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Twenty-Second Annual Meeting

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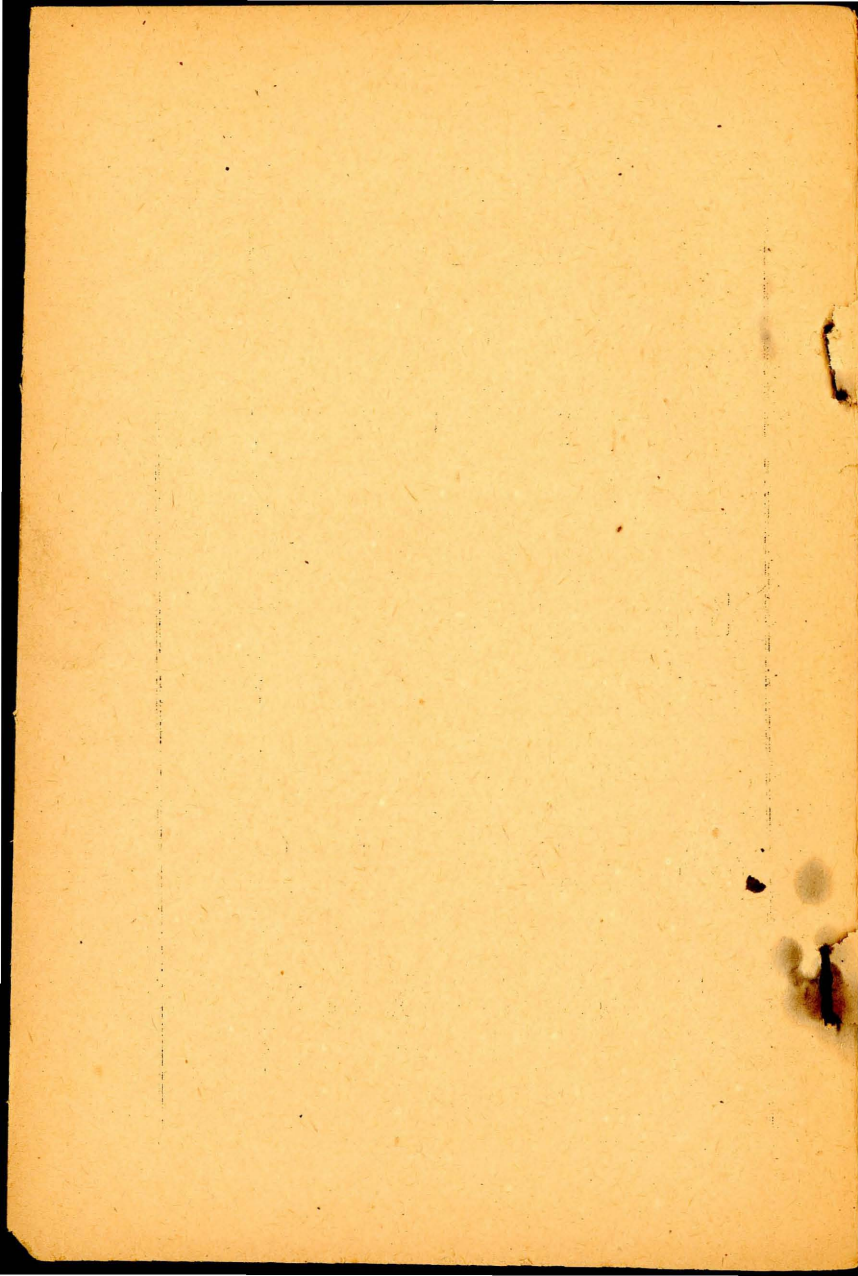
**Brushy Creek Union of
Primitive Baptists**

