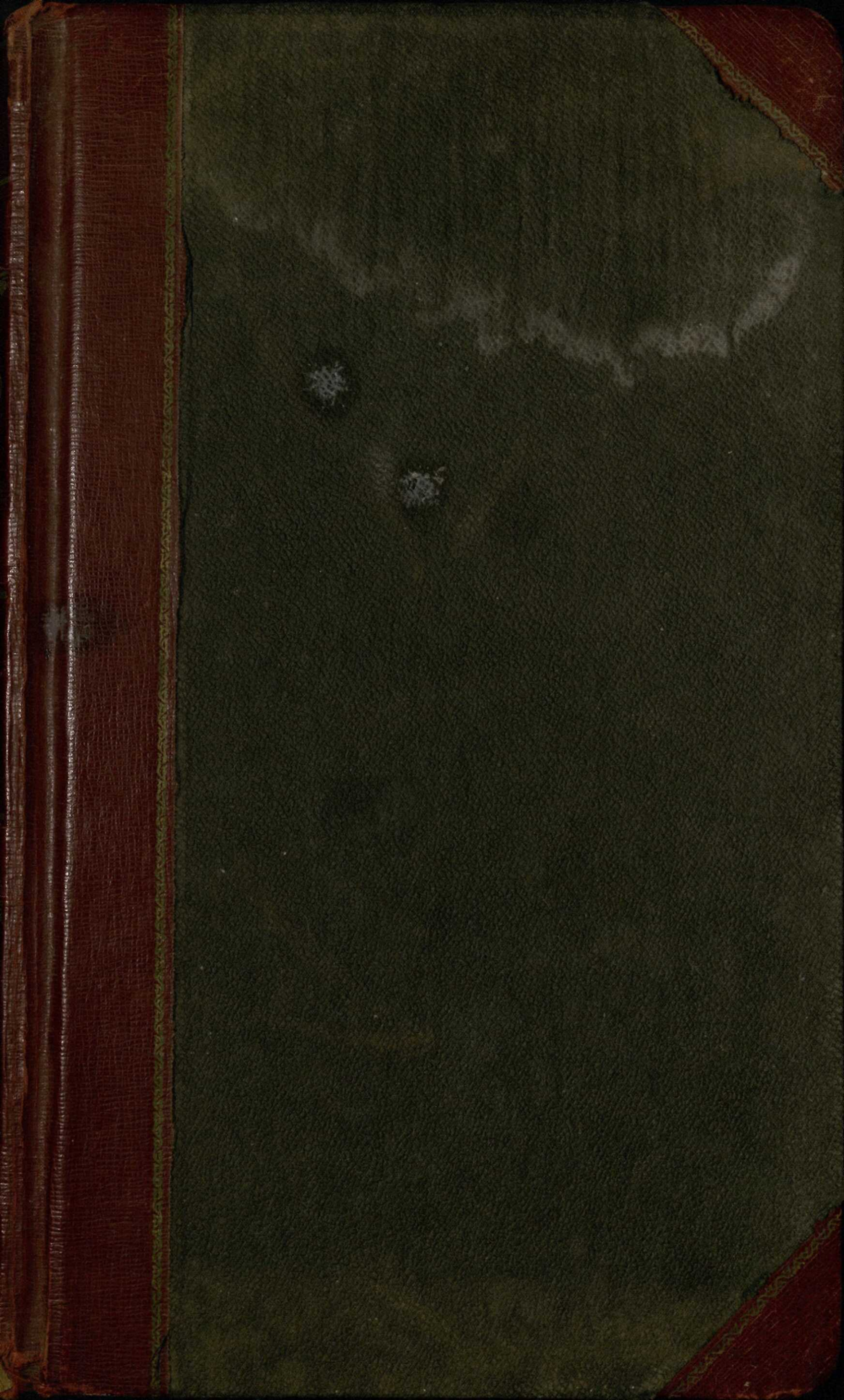






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- 8 Mattie Will Beall - Hall. Dismissed by letter Dec-3-1950. (Dead)
- 9 Sallie Beall - dismissed by letter May 26. 1946.
- 10 James Beall (Dead.)
- x 11 Janie Brown - Justice.
- 12 Eva Justice - Waters. Dismissed 1959
- 13 G.W. Beall. (Dead.)
- 14 Ira Brown. Died Jan. 26 1956.
- x 15 Elijah Cross.
- 16 Sarah Cross - Bell. (dismissed by letter) 1960
- 17 Mellie Brown - Horton. Died July 15-1956.
- x 18 William Horton.
- 19 Forest Horton. died Oct. 9 1952.
- x 20 Mary Horton - Hoover.
- x 21 Lois Horton. Dapp.
- 22 Bertha Ward Lavender. Dismissed by letter Sept. 11-1940
- 23 Mattie Beall Davidson. Dismissed by letter
- 24 Benton Lavender. Sr. Dismissed 1960
- 25 A.G. Lavender. Dismissed by letter 1960
- 26 Elmer Stapleton. dismissed by letter June 15 1958
- 27 Rubye Horton. Dismissed by letter
28. Lucile Young - Bell. (Dead)
- 29 Grace Dixon.
- 30 Farris M. Bell. Dead died May 25 1949.
- 31 John M. Bell. dismissed by letter Dec. 4. 1949
- 32 Robert Reeves.
33. Alice Brown. dismissed by letter July 4. 1943.
- 34 Benton Lavender Jr. Dismissed by letter (Nov. 6 1958)
35. Ola Bell dismissed by letter July 27, 1943.
- 36 Kitty Justice.
- 37 Rev H.H. Jones dismissed by letter Aug 26 1945
- x 38 Mrs J.E. Cross.
- 39 Betty Jane Cross. Dismissed by letter

Members of Bethel Baptist Church.
By Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

- x 40. Charles Bell.
 x 41. Mrs Robert Ford.
 42. Henry Ford Jr. ~~Dismissed~~
 43. Joe Ford. (dismissed by letter 1960)
 x 44. Margie Ford. Carson
 45. Mary Ford. Died Aug. 3-1949.
 46. Mrs Alva Lavender Dismissed by letter June 15-1958
 47. Clay Lavender.
 48. Mrs W.C. Brewer joined by letter July-18-1954
 49. Mrs Lonie Young (dead) ~~Dismissed by letter~~ joined to be baptized. ~~Dismissed by letter~~ 1955
 50. Shirley Young 1955
 51. Joann Bell - dismissed by letter. 1960 .. 1955
 52. Patty Jo Young joined by letter 1st time in Aug 1955
 53. Patty Jo Young dismissed by letter July-7-1956
 53. Alva Lavender dismissed by letter June 15-1958
 54. Mrs W.F. Jones dismissed by letter Aug 17-1958
 55. Rev. W.F. Jones 17-1958
 56. Luvenie Brewer.

