

W. A. KENNEDY, Clerk.

RESOLVED, That we render to God our most earnest and sincere gratitude for his mercy, love and preservation in the past and implore a continuation of the same in the future. To the brethren, sisters and friends of Cedar Creek church vicinity we are due many thanks and kind wishes for the very hospitable and noble manner in which they entertained us during the meeting.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Saturday, 1 o'clock p. m., Elder R. W. Durden. Text: Genesis 3d chapter, 9th verse. Elder Jordan Cribbs. Subject: The Seven Attributes of God.

Sunday, 10 o'clock a. m., Elder M. F. Stubbs. Subject: Job 14th chapter, 14th verse, followed and closed by Elder R. W. Durden, Job 14th chapter, 14th verse.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

ELD. BAZIL JONES..... Manassas, Ga.

ELD. A. R. STRICKLAND..... Easterling, Ga.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—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 Judgment, 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 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 see us, not only at our Associations, 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.	COUNTIES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.										
			Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Confession of Faith	Recommended	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Money for Minutes	Money for Visitors	Meetings
Anderson M H.....	Tattnall	J R and D L Callaway	6	1	1	1	1	4	60	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	3
Bay Branch.....	Tattnall	A R Strickland, W W Daniel & J W Durrence	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1 25	2 45	4
Beard's Creek.....	Tattnall.....	F C Dyess, David Easterling and J H Stubbs.	2	2	2	2	2	2	61	1 75	1 05	3
Bethel	Liberty.....	J C Dasher and G T Knight.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	37	1 25	1 25	1
Cedar Creek.....	Tattnall.....	B Jones and W A Kennedy.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	1 50	1 50	1
Corinth.....	Liberty.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Love's Chapel.....	Tattnall.....	B J Woodcock, H J Banks and G Q Anderson.	3	3	2	2	2	2	35	1 55	3 70	2
Sunlight.....	Tattnall.....	Allen Collins, W H Cowart and Jesse Cobb.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	1 50	1 50	4
CHURCHES	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.									
Anderson M H.....	H B Wilkinson.....	J B Kennedy.....	Collins, Ga.....									
Bay Branch.....	A R Strickland.....	H H Daniel.....	Bellville, Ga.....									
Beard's Creek.....	M F Stubbs.....	J H Stubbs.....	Coe, Ga.....									
Bethel	A R Strickland.....	G Knight.....	Easterling, Ga.....									
Cedar Creek.....	B Jones.....	W A Kennedy.....	Manassas, Ga.....									
Corinth.....	.....	.....	Easterling, Ga.....									
Love's Chapel.....	M F Stubbs.....	H H Kicklighter.....	Glennville, Ga.....									
Sunlight.....	B Jones.....	W H Cowart.....	Quince, Ga.....									

