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MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Brushy Creek Union

—OF—

Primitive Baptists

CONVENED AT OCILLA FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
THIRD SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1921

OFFICERS

ELDER L. M. BALL ----- Moderator

ELDER J. A. SUTTON, ----- Clerk

Next Session to be held with Union Church, Embracing
Second Sunday in September, 1922.

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MINUTES

The Brushy Creek Union of Primitive Baptist convened at Ocilla, Georgia, Friday, September 16th, 1921 in 31st annual session.

Introductory sermon preached by Elder T. E. Sikes of Vidalia, Georgia.

After short intermission the body was called to order by Elder L. M. Ball, Moderator.

1. Read letters and recorded messengers names as follows:
Henderson Chapel Messengers—J. A. Sutton, Riley Harper and M. Paulk.

Willacoochee—J. Y. Paulk, G. T. Young, J. B. Berry, L. M. Ball.

Mt. Union—Dennis Vickers and R. S. Griffin.

Union—O. J. Paulk.

Sturgeon Creek—James Minix, W. G. Dorminey.

Spring Hill—A. L. Mobley, M. F. Mobley, D. F. Hunter, C. A. J. Harper.

Turner Meeting House—Burwell McMillan, M. A. McMillan.

Brushy Creek—L. R. Tucker, Ira Paulk, George Grantham.

Pilgrim Home—J. T. Tyson, M. D. Fountain.

2. Re-elected Elder L. M. Ball, Moderator and Elder J. A. Sutton, Clerk.

3. Inviter brethren and sisters to seats.

4. Appointed committee on Divine Service as follows J. Y. Paulk, G. T. Young, O. J. Paulk, Daniel Tucker, L. T. Henderson.

5. Appointed finance committee as follows: L. R. Tucker, A. L. Mobley.

6. Appointed next session of this body to convene with Union Church, Coffee County, Georgia, Second Sunday in September, Friday and Saturda before, in 1922.

8. Ordered 500 Minutes printed.

Adjourned until Saturday just after preaching.

Saturday, September 17, after preaching service re-convened in business session. Read letters and recorded messengers names from Hickory Springs: A. D. Ross, Em-
aus, J. D. C. Smith, J.J. McMillan.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted—

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body be tendered the brethren, sisters and friends of Ocilla for their abundant preparation and unbounded hospitality in caring for this session of this body. Read minutes and adjourned.

L. M. Ball, Md.

J. A. Sutton, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING:

Friday—Elder T. E. Sikes.
 Friday Night—Elder W. M. Blackwell.
 Saturday—Elder R. H. Barwick.
 Saturday Night—Elder J. A. Sutton.
 Sunday—Elder T. E. Sikes.
 Sunday Night—Elder R. H. Barwick.

Report Finance Committee:

Received from the Churches -----	\$75.68
Received from Public Contribution -----	\$11.70
TOTAL -----	\$87.38
Paid for Minutes -----	\$25.00
Paid Clerk -----	\$10.00
Ministers -----	\$52.38
TOTAL -----	\$87.38

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, Little River, Sturgeon Creek and Hopewell, of Irwin County, Georgia, and Emaus and Oak 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, 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 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 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 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 the 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 in-

Statistical Table

Name of Church.	Pastors and P.O.	Clerks and P.O.	Added by Baptism	Rec. on Confession of Faith	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed by letter	Dead	Excluded	Total membership	Month of annual Meeting	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
Henderson Chapel	J. A. Sutton Wray, Ga.	D. T. Paulk, Wray, Ga.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	June	3	\$ 6.50
Mt. Union	D. O. Lewis Pavo, Ga.	Dennis Vickers, Jr., Wray, Ga.	3	0	0	1	1		2	64	Oct.	1	\$ 5.25
Union.	L. M. Ball Ocilla, Ga.	John Daniel, Willacoochee, Ga.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	Sept.	2	\$ 7.00
Spring Hill	L. M. Ball, Ocilla, Georgia	Jesse Mobley, Alapaha, Ga.	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	Sept.	3	\$ 8.00
Turner Meeting House	James Gibbs, Ty Ty, Ga.	Thos. McMillan Enigma, Ga.	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	61	Oct.	2	\$ 2.25
Willacoochee	R. H. Barwick, Cordele, Ga.	G. L. Young, Fitzgerald, Ga.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	48	July	1	\$18.00
Pilgrim Home	J. T. McCarther, Cordele, Ga.	J. H. Dean, Sycamore, Ga.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8			\$ 2.00
Brushy Creek	W. M. Blackwell, Fitzgerald, Ga.	L. T. Henderson, Ocilla, Ga.	2	2	0	1	0	3	9	114	July	4	\$12.53
Emaus	James Gibbs, Ty Ty, Ga.	J. I. Chamblis Alapaha, Ga.	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	54	Sept.	1	\$ 6.00
Hickory Springs	J. A. Sutton, Wray, Ga.	A. D. Ross, Chula, Ga.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	Aug.	3	\$ 6.40
Sturgeon Creek	J. A. Sutton Wray, Ga.	R. R. Dorminey, Forrest Glen, Ga.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	35	July	2	\$ 1.75

directly 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. 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 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 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 in any way used to do or 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. We 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 vi 4; Jam. vi. 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 particu'ar election, Rom. ix 11, 16; Eph. i 4, 5, 9-11; I Thes. 1 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.

We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit Rom. vii 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 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. xxiii 19, 20; Acts ii 38, 42; Cor. v 10, 100, 16.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement. Job, xiv 13-15; I Cor. xv 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. xxv 31-46; Rom. ii 5.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the above named ord'nasces only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbyter. I Tim. ix 14; II Cor. vii 19, 20; Acts vi 6,

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read letters and record messengers names.
3. Invite brethren and sisters to seats.
4. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
5. Appoint committee on preaching.
6. Appoint committee on finance.
7. Call for petitionary letters.
8. Appoint time and place for holding next session.
9. Fix number of minutes and clerk's fee.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Adjourn.