June 6 1943

Bethel Baptist Church Swanton Ga.
Bethel Baptist Church met in conference
June 6. 1943. Open doors of Church members
received none. Minutes of last meeting
were read and adopted. Old business
none. Time set for revival services
beginning fourth Sunday night in July,
also moved and second that pastor
write Mr. Tippet Card of Thanks for
song book which he donated to
Church. No other business Conference
adjourned.

H. W. Jones Mod.

Mrs. Eva Waters Church Clerk.

July 4 1943. Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference
open doors Church. Members received one
by letter Rev. H. W. Jones. Minutes of last
meeting read and approved. Observed
Lords Supper. Church granted letter
to McIntyre Baptist Church for Sister
Alice Brown. Fourth Sunday night in
July was set to hold memorial services
honoring members of our Church and
boys in the community who are in
service of our Country. No other business
conference adjourned.

H. W. Jones Mod.

Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Aug. 1943

Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference Aug. 1943
Reading of last months minutes approved open doors
of Church for receiving members. Mrs Mennie Prewer
come under watch Care of Church until we
could get her letter from Lonely Grove Baptist
Church near Eastman Ga. No other business
conference adjourned. Dismissed with prayer
by Mrs Sallie Deall.

H. W. Jones Mod.

Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Sept. 5. 1943. Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Sept 5. 1943. Open doors of Church for receiving members. Read minutes of last meeting. Bro Ira Brown resigned as treasure. The Church accepted his resignation and elected Sister A. B. Lavender as treasure for the Church and she accepted. No other business motion and second to adjourn

H. H. Jones Mod.

Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Oct 3. 1943. Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Oct 3 1943. Open doors of Church for receiving members. Read and adopted minutes of last month. Church made an acknowledgement to Bro Ira Brown for mistake concerning money matter. Elected delegates to the association which meets with the Liberty Baptist Church Oct 20 and 21. \$3.00 sent for minutes, delegates Mrs Eva Waters, Mrs James Barlow and Bro Ira Brown. Bro Benton Lavender Jr. was elected to serve on the Executive Committee. Bro Benton Lavender Sr. was appointed to get up produce for Orphan Home. Conference left open until Sun mite Association letter read and passed upon. No other business, Conference adjourned

H. H. Jones Mod.

Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Nov. 7, 1943

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Nov. 7, 1943. Open doors of Church for receiving members. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Bro Benton Lavender was appointed by the Church to do just as he saw fit about putting the shingles on the Church. There was a motion and second to take up a collection next meeting day to pay Bro Benton Lavender \$8.80 which he paid for lumber being sawed for the Church. No other business conference adjourned.
H. H. Jones Mod.
Mrs. Eva Waters Church Clerk.

No Conference in Dec. 1943.

No. Conference in Jan. 1944.

Feb. 6, 1944

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference on Feb 6, 1944. Minutes of last Conference read and approved. No other business conference adjourned.
H. H. Jones Mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Mar. 5, 1944

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Mar 5, 1944. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. A special collection was taken \$2.60 for the completion of Brimton Parker Institution Dormitory. Bro Jones resigned as pastor of Church his resignation was accepted. A motion and second that he finish out the year unless we could secure some one else. No other business conference adjourned.
H. H. Jones Mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

- Apr. 2. 1944 Bethel Baptist met in Conference
Apr. 2. 1944. Open doors of Church
for receiving members. Minutes of
last meeting read and approved
A motion was carried that the
Clerk write Mr. James W. Meritt
and inform him the Church Clerk and
also the Church Treasurer's name
and address. Conference adjourned.
H. H. Jones Mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.
- May-1944 No Conference.
- June 4/1944 No Conference due to Bro H. H. Jones.
health being unable to attend.
- July 1-1944 No Conference.
- Aug 6-1944 No Conference and no revival
service was held during the year.
- Sept. 3/1944 No Conference.
- Oct. 1. 1944 Still no Conference Church still
without pastor.
- Nov. 5/1944. No Conference.
- Dec. 3/1944. No Conference.
- Jan 6. 1945. No Conference.
- Feb. 4/1945 No Conference.
- Mar. 4/1945. No. Conference.
- Apr. 1945 April. 1. 1945: Bro Jones sent Bro
F. E. Hunt. to preach. He accepted the
Church and services were changed to fourth
Sun.
F. E. Hunt Mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

May 27/1945: Bethel Baptist Church met in conference May 27, 1945 a motion was carried that the \$23.00 in Church treasure be paid on putting top on Church. The Church was counseled by Bro Emmitt Watts of Doonabon and members of the Church and community. Bro Watts took the job for \$65.00. The Church voted to let Mrs Larry Hall have shingles were left at same price Church paid. No other business Conference adjourned.

F. E. Went Mod.

Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

June 3/1945: Bethel Baptist Church met in conference June 3, 1945 minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mrs Larry Hall decided not to take shingles. No other business Conference adjourned.

F. E. Went Mod.

Mrs. Eva Waters Church Clerk.

July 27/1945: Bethel Baptist Church met in conference July 27, 1945 minutes of last meeting read and approved. Letter was granted to Sister Ola Bell Arrington Revival closed Fri mite July 27. A good meeting and good sermons by Bro Shupe of Macon Ga. No other business Conference adjourned.

F. E. Went. Mod.

Mrs. Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Aug 26/1945: Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Aug 26, 1945 minutes of last meeting read and adopted. No other business Conference adjourned.

F. E. Went Mod.

Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Sept 23/1945 Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference
 Sept 23/1945. Minutes of last meeting
 read and approved. a letter of
 dismission was granted to Rev.
 H-71. Jones former pastor of the
 Church. No other business Conference
 adjourned
 F. E. Hent Mod.
 Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Oct 18/1945 Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference
 Oct. 18. 1948. elected delegates to The
 association to convene with the
 New Richland Baptist Church of
 Twiggs County Oct 24-25. Following
 Mrs James Barlow. Mr. - Mrs Benton
 Lavender. Mrs Bertha Lavender and
 Mrs Joel Waters alternates \$1.00 was
 sent for minutes. Conference adjourned
 F. E. Hent Mod.
 Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Nov. 25/1945 No Conference.

Dec 23/1945 No Conference.

Jan 27/1946 No Conference.

Feb 1946 No Conference.

Mar 1946 No Conference.

Apr 1946 No Conference.

May

May 26/1946. Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference May 26. a letter of dismission was granted to Miss Sallie Beall to the Sandersville Baptist Church. Bro Hent is suppose to bring another preacher next preaching day 4th Sun in June. No other business conference adjourned.

F. E. Hent Mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

June 1946 No Conference.

July 1946 No Conference.

Aug 1946 No Conference.

Sept. 11/1946. Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference Sept. 11. 1946. Revival services were conducted by Rev. R. L. Bridges of Hardwick Ga. Received three members for baptism Mrs. J. E. Cross Betty Jane Cross and Charles Bell. Church granted two letters of dismission for Mrs. Mathie Davidson and Mrs. Bertha Laverde. No other business conference adjourned.

F. E. Hent Mod.
Mrs. Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Oct. 1946 No Conference.

Nov. 1946 No Conference.

Dec. 1946 No Conference.

Jan 1947 No Conference.

Feb 1947 No Conference.

Mar 1947. No Conference.

Apr 1947 No Conference.

May 1947 No Conference.

June 1947 No Conference.

July 1947. No Conference.

Aug 1947 No Conference.

Sept 12 1947 Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Sept 12 1947. For calling a pastor Bro Bridges was unanimously elected Bro Benton Lavender and J.E. Cross was appointed by the Church to go to see if Bro Bridges would serve the Church O.B. Lavender acted as moderator. No other business conference adjourned.
O. B. Lavender Mod.
Mrs Eva Water Church Clerk.

Oct 12 1947. Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Oct 12 1947. Bro R. L. Bridges accepted the call of the Church. Time for services second P.m at 3.30 and Fifth Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m. and 7 o'clock P.m. Church ordered application filled out and sent to Mission Board for aid to help finance pastor salary. Associationial letter was read. Messengers to the Association meeting with the

Walnut Creek Baptist Church near
Hamville Ga were as follows. Bro
A. B. Lavender. Bro Elijah Cross
alternates were Mrs James Barlow
Mrs Sarah Bell. no other business
conference adjourned

R. L. Bridges mod.

Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Nov. 1947. No Conference.

Dec 1947 No Conference.

Jan 11 1948. Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference
Jan 11 1948. After preaching by pastor
The pastor explained to the Church
just what the Church would have
to do to get help from the pastor
aid of the Executive Board for the
pastor salary. If the Church pays
\$15.00 per month they would match
that and if the Church fails also
will they fail. The Church resolved
to do this. The blank for this was
filled out by pastor and Clerk.
No other business Conference adjourned
R. L. Bridges mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Clerk.

Feb 8 1948. Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference
Feb 8 1948 after preaching by pastor
Reading of minutes of last meeting
approved. The pastor told the Church
to be thinking about when they
would have their annual meeting
and let the Church by fifth Sunday
in Feb. No other other business motion
and second conference adjourned.

R. L. Bridges mod.

Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

mar 14/1948 Bethel Baptist Church met in conference after preaching by pastor. Reading minutes of last meeting approved. The Church voted to have revival services starting fifth Sun a.m. in Aug running the week following. No other business motion and second conference adjourn.

R. L. Bridges Mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

apri 1948 No Conference.

May 9/1948 Bethel Baptist Church met in conference May 9 1948 after preaching by pastor. Minutes of last Conference read and approved. Treasure gave her report, which was good. No other business conference adjourned.

R. L. Bridges Mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Clerk.

June 1948 No Conference.

July 1948 No Conference.

Aug 8/1948 Bethel Baptist Church met in conference after preaching by pastor. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. No other business motion and second conference adjourn.

R. L. Bridges Mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

aug 29/1948 Bethel Baptist Church met in conference after preaching by pastor after the usual order of business. The pastor explained the aged minister Retirement Plan to the Church. Conference was left open through the week, therefore the church made no decision on the plan. Services continued on through Fri night. Seven members were received by experience. Henry Ford Jr. Alva Lavender Clay Lavender. Margie Ford. Mary Ford, Joe Ford. Mrs Robert Ford. Mrs Alva Lavender came under watch care of church from Cross Key Baptist Church Macomb Ga. Conference adjourned on Sept 19

R. L. Bridges Mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk.

Sept 19/1948. Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Sept 19 1948. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Delegates elected to the association meeting with the Mt Pleasant Church near Milledgeville Ga were Bro Benton Lavender Mrs Robert Ford, Mrs Joel Waters Alternates Bro J.E. Cross Henry Ford and Mrs C.S. Bell. Bro J.E. Cross made a motion and it was carried to adopt the minister Retirement Plan. motion and second to take a special offering for missions next meeting day. No other business. Conference adjourned

R. L. Bridges Mod.
Mrs Eva Waters Church Clerk

Oct 10/1948

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference before preaching Oct 10/1948 minutes of previous conference read and approved. The Church organized a Sunday School. The following officers were elected Mrs Robert Ford Supt. Mrs James Barlow assistant Supt. Sec. Treasure Henry Ford. Mrs Benton Lanender teacher for adults. Mrs Elliott Bell teacher for Intermediates little folks still have no teacher at present. Mrs Benton Lanender resigned as Church treasure. The Church accepted her resignation and extended thanks to her for her faithful service as treasure of the Church. It was moved and carried that the Church pay Clerk \$5.70 for book to record minutes in. Henry Ford was unanimously elected Church ~~treasure~~ Clerk. Mrs Eva Watson was reelected Church Clerk. Rev R. L. Bridges was elected pastor of the Church for the coming year. Motion and second Conference adjourn for the regular Church service.

