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**MINUTES OF THE BRUSHY
CREEK UNION OF PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST FAITH AND ORDER**

TWENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION

*Held With the Church at Warrior Creek,
Colquitt County, Georgia, Sep-
tember 15-16, 1911.*

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WARRIOR CREEK CHURCH,
COLQUITT COUNTY, Ga.

September 15th, 1911.

The Twenty-first annual session of the Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptists met to-day with the above named church, Elder L. M. Ball, Moderator, presiding.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder James Gibbs, using for his subject 3rd chapter and 1st verse Epistle of John: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God;" closed by Elder L. M. Ball, with a few well chosen remarks.

After an intermission of twenty-five minutes the body returned to the house and after prayer by Elder J. B. Mullis, was organized by the reelection of L. M. Ball, Moderator, and G. W. Fletcher, Clerk.

Invited brothers and sisters of our faith and order to seats with us and made welcome.

Then called for correspondence. Received and read letters, and messengers' names enrolled from the churches as follows: Henderson's Chapel, Sturgeon Creek, Willacoochee, Brushy Creek, Mt. Olive, Turner's Meeting House, Emaus, Oaky Grove and Mount Union.

The Moderator appointed M. L. McMillan, J.

J. Paulk and J. A. Mathis to act in conjunction with the messengers of this church on preaching services. At this point meeting adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 16TH.

The Union met as per adjournment on yesterday. As an introductory the Moderator read and commented on 103rd psalm, and after singing hymn 76 and prayer by Elder W. H. Harden, called for petitionary letters and received none; renewed call for correspondence and received letters and messengers' names enrolled from the church at Warrior Creek and Hickory Springs.

The Moderator appointed M. L. McMillan and J. A. Mathis on Finance Committee, who made the following the report:

We, as Finance Committee for the Brushy Creek Union of Churches, find paid for minutes \$21.10. We return same to Clerk to have 500 minutes printed for the churches of the Union then retain balance for his trouble.

J. A. MATHIS, } Committee.
M. L. McMILLAN }

Next Union meeting ordered held with the church at Henderson's Chapel, Irwin county, Ga., third Sunday, Friday, and Saturday before in September, 1912.

New order of business was introduced by Elder W. H. Harden and on motion was adopted and ordered published in these minutes.

The following resolution was offered by G.W. Fletcher and adopted by the body:

RESOLVED, That this body extend its heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters and kind friends of Warrior Creek church and vicinity for their kindness shown us during this session.

There being no other business before us, on motion, minutes were read and adopted and the meeting closed 'til time and place fixed above.

L. M. BALL, Moderator.

G. W. FLETCHER, Clerk.



Constitution, Doctrine and Articles of Faith.

Articles of 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, Turner Meeting House, Little River, Sturgeon Creek, and Hopewell, of Irwin county, Georgia, and Emaus and Oaky Grove, of Berrien county, Georgia, being now, as they have been for a number of years, entirely disconnected with associational organizations; and

Whereas, Certain Primitive Baptists in other localities, whose orthodoxy in doctrine, faith and practice, as far as said churches have been able to divine, is satisfactory, and whose churches occupy full standing associational, having recently, in a most friendly and Christian-like manner, shown their confidence as believers 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 feelings of Christian 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 hereby based only and solely upon the following articles of the Constitution, to-wit:

ART. I. 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.

ART. II. Said meeting shall be composed of the regular chosen messengers of the several churches composing the Union together with the members of the same in good standing who may be in attendance.

ART. III. 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 forth questions, welcome and receive

visitors and perform such other duties as his high office may require, and also a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep and record in a suitable book for that purpose, a correct minute of all business transacted therein, prepare and have the same published in pamphlet form, and superintend the distribution of the same among the several churches of the Union, and do such other things as the nature of his office requires and may be necessary.

ART. IV. No business shall ever be transacted or ever be entertained by the body in such meetings that either directly or indirectly interferes 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 Adopted in 1892.

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 offered to be spread on 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 the transgression of the law, and is brought forth by the unrestrained violations of men and devils, and they are both accountable and reprehensible beings to God for their disobedience, and thus work out their own destruction.

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 of the institutions or organizations of men, gotten up or in any way used to do or help to do the work of Christ. All such religious institutions manifest a zeal without knowledge, and are 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 our Faith.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Deut. 6:4; II Sam. 7:22; John 1:1.

2. We believe that the scripture^s of the Old and New Testament is the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 2:16-17; Rev. 11-10.

3. We believe in the doctrine of the 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. 5-12-19; 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. 8:30; Phil. 3:14; Eph. 1:8.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never fall finally 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 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. 28:19-20; Acts 2:38-42; I Cor. 5:10-11-16.

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

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. 4:14; II Cor. 8:19-20; Acts 6-6.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by confession faith	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Month annual meeting	Sunday of meeting	Contribution
Henderson's Chapel	W. H. Harden	Jacob J. Paulk	1							29	July	3	\$2 00
Sturgeon Creek	"	Elder W. H. Harden	1	5					2	67	July	2	1 75
Willacoochee	L. M. Ball	Elder L. M. Ball, J. A. Mathis	5			5				85	July	1	2 00
Brushy Creek	F. M. Smith	L. L. Harper, Wm. Paulk							2	113	July	4	3 45
Mount Olive	J. B. Mullis	Elder J. B. Mullis, J. M. Byrd	4	2				1	1	21	Aug.	4	1 00
Turner's Meeting H.	F. M. Smith	M. L. McMillan	4	1		2			1	70	Oct.	2	3 60
Emaus	James Gibbs	G. W. Griner	2		1					49	Sept.	1	1 00
Oaky Grove	"	Thos. Purvis, J. C. Collier			1	1				52	Sept.	4	1 70
Mount Union	W. H. Harden	J. M. Richardson								...	Oct.	4	1 50
Warrior Creek	A. L. Bishop	D. E. Vickers, J. J. Vickers						1		11	Sept.	2	50
Hickory Springs	James Gibbs, A. L. Bishop	L. Branch, J. Shiver, H. H. Willis	1	1	1			1		63	Aug.	3	2 60

G. W. FLETCHER, CLERK.

L. M. BALL, MODERATOR.

Order of Business.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read letters and organize by electing Moderator and Clerk.
3. Invite brethren and sisters of the Primitive faith and order to seats with the body.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appoint committee on preaching.
6. Call for contribution and appoint Finance Committee.
7. Fix number of minutes and clerk's fee.
8. Appoint time and place for next session.
9. Miscellaneous.
10. Read minutes and adjourn.



