

Minutes

of the

Fourteenth Annual Session

of the

Union Hill United Free Will Baptist Association

Held with

Hinson Church

Saturday Before the First Sunday In
October, 1934

OFFICERS

Rev. W. A. Davis, Moderator.....Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 1

D. M. Starling, Clerk ----- Slocumb, Ala., Rt. 2

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Oscar Davis, Chairman

O. L. Turner

Bishop Bolin

M. L. Peterson

Jim Davis

The next Union meeting will be held with Panther Creek church Saturday before the 4th Sunday in June 1935.

The next Association will be held with Antioch church Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October 1935.

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the 14th Annual Session of the Union Hill United Free Will Baptist Association which was held with Hinson Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1934.

Saturday Morning

The house was called to order by the Moderator. Scripture lesson: 5th chapter of Thess., and prayer by Rev. G. M. Hardy.

Conference open for business. Called for letters from sister churches and received the following:

Antioch, Cora Calloway and C. J. Davis.

Bethel by proxy, Revs. G. M. Hardy and W. A. Davis.

Panther Creek, D. M. Starling,

Christian Home, O. L. Turner, W. J. Hughes, J. F. Hughes and wife, Julia Hughes, and Nellie Dorcey.

Union Hill, Glennie English, B. M. Bolin, F. W. Bolin, Ethel Bolin, Vera Bolin and Mary Moss.

Bethlehem, Perry Morris.

Hinson, T. J. Mears, J. M. Davis, Ozie Davis, Lizzie Carroll, Mattie Darby and Eusona Coxwell.

Organized by electing W. A. Davis for Moderator and D. M. Starling for Clerk.

Called for correspondence and received the following from State Line, Rev. Floyd Cherry.

Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

Committee on Divine Service as follows: Fletcher Bolin, chairman, F. W. Calloway and T. J. Mears.

Committee on Temperance as follows: Rