

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
UNION HILL UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With
HINSON CHURCH,
FRIDAY BEFORE THE 1ST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1924.

OFFICERS

J. R. BOLEN, Slocumb, Ala., Rt. 2. Moderator.
W. R. KIRKLAND, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 2, Clerk.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

B. F. PATE, Chairman.
O. C. DAVIS,
M. A. PETERS,
A. T. MOSS,
J. R. BRADLEY

The next Union Meeting will be held at Union Hill church on Saturday before the Second Sunday in July, 1925. The next Association will be held with Christian Home church on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1925.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fourth Annual Session of the Union Hill United Freewill Baptist Association which met with Hinson church, October 3rd, 1924. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Posey; Text, Timothy, 4th chapter, 16th verse.

Afternoon Session

House called to order by the Moderator. Song by congregation. Scriptural lesson 2nd Peter, 1st chapter. Prayer by Rev. T. B. J. Hendrix.

Then called for letters from the churches and received the following:

Union Hill—A. T. Moss and wife and J. R. Bolen.

Christian Home—J. F. Hughes, W. A. Holland, Mellie Holland, Ree Holland, F. C. Kirkland.

Bethel—Alto McGowan, Fell Posey, A. J. Justice, J. R. Bradley.

Panther Creek—Jim Seay, M. A. Peters, B. A. Peters, Pat Register.

Organized by electing J. R. Bolen, Moderator, and W. R. Kirkland, Clerk.

Called for Petitionary Letters, and received none.

Called for Corresponding delegates and received from the Liberty Association: C. I. Wells, J. M. Wells, J. L. Anderson, and extended the right hand of fellowship.

Then appointed committees

Divine Service—O. C. Davis, B. A. Peters, A. H. Hicks,

Memorial—B. F. Pate, C. I. Wells, A. J. Justice,

Suggestions—T. B. J. Hendrix, J. R. Bradley, R. P. Jones,

Appointed Correspondents to the Liberty, J. R. Bradley, T. B. J. Hendrix, W. A. Holland, J. F. Hughes, To the State Line, W. A. Holland, J. R. Bradley.

Moved to adjourn until 8:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday morning met pursuant to adjournment. Scriptural lesson, Psalms 23 by Moderator. Prayer by B. F. Pate.

Received Hinson's letter and enrolled delegates.

Dismissed 15 minutes.

Called for reports of committees

Divine Service reported that J. A. Pettus would preach at 11 o'clock.

Dismissed until 1:30.

Afternoon session called for the report of committees, and adopted the Temperance report, and Suggestions. Had nothing to report. Adopted the report on Memorials. Received the report on Finance.

Appointed B. F. Pate chairman of the Executive Committee, and A. T. Moss in C. G. Waters' place.

Moved that a committee be appointed to frame a Decorum and have it at the next meeting of the body. B. F. Pate, W. A. Davis, T. B. J. Hendrix.

The next Union Meeting to go to Union Hill and the next Session of the Association to go to Christian Home.

Moved to have 200 minutes printed and pay the clerk five dollars.

Moved to adjourn to meet with Christian Home church on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1925.

J. R. BOLEN, Moderator.

W. R. KIRKLAND, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

TEMPERANCE—We your committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report. That any member of our church who uses alcoholic drink as a beverage is out of order and according to our faith and must be dealt with.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. J. HENDRIX, Chairm'n.

W. A. HOLLAND,

A. T. MOSS.

MEMORIALS—We your committee on Memorials beg leave to make the following report. We find that five of our members have died this year. Two from Christian Home, Sister Margaret Mims and Sister Stella Quattlebaum. Two at Union and according to our faith must be dealt with. at Panther Creek, Brother William Holland.

We do not grieve for them as those who have no hope and are willing to submit to God's will.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. PATE, Chairman.

C. I. WELLS,

A. J. JUSTICE.

FINANCE—We your committee beg leave to make the

following report. We find for minutes and associational purposes, 17.50. Public collection \$1.95. Total \$19.45.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOLLAND, Chairman.

SUGGESTIONS—Committee on Suggestions reported that they didn't have anything to report.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. J. HENDRIX, Chairman.

R. P. JONES,

J. R. BRADLEY.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. ~~X~~ 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. Hearing reports of committees.
8. Appointing correspondents.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Adjournment.

