

MINUTES
Of The
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
Union Hill
United Freewill Baptist
Association
HELD WITH
Bethel Church
September 28, 29, 30, 1922.

Officers

B. F. PATE..... Moderator
W. R. KIRKLAND,..... Clerk
J. R. BOLEN..... Treasurer

Executive Committee

G. W. HINSON
R. Z. CLARK
T. A. DARITY
FELL POSEY
C. E. WATERS

The next session will be held with Panther Creek Church, six miles North of Slocomb, Alabama, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1923. Rev. J. W. Posey to preach the Introductory sermon. The Union meeting will be held at Hinson Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in July 1923. T. B. J. Hendrix to preach the introductory sermon.

Proceedings

On September 28, 1922, the Second Annual Session of the Union Hill United Freewill Baptist Association met with Bethel Church. Sermon introductory to business was preached by Rev. S. M. Tendell and dismissed one and one-half hours for refreshments.

Afternoon Session

House called to order by the Moderator. Lesson and prayer by Rev. G. M. Hardy.

Then called for letters from the churches and appointed G. W. Hinson, J. W. Posey as reading clerks, adopted same and elected B. F. Pate, Moderator; W. R. Kirkland, Clerk.

Called for corresponding delegates and received A. L. Pate and C. I. Wells from the Liberty, and James Moss from the State Line, and gave them the right hand of fellowship.

Appointed the various committees.

Appointed R. Z. Clark as executive committeeman in place of Sam Carroll; C. E. Waters in place of J. R. Robbins, and F. M. Posey in place of J. G. Watson.

Appointed J. W. Posey and S. M. Tendell to help Sam Carroll in Sabbath School work.

Moved to adjourn until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

Friday morning met pursuant to adjournment. Song by congregation. Lesson by Rev. A. L. Pate, Psalm 23. Prayer by Sam Carroll.

Called for report on Temperance. Read and adopted. S. E. Carroll, Chairman.

Called for report on Memorial. Read and adopted. C. I. Wells, Chairman.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools. Read and adopted. S. E. Carroll, Chairman.

Called for report on Divine Service. Report read and adopted. J. R. Bolin, Chairman.

Called for report on Nominations. Report received and adopted. W. A. Davis, Chairman.

Called for corresponding delegates and received none, but withdrew on account of some trouble with Rev. C. I. Wells.

Moved to renew Rev. G. M. Hardy's credentials that have been lost.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee for the year 1923: G. W. Hinson, Chairman; A. T. Darity, R. Z. Clark, C. E. Waters, F. M. Posey.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Introductory Sermon Thursday 11:00 o'clock, Rev. S. M. Tendell. Text: Jno. 14:15.

Thursday night, 7:30 o'clock, Rev. C. I. Wells. Matt. 25.

Friday, 11:00 o'clock, Rev. G. M. Hardy. At 3:00 o'clock, Rev. A. L. Pate.

Friday night, 7:30, S. E. Carroll, followed by Rev. W. A. Davis.

Saturday morning at 9:30, by R. P. Jones, followed by Rev. G. M. Hardy.

At 11 o'clock by W. A. Davis, and at 7:30 Saturday night by Rev. J. W. Posey.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

PANTHER CREEK: M. L. Peterson, A. Z. Clark, Edmond Peters, Madison Peters, Avery Carroll.

HINSON: G. W. Hinson, S. W. Wright, K. C. Davis.

UNION HILL: A. T. Moss, C. G. Waters, Ake Moss, Charley Peters.

CHRISTIAN HOME: W. J. Hughes.

BETHEL: J. G. Watson, J. R. Bradley, A. J. Justice, D. L. Whitehead.

ANTIOCH: By the pastor.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Some were made in writing and some verbally, and we have not minuted them. But they were all satisfactory.

