

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BRUSHY CREEK UNION
OF
PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

CONVENED WITH MOUNT UNION
FRIDAY, SEPT. 15. 1917

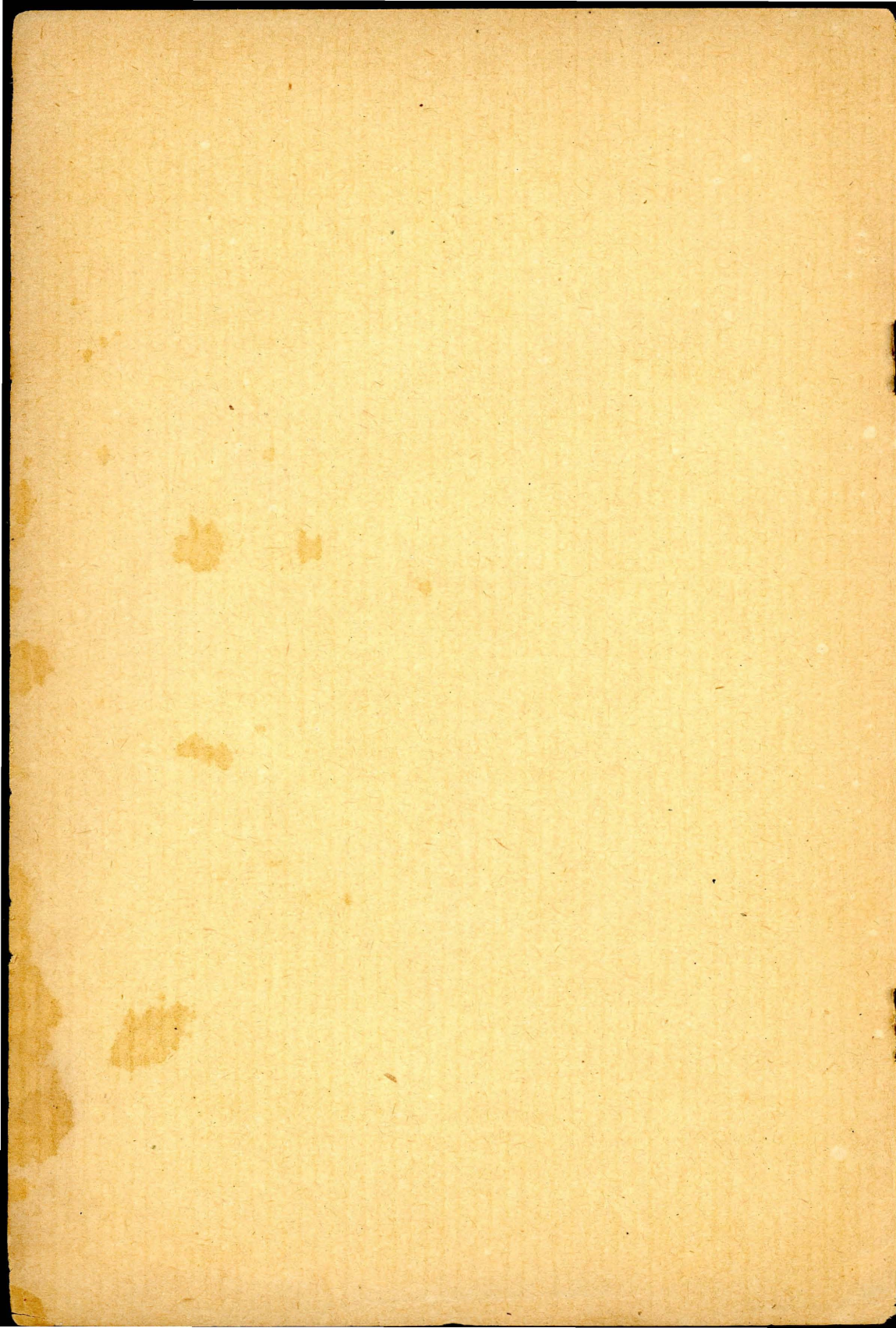


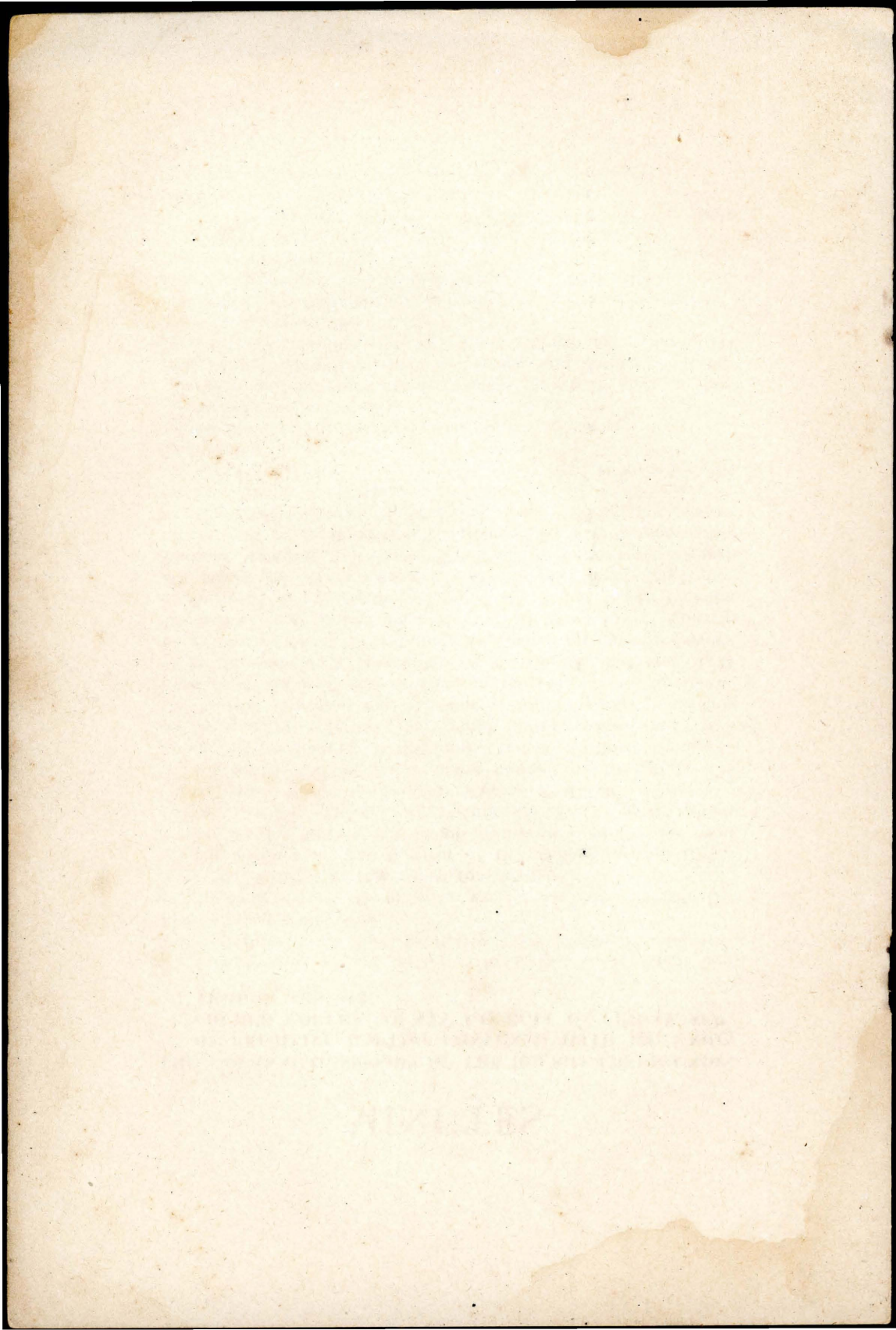
OFFICERS

J. D. MATHIS	-	-	-	MODERATOR
DENNIS VICKERS, JR.	-	-	-	CLERK

NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH OAKY GROVE
CHURCH, BERRIEN COUNTY, AT THE USUAL TIME.

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MINUTES

THE 27th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BRUSHY CREEK UNION OF PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CONVENED WITH MT. UNION CHURCH, COFFEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, ON FRIDAY, SEP- TEMBER 15th, 1917.

Introduction sermon preached by Elders G. D. Baker and J. D. Mathis: Text, "Let Brotherly Love Continue." Hebrews 13th Chapter, 1st verse.

Intermission of 45 minutes was given, after which the body reassembled in the house for business.

On account of the absence of the Moderator and Clerk, Elder J. D. Mathis was made temporary Moderator and Brother Dennis Vickers, Jr., temporary Clerk, after which prayer was offered by brother Macom McMillan.

Called for letters; same being handed in, the Moderator appointed brothers J. B. D. Paulk and J. A. Royal, committee to read the letters and which letters were read from the several churches and messengers names recorded as follows: 1st. from Frank Church, messengers, F. G. E. Paulk, D. D. Garrison, J. A. Royal, Wyley Whitley, E. J. Young, J. B. D. Paulk and H. M. Berry; 2nd, Mt. Olive Church, messengers, Jacob Hall and Henry Sutton;; 3rd, Warrior Creek Church, messengers, T. M. Griffin, D. E. Vickers and G. J. Vickers; 4th, Sturgeon Creek Church, messengers, Wyley McMillan, Thomas McMillan and James Minix; 5th, Oaky Grove Church messengers, G. M. Robinson, T. C. Gray and L. C. Johnson; 6th, Brushy Creek Church, messengers, Daniel Tucker, George Grantham and L. L. Harper.