The chairman of the Executive Committee appointed T. B. J. Hendrix to preach the introductory sermon in the Association, and J. A. Pettus to preach in the Union Meeting.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, 11:00 o'clock, preaching by J. W. Posey, Text 1 Timothy, 4:16.

Friday night preaching by T. B. J. Hendrix, I have forgot the text.

Saturday at 9:00 o'clock preaching bby W. A. Davis, Lesson St. John, 3rd chapter.

At 11:00 o'clock preaching by J. A. Pettus, Text Hebrews 12th chapter, 1st and 2nd verses.

LIST OF MINISTERS

T. B. J. Hendrix, Hartford, Route 5, Alabama.

H. W. Norris, Hartford, Route 3, Alabama

S. M. Tendell, Hartford, Route 2, Alabama.

J. A. Pettus, Slocomb, Route 2, Alabama.

J. W. Posey, Hartford, Route 2, Alabama.

W. A. Davis, Malvern, Alabama.

G. M. Hardy, Eufaula, Alabama.

LICENSED MINISTERS

R. P. Jones, Malvern, Alabama.

W. J. Dorriety, address unknown.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

We the Messengers and delegates ask that the members of Hinson church and community accept our thanks for the kindness shown us while with them. We pray the Lord's blessings upon them

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at last conference in Associational 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 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 the church, but when the Moderator, being present, some is 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 for 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 of 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 day's 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 meeting 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 of 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 acknowledgement shall be printed in the church book.

Art. 6. That no delegate or minister shall be allowed to absent himself from that body during any session without permission from the Moderator.

Art. 7. That all ministers belonging to this Association must be present at each session or send in a report to the former Moderator as to the cause of absence or his name will be left off the ministers list of this session.

Art. 8. And that each minister shall make a report of how many churches he is serving if any and what each church has paid him for his services.

Art. 9. That no minister shall be considered in good standing that officiates in the rights of matrimony where either party have been divorced except it be for fornication.

Art. 10. That no church shall be considered in this body that retains a minister or deacon that has more than one living wife or drinks intoxicating beverages.

Art. 11. All business shall be brought before the body by move and second and shall be disposed of according to good usage. But no move shall be submitted to the body when there is a move before the house unless the first one be withdrawn by the person who made such move and no person shall be allowed to speak more than three (3) times on the same subject and not more than ten (10) minutes each time without a move and second carried by the body.

Art. 12. No person shall be disturbed while speaking so long as he keeps to the point in debate only by the Moderator and then only to call him to order. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and he must rise to his feet and address the Moderator and he must not use abusive language or personal reflection upon anyone.

Art. 13. This Association shall have a treasurer and executive committee to be elected annually. And no church shall be considered in this body who shall, or have, retain a minister that have stepped aside from his obligations in any form (as in 1st Tem. 3rd chap.) unless said minister have shown by his actions that he has repented of the former evil.

Art. 14. That any minister who will voluntary step aside must immediately turn his credentials over to the executive committee and said executive committee shall visit the various churches to see if they are in good standing or not and help them to retain good order.

Art. 15. That no church shall retain a minister or deacon who does not rule his own house well.

Art. 16. That no church shall be recorded in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least once (1) a year and who does not have conference at least six (6) times a year.

and each church shall state in its associational letter as to whether this ordinance has been kept or not. And also state how much it has paid its pastor and all ministers serving churches shall preach at least one sermon a year on doctrine and rules of holy living.

Art. 17. Any preacher belonging to this body who sends an appointment are serving churches who fails to meet at the appointed hour shall be due acknowledgements to congregation or church.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	Received			Dismissed				Day of
			B	F	R	L	E	D	T	
Union Hill	W. A. Davis,	B. M. Bolen, Slocomb, Ala., Rt 2	---	---	---	1	---	2	100	2
Christian Home	C. I. Wells,,	W. J. Hughes, Rt. 5, Hartford,	20	2	6	1	1	2	176	1
Bethel	W. A. Davis,	Alto McGowan, Rt. 2, Hartford,	7	2	---	---	---	---	59	1
Panther Creek	J. W. Posey,	W. T. Register, Rt 3, Slocomb,	---	2	---	2	1	1	103	2
Hinson	J. W. Posey,	K. C. Davis, Rt. 1, Slocomb,	4	---	1	---	2	---	40	4

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