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MINUTES
of the
Thirty-Second Annual Session
OF THE
BRUSHY CREEK UNION
Of Primitive Baptists

HELD WITH UNION CHURCH
Coffee County, Georgia, Friday, Saturday and
Second Sunday in September, 1922

OFFICERS

Elder L. M. Ball, Moderator.
Elder J. A. Sutton, Clerk.

Next Session to be held with Emaus Church,
Embracing 3rd, Sunday in September 1923.

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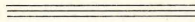
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MINUTES

*The Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptists Convened
with Union Church, Coffee County, Ga., Friday September
8th, 1922.*

1. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. E. Sikes, of Vidalia, Ga.
2. After short intermission, the body was called to order by Elder L. M. Ball, Moderator.
3. Read letters and recorded messengers names as follows:
Spring Hill—M. F. Mobley, A. L. Mobley, Wright Tucker and C. A. J. Harper.
Mt. Union—R. S. Griffin, C. C. Ross and Elam Harper.
Henderson Chapel—J. A. Sutton, D. T. Paulk and Riley Harper.
Sturgeon Creek—Wiley McMillan.
Union—Oscar Paulk, Sr., Needham Harper and John Daniel.
Willacoochee—J. Y. Paulk, G. T. Young and Elder L. M. Ball.
Brushy Creek—R. L. Henderson and S. R. Sikes.
Hickory Springs—Daniel Whidden.
Oak View—Elder A. L. Bishop.
Emaus—J. D. C. Smith and G. W. Griner.
4. Re-elected Elder L. M. Ball, Moderator and Elder J. A. Sutton, Clerk.
5. Appointed committees as follows:
(A) *On Divine Service:* Oscar Paulk, Sr., Needham Harper, J. Y. Paulk, Daniel Whidden and S. R. Sikes.
(B) *On Finance:* A. L. Mobley and O. J. Paulk.
Adjourned until Saturday morning just after preaching service.

SATURDAY SEPT. 9TH.



After preaching, reconvened in business session.

6. Appointed next session to be held with Emaus Church, Berrien County, Ga., at the regular time, third Sunday in September, Friday and Saturday before, 1923.
7. Ordered 500 minutes printed.
8. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:
Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the Brethren, sisters and friends of Union Church for their abundant preparation and unbounded hospitality in caring for this session of this body.
9. Read minutes and adjourned.

L. M. Ball, Moderator,
J. A. Sutton, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M.	Elder T. E. Sikes.
Saturday A. M.	Elder J. M. Thomas.
Saturday P. M.	Elder W. B. Screws.
Sunday A. M.	Elder W. B. Screws.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received from churches	\$ 75.95
Public collection	31.65
Total	\$107.60
Paid for minutes and Clerk fee	\$ 30.00
Paid to ministers	77.60
Total	\$107.60

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Mobley,
O. J. Paulk, Committee.

CONSTITUTION

The following preamble, resolution and articles of Constitution were adopted by the Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptists at its organization in 1891.

WHEREAS, The several churches of the Primitive Baptists' faith and order, towit: Brushy Creek, Turners Meeting House, Hickory Springs, Sturgeon Creek and Hopewell, of Irwin County, Georgia, and Emaus and Oak Grove, of Berrien County, Georgia, being now as they have been for a number of years, entirely disconnected with associational organization, and,

WHEREAS, Certain Primitive Baptists in other localities, whose orthodoxy in doctrine, faith and practice, is satisfactory and whose churches occupy full standing associationally, having recently, in a most friendly and Christian-like manner shown their confidence in membership of said churches, manifesting on divers occasions their love and fellowship for same without restraint; and,