LIST OF MINISTERS

G. M. Tendell, Hartford, Rt. 2, Ala.

W. A. Davis, Malvern, Ala.

G. M. Hardy, Clio, Ala.

J. W. Posey, Hartford, Rt. 2, Ala.

J. B. J. Hendrix, Hartford, Rt. 5, Ala.

W. W. Tremontiner, Noma, Fla.

H. W. Norris, Hartford, Rt. 3, Ala.

LICENTIATES

E. F. Hutto, Caryville, Fla.
W. G. Darity, Hartford, Ala.
R. P. Jones, Dothan, Rt. 3, Ala.
S. E. Carroll, Hartford, Rt. 2, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Call for letters and enroll the delegates.
3. Organize by electing Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for correspondents.
6. Appoint committees.
7. Appoint correspondents.
8. Hearing reports of committees
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	Received			Dismissed			D. of M.
			Baptized	Faith	Letter	Restored	Letter	Excluded		Total
Antioch	C. I. Wells	G. H. Keith, Graceville, Fla.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bethel	W. A. Davis	Alto McGowan, Hartford, Rt., Ala.	4	..	..	1	..	..	49
Christian Home	A. L. Pate	W. J. Hughes, Hartford, Rt. 5, Ala.	7	4	5	1	7	3	150
Hinson	J. W. Posey	R. C. Jones, Graceville, Fla.	1	..	..	1	..	..	35
Panther Creek	C. I. Wells	M. L. Peterson, Hartford, Rt. 2, Ala	33	..	..	..	1	2	115
Union Hill	W. A. Davis	W. H. Toole, Slocomb, Rt. 2, Ala.	..	..	2	..	2	..	104

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at last conference in Association year, or, if they prefer, may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year as long as he may deem it proper to keep up the connection.
2. When it becomes necessary a pastor may be chosen at any other time, but if the choice be made at a special Conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.
3. The pastor shall be Moderator of church, but when the Moderator, being present, some are absent, or does not sit a suitable brother shall be appointed in his place.
4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and distribution of all contributions made for pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.
5. The deacons shall also take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper, and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church conference if necessary.
6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk, and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church and preserve a file of the minutes of the Association.
7. When a clerk is appointed all the books, minutes, etc., belonging to the clerk shall be immediately turned over to him by his predecessor.
8. When it becomes necessary, a committee or not less than three male members, well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of dealing, etc., with the church.
9. The church shall hold a two-days' meeting embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time for conference.
10. It shall be the duty of every member, male or female, to attend each conference, if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a special manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on church doctrine, discipline, and rules of holy living.
11. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member who may be generally remiss in attending meetings of the church, according to covenant (Article 10), shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his conduct, but the church may exempt members from this if necessary.
12. Conferences shall be opened as follows: First, prayer, unless divine service has just been concluded, and generally

then; Second, invite visiting brethren to seats with us; Third, open the door for reception to members; Fourth, call for absentees; Fifth, for acknowledgements; Sixth, for references or deferred business; Seventh, for matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church; Eighth, for miscellaneous business.

13. Visiting brethren called in as help from other churches shall be allowed to vote.

14. An ordinary member of a Baptist church which does not hold this church in fellowship, may be received into this church without a letter when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unrepachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he wanted to join this or some sister church. All other persons must join by letter or baptism.

15. We receive members by experience or baptism; on confession of faith, by letter or restoration.

16. When the Moderator calls for absentees the Clerk shall inform the church what male members have been absent from three successive conferences, and the Moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

17. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend his trial, provided his residence be known to the church.

18. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced he shall not be examined until the question has been put to the church: "Will you hear the testimony of the witness?"

19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be printed in the church book.

20. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letter without good reason shall be cited to conference to answer for their conduct.

21. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition, if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.

22. A vote shall not be taken on any question without a move and second, and on all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

23. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

24. It shall be considered disorderly for a member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member upon request may be exempted by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

25. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient excuse, nor engage in conversation or whis-

pering, without being subject to be called to order by the Moderator.

26. All discussion in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling. Those who speak must rise to their feet and keep to the point in debate.

27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission of the Moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonably long.

28. When the Moderator speaks he must nominate some brother as Moderator in his stead.

29. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it be necessary to call him to order.

30. We believe it to be the duty of the church to communicate, wash the saint's feet as often as the church sees fit, the expenses to be paid by the church.

31. Members not in good standing should not commune, but the administration should not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

32. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe there is but one living and true God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and ruler of the universe.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and by whom salvation is made secure.

3. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a state of holiness under the laws of His Maker, but by a voluntary transgression of his own he fell from that Holy and happy state.

4. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for the lack of Christ.

5. We believe that the holy scriptures are the word of God and they are the only rule of faith and practice.

6. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father by the Holy Ghost through Jesus Christ His Son.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and faith without work is dead.

8. We believe that the blessings of Salvation are made free and attainable by all mankind.

9. We believe that Commemoration and Feet Washing are the ordinances of Christ and immersion only is baptism.

10. We believe that all Christians should unite in performing the sacred ordinances.

11. That the end of the world is approaching when Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from their graves

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