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Twenty-fourth Annual Session

of the

BRUSHY CREEK UNION

of Primitive Baptists

Convened with Turner's Meeting House Church,
Friday, September 18, 1914.

Officers:

ELDER L. M. BALL	-	-	-	-	-	-	Moderator.
J. A. SUTTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	Clerk.

Next session to be held with Emmaus Church, Berrien County, at
the usual time.

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Introductory sermon preached by Eld. J. A. Sutton, text: "as ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him"—Collossians ii 3.

Intermission of thirty minutes, then reassembled in the house for business.

Eld. L. M. Ball, Moderator, presiding, and J. A. Sutton, Clerk.

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

Read letters and recorded messengers names as follows: 1st, Sturgeon Creek, messenger, James Minix; 2nd, Hickory Springs, messengers, W. J. Johnson, G. W. Fletcher and J. F. Ross; 3rd, Turner's Meeting House, messengers, M. L. McMillan, M. A. McMillan and J. H. McMillan; 4th, New Haven, messengers, Elam Harper, E. F. Vickers; 5th, Henderson Chapel, messenger, J. A. Sutton; 6th, Emmaus, messengers, G. W. Griner, J. W. Griner and J. G. Luke; 7th, Mt. Union, messengers, Lott Paulk and Young Vickers; 8th, Willacoochy, messengers, J. Y. Paulk and G. T. Young; 9th, Oaky Grove, messengers, T. C. Gray and L. C. Johnson; 10th, Warrior Creek, messengers, T. M. Griffin and G. J. Vickers; 11th, Brushy Creek, messengers, Daniel Tucker and S. R. Sikes.

Elected Eld. L. M. Ball, Moderator, and Eld. J. A. Sutton, Clerk.

Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats and received Eld. J. T. McArthur, of the Cordele church.

Called for petitionary letters and received one from Frank Primitive Baptist Church, messengers, J. A. Royal and H. M. Berry, which was unanimously received.

Appointed brethren Daniel Tucker, Allan Gibbs and G. W. Fletcher to act with local messengers as preaching committee.

Appointed S. R. Sikes and J. F. Ross for finance committee.

Motion to adjourn until after preaching tomorrow prevailed.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH.

After preaching and recess the Union reassembled in the house for business.

Some of the churches not being represented on yesterday the following letters were read, and messengers names enrolled: Oak View, messengers, A. L. Bishop and John Willis; Mt. Olive, messengers, J. S. Mullis and A. McMillan.

Bethel statement by her pastor, Eld. F. M. Smith.

Renewed call for petitionary letters and received one from Spring Hill Primitive Baptist Church, which was unanimously received. Messengers, M. F. Mobley and John Brogden.

Appointed next session of this body to be held with Emaus Church, Berrien County, Ga., one mile East of Griner on Ocilla Southern Railroad, at usual time, Friday before third Sunday in September, 1915.

Ordered 1,000 minutes printed and distributed. Clerk to retain balance of funds for service.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the thanks of this body be tendered the brethren, sisters and friends of Turner's Meeting House, for their abundant preparation and unbounded hospitality in caring for this body during this session.

L. M. BALL, *Moderator*.

J. A. SUTTON, *Clerk*.

ORDER OF PREACHING:

Friday, Elder J. A. Sutton; Saturday, Elder J. T. McArthur and Elder L. M. Ball; Sunday, Elder J. H. Sutton and Elder J. T. McArthur.

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 Emmaus 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:

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 regular chosen messengers of the several 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 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.

ARTICLE 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.

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 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 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 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 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. vi 4; II Sam. vii 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 particular election. Rom. ix 11, 16; Eph. i 4, 5, 9-11; I Thes. i 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.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Rom. viii 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; I Cor. v 10, 11, 16.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. Job xiv 13-15; I Cor. xv 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. xxv 31-46; Rom. ii 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. ix 14; II Cor. viii 19, 20; Acts vi 6.

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 contributions 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.

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCH	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	PASTOR AND POST OFFICE	MESSENGERS	Bytized	Received by Con- fession of Faith	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Month of Annual Meeting	Sunday of Meeting	Minute Fund	
Sturgeon Creek.....	R. R. Dorminey .. Bowen's Mill, Ga.	F. M. Smith..... Fitzgerald, Ga.	J. J. Minix.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	55	July	2	\$1 90
Oaky Grove.....	Jesse McMillan .. Lenox, Ga.	James Gibbs..... Tifton, Ga.	T. C. Gray and L. C. Johnson.....	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	50	Sept.	4	2 00
Turner's Meeting House..	J. H. McMillan... Brookfield, Ga.	J. A. Sutton..... Wray, Ga.	M. L. McMillan, M. A McMillan and J. H. McMillan.....	4	..	..	..	2	1	..	74	Oct.	2	3 00
Oak View.....	John Willis..... Omega, Ga.	A. L. Bishop..... Tifton, Ga.	A. L. Bishop and John P. Willis.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	June	4	1 00
Brushy Creek.....	S. R. Sikes..... Ocilla, Ga.	J. D. Mathis..... Nashville, Ga.	Daniel Tucker and S. R. Sikes.....	5	2	..	1	2	3	3	100	July	4	3 50	
New Haven.....	J. F. Fussell..... Ambrose, Ga.	A. L. Bishop..... Tifton, Ga.	Elam Harper and E. F. Vickers.....	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	Aug.	2	1 00
Mt. Olive.....	Henry Sutton..... Tifton, Ga.	F. M. Smith..... Fitzgerald, Ga.	J. S. Mullis and A. Mc- Millan.....	4	2	2	..	1	..	..	25	Aug.	4	1 00
Emaus.....	J. J. Chambliss... Alapaha, Ga.	James Gibbs..... Tifton, Ga.	G. W. Griner, J. W. Griner and J. G. Luke	2	1	1	56	Sept.	1	2 00
Henderson Chapel.....	D. T. Paulk..... Wray, Ga.	L. M. Ball..... Ocilla, Ga.	J. A. Sutton.....	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	34	June	3	2 75
Mt. Union.....	Dennis Vickers... Ambrose, Ga.	L. M. Ball..... Ocilla, Ga.	Lott Paulk and Young Vickers.....	5	..	..	..	3	1	..	22	Oct.	4	1 00
Warrior Creek.....	D. E. Vickers..... Norman Park, Ga.	James Gibbs..... Tifton, Ga.	T. M. Griffin and G. J. Vickers.....	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	Sept.	2	1 50
Hickory Springs.....	G. W. Fletcher.... Chula, Ga.	James Gibbs..... Tifton, Ga.	W. J. Johnson, J. F. Ross and G. W. Fletcher.....	1	..	1	2	8	..	2	63	Aug.	3	2 55	
Willacoochee.....	G. L. Young..... Fitzgerald, Ga.	L. M. Ball..... Ocilla, Ga.	J. Y. Paulk and G. T. Young.....	4	..	3	..	36	2	1	60	July	1	2 30	
Bethel.....	E. W. Hesters.... Osierfield, Ga.	F. M. Smith..... Fitzgerald, Ga.	None	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Frank.....	James Whitley... Ocilla, Ga.	J. D. Mathis..... Nashville, Ga.	J. A. Royal and H. M. Berry.....	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	42	June	2	1 50
Spring Hill.....	Joseph Swilly.... Alapaha, Ga.	J. D. Mathis..... Nashville, Ga.	M. F. Mobley and John Brogden.....	No	Sta	tistic	al	Re	por	t	Given	..	..	..