R. L. Bridges Mod.
Mrs Eva Watson Church Clerk.

Oct 31-1948. Bethel Baptist Church met in conference before church service Oct-31-1948 minutes of previous meeting read approved. Henry Ford resigned as being elected Church Treasurer. motion and second the church accept his resignation. Then another motion made and carried that Mrs Benton Lauender reconsider her resignation and continue as Church treasurer until Henry could more about the treasurer work. a motion was made and Henry was reelected again. The church filled out application to Executive board for help to pay pastor salary. J. E. Cross and Henry Ford was selected by church to get up produce for Orphan Home. Conference adjourned for regular church service.
 Rev R. L. Bridger Mod.
 Eva Water C. C.

Nov. 14-1948. No Conference on this date.

Dec 8-1948 Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Dec. 8-1948 before church service minutes of previous meeting read approved. The pastor having heard from Executive Board they will still pay their part on pastor salary as they did in 1948. No other business conference adjourned for preaching service.
 Rev. R. L. Bridger mod.
 Eva Water C. C.

Jan. 9-1949 No Conference on this date.

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Jan 9-1949 Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference on Jan 9-1949 before church service minutes of last conference read approved. The pastor read letter to the church from Executive Board concerning pastor salary. Cash member being present subscribed to pay so much as to meet the board requirements. The church will proceed with the same plan to pay pastor salary as they did in 1948. No other business conference adjourned for regular church service.
 Rev. R. L. Bridger Mod.
 Eva Waters C. C.

Feb. 13-1949

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Sun P.M. Feb 13-1949, before church service. Due to absence of our pastor Bro Frank Smith a mercer student was with us. Bro. J. E. Cross was appointed moderator. Minutes of last meeting read approved. The church voted to have the school of missions Oct - 9 - 14. There being no other business a motion was made and carried to adjourn conference for preaching service.
 J. E. Cross (Mod.)
 Eva Waters (Clerk)

Apr. 10-1949 Bethel Baptist Church met in conference
 Apr. 10-1949 minutes of previous meeting
 read approved. Motion and second
 that our revival meeting began
 fifth Sun. in July running the
 week after, also Church voted to
 have our field worker J. L. McConnell
 help carry on meeting as he did last
 year. No other business Motion
 made and carried conference
 adjourned
 R. L. Bridger (mod.)
 Eva Waters (Clerk)

May 8-1949 No Conference.

June 12-1949 No Conference.

July 10-1949 Bethel Baptist Church met in conference.
 on July 10-1949 before church service
 minutes of previous meeting read approved.
 Church voted to have home coming
 on July 31st. Due to Bro. J. L. McConnell
 leaving the Ebner Baptist Association
 Church voted to get Bro. Sidney Wheeler
 help in revival service. No other
 business conference adjourned for
 church service
 R. L. Bridge (mod.)
 Eva Waters (Clerk)

Aug 14-1949. Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga met in conference after preaching service on Aug 14-1949. Due to absence of pastor Church voted to elect two deacons for 12 months. Bro Benton Lavender & Bro Cross was elected by church for their purpose but neither did do any thing about it.

Bro Frank Smith of Mercer preached. He was appointed to act as moderator. Church voted to set up decoration. That ten per cent of members must be to attend to any Church affairs. Motion and second the church call pastor for coming year. This was done by secret ballot. Bro Budge & Bro. Wheeler and Bro C. L. Lowery was voted on. Bro Sidney Wheeler received the majority vote. Bro Benton Lavender was appointed to go see Bro Wheeler. No other business conference adjourned.

Frank Smith (mod)
Eva Waters (Clerk)

Sept 11-1949 No Conference.

Oct. 9. 1949. Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga met in conference. Bro Elijah Cross was elected to serve as Moderator. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Motion was made to call pastor again as Bro Wheeler did not accept the call. Bro Benton Lavender made motion to call Bro Lowery, one for and two against. Motion made and second we get Bro Turner Wimbush to send some one down for the Church to try before we try to call again. Church gave permission to members to have trees taken up as necessary to fence cemetery. No other business conference adjourned.

Elijah Cross (mod)
Eva Waters (Clerk)

Nov. 18 - 1949.

Bethel Baptist Church Ironton Ga.
 A call conference was held at the church on Nov 18 1949 at 7 P.M. for the purpose of calling pastor Bro Henry Ford acting moderator. Conference was opened with a song with Mrs James Barlow leading in prayer. a motion was made and second that Bro Gresham be elected as pastor. The motion was carried. a committee was appointed to go see Bro. Gresham to get him to preach on first Sun at 2:30. Committee Mrs Robert Ford Mrs James Barlow and Henry Ford. a motion was made and carried that Bro Cross and Bro Ford go see County Commissioners and get them to grade off church grounds. a motion made and carried if Bro Gresham would not serve the church, to see Bro R. L. Bridges former pastor and see if he would reconsider things and come back to the church at a lower salary. The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Henry Ford (mod.)
 Mrs Robert Ford (acting clerk)

Dec 4 - 1949.

Bethel Baptist Church Ironton Ga 1950
 Church met in conference on Dec. 4. 1949 before regular Church service. Minutes of previous meeting read approved. Time for Church service was changed from 2 o'clock until 2:30. Letter was granted to Bro John Bell. No other business Conference adjourned for Church service

Rev. Sidney Gresham (mod.)
 Eva Neel (clerk)

Jan. 1 - 1950 No Conference.

Feb. 5 - 1950 Bethel Baptist Church Swanton Ga 1950
Church met in conference on Feb 5th before preaching services. Minutes of previous meeting read approved. Bro. Gresham told church he would come down on third Sun. P.M. in each month if they wished him to. Church voted for him to come. No other business conference adjourned for preaching service
Rev. Sidney Gresham (mod.)
Eva Water (Clerk).

