

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BRUSHY CREEK UNION
OF PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

HELD WITH SPRING HILL CHURCH,
IRWIN COUNTY, GA., SEPT. 18th, 1925.

OFFICERS:

Elder J. A. Sutton, Moderator,Wray, Ga.

C. A. J. Harper, Clerk,Ocilla, Ga.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read Letters and Record Messengers names.
3. Invite visiting Brethren and Sisters to seats.
4. Election of Clerk and Moderator.
5. Appoint Committee on preaching.
6. Appoint Committee on Finance.
7. Call for Petitionary Letters.
8. Arrange Time and Place for next Session.
9. Fix number of Minutes and Clerk's Fee.
10. Call for Miscellany.
11. Adjourn.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M.	J. S. Woodfin
Friday P. M.	D. O. Lewis
Friday Night	T. E. Sikes
Saturday A. M.	J. M. Thomas
Saturday P. M.	W. T. Nipper
Saturday Night	J. L. Hays
Sunday A. M.	J. S. Woodfin
Sunday P. M.	J. M. Thomas

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received contributions from the churches	\$76.50
Received by Public contribution	28.10
TOTAL	\$104.60
Paid Clerk for Minutes	\$20.00
Paid visiting Ministers	75.00
Gave to Moderator	9.60
TOTAL	\$104.60

VISITING MINISTERS.

W. T. Nipper	J. L. Hays
J. M. Thomas	J. S. Woodfin
D. O. Lewis	I. P. Porter
	J. T. McArthur

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE UNION

James Gibbs	J. A. Sutton
W. C. Kicklighter	I. M. Ball
A. L. Bishop	Hardy Willis
H. L. Mobley, and J. B. Berry,	Committee

MINUTES

The Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptists Churches convened with Spring Hill Church, Irwin County, Georgia, September 18th, 1925, in its Thirty-Fifth Annual Session.

1. Introductory sermon preached by Elder J. S. Woodfin, of South Pittsburg, Tenn., using as a subject, the 13th chapter and 13th verse of First Corinthians.

2. Read letters and recorded messenger's names as follows:

EMMAUS:—messengers, J. D. C. Smith and W. H. Paulk, Jr.

HENDERSON CHAPEL:—messengers, J. A. Sutton, M. Paulk and A. Griffin.

SPRING HILL:—messengers, C. A. J. Harper, A. J. Mobley and M. F. Mobley.

OCILLA:—messengers, J. Y. Paulk and J. B. Berry.

OAK VIEW:—messengers, Geo. W. Willis.

UNION:—messengers, Need Harper and Isaac Daniels.

MT. UNION:—messengers; Lott Paulk, Youngie Vickers and Eddie Fussell.

BRUSHY CREEK:—messengers, Ira Paulk, H. F. Scott and Wright Mixon.

HICKORY SPRINGS:—J. F. M. Shivers, and J. S. Gibbs.

STURGEON CREEK:—Riley Dorminy, and Wiley McMillan.

3. Invited Brethren and Sisters to seats.

4. On motion Elder J. A. Sutton was elected Moderator and C. A. J. Harper, Clerk.

5. Appointed Committee on Divine services as follows: M. F. Mobley, J. Y. Paulk, J. D. C. Smith, Oscar Paulk and C. A. J. Harper.

6. Committee on Finance: A. L. Mobley and J. B. Berry.

7. Called for Petitionary letters.

8. Agreed to hold next Session with Henderson Chapel church Irwin County, Ga., Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1926.

9. Ordered 500 minutes printed.

10. Resolved that the thanks of this body be tendered the Brethren Sisters and friends of this church and community for their preparations and care of this meeting.

C. A. J. HARPER,
Clerk.

J. A. SUTTON,
Moderator.

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, to-wit: Brushy Creek, Turner's Meeting House, Hickory Springs, Sturgeon Creek and Hopewell, of Irwin County and Emaus and Oakgrove, 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 diverse 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 justice to any and all bodies of Primitive Baptists orthodox in doctrine, faith and practice, connected or disconnected, with associational organization, who will suffer then 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 to-wit:

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 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 intertained by the body in such meetings that either directly or indirectly interfere with the internal rights of each church to self-government, leaving that power to be exclusively and absolutely exercised by those bodies alone, 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. Harden, 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 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 any way used to do or to 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 will 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 saint's 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.



STATISTICAL TABLE 1925

CHURCHES	PASTORS & POSTOFFICES	CLERK'S & POSTOFFICES	Meeting Days	Received by Baptism	Rec'd by Con. of Faith	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Contributions	Time Annual Meeting
Ocilla -----	D. O. Lewis, Pavo, Ga.	G. T. Young, Fitzgerald, Ga. ...	1	1							63	\$ 10.00	July
Hickory Springs	James Gibbs, Ty Ty, Ga.	J. W. Warren, Sylvester, Ga. ...	3						1		42	5.00	Aug.
Brushy Creek	W. C. Kicklighter, Ocilla, Ga. ...	L. T. Henderson, Ocilla, Ga. ...	4		2	2		6	1	5	95	15.00	July
Mt. Union	J. A. Sutton, Wray, Ga.	D. J. McMillan, Ambrose, Ga. ...	4								48	6.00	Sept
Union	J. A. Sutton, Wray, Ga.	Oscar Paulk, Willacoochee, Ga. ...	2	1							20	8.00	Sept
Emmaus	J. A. Sutton, Wray, Ga.	J. J. Chambliss, Alapaha, Ga. ...	1	1		2				3	40	7.00	Sept
Henderson Chapel	J. A. Sutton, Wray, Ga.	Willie Griffin, Wray, Ga.	3							2	38	9.50	June
Oak View	A. L. Bishop, Omega, Ga.	J. P. Willis, Omega, Ga.	4	1							23	1.50	June
Sturgeon Creek	W. C. Kicklighter, Ocilla, Ga. ...	R. R. Dorminy, Forest Glenn, Ga. ...	2								35	7.50	July
Spring Hill	T. E. Sikes, Vidalia, Ga.	Jessie Mobley, Alapaha, Ga. ...	3			2				1	47	7.00	Sept
Totals											451	\$ 76.50	

