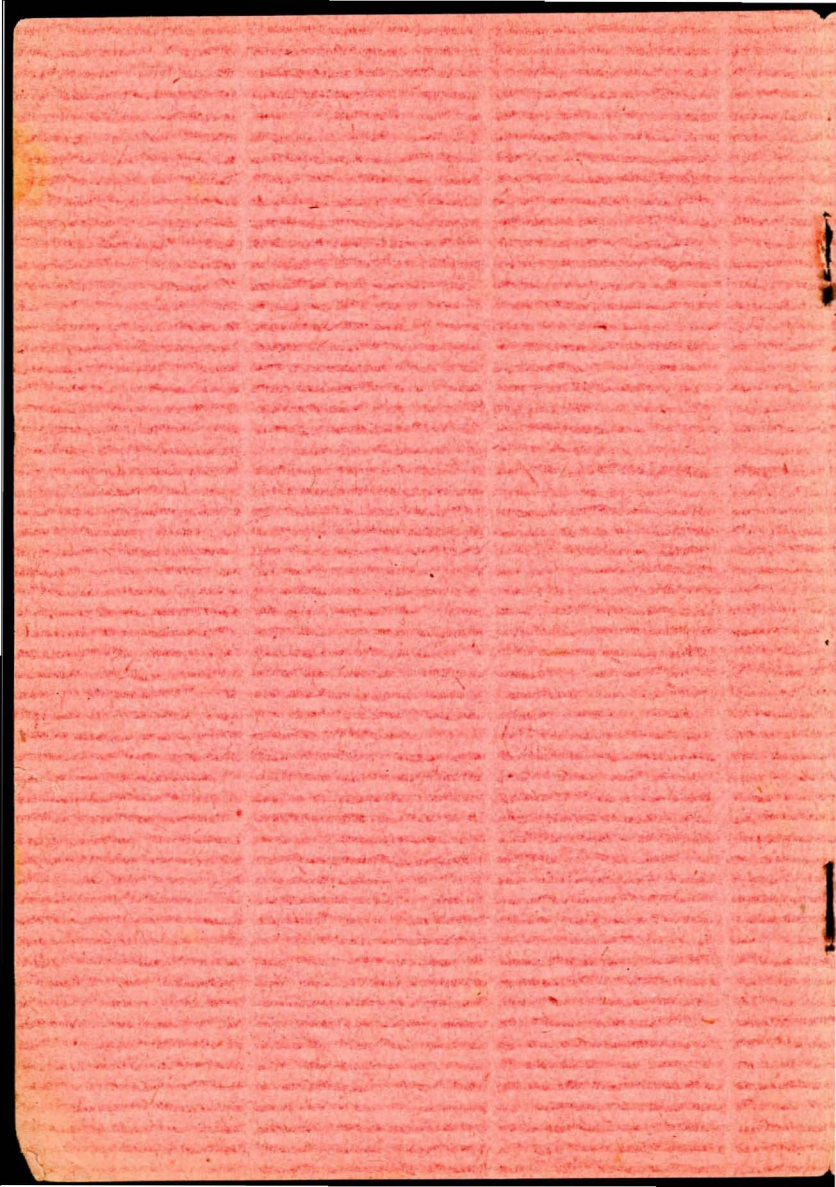


MINUTES of the  
Sixteenth Annual Session of the . . .  
BRUSHY CREEK UNION of  
the Primitive Baptist Faith and Order

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Held With Sturgeon Creek Church, Irwin  
County, Georgia, September 14, 15, 16, 1906.





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STURGEON CREEK CHURCH, }  
IRWIN COUNTY, GA. }  
September 14th, 1906. }

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptists convened this day with the above named church, Elder J. A. Sutton, Moderator, presiding.

By arrangement of committee, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder S. G. Ratcliff, of the Towaliga Association, using for his subject a portion of the 6th verse and 9th chapter of the prophet Isaiah, "His name shall be called wonderful." Closed by the Moderator with a few well chosen and appropriate remarks.

Intermission of twenty minutes was given, after which the body re-assembled in the house and began business. Prayer by Elder G. W. Phillips, of the Brushy Creek Union.

Called for correspondence received and read letters and messengers' names enrolled from the churches at Willacoochee and Mt. Olive. At this point, on motion by Elder W. H. Harden, meeting adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1906.

According to adjournment on yesterday, conference was resumed. Prayer by Elder J. L. Hayes, of the Towaliga Association. Then, on motion, regular order of business was taken up and renewed call for correspondence and re-

ceived and read letters and messengers' names enrolled from the churches as follows: Brushy Creek, Turners Meeting House, Oaky Grove, Warrior Creek, Hickory Springs and Emaus.