Mar. 26. 1950 Bethel Baptist Church met in a call conference Sun Mar. 26. for purpose of calling pastor due to Bro Sidney Gresham resignation. Bro Lester Prichett was unanimously elected to start first Sun. in May with services in a.m. at 11 o'clock and 8 o'clock P.M. Henry T. Ford was excused from conference to go see Mrs O.B. Lavender and get all receipts and money belonging to church. He came back to conference and said the church would have to vote as to the money she had would be spent. She had \$12.36 as church had paid \$90.00 on piano they voted for amt she had to go on piano as church still owes \$70.00 on piano note. Henry Ford presented check to church for \$5.00 from Mr. David Califf to use as church see fit. No other business conference adjourned

Henry T. Ford acting (mod.)
Eva Water (Clerk)

Apr-16-1950 Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in conference on Apr 16.
 before church service. minutes of last
 meeting. minutes were approved. Bro
 Prichett accepted the call to serve
 the church. Preaching hour was changed
 to 11 a.m and 8 P.m on every first
 Sunday in each month. Bro Henry
 Ford read letter to church from
 E. M. C. at Hudley stating the church
 would have to pay the \$5.00 member
 ship fee. Church voted to let this
 matter be as it is until next meeting
 day. No other business conference
 adjourned for preaching services.
 Rev. Lester Prichett (mod)
 Eva Water (Clerk)

May-1-1950 Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in conference May-1-
 1950 before preaching services.
 minutes of last meeting read approved
 Church voted to have annual
 Home Coming on 1st Sunday in
 August with revival starting at
 that time, with Bro Lester Prichett
 doing the preaching. Church voted
 to call pastor by indefinite call.
 motion and second me take up
 collection at nite service to help
 pay membership fee for church
 from P. E. A. at Hudley which is
 \$5.00. No other business conference
 adjourned for church service.
 Rev. Lester Prichett (mod)
 Eva Water (Clerk)

June - 4 - 1950 Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in conference June - 4 - 1950
 before church service. minutes of last
 meeting read approved. Church
 received note from Mr. J. L. Hixthorn
 on piano payed in full. also had
 got church membership certificate
 from R. E. A. at Hudley. No other
 business motion and second
 conference adjourned for regular
 church service by pastor
 Rev. Lester Prichett (mod)
 Eva Waters (clerk)

July 2 - 1950 Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in conference on July
 2nd 1950 before church service
 minutes of last meeting read approved
 time was set to clean church
 grounds and cemetery and Sun and
 Thurs before 5th Sabbath for Home -
 Coming and revival. No other
 business conference adjourned for
 church service
 Rev. Lester Prichett (mod)
 Eva Waters (clerk)

aug 6-1950 Bethel Baptist Church Dorton Ga.
 Church met in conference on aug 6 at
 8 P.M before church services. minutes of
 last meeting were approved. Annual
 Home Coming was held on the same
 day with a large crowd with Bro.
 J. L. Clayton bringing the message
 he being the oldest former pastor
 living. Lots of friends and visitors
 enjoyed the day with us

at noon hour a bountiful dinner
 was enjoyed by all. The afternoon
 was devoted to singing. A wonderful
 talk was given by Mrs Godfrey
 the dime prayer mother.

Bro Ira Brown gave Clerk \$5.00
 to be used as church saw fit. So
 a letter of thanks and appreciation
 and the \$5.00 was sent to Bro Clayton
 motion was made and carried that
 church get individual glasses
 for observing Lords supper. Mrs Pace
 was elected pianist during revival
 services motion was made and
 carried that three men be elected to
 serve as deacons. Bro Elmer Stapleton
 Bro Henry T. Ford and Bro Elijah Cross
 were elected, time to be set later
 for ordination services. No other
 business conference adjourned for
 preaching services

Rev. Lester Prichett (mod.)
 Eva Water (Chrch)

Sept 3-1950 Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in conference on Sun.
 P.m. Sept 3- before church service
 minutes of previous meeting read
 approved. a motion was made and
 carried that church have conference
 before church services on every first
 Sun A.m. The deacon ordination
 was held on Sept 3. at 4-P.m
 with the following deacon ordained
 Bro Elmer Stapleton Bro Henry F
 Ford and Bro Elijah Cross
 The pastor Bro Lester Prichett
 gave charge to deacons and
 Bro O.S. Busham from Jeffermill
 Baptist Church gave the charge
 for the church. No other business
 conference adjourned for church
 service

Rev. Lester Prichett (mod.)
 Eva Water (Clerk)

Oct 1-1950 Bethel Baptist Church met in
 conference ^{Oct 1-1950} before church service.
 minutes of last meeting read approved
 messengers were elected to the
 association which meets with the
 Gordon Baptist Church Oct 18-19/1950
 were as follows Mrs James Barlow
 and Mrs Joel Water Alternates
 Mrs Elliott Bell and Mrs Robert
 Ford. The letter was approved for
 the association and \$3.00 was
 sent for minutes and ect
 conference was kept open till next
 service to call pastor. Bro Lester Prichett
 resigned as pastor, but sent Bro
 Bill Young. Church did not call pastor
 conference adjourned for preaching
 Bro Bill Young (mod.)
 Eva Water (Clerk)

Nov 5 - 1950 No conference on this date.

Bro Hunsford Crutch preached for us on this date.

Dec 2 - 1950 Bethel Baptist Church Drumton Ia. Church met in conference on Dec 2 1950 after church services a letter was granted to Mrs Mattiweyl B. Hall to the Mabel White Baptist Church of Macon Ga. a motion was made and carried that church get new windows and one new door. The moderator appointed Henry Ford to measure windows and door Mrs Joel Waters Mrs Robert Ford and Betty Jane Cross was appointed to get up donations to help buy windows. Mrs Robert Ford made motion that there be a xmas tree on Fri night before xmas have supper and each one bring gift not to cost over 25¢. Church voted to do this. a motion to adjourn conference adjourned

R. L. Haily (mod.)
Eva Waters (Clerk)

Jan 7. 1951 No conference on this date Bro Jimmy Hawkins preached on this date.

