

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**Union Hill United Free**  
**Will Baptist Association**

**HELD WITH**  
**Christian Home Church**  
**Friday Before the 1st Sunday**  
**in October 1925**

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**OFFICERS**

B. F. PATE, Hartford, Ala., Rt. ----- Moderator  
F. W. BOLIN, Slocumb, Ala., Rt. 2 ----- Clerk

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

J. R. Bolin, Chairman; O. C. Davis; M. A. Peters; A.  
T. Moss, J. R. Bradley.

The next union meeting will be held at Panther Creek Church, on Saturday before the Second Sunday in July, 1926. The next association will be held with Union Hill Church on Friday, before the Second Sunday in October, 1926.



**PROCEEDINGS**

Of the Fifth Annual Session of the Union Hill United Free Will Baptist Association was held with Christian Home Church, Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1925.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. B. J. Hendrix, followed by Rev. A. L. Pate.

Dismissed until 1:30 o'clock.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

House called to order by Moderator by reading the 8th chapter of Romans; music by congregation, prayer by Rev. W. W. Tremontaner, and next called for letters from churches and received the following:

Union Hill: B. M. Bolin, Sallie Ward, F. W. Bolin, W. H. Tool, O. J. Tool.

Bethel: A. J. McGowin, Carry May Justice, J. G. Watson.

Christian Home: W. A. Holland, J. F. Hughes, M. E. Enfinger, W. J. Hughes, Ziller Hughes.

Panther Creek: Jim Seay, M. L. Peterson, E. D. Peters, M. A. Peters, E. P. Peters, R. Z. Clark.

Hinson: W. E. Davis.

Organized by Electing B. F. Pate, Moderator, F. W. Bolin, Clerk.

Called for Petitionary letters and received none.

Called for Corresponding Delegates and received from State Line: R. W. Lee Mixon. From Liberty Rev. A. L. Pate, Rev. S. E. Carroll and extended the right hand of fellowship.

Appointed J. R. Bolin, chairman on the Executive in B. F. Pate place. Appointed correspondence to Liberty, T. B. J. Hendrix, B. F. Pate, J. W. Posy, H. W. Norris, J. F. Hughes, W. R. Kirkland. To State line: W. E. Holland, B. F. Pate, J. F. Hughes. To Southeastern: W. R. Kirkland, M. S. Peterson.

Moved to adjourn until 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

**SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

Saturday morning met pursuant to adjournment, Scriptural lesson St. John 15th chapter, by Moderator.

Renewed the call for Petitionary letters and received Howard Chapel. Renewed the call for corresponding Delegates and received Sister Brackin from Liberty.

Committee on Temperance and Sunday School read and adopted. Committee on Suggestions read and adopted.

Devine Service reported that Rev. A. L. Pate would



preach at 11:00 o'clock, closed by J. W. Posy. The Association give the Moderator to appoint a ordaning council of 3 men and appointed Rev. T. B. J. Hendrix, Rev. W. A. Davis, Rev. J. W. Posy.

Hinson Church, represented by Bro. W. A. Davis. The next Union meeting to go to Panther Creek. The next Association to go to Union Hill.

Recess 10 minutes.

11:00 o'clock preaching services.

Dismissed 1:30 minutes for refreshments.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by Moderator. Song by congregation. Memorial Committee read and adopted. Received the report of Finance. A public collection was taken and received \$6.72.

Report of Divine Service, Bro. A. J. Pettis to preach at 3:00 o'clock. Moved to adjourn to meet with Union Hill Church Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1926.

B. F. PATE, Moderator.

F. W. BOLIN, Clerk.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

#### SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Sabbath School, beg leave to make the following report: We find that we have but three Sabbath Schools in our Association, and we highly recommend that all our Churches have a Sabbath school if possible for it is only the churches at work and we consider it our duty to teach our children the word and Doctrne of Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. W. NORRIS, Chr.

R. J. CLARK.

T. B. J. HENDRIX.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report: We find for minutes and Associational purposes, \$19.20. Public collection \$6.72, Total \$25.92.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. A. HOLLAND, Chr.

W. A. PETERS.

B. M. BOLIN.



### MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report: We find that five of our members have died this year. Christian home, Bro. E. F. Hutto, Bro. T. A. Dorrity, Bro. A. F. Messer, Sister Martha Enfinger and Sister Hettie Whiddon and none from the rest of our churches, and we do not grieve for them as those who have no hope and are willing to submit to Gods will.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. PATE, Chr.  
M. L. PETERSON.  
W. R. KIRKLAND.

### SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE

First we submit the following report: We suggest that the Association have an Ordaining Council. 2nd. That the first clause of the Constitution be amended. 3rd. Any member or Preacher that rumors a false on a brother or sister not knowing whether it is so or not shall be out of order.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. TINDELL, Chr.  
A. L. PATE.  
O. L. TURNER.

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report: We find that many of our proposing Christians are imtemperate in many ways, we deem it unchristianally to indulge in intoxicating beverages of any kind, or speak ill of your Brother. No Christian will do this, may God help us as a band of Brothers and Sisters to avoid anything that is unlike Christ.

The Scripture teaches us to be temperate in all things. We believe any member of our churches who uses alcoholic drinks as a beverage is out of order and must be dealt with according to our faith.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. PETTIS, Chairman.  
S. E. CARROLL.  
J. G. WATSON.



### 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. Hearing Reports of Committees.
8. Appointing Correspondents.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Adjournment.

The chairman of the Executive Committee appointed J. A. Pettis to Preach the introductory sermon at the Union Meeting. S. M. Tindell to preach the introductory Sermon at the Association.

### LIST OF MINISTERS

T. B. J. Hendrix, Rt. 5, Hartford, Ala.  
H. W. Norris, Rt. 3, Hartford, Ala.  
S. M. Tindell, Rt. 2, Hartford, Ala.  
J. A. Pettis, Rt. 1, Slocumb, Ala.  
J. W. Posy, Rt. 2, Hartford, Alabama.  
W. A. Davis, Malvern, Ala.  
G. M. Hardy, Eufaula, Ala.

### LICENSED MINISTERS

R. P. Jones, Malvern, Ala.  
W. J. Dorrity, Hartford, Ala.

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the messengers and delegates ask that the members of Christian Home Church and Community to accept our Thanks for the kindness shown us while with them. We pray the Lords 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 Con-



ference, 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 absen-



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 any one 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 in 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.

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tees; Fifth, for acknowledgments; 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 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-



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11. That the end of the world is approaching when Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution that a solemn separation will then take place, the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness and the wicked to endless punishment and this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

**DECORUM OF THE UNION HILL UNITED FREEWILL  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION •**

Art. 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates and Preachers from churches in good standing only, and shall be called together by the Moderator of last session, if present. If absent, by his assistant or by some one elected by the body.

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Art. 4. The Moderator shall call the body to order and see that order is preserved. Submit all motions to the body. He shall have the same right of speech as any other member, but must appoint some other brother as chairman while speaking. He shall not have any right to vote unless it be in case of a tie, then he may cast the deciding vote.

Art. 5. The delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk as they are seated in the body. And the roll shall be called each morning and all not answering to their names marked absent.

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) time 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 acknowledgment to congregation or church.







