

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
UNION HILL UNITED FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
BETHEL CHURCH
Friday and Saturday Before the
First Sunday in October, 1932.

OFFICERS

REV. W. A. DAVIS. Moderator_____Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 1
F. W. BOLIN, Clerk_____Slocomb, Ala., Rt.1

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. T. MOSS, Chairman O. L. TURNER M. A. PETERS
M. L. PETERSON JIM DAVIS

The next Union meeting will be held with Union Hill church
Saturday before the 4th Sunday in June 1933.

The next Association will be held with Panther Creek church
Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October 1933.

Proceedings

Proceedings of the 12th Annual Session of Union Hill United Free Will Baptist Association was held with Bethel church. Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1932.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Davis. Scripturt: 116th Psalms; Text: What shall I Tender unto my Lord for All his Benefits Towards Me.

Dismissed until 1:30 p. m. for refreshments.

AFTER NOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Song by the congregation. Scripture lesson 8th Psalms, and prayer by the Moderator.

Called for letters from sister churches and received the following:

PANTHER CREEK—J. A. Seay, G. G. Windham, G. Skinner, M. A. Peters, A. P. Halford.

CHIISTIAN HOME—W. J. Hughes and wife, W. R. Kirkland and wife, T. W. Capps.

BETHEL—Homer Watson and wife, Alto McGowin.

BETHLEHEM—Alford Morris.

UNION HILL—J. R. Bolin, A. J. Waters, B. M. Bolin.

HINSON—Jim Davis, Quincy Jones.

Called for correspondence: From STATE LINE—A. O. Thurston, C. W. White and wife.

Organized by electing W. A. Davis, Moderator and F. W. Bolin, Clerk.

Committee on Divine Service—J. R. Bolin, O. L. Turner, Jim Davis.

Called for Petitionary Letters: Received the following: Antioch—C. Watkins and wife, Charlie Watkins.

Appointed Committees.

Moved to drop the Ministers and Legislative Committees from our Minutes.

Moved to release B. M. Bolin from the Executive Committee.

Moved to appoint M. L. Peterson in J. G. Watson's place.

Jim Davis from Hinson.

A. T. Moss, Chairman of Committee.

Divine Committee reported Rev. J. W. Carrol to preach at

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putteth his hand to the plow and looks back are not fit for the kingdom. So, touch not, nor taste the unclean things that perish with the usage there of.

D. M. Starling, ch., M. L. Petterson, G. G. Windham.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee beg leave to make the following report:

Antioche	\$ 1.35
Bethel	1.50
Bethel	3.35
Panther Creek	3.00
Bethlehem	1.75
Union Hill	3.00
Christian Home	2.60
Total	\$16.55

A. J. Wathers ch., G. Skinner, C. W. White, B. M. Bolin.

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 given time, but if the choice is 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 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

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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 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. Conference 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 matter 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 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 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

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shall have the 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.

Article 4. The delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk as they are seated in the body. And the rol shall be called each morning and all not answering to their names marked absent.

Article 5. That no delegate or minister shall be allowed to absent himself from that body during any session without permission from the Moderator.

Article 6. 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.

Article 7. 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.

Article 8. 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.

Article 9. All business shall be brought before the body by move and seconed 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.

Article 10. No person shall be disturbed while speaking so long as he keep 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.

Article 11. 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 retained 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.

Article 12. 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.

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Article 13. That no church shall retain a minister or deacon who does not rule his own house well.

Article 14. 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.

Article 15. 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.

TWELFTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH AND PASTOR	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE								
		Baptism	Conf. of Faith	Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Members	Day of Meeting
PANTHER CREEK.....T. E. Ross	B. M. Starling, Slocomb, Ala., R. 3	.1	---	---	.1	---	.1	164	2
UNION HILL.....J. A. Pettis	B. M. Bolin, Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 1	.3	.1	.1	---	.1	---	155	2
BETHEL.....J. W. Posey	A. T. Byrd, Hartford, Ala.....	14	---	---	---	---	.6	.98	.1
BETHELEHEM W. W. Tromontanna	Rea Roberson, Geneva, Alabama...	---	.7	---	---	---	---	.13	2-4
HINSON.....R. P. Jones	T. J. Davis, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 6	---	---	.2	---	.1	---	.65	.4
CHRISTIAN HOME...A. L. Paae	W. J. Hughes Hartford, Alabama	.1	---	---	.7	.1	.1	.82	4
ANTIOCHE.....R. P. Jones	C. D. Cooke, Graceville, Fla., Rt. 1	---	---	13	.1	---	.1	.49	2