Feb 4 1951

Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in Conference on Feb 4 1951
 before church service. minutes of last
 conference were read and approved
 Church voted to have pre-Carter
 revival services beginning first Sun
 in April running the week following
 motion was made and carried that
 Bro. Hawkins be elected pastor for
 church. Bro Hawkins was unanimously
 elected. But did not accept the
 call at this time, but agreed to
 preach for us the week of the
 revival said he would give an
 answer later. Church voted for
 Clerk to send check for \$1.12 to
 Cardell Lumber Co at Dublin Ga.
 for windows and one door. No other
 business conference adjourned for
 church service

Rev. Jimmy Hawkins (mod)
 Eva Water (~~mod~~) (Clerk.)

Mar 4-1951

Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in conference on March
 4th 1951. Clerk being absent. Henry
 Ford was elected to serve as
 acting Clerk. The Church voted
 to have a vocational Bible school
 No other business conference adjourned

Rev. Jimmy Hawkins (mod)
 Henry Ford (act. Clerk)

apr 1-1951 Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ia.
Church met in conference Sun apr 1st
1951 a motion was made and carried
that the church request Bro Hawkin
church ordain him. He also accepted
the call to the church. a motion
was made and carried for as
many members to meet back at 3 o'clock
at the church, to take church
census for the revival in
conference adjourned.
Bro Jimmy Hawkin (mod)
Henry Ford (act clerk)

May- 1951 No conference at this date but
preaching by pastor Rev Jimmy Hawkin

June-3-1951 Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ia.
Church met in conference on June 3-
1951. before church service minutes
of previous meetings were read and
approved. Home coming was discussed
Church voted to invite Bro H. M.
Smith former pastor at Washington Ia.
to be with us on that day and also
bring the message. The Vocational
Bible school was postponed. Every
member of the church was on a
committee to raise money to paint
church by next preaching day.
No other business conference adjourned
for church service
Rev. Jimmy Hawkin (mod)
Eva Waters (clerk)

July- 1951 No conference on this date Preaching
by pastor Bro Jimmy Hawkin.

Aug- 1951 No conference Homecoming was held on
fifth Sun in July with large crowd
a good message by pastor.

Sept 2/1951 Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in Conference Sun Sept
 2 1951 before Church service. The
 Church elected Henry Ford to act
 on entertaining Committee for the
 association which meets with
 the Jeffersonville Baptist Church
 on Oct 24-25-1951. Messengers
 were elected as follows
 Mrs O. B. Lauender Mrs James
 Barlow and Henry Ford.
 O. B. Lauender and Mrs Jack Waters
 were elected alternates. Church
 voted to send three dollars with
 letter for minutes and act to the
 association. There being no other
 business Conference adjourned for
 Church service.

Rev. Jimmy Haskins (mod)
 Eva Waters Clerk.

Oct 1-1951 Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in Conference on Sun
 Oct 1- 1951 minutes of previous meeting
 was read and approved. The Church
 voted to send 20% of collection to
 Cooperative Program. The Church
 voted to buy individual communion
 set for Church Eva Waters was reelected
 clerk and Henry Ford was reelected
 Treasurer for coming year. Miss Barbara
 Stapleton was elected pianist for
 Church. Church letter to the association
 was read. Church services at night
 was changed from 8 back to 7 o'clock
 There being no other business Conference
 adjourned for Church service.
 Rev Jimmy Haskins (mod)
 Eva Waters (Clerk)

Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in conference on Nov 4
 1951. Henry Ford read letter to Church
 from James W. Merritt thanking the Church
 for their coropration Towards Coroporative
 Program. Song books has been delivered
 to Church by treasurer. The books were
 \$1.24 each members decided to pay difference
 Henry Ford reported to Church The
 debt of hog for the association was
 \$34.46 which had to be taken care
 of. The Lords Supper was observed
 No other business conference adjourned
 for Church service

Rev. James Hawkins (mod)
 Eva Waters (Clerk)

No Conference
 Dec 1st 1951

Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in Conference on Sun
 mite Jan 6 1952 at 7 o'clock. Minutes
 of previous meeting read approved
 The deacons met for a short meeting
 all present except Mr James Barlow
 They decided it would be better
 to have Church service twice each
 month first and third Suns in
 each month motion to this effect
 was made and carried. No other
 business Conference adjourned for
 Church service

Rev James Hawkins (mod)
 Eva Waters (Clerk)

Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
 Church met in Conference on Feb. 3/1952
 before church service. a motion was
 made and carried that we have
 no spring revival. also a motion
 made and carried we have
 communion service first Sun
 in each quarter during year
 since we have half time Church
 no other business Conference
 adjourned for church service

Rev James Hawkins (mod)
 Eva Waters (Clerk)

No Conference
 on Mar 2/1952

Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference
 No Conference on Sun mth Mar 8/1952 after church
 on Mar 16/1952 services. minutes of previous meeting was
 read and approved. a motion was made

No Conference and carried we have conference on
 on Apr 6/1952 fourth Sun a.m. time was change for
 mth services from 7 to 7:45 o'clock

Bro Elmer give estimation of church
 No Conference building committee. Church decided
 on Apr. 20/1952 to wait for 30 days and see
 what we could do towards it

No Conference No other business Conference adjourned
 on May 4/1952
 Eva Waters (Clerk)
 Rev. L. H. Butt (mod)

No Conference
 on May 18/1952

No Conference
 on June 1/1952

No Conference
 on June 15/1952

Bethel Baptist Church Ironton Mo.
 Church met in conference on July 20
 1952 at 8 o'clock before Church
 service. A motion made and carried
 Bro Hawkins preach Home Coming
 sermon. Motion was made and
 carried to call pastor as Bro
 Hawkins begs his resignation to
 Church today. Bro L. H. Britz
 was nominated by J. E. Crass. No
 other nominations. Bro Britz was
 elected pastor for another year
 No other business conference
 adjourned for Church service
 Rev. James Hawkins (mod)
 Eva Watson (clerk)

Bethel Baptist Church Ironton Mo.
 Church met in conference Sun mite
 Aug 3 1952 before Church service.
 minutes of last conference were read
 and approved Church voted to change
 meeting Sun to its second and
 forth. Treasurers report was given.
 a motion was made and carried
 that Church pay Bro Elmer
 Stapleton what it could on
 paint bill for out side of Church
 also motion was made and
 carried that money different
 ones had given for painting Church
 on inside be returned to the ones
 that give it. Revival service
 closed Fri mite a good meeting
 was held. Bro Woodrow Wilcher
 doing preaching. No members
 reclined conference adjourned
 Rev James Hawkins (mod)
 Eva Watson (clerk)

No Conference
on Sept. 8-1952.