WHEREAS, Such Treatment, coming from the hands of associational brethren—especially since many of these organizations have seen proper to draw the line of demarkation so sharply—having aroused in the minds of the membership of said churches the tenderest feeling of Christ and love and fellowship in return, and in order to be prepared to do even justice to any and all bodies of Primitive Baptists orthodox in doctrine, faith and practice, connected or disconnected with associational organizations, who will suffer them to do so, it has become the desire of said churches to inaugurate a plan by which they may, as a body solicit correspondence, receive and welcome such brethren to their assemblies for worship, and through which they may the better exchange the many Christian courtesies due from one to another, so often the source of immeasurable comfort and consolation to believers in Christ; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, By the chosen messengers and members present of the several churches named in the foregoing preamble, this day assembled with Brushy Creek Church, Irwin County, Georgia, that the same be organized and that the same will hereafter be known as the Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptists, and that the said organization is based only and solely upon the following articles of the Constitution towit:

Article 1. The Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptists as above organized, shall hold annual session with one or the other of the churches of the Union a general annual Union Meeting, the present meeting constituting the first meeting under the Constitution.

Article 2. Said meeting shall be composed of the regularly chosen messengers of the churches composing the Union together

with the members in good standing who may be in attendance.

Article 3. Each meeting shall be organized by the election of a moderator, whose duty it shall be to preside over the body during its deliberations, explain and put questions, welcome and receive visitors and perform such duties as his high office may require; and also a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a record in a suitable book for that purpose, a correct minute of all business transacted therein, prepare and have same published in pamphlet form, and superintend the distribution of the same among the several churches of the Union, and such other things as the nature of his office requires and may be necessary.

Article 4. No business shall ever be transacted or even entertained by the body in such meetings that either directly or indirectly interferes with the internal rights of each church to selfgovernment leaving that power to be exclusively and absolutely exercised by those bodies along, according to precept and example laid down in that unerring fundamental Constitution of the Church of Christ, the Holy Bible.

DECLARATION OF DOCTRINE

The declaration of doctrine as understood, taught and believed by this Union, was introduced by Elder W. H. Hardin, Elder James Gibbs, presiding, which after some discussion, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the Union; to wit:

WHEREAS, Many have made inquiry concerning the doctrine as held forth by the Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptists, some having charged us with fatalism, and still others with Arminianism, etc.

THEREFORE, In order that a better understanding may be had of what we believe on these points, we set forth the following statement in connection therewith:

First: That the predestination of God brings in His children a conformity to the image of His son, and results in their eternal happiness and the honor and glory of His eternal name. That sin is transgression of the law, and is brought forth by the unrestrained volition of men and devils, and they are both accountable and responsible beings to God for their disobedience and thus work out their own destination.

Second: We believe that eternal life is the gift of God, and that salvation is by grace and grace alone through faith, and that we ought not to affiliate with any other institution or organization of men gotten up or in any way used to do or help to do the work of Christ. All such institutions manifest a zeal without knowledge, and is, therefore derogatory to the honor and glory of God and dangerous to the peace, happiness and solid unity of the church. Ye are all one in Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Duet. 6:4; Sam. 6:22; John 1:1.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 2:16-17; Rev. 2:10.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election, Rom. 9:11-16; Eph. 1:4,5,9-11; I Thes. 1:13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, Rom. 5:5,12,19; Ps. 5:5; Jer. 16:12.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability, St. John 6:34; Rom. 7:24; Eph. 2:1.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, Rom. 4:5-2; Phil. 3:3.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, Rom. 7:30; Eph. 1:8.

8. We believe that the saints will never finally fall away, St. John 10:28-29; II Tim. 1:12.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances. We also believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion, Matt. 23:19-20; Acts 2:38-42; Cor. 5:10,100,16.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, Job 14:13-15; I Cor. 15:14-17.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal, Matt. 25:31-46; Rom. 2:5.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the above named ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery. I Tim, 9:14; II Cor. 7:19,20; Acts 6:6.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read letters and record messengers' names.
3. Invite visiting brethren and sisters to seats.
4. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
5. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
6. Appoint Committee on Finance.
7. Call for petitionary letters.
8. Arrange time and place for the next Session.
9. Fix number of minutes and clerk's fee.
10. Call for miscellany.
11. Adjourn.

