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Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church

Early History

Banks Creek was organized on May 16, 1879 by two white elders and five African American members. The white elders were M. F. Stubbs and Matthew Donaldson of the Lower Canoochee Association. These five African Americans members were: Brothers Aaron Munlin, Martin Hodges and Moses Parrish, and sisters Lucinda Munlin and Dinah Hodges. Brother Mose Parrish, and sisters Lucinda Munlin and Dinah Hodges. Brother Mose Parrish was from the Oaky Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Emanuel County. The other five members were from Nevils Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Brother Aaron Munlin was born into slavery in Marion, South Carolina on January 31, 1848. He was sold into slavery in Bulloch County, Georgia in 1856. While working in Emanuel County in 1865, news came to him that he was a free man.

Brother Aaron was a man of visions and dreams. On July 23, 1870, he went to the Nevils Creek P.B. to inform members of his hopes and desires. He was received and later baptized. He was licensed by the Nevils Creek P.B. Church to preach and later called by Banks Creek P.B. Church to serve as her first pastor. He served 27 years, 10 months and 22 days.

Additional pastors serving Banks Creek were: Elder Washington Hodges (4 years), Elder Daniel Cook (7 years), Elder H.E. Smith (16 years), Elder A.J. Munlin (25 years), Elder James J. Grant (35 years), Elder Bobby Lanier (associate minister (8 years). Elder Joseph Mosely is presently serving as pastor.

Cemetery Tours will be conducted the third Saturday of each month. Rehovia Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery (Statesboro, GA) will be toured on October 19, 2019.

**"IF THESE CEMETERIES
COULD TALK"**

Munlin Cemetery
Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church
1901 Banks Creek Church Road (Portal, GA)

Saturday, September 14, 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

Invocation Elder Joseph Mosley
Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church

Music Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church

Church History Dr. Alvin Jackson

Procession to the Cemetery

Remembrance of the Ancestors - Calling Their Names

Benediction

Thank You! TO THE WILLOW HILL CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mr. Earl Donaldson
Mr. Regan Donaldson
Ms. Lakia Hillard
Dr. Alvin Jackson
Mrs. Valerie McCray

Mr. Khalil Maycock
Ms. Maria Olivas
Mr. Anthony Simmons
Mrs. Bertha Pryer
Mrs. Joyce Simmons

Mr. Eugene Lanes

FORMERLY ENSLAVED BURIALS

1. James Bell, Sr. (1847- ca 1918)
2. Hannah Mcrae Munlin (1828-1891)
3. Aaron Munlin (1848-1911)

MINISTERS

1. Elder Aaron Munlin (1848-1911)
2. Elder Hershul Smith (1875-1964)
3. Elder Tommie Thomas (1915-1955)



Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church ca 1930's