

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

## Union Hill United Free Will Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## Panther Creek Church

Friday Before the First Sunday  
in October 1928

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### OFFICERS

W. R. KIRKLAND, Moderator ----- Hartford, Ala., RFD  
F. W. BOLIN, Clerk ----- Slocomb, Ala., RFD 2

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. G. WATSON, Chm.      O. L. TURNER      O. C. DAVIS  
M. A. PETERS              A. L. MOSS

The next Union meeting will be held with Bethel church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in July 1929. The next Association will be held with Hinson church Friday before the 1st, Sunday in October, 1929.



# PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the 8th Annual Session of the Union Hill United Free Will Baptist Association was held with Panther Creek Church.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Pettis, Scripture lesson: 1st Cor. Dismissed until 1:30 O'clock for refreshments.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Vice-Moderator. Song by congregation. Scripture lesson 15 chapter of Psalm. 1st. Called for letters from Sister Churches and received the following:

From Bethel—Sister Alto McGowin, Homer Watson and wife, F. M. Posey and wife.

Union Hill—B. M. Bolin, Charlie Mears, Charlie Pettis and wife, J. C. Pennington, Sister Mary and Lilly Moss.

Panther Creek—H. M. Peters, E. D. Peters, M. A. Peters, E. F. Peters, J. A. Seay.

Christian Home—W. R. Kirkland and wife and Susie Bell.

Elected W. R. Kirkland, Moderator; J. R. Bolin, Vice-Moderator; F. W. Bolin, Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters. None.

Called for Correspondents and received S. C. Carrol from Liberty Association. Appointed Committee. Appointed Correspondence to Liberty—J. R. Bolin, W. R. Kirkland, F. M. Posey.

State Line—J. A. Pettis, F. W. Bolin, Charlie Mears.

Committee on the standing of the Ministry—J. G. Watson, A. L. Moss, M. A. Peters, O. L. Turner.

Committee on Divine Service. Reported Rev. J. W. Posey to preach at 3:00 O'clock. Moved to Adjourn until Saturday morning at 8:00 O'clock. Divine Committee reported Rev. J. A. Peters to preach at 8:00 O'clock Friday night.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Meet pursuant to adjournment. Song by congregation. Scripture lesson, Psalm 15 chapter. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Davis. Re-



newed the call for letters from sister churches and received W. A. Davis and wife, R. P. Jones.

Moved to have J. G. Watson in J. R. Bradley's place. O. L. Turner in J. R. Bolin's place and J. G. Watson as chairman of the Executive Committee.

Report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted. Moved that Association send a letter of Greivance to Spring Hill Church to the offending parties to-wit: A. L. Pate, J. L. Anderson, Bob Melvin and J. E. Bass. Moved that the Moderator appoint this committee to carry this letter of greivance to Spring Hill church: J. G. Watson as Chairman, W. A. Davis, O. L. Turner, R. P. Jones and J. R. Bolin.

Committee on Divine Service reported Rev. W. A. Davis to preach at 11:00 O'clock. Dismissed until 1:00 O'clock for refreshments.

House called to order by Vice-Moderator, J. R. Bolin. Song by Congregation. Scripture Lesson, 7th Chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Nelson.

Renewed the call for Corresponding delegates, and received Rev. A. B. Nelson from Liberty Association.

Sunday School report read and adopted.

Temperance report read and adopted.

Suggesting Committee read and adopted.

Memorial Committee read and adopted.

Divine Committee reported Rev. A. B. Nelson to preach at 3:00 O'clock. Moved to have (300) Three Hundred Minutes made. Moved to send delegates to general conference and each church pay it's Annual dues for last year.

Appointed G. G. Windham and Rev. J. A. Pettis. Rev. J. W. Posey to preach the introductory sermon at the Association.

Rev. W. A. Davis to preach the Introductory sermon at the Union meeting. Moved to adjourn to meet with Hinson Church, Friday before the 1st Sunday in October 1929.

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the Messengers and delegates of Union Hill Association extend our thanks to Panther Creek Church for the kind hospitality shown us while here with them. May God's richest Blessings be theirs is our prayer. Respectfully.

F. W. BOLIN.



### MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report:  
We find that two of our members have died: Sister Patterson from Panther Creek, Bro. J. J. Goodman from Union Hill.

MARY MOSS, Chairman  
SISTER MCGOWIN  
BRO. H. M. PETERS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report:  
We find that all of our churches have a Sunday School except (2) two. Hinson and Panther Creek. We hope that they will have Sunday Schools before our next Association.

J. R. BOLIN, Chairman.  
J. A. SEAY  
ALTO MCGOWIN

### SUGGESTING COMMITTEE

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report:  
1st. We suggest that our deacons take closer consideration of the Finance of our Pastors and the said deacons take more care as to who they put in their stands.

2nd. That the deacons make a report of how much they have paid their pastor at each association.

3rd. We suggest that the association abide by Article No. 7 or drop it from the Decorum.

4th. We suggest that the next Association go to Hinson.

REV. J. A. PETTIS, Chairman.  
J. G. WATSON  
A. L. MOSS

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report:  
We find from Hinson Church \$2.50. From Panther Creek Church \$2.50. From Union Hill Church \$3.70. From Bethel Church \$3.00  
Total \$11.70. Balance from last year \$1.50. Total \$12.20.

A. L. MOSS, Chairman  
E. D. PETERS  
C. W. PETTIS

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee beg leave to make the following report:



We condemn all alcoholic spirits as a beverage and earnestly ask all of our members to abstain from drinking it so much, for "he that putteth his hands to the plow and looks back are not fitten for the Kingdom, so touch not, nor taste not, the unclean things that perishes with the wages thereof."

J. W. POSEY, Chairman  
M. A. PETERS  
F. M. POSEY

### 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.

### 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 same may be laid before the church conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be the 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 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 meetings of the church according to covenant (article 10), shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his conduct, but 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 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 charac-



ter 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 becomes disorderly or continues 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 be 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 whispering without being subject to be called to order by the Moderator.

26. All discussions 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 commune, 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 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 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 attained 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 to final retribution that a solemn separation will 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 or righteousness.

### **DECORUM OF THE UNION HILL UNITED FREE WILL 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.

Art. 2. This Association shall be opened and closed shall officiate until the body is organized and new officers elected by ballot.

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 right of speech as any other member, but must appoint some other brother a schairman 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 rites 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 has stepped aside from his obligations in any form (as in 1st Tim. 3rd., Chapter) unless said minister has shown by his actions that he has repented of the former evil.

Art. 14. That any minister who will voluntarily 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) time 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 or serving churches who fail to meet at the appointed hour shall be due acknowledgment to the congregation or church.







