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MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

BRUSHY CREEK UNION

OF

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

*HELD WITH HENDERSON CHAPEL CHURCH,
Irwin County, Georgia, October 15th, 1926.*

OFFICERS:

J. A. Sutton, Moderator,Ocilla, Ga.

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

*Next session to be held with Brushy Creek Church,
Irwin County, Ga., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurs-
day after the 3rd Sunday in October, 1927.*

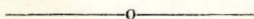
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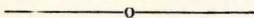
ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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



ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday A. M. ----- Elder W. B. Screws.
Friday night, ----- Elder W. T. Nipper.
Saturday A. M. ----- Elders A. A. Parrish and J. T. McArthur.
Saturday evening, ----- Elder W. F. Mims.
Saturday night, ----- Elder J. T. McArthur.
Sunday A. M. ----- Elders J. M. Thomas and T. E. Sikes.



REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received, contributions from the churches -----	\$74.50
Received, public contribution -----	25.50
Total received -----	\$100.00
Paid to visiting Preachers -----	\$80.00
Paid to Clerk for Minutes -----	20.00
Total -----	\$100.00

J. B. Berry, Willie Griffin, Committee.

MINUTES

*The Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptists Churches
convened with Henderson Chapel Church, Irwin County,
Georgia, Friday, October 15th, 1926.*

Introductory Sermon preached by Elder W. B. Screws, of Glenville, Ga., using as a subject Matthew 11th chapter and 20th to 30th verse.

After recess of sufficient length to have dinner, the body was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. A. Sutton.

1. Read letters and enrolled messengers' names from the various churches as follows:

OCILLA—Messengers, J. Y. Paulk, G. L. Young, J. B. Berry, L. M. Ball.

SPRING HILL—Messengers, M. F. Mobley, A. L. Mobley, W. N. Purvis.

UNION—Messengers, Oscar Paulk, John Daniel.

STURGEON CREEK—Messengers, Wiley McMillan, R. R. Dorminy.

HENDERSON CHAPEL—Messengers, Whole Church.

MOUNT UNION—Messengers, Dennis Vickers, Sr., and Dennis Vickers, Jr.

BRUSHY CREEK—Messengers, H. F. Scott, Edgar Tucker, and Ira Paulk.

EMAUS—Messengers, J. D. Smith, W. H. Paulk.

MOUNT OLIVE—Messengers, Mrs. Edgar Hitchcock and Mrs. Johnathan Walker.

2. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats.

3. Re-elected Elder J. A. Sutton as Moderator and C. A. J. Harper, Clerk.

4. Appointed Committee on Divine Services as follows: Jacob McMillan, J. Y. Paulk, Ira Paulk, Dennis Vickers, Jr., C. A. J. Harper.

5. Finance Committee: J. B. Berry and Willie Griffin.

6. Called for Petitionary letters.

7. Ordered 500 copies Minutes made.

8. Adjourned to hold the next session with Brushy Creek Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1927.

9. RESOLVED, That we extend to Henderson Chapel Church and community our heartfelt gratitude for their unstinted hospitality in caring for this session of the Union 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 even justice to any and all bodies of Primitive Baptists orthodox in doctrine, faith and practice, connected or disconnected, with associational organization, 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 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 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 along, 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. Hardin, 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 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 correction 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 shall 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 the 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 1926

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND P. O.	Clerks & Postoffices	Rec'd. by Baptism	Rec'd Con. of Faith	Received by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contributions	Annual Meeting
Brushy Creek	W. C. Kicklighter, Ocilla, Ga.	J. M. Tucker, Ocilla, Ga.			1		1	1	6	88	4	15.00	July
Union	J. A. Sutton, Wray, Ga.	Oscar Paulk, Willacoochee,	1					2	19	2	2	7.00	Sept.
Spring Hill	S. C. Davis, Screven, Ga.	Jesse Mobley Alapaha, Ga.	3	1	1			1	2	50	3	6.50	Sept.
Henderson Chapel	J. A. Sutton, Wray, Ga.	Willie Griffin, Wray, Ga.					2	2	35	3	3	10.00	June
Mount Union	W. C. Kicklighter, Ocilla, Ga.	Dennis Vickers, Jr., Wray,						2	2	54	2	7.50	Nov.
Sturgeon Creek	W. F. Mims, Cordele, Ga.	R. R. Dorminy, Forest Glenn								35	2	6.50	July
Ocilla	W. C. Kicklighter, Ocilla, Ga.	G. L. Young, Fitzgerald, Ga.					1	1	61	1	1	10.00	July
Emaus	J. A. Sutton, Wray, Ga.	J. J. Chambless, Alapaha,	1					1	43	1	1	7.50	Sept.
Mount Olive	J. E. Tyson, Brookfield, Ga.	Mrs. Edna Hitchcock, Tifton							12	4	4	5.00	Aug.
Total			5	1	1	4	4	16	397	74.50			