Elected Elder J. D. Mathis, Moderator and Dennis Vickers, Jr., Clerk.

Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats.

Called for petitionary letters.

Appointed Brothers Daniel Tucker, Jacob Hall, L. L. Harper, Macom McMillan, Thomas Griffin and James A. Royal, together with Deacons of Mt. Union Church as a committee to arrange preaching.

Called for contribution and received the sum of \$29.50.

Appointed brothers James Griffin and J. A. Royal as finance committee.

Ordered 300 minutes printed and distributed.

Appointed next session of the Union to convene with Oaky Grove Church, Berrien County, Georgia.

Upon motion, carried, adjourned until tomorrow.

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Saturday, September 16th, 1917

Pursuant to adjournment, the body met today.

Preaching by Bro. T. C. Gray, Elders G. D. Baker and J. D. Mathis, respectively.

25 minutes intermission announced. After intermission, the body reassembled in the house and resumed business.

Renewed call for letters. Received 2 which were read as follows: 1st, Turner Meeting House, messengers, M. L. McMillan, Randall McMillan, M. A. McMillan and Billy Exom; 2nd, Mt. Union Church, messengers, Dennis Vickers, Jr., and James Griffin.

Upon motion of Brother Daniel Tucker, duly carried, the body extended thanks to Mt. Union Church, for their kindness, and unexcelled hospitality in caring for the visiting brethren and sisters during the session of the union.

There being no other business, Union closed in order.

DENNIS VICKERS, JR., Clerk, **J. D. MATHIS,** 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 Baptist faith and order, to-wit: Brushy Creek, Turner's Meeting House Little River, Sturgeon Creek, and Hapewell, of Irwin County, Georgia, and Emmaus 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 associationally, having recently, in a most friendly and Christian-like manner, shown their confidence as believers in the 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 of 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 or Primitive Baptists, and that the said organization is hereby based only and solely upon the following articles of 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 regular chosen messengers of the several 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 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 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 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

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 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 volition of men and devils, and they are accountable and responsible 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 other 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 is therefore derogatory to the honor and glory of God and dangerous to peace, happiness and solid unity of the church. Ye are one in Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament is the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. ii 16, 17; Rev. ii 10.

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

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Rom. v 5, 12, 19; Ps. v 5; Jer. xvi 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 vi 34; Rom. vii 24; Eph. ii 1.

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

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

8. We believe that the saints will never finally fall away—St. John x 28, 29; II Tim. i 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 the ordinances. We also believe that the true mode of Baptism is by immersion.—Matt. xxiii 19, 20; Acts ii 38, 42; 1 Cor. v 10, 11, 16.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.—Job xiv 13-15; 1 Cor. xv 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. xxv 31-44; Rom. ii 5.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the above named ordinance only such as are rightly called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.—1 Tim. ix 14; 2 Cor. viii 19; Acts vi 6.

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 fees.
8. Appoint time and place for next session.
9. Miscellaneous.
10. Read minutes and adjourn.

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCH	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	MESSENGERS	Baptized	Received by Con- fession of Faith	Received by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Month of Annual Meeting	Sunday of Meeting	Minute Fund
Frank	Jas. Whitley Ocilla, Ga.	J. D. Mathis Nashville, Ga.	F.G.E. Paulk, D. D. Garrison J. A. Royal, Wiley Whitley E. G. Young, J. B. D. Paulk and H. M. Berry	6	4					1	65	June	2	7 85
Mt. Olive.....	Henry Sutton Tifton, Ga.	J. D. Mathis Nashville, Ga.	Jacob Hall and Henry Sutton					2			25	Oct.	3	1 00
Warrior Creek	T. M. Griffin Norman Park, Ga.	None	T. M. Griffin, D. E. Vickers and G. J. Vickers					1			17	Oct.	1	2 00
Sturgeon Creek	R. R. Dorminey Forrest Glenn, Ga.	C. W. Richardson Ocilla, Ga.	Wiley McMillan, Thomas McMillan and Jas. Minix				1	4			52	July	2	2 00
Oaky Grove.....	Jesse McMillan Lenox, Ga.	G. D. Baker Tifton, Ga.	G. M. Robinson, T. C. Gray and L. C. Johnson					1			52	Sept.	4	1 70
Brushy Creek	J. D. McMillan Ocilla, Ga.	J. D. Mathis Nashville, Ga.	Daniel Tucker, Geo. Gran- than and L. L. Harper	1	3	1			19		84	July	4	6 00
Turner Meeting House	J. H. McMillan Brookfield, Ga.	M. L. McMillan M. A. McMillan Randall McMillan Billy Exum	G. D. Baker Tifton, Ga.							1	83	Oct.	2	2 45
Mt. Union	Dennis Vickers, Jr. Ambrose, Ga.	J. D. Mathis Nashville, Ga.	Dennis Vickers, Jr. James Griffin	6		2				1	51	Sept.	1	6 50