Bethel Baptist Church Drimton Ga.
Church met in conference on Oct 12 1952
on Sun mite before church services
minutes of previous meeting read
approved. Church elected delegates
to the association which meets
with the Macadonia Baptist
Church in Wilkerson County on
Oct 24-25 1952. Delegates as follows
Bro O.B. Lanender Mrs E S Bell
Mrs Robert Ford. Alternates Mrs
O.B. Lanender Henry Ford and
Mrs James Barlow. Letter to association
was passed upon and given to
Bro L.H. Britt pastor to carry to
association. Church voted to send
\$3.00 for minutes & ect. It was
moved and second church elect
a finance committee. Elected
Henry Ford and Building Committee
was also elected. Elmer Stapleton
was elected for this. No other
business. Conference adjourned
Eva Water (Clerk)
L.H. Britt (Mod)

No Conference
on Nov. 9-1952

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Sun mite Nov
14 th. The pastor ask for the report of the
committee composed of J.E. Cross O.B. Lanender
Elmer Stapleton who was appointed to check treasure
books. They found the books in order and recommended
they be accepted by church. Motion made and second
Henry Ford be relieved of his duties as treasure
J.E. Cross was elected temporarily until one was
elected. No other business. Conference adjourned
Eva Water (Clerk)
H.L. Britt (Mod)

Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
Church met in conference on Dec. 28. 52
O. B. Lavender was made Treasurer
for coming year

Bro Britt suggested that Church
make decision to modernize old
building by tearing down this one and
building a smaller one a motion was
made that the building committee
get an estimate of the cost of building
the new building two thirds the size
of old one

No other business conference adjourned

(Sarah Bell Acting Clerk)

Rev. L. H. Britt (mod)

No Conference
in Jan. 1953

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Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga.
Church met in conference Sun mite
Feb. 7th after preaching. Minutes of last
conference read and approved. Rev L. H.
Britt resigned as pastor. Rev A. L. Caldwell
is supplying until we can secure
one. No other business conference adjourned

Eva Water (Clerk)

Rev. A. L. Caldwell (mod)

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference
Sun mite Feb 7th 53 after preaching
services minutes of last conference read
and approved. Members discussed painting
church inside. Communion services were
observed. Time changed for next service
to 7:30. No other business motion to adjourn

Eva Water Clerk

Rev. A. L. Caldwell Mod.

On March - 1953 No Conference

In April no Conference

Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga
Church met in conference on May
24 1953 It was voted to post pone
remodeling church. Church received
\$25.00 from County Home Demonstration Club
to be used on Church. Mrs O. B. Lanunda
has the amt. Bro Cross made a motion
to buy Venetian blinds for Church. Motion
was carried. It voted to get O. B. Lanunda
and wife to buy blinds. Home coming
was discussed. Church voted to have
home coming 4th Sun in July revival
services following. Elmer Stapleton
suggested we get Bro Caldwell to
do the preaching on Home coming day
a motion made and carried to this
effect no other business conference
adjourned

Eva Water Clerk
A. S. Caldwell (mod)

Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Ga
no conference in June.
Bro Caldwell still supplying

July Home coming was held a good
revival was held no members were
received.

No conference in Aug 1953.

Bethel Baptist Church Ironton Mo.
 Bethel Church met in conference Sept 13. 53
 Reading of minutes omitted
 motion was made and carried we
 pay Bro Stapleton \$12.00 for Lumber.
 a motion also we pay Bro Stapleton
 \$10.00 at a time as we have it on debt
 we owe him on paint bill. Bro Benton
 Lavender was elected on erection
 committee to represent our Church
 Church service hours changed from
 8 to 7:30. Bro Cross, Stapleton, and
 Lavender we appointed on Committee
 to investigate the fixing of Church
 walls and give cost. Treasurer
 report given
 Bro. A. S. Caldwell (mod.)
 Eva Waters. (Clerk)

Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference
 Sun mth Oct- 4 1953 messengers to
 the Church association which met with
 Mt Zion Baptist Church Oct 21. 22 1953
 were as follows O.B. Lavender James
 Barlow & Mrs James Barlow. Eva Waters
 was reelected Church Clerk for coming year
 O.B. Lavender was elected Treasurer
 Church voted to send \$3.00 to association
 The associational letter was passed upon
 those promised to pay for paint for inside
 of Church were as follows.

O.B. Lavender	\$5.00
L.F. Lavender	\$5.00
Elmer Stapleton	\$5.00
Mrs James Barlow	\$3.00
Eva Waters	\$5.00
Sarah Bell	\$5.00
Mrs Robert Ford	\$5.00
	\$30.00

a total of

Conference adjourned

Eva Waters (Clerk) A. S. Caldwell (mod)

No Conference in November

Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference Sun mite Dec. 1. 1953 minutes of previous meeting read and approved motion made and second we call Bro W. L. Ethridge as pastor of Church a check for \$10.00 was sent Church to be used as church sees fit from Mr + Mrs Virgil Carter of Athens. A motion made and carried we put on paint for inside of church. No other business Conference adjourned

Rev. A. L. Caldwell (mod)
Eva Waters (Clerk)

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference on Sun mite Jan - 1954 after church service minutes of last conference read and approved. Bro W. L. Ethridge accepted the church no other business Conference adjourned

Eva Waters (Clerk)
Rev. W. L. Ethridge (mod)

No Conference in Feb 1954.

