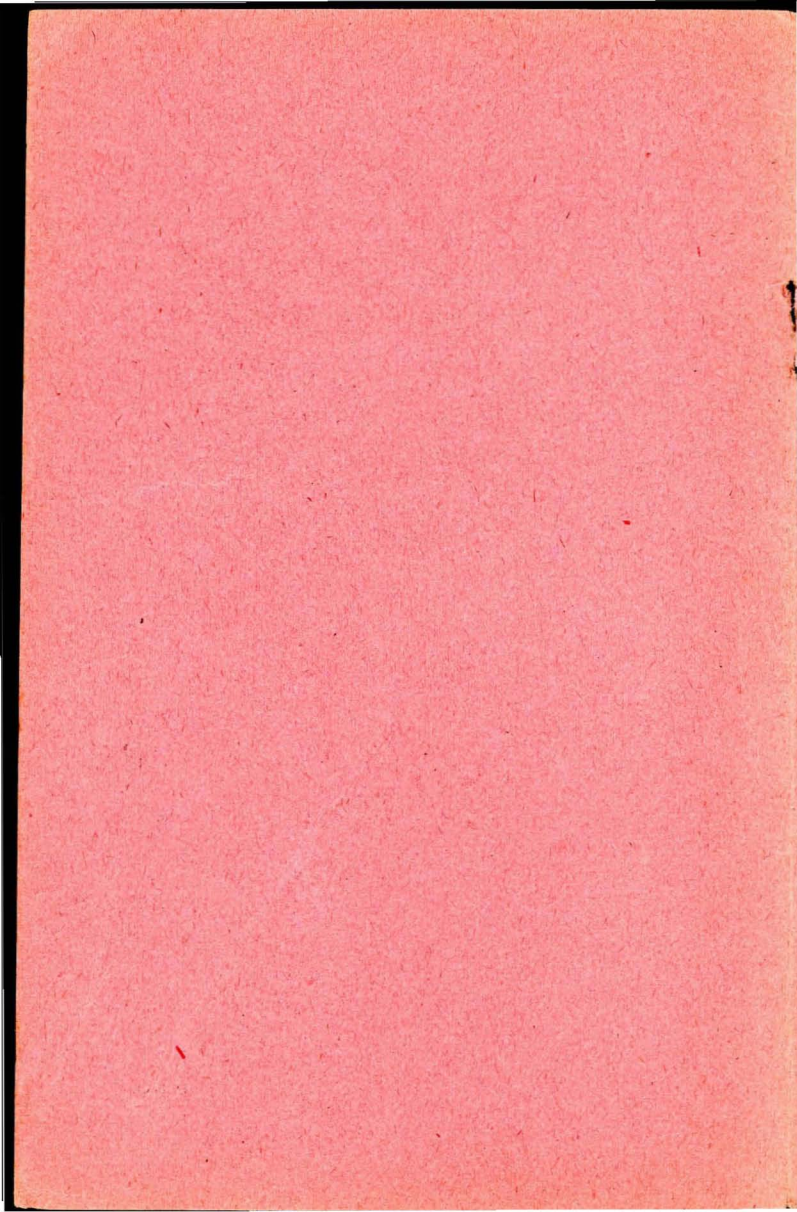


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HICKORY SPRING CHURCH,
TIFT COUNTY, GA.,
Friday, Sept. 16th, 1910.

The 20th annual session of the Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptists convened to-day with the above named church. L. M. Ball, Moderator, presiding.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. M. Ball, using for his subject the second chapter, fourth verse of Ephesians. "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith He hath loved us."

After an intermission of twenty minutes the body re-assembled in the house, and after prayer by Elder A. L. Bishop, the body organized by re-electing Elder L. M. Ball Moderator and G. W. Fletcher, Clerk. Called for correspondence, received and read letters and messengers' names enrolled from the churches as follows: Warrior, Emaus, Hickory Spring, Bethel, Oaky Grove, Sturgeon Creek, Brushy Creek, Mt. Union, Mt. Olive, Willacoochee.

The Moderator appointed Bros. Dennis Vickers, of Mt. Union, and D. T. Paulk, of Willacoochee, to act in conjunction with the local committee on preaching services. At this point the meeting adjourned until half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 17.

The Union met as per adjournment by singing, reading 25th Psalm and prayer by Elder T. E. Sykes. Renewed call for visitors other bodies, and received Elder T. E. Sykes, of the Ocilla church. Motion carried to suspend the writing of corresponding letters, or the appointing of correspondents to other bodies at this session.

Appointed Brothers G. T. Young and S. Griffin, as Finance Committee to take charge of funds and reported and turned over to clerk \$19.75, Minute funds, and \$2.75 ministerial funds:

Ordered 500 Minutes printed, the Clerk to retain the balance of funds if any left, for his services.

Ordered the next Union meeting held with the church at Warrior Creek, Colquitt county, at the usual time. There being no further business before the body, on motion Minutes were read and adopted, and meeting closed to time and place fixed above.

L. M. BALL, Moderator.

G. W. FLETCHER, Clerk.

Saturday's preaching services, T. E. Sykes, Ocilla church.

Sunday, a. m., L. M. Ball, Willacoochee church. Sunday, p. m., J. B. Mullis, Mt. Olive.

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 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 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; 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. 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.

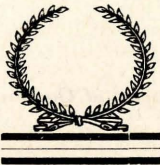
8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never fall finally away. St. John 10:28-29; II Tim. 1:12.

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.



Order of Business.

Appoint one to preach Introductory Sermon. .

1. Organize.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Invite Brothers and Sisters to Seats.
4. Call for and read Letters.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
7. Appoint one to write Corresponding Letters.
8. Call for Correspondence.
9. Call for Contributions.
10. Appoint Finance Committee.
11. Fix number of Minutes and Clerk's Fees.
12. Appoint Time and Place for Next Session.
13. Miscellaneous.
14. Read Minutes. Adjourn.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Ex and Bap.	Rec'd by Con. of Faith	Received by Letter...	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter..	Excluded.	Deceased	Total Membership ..	Sunday of Meeting ..	Contribution
Mt. Olive	James Gibbs, A L Bishop	T D Paulk, Henry Sutton	2	1	1				1	19	4	\$1 00
Bethel	F M Smith	No messengers	4							22	2	1 00
Turner M H	F M Smith	C Conger, J A McMillan, D Goff	5			1				63	2	1 50
Mt. Union	W H Harden	Dennis Vickers								19	4	1 50
Sturgeon Creek	W H Harden	R R Dorminy	1		2		5		1	79	2	2 25
Hickory Spring	James Gibbs, A L Bishop	Entire membership	1	1		1	2		1	61	3	2 75
Emaus	James Gibbs	S Griffin, J J Chambliss	1							48	1	2 00
Warrior	A L Bishop	D E Vickers								12	2	50
Brushy Greek	F M Smith	Billi · Mixon, Wm Paulk, W J Johnson	3					1	6	116	4	3 00
Willacoochee	L M Ball	D T Paulk, H M Berry			4		4		1	1	1	2 00
Oaky Grove	James Gibbs, A L Bishop	H C Baker, J W Griner	15						2	52	4	2 20
Henderson's Chapel	Not represented.											
Totals - - - - -			32	2	7	2	11	1	12	482	19	70

L. M. BALL, MODERATOR,
Ocilla, Ga.

G. W. FLETCHER, CLERK,
Chula, Ga.

