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Old Bethel Primitive Baptist Church

Early History

Old Bethel Primitive Baptist Church was organized in 1882 by Elder Aaron J. Munlin, Pastor of Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Elder Washington Hodges, a member, of the Banks Creek Church of the Mount Pleasant Primitive Baptist Association, and concerned Christians including, Isaac Riggs, George Denmark, and Handy Everett. They felt a need to establish a place of worship nearer Statesboro, since Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church (est. 1879) was more than 14 miles away.

Elder Washington Hodges served as the first Pastor. The first Trustees were Isaac Riggs, George Denmark and Handy Everett. Henry Moore served as the first Clerk. Pioneer members included Harriett Riggs, Ruthie Hall, Mary Moore, Cornelius Moore, Sarah Moore Love, Harry Moore and Jerry Moore.

First services were held under an "Bush Arbor" until the church was constructed in early 1890 on land purchased from James B. Rushing, a Bulloch County native, for \$5. Elder Washington Hodges served as pastor of the church until 1921, when his health began to fail. He was a faithful servant, and was promoted to glory in 1924.

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church was organized in Bulloch County, Georgia in the early 1890s. Elder Washington Hodges was the first and only pastor in the 22 years of known history. New Hope saw a gradual decline in its membership. It was dissolved in 1915 and received into Bethel Primitive Baptist Church.

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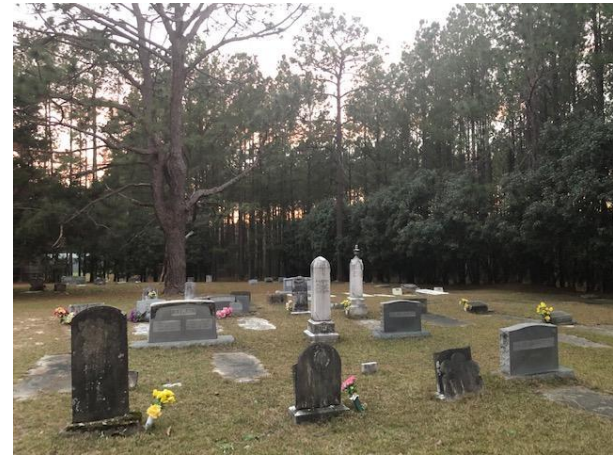
Cemetery Tours will be conducted the third Saturday of each month. Scarboro Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery (Portal, GA) will be toured on April 20, 2019

"IF THESE CEMETERIES COULD TALK"

Old Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery

Bethel Church Rd., Statesboro, GA

Saturday, March 16, 2019
9:00 AM



SPONSORED BY:

Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center
4235 Willow Hill Road, Portal GA

Commemoration of 400 years of African American History

(1619-2019)

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Greetings Dr. Alvin Jackson
Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center

InvocationElder Paul E. Moore, Sr.
Old Bethel Primitive Baptist Church

Selection Mrs. Christine Polk Moore

Church History Dr. Alvin Jackson

MusicMr. Earl Donaldson

Procession to the Cemetery

Remembrances of West Africa - passing of the prison bar relic from the Slave Dungeons of Ghana

Remembrances of the Ancestors - Calling Their Names

Remembrances of the Veterans

MusicMr. Earl Donaldson

Benediction.....Rev. John Thomas McPhatter
Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Thank You! TO THE WILLOW HILL CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mr. Earl Donaldson
Mr. Regan Donaldson
Ms. Lakia Hillard
Dr. Alvin Jackson
Mrs. Bertha Pryor

Mr. Khalil Maycock
Ms. Maria Olivas
Mr. Anthony Simmons
Mrs. Joyce Simmons
Mrs. Valerie McCray

FORMER ENSLAVED

1. Charles W. Carraway (1858-1920)
2. Benjamin Hall (1858-1914)
3. Alexander Hall (1859-1945)
4. Ruthie Love Hall (1863-1930)
5. Georgia Ann Brannen Hall (1865-1908)
6. William Little (1865-1932)
7. Aaron Love (b. 1833; d. between 1892 & 1900)
8. Dora Donaldson Love (1840-1924)
9. Susan Riggs Love (1864-1940)
10. Ned Love (1857-1913)
11. Cornelius Moore (1825 -)
12. Mary Moore (1835-)
13. Jerry Moore (1853-1897)
14. Fannie Lundy Moore (1855 -)
15. Henry Moore (1852-1922)
16. Isaac Riggs (1837-1897)
17. Harriet Lanier Riggs (1837-1909)
18. H. W. B. Smith (1865-1967)

VETERANS

1. Ruben Cooper (1917-1982) WWII
2. James Floyd (1888-1974) WWII
3. Watson Hodges (1894-1964) WWI
4. Leroy Glouster Holland (1891-1969) WWI
5. Paul Littles (1923-1968) WWII
6. Cleveland Love (1896-1974) WWI
7. Cleo Love (1917-1983) WWII
8. Lafayette Love (1921-1963) WWII
9. Leamon Love (1923-1983) WWI
10. Detroit Moore (1919-1984) WWII
11. George W. Moore, Sr. (1891-1974) WWI
12. Harry Moore, Sr. (1895-1977) WWI
13. Herbert Moore (1905-1977) WWII
14. Albert Rayon (1950-1991) Vietnam
15. Theodore A. White, Jr. (1941-1966) Vietnam, Marine
16. Jessie Ziegler WWII (1921-1991)