" " " Mar 1954

" " " Apr. 1954

" " " May 1954.

Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference on Sun mite June - 1954 after church service communion service we observed a motion we get paint and paint walls before Homecoming. Motion was carried Church voted for Bro Lander and Stapleton to pay paint. No other business conference adjourned

Eva Waters (Clerk)
Rev. W. L. Ethridge (mod)

No Conference in July 1954.
 Aug. 1954

Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference on Sun. mite Sept 5 after the regular church services. No minutes were read. A motion was made and carried we put off revival services until Bro Elbridge was able to do the preaching due to his recent illness.

Motion made and carried that money be made up among members to pay for flowers that we bought for Homecoming. A motion made and carried conference adjourned
 Eva Waters (Clerk)
 Rev. W. L. Elbridge (mod)

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference after church services. minutes of last conference read and approved. Delegates to the association were elected which meets with Mt Pleasant Church in Oct. 19-20 1954 were as follows O. B. Lanuader Eva Waters Mrs Alva Lanuader. Alternates Mrs Louise Ford and Mrs Sarah Bell. Mrs Alva Lanuader was elected to serve on the Expecting Committee for the church. Church voted to send \$3.00 to the association for minutes. Eva Waters was reelected clerk for coming year O. B. Lanuader was reelected Church Treasurer. Communion services were observed at this meeting. Motion made and carried conference adjourned.

Eva Waters Clerk
 Rev W. L. Elbridge mod.

No Conference Nov. 1954
 Dec 1954
 Jan 1955
 Feb 1955

Bethel Baptist Church met for a short
Conference Sun mar 6th 1955. No minutes
were read. The Church granted a letter
to O. B. Lavender Jr. to the Alam Baptist Church.
The Clerk was authorized to mail letter.
Laverne Brewer joined the Church for
baptism when weather permits. Communion
services were held at night service mar 6 1955.
No other business Conference adjourned
Eva Waters, Clerk

Rev. W. L. Ethridge Mod.

No Conference in apr. 1955.
" " " May 1955.
" " " June 1955.

Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference
on 3rd Sun night in July Plans were made
for Home Coming first Sun in Aug. Church
voted for Bro A. L. Caldwell to preach
Homecoming sermon. Thursday before
first Sun was set to clean Church and
grounds. Church voted to let Bro Rhodes
from Macon help with the song services
during the week following Homecoming
which will be revival time. No other
business Conference adjourned

Eva Waters Clerk

Rev. W. L. Ethridge Mod.

Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference
First Sun in Sept 1955. Minutes were
read and approved. The revival services
were held the first week in Aug Church
received four members for baptism. Laverne
Brewer Mrs Louie Young Shirley Young Jo
Ann Bell and Patty Jo Young by letter.
No other business. Conference adjourned
Eva Waters Clerk
Rev. W. L. Ethridge Mod.

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference after preaching services. Messenger to the Association meeting with the Antioch Baptist Church. ^{Oct. 19-20/1955} Mrs Sarah Bell Mrs Robert Ford O.B. Launder and Mrs O.B. Launder alternates Mrs James Barlow and James Barlow. Church voted to send \$4.00 for minutes. O.B. Launder resigned as church Treasurer Mrs Sarah Bell was nominated she would not accept Mrs O.B. Launder was nominated and elected Treasurer. Eva Waten was selected Clerk for coming year. Elmer Stapleton was elected mod to call pastor for coming year. Bro W.L. Ethridge was selected pastor for coming year. Church voted to send 10% of collection to Cooperative Program instead of 20%. No other business conference adjourned.
Eva Waten Clerk

Rev. W. L. Ethridge mod.

Bethel Baptist Church Drunton Be Church met in conference first Sun in Nov. 1955. minutes of last conference read and approved. Bro W. L. Ethridge did not come to preach. Bro A. L. Caldwell came in his place due to Bro Ethridge health he has to resign as pastor of the Church. Bro Caldwell agreed to come and preach until we could secure a pastor. Bro Elmer Stapleton talked with Bro A. C. Martini pastor of the Drunton Baptist Church and he agreed to come first Sun in ~~Dec~~ ^{Dec} 1955.

No other business conference adjourned.
Eva Waten Clerk.

Rev. A. L. Caldwell mod.
Bro A. C. Martini was elected pastor for 1956 in a short conference in Nov 1955

Jan 1956 no conference
 Feb 1956 " " " "

Bro Martini resigned as pastor in May. Bro W. H. Jones from Mercer University came in May as a supply pastor. He was elected to serve as pastor for rest of associational year.

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Sept. 1, 1957 motion was made and carried to change rate services back to 7 o'clock. Bro Jones mention the rent we owed on tuning piano. Church voted to pay \$10.00 Elmer Stephens \$5.00 Wm Ford \$5.00 J. E. Cross \$5.00 total \$25.00.

Mrs Lovendu said panes for church windows had been bought.

Bro & Mrs W. H. Jones were given the Church fellowship. Having joined by letter several months ago.

Bro Jones was elected to serve the Church another year. No other business conference adjourned.

Rev W. H. Jones Mod.
 Eva Water Clerk.

W. H. Jones resigned as pastor in May of 1958 due to throat trouble. The church voted to not have services for a few Sundays.

members of Bethel Baptist Church met at the Church on June 15th as this was Bro Jones last time J. E. Cross was appointed acting mod O. B. Lanuadu & Wife & J. E. Cross was appointed to contact as many members as possible and decide if we wanted to try to get a pastor and continue having church or close doors

Letters were granted to Elmer Stapleton to the Irwinton Baptist Church, also to Alva Lanuadu and wife to Morning Side Baptist Church Macon.

No other business motion to adjourn
J. E. Cross acting Mod.
Eva Waters Clerk

Bethel Baptist Church met in Conference
A motion was made and carried to have a revival in July, 1959. A motion was also made and carried to have a three night revival in March. The Church voted to pay the expenses out of the offering and give the remains to the pastor. No other business - Conference adjourned.
West, Mod.
Jo Ann Bell, Clerk