On motion, the election of Moderator and Clerk followed, and resulted in the re-election of Elder J. A. Sutton and G. W. Fletcher respectively.

The Moderator appointed Brothers D. T. Paulk and W. F. Paulk on preaching services, to act in conjunction with the local committee.

Called for correspondence from other bodies, and received Elders J. L. Hayes and S. G. Ratcliff as messengers from the Towaliga Association. On motion, corresponding letter of last year to the Towaliga Association, was adopted, with such changes in names and dates as necessary.

Called for messengers to visit the Towaliga Association, and Elders W. H. Harden and G. W. Phillips and Brothers D. T. Paulk, Daniel Tucker, F. G. E. Paulk and J. M. Pafford volunteered to go.

On motion, appointed correspondent to visit Little River Association; Elder J. A. Sutton volunteered to go.

The next session of the Union meeting was ordered held with the church at Willacoochee, Irwin county, Ga., at the usual time, third Sunday, Friday and Saturday before, in September, 1907.

Called for minute fund. As result collected \$16.90. Ordered 500 minutes printed for dis-

tribution, clerk to retain balance of funds for his services, if any left.

On motion the clerk was ordered to publish card of thanks in minutes to the brethren, sisters and friends around the church for their hospitality during this meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. M. Henderson, of Brushy Creek church, and adopted by the meeting :

WHEREAS, There appears to exist among some of the membership of our Union a disposition to take legal steps looking to the dissolution of the same ; therefore

RESOLVED, That the several churches to carefully consider this proposition and report their wishes in the matter to the next session of the Union.

On motion, minutes read and adopted and meeting adjourned to time and place fixed above.

J. A. SUTTON.

G. W. FLETCHER,

Moderator.

Clerk.

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SATURDAY'S PREACHING SERVICES :

Elder J. L. Hayes, Towaliga Association.

Elder J. A. Sutton, Brushy Creek Union.

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SUNDAY'S PREACHING SERVICES :

Morning—Elder S. G. Ratcliff, Towaliga Association.

Evening—Elders W. H. Harden and J. A. Sutton, Brushy Creek Union.





6. Appoint time and place for next session.
7. Call for corresponding letter.
8. Call for contributions.
9. Fix number of minutes and clerk's fee.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Read minutes. Adjourn.

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## Constitution, Doctrine, and Articles of Faith.

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### 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 Baptist faith and order, to-wit: 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 associationally, 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 demarcation so sharply—having aroused in the minds of the membership of said churches the tenderest feeling 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:

ARTICLE 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 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.

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### **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; St. John 1:1.

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. 3:16-17; Rev. 22:10.

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. 5:12:19; Ps. 51:5; 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. 1:3.

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 saints' 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.

## Table of Churches, Pastors, Messengers, and Dates of Meeting.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Counties.	Total Membership	Days of Monthly Meeting.	Days of Annual Meeting.	Pastor	Postoffice.
Willacoochee .....	G. T. Young, D. T. Paulk ....	Irwin ....	59	1S	1S Aug.	J. A. Sutton ..	Fitzgerald
Mt. Olive.....	J. M. Byrd.....	Tift.....	13	4S	4S Aug.	Jas. Gibbs ..	Tifton
Brushy Creek.....	W. F. Paulk, L. L. Harper, Daniel Tucker.....	Irwin ..	124	4S	4S July	J. A. Sutton .	Ocilla
Turner's M. H.....	Chas. Conger.....	Tift. . .	54	3S	2S Oct.	R. A. Lawrence	Brookfield
Oaky Grove.....	G. D. Baker, W. D. Robinson	Berrien .	41	4S	4S Sept.	Jas. Gibbs ....	Tifton
Warrior Creek....	J. J. Vickers.....	Colquit..	13	2S	2S Sept.	" .....	Lenox
Hickory Springs.	Allen Gibbs, G. W. Fletcher.	Tift.....	60	3S	3S Aug.	" .....	Tifton
Emaus .....	J. W. Swett ....	Berrien ..	35	1S	1S Sept.	" .....	Allapaha
Sturgeon Creek...	Entire Membership .....	Irwin ...	53	2S	2S July	W. H. Harden	Dorminey's Mill
Bethel .....	Not represented .....	Irwin	15	3S	3S Oct.	" .....	Dorminey's Mill

Total Membership, 567.