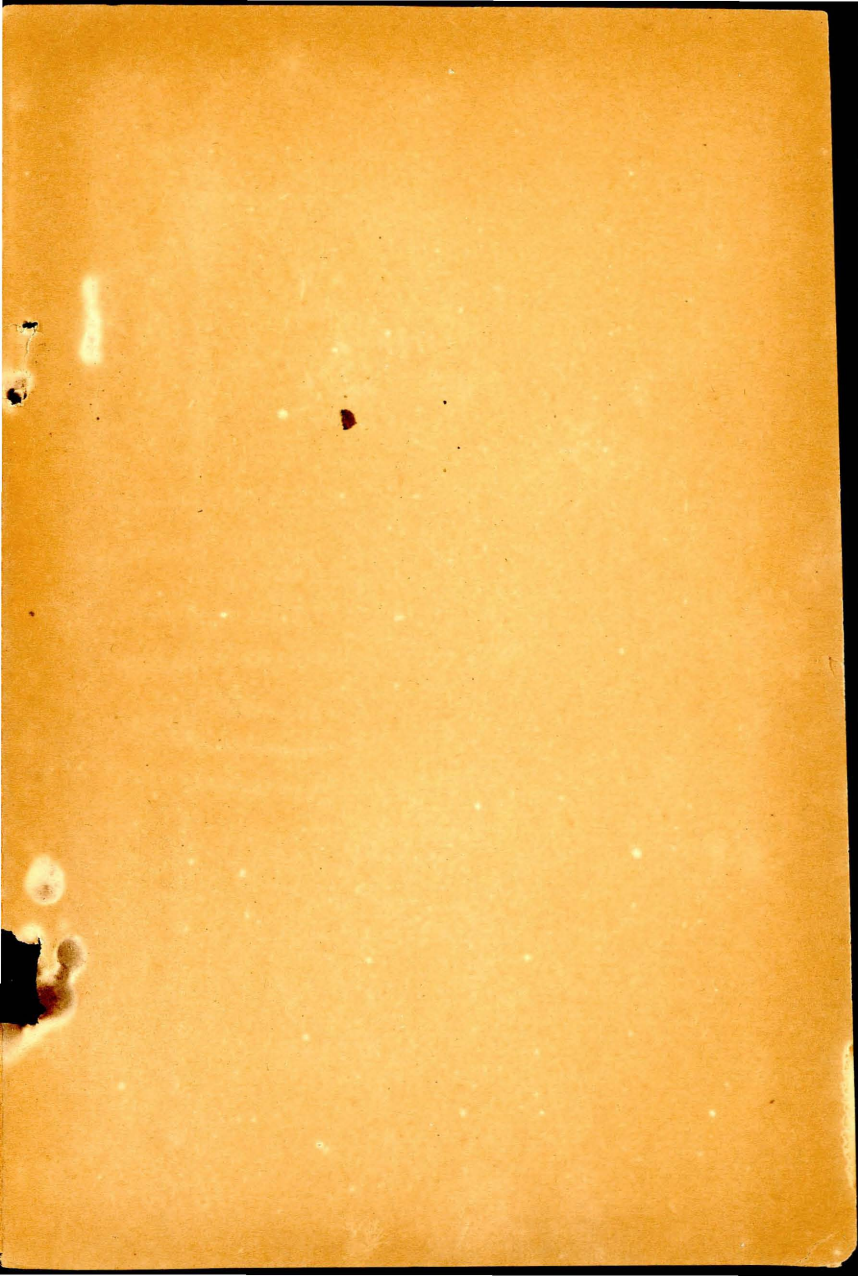
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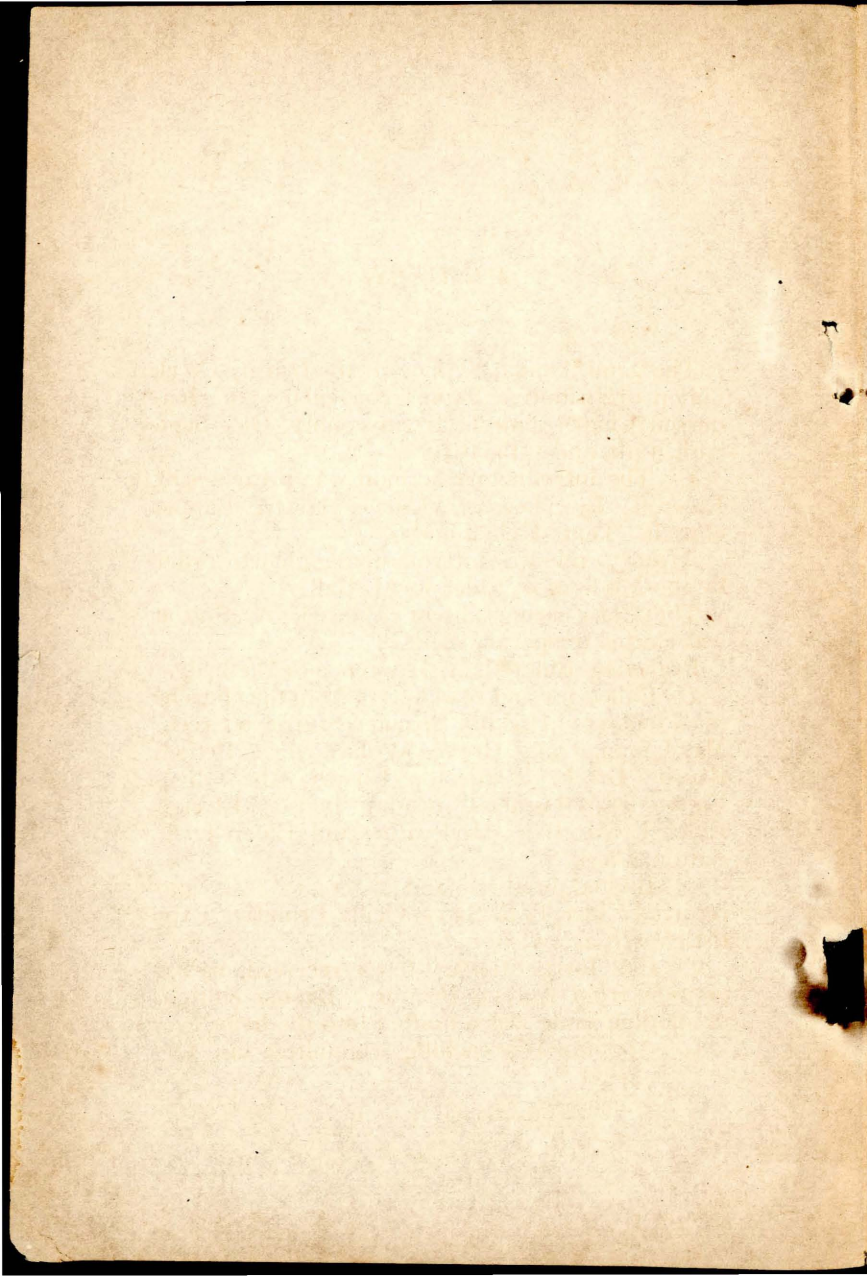
HENDERSON CHAPEL CHURCH

Irwin County, Ga.

Sept. 13 to 15, 1912







MINUTES.

The 22nd Annual Session of the Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptist convened with Henderson Chapel church, Irwin county, Ga., Sept. 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1912.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. E. Sikes, of Ocilla Primitive Baptist church. Text: Heb. 2 and 6.

After 30 minutes intermission, called to order by the Moderator, Elder L. M. Ball.

The Clerk being absent Elder J. A. Sutton was elected temporary clerk.

Prayer by Elder R. A. Lawrence of the body.

2. Called for and read letters from the churches as follows: Hickory Springs, Sturgeon Creek, Mt. Union, Oaky Grove, Willacoochee, Bethel, Brushy Creek, Henderson Chapel, Mt. Olive, Emaus and Turner's meeting house. Elected Elder L. M. Ball, Moderator, and Elder J. A. Sutton, Clerk.

3. Invited brethren and sisters to seats and received Elder T. E. Sikes, Ocilla Primitive Baptist church as a visitor.

4. Call for petitionary letter received, verbal petition from Eureka Primitive Baptist church, on motion, same was admitted into the body.

5. Appointed preaching committee as fol-

lows: Jacob McMillan, M. Paulk, D. T. Paulk, Jr., J. Y. Paulk, Daniel Tucker, Dennis Vickers, Sr., and R. R. Dorminey.

6. Appointed committee on finance, viz: J. W. Griner and J. A. Royal.

Adjourned to the noon hour tomorrow.

Saturday Morning, September 14.

The finance committee submitted the following report:

7. We as finance committee find contributed for Minutes, \$24.70. We paid over same to the Clerk and recommended that 500 minutes be printed and distributed; Clerk to retain balance of funds for service. On motion report adopted

8. Appointed next session of this body be held with Brushy Creek Church, Irwin County, Ga., third Sunday in September, Friday and Saturday before 1913.

9. The following resolution offered by Elder J. B. Mullis was adopted:

Resolved, That this body extend its heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of the Henderson Chapel church for their unbounded hospitality and kindness shown us during this meeting.

10. Minutes read and adopted. Meeting adjourned to time and place mentioned above.

L. M. BALL, Moderator.

J. A. SUTTON, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday: Elder T. E. Sikes. Text: Heb. 2-6.

Saturday: Elder James Gibbs. Text: Eph. 2
—1 to 8.

Elder R. A. Lawrence. Text: Rom-
ans :8-21.

Sunday: Elder J. B. Mullis.
Elder L. M. Ball.

CONSTITUTION, DOCTRINE AND ARTICLES OF
FAITH.

Articles of Constitution.

The following preamble, resolution and arti-
cles of Constitution were adopted by the Brushy
Creek Union of Primitive Baptists at its organi-
zation in 1891:

Whereas, The several churches of the Primitive
Baptists 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 as-
sociational 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 oc-
cupy full standing associationally, having recent-

ly, 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. 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 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 the same among the several churches of the Union, and such other things as the nature of his office requires and may be necessary.

ART. 4. No business shall ever be transacted or ever be entertained by the body in such meetings that either directly or indirectly interferes with 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 1912

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 un-animously adopted and offered 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 Ceerk 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 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 violation of men and devils, and they are both accountable and responsible 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 other institutions or organiza-

tions 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 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.—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Duet. 6:4, IISam. 7:22, 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. 2:16-17 Rev. 11-10.
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. 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 call-

ed, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:30, 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. 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.

Church Statistical Report

CHURCH	CLERK	PASTOR	MESSENGERS	Statistical Data											
				Received by Experience and Baptism	Received by Confession of Faith	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Month Annual Meeting	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution	
Hickory Spring	G. W. Fletcher, Chula, Ga.	James Gibbs	James Gibbs	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	67	Aug.	3	3.75
Sturgeon Creek	R. R. Dorminey, Bowen's Mill, Ga. ^{REF}	W. H. Hardin	James Minix, R. R. Dorminey	0	0	2	0	0	1	1		65	July	2	3.25
Mt. Union	Dennis Vickers, Jr., Ambrose, Ga.	L. M. Ball	Dennis Vickers, James Griffin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		21	Oct.	4	1.50
Oaky Grove	Jesse McMillan, Lenox, Ga. ^{REF}	James Gibbs	J. A. Griner	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		53	Sept.	4	1.25
Willacoochee	James Whitley, Ocilla, Ga.	L. M. Ball	Wiley Whitley, Sr., J. Y. Paulk, J. A. Royal	1	0	0	0	3	0	1			July	1	2.00
Bethel	E. W. Hester, Osierfield, Ga.	F. M. Smith	F. W. Hester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		22	Oct.	1	.75
Brushy Creek	S. R. Sikes, Ocilla, Ga.	J. A. Sutton, J. D. Mathis, Ass't	W. F. Paulk, Daniel Tucker, H. F. Scott	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	113	July	4	3.50	
Henderson Chapel	D. T. Paulk, Jr., Wray, Ga. ^{REF}	J. A. Sutton	Jacob McMillan, J. J. Paulk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		28	June	3	2.60
Mt. Olive	Henry Sutton, Tifton, Ga.	G. B. Burroughs	J. B. Mullis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		22	Aug.	4	1.00
Emaus	John Chambliss, Alapaha, Ga.	James Gibbs	J. W. Griner	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		48	Sept.	1	1.50
Turner Meeting Ho'se	J. H. McMillan, Brookfield, Ga.	F. M. Smith	R. A. Lawrence	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	73	Oct.	2	2.60	
Eureka	G. M. Tucker, Chula, Ga. ^{REF}	G. B. Burroughs	Jacob Fletcher, W. M. Woodrum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		17	Aug.	2	1.00

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NAME	AGE	SEX	STATUS	EDUCATION	RELIGIOUS	ETHNIC	PROFESSOR	MEMBER	WIFE	CHILDREN	REMARKS
Emma	45	F	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
John	42	M	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Mr. Olive	40	M	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Handerson Chapel	38	M	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Diaphy Creek	35	M	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Boyd	32	M	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Williamson	30	M	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Opdy Grove	28	M	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Mr. Union	25	M	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Shugson Creek	22	M	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Hickory Spring	20	M	W	High School	W	W	W	W	W	W	W

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.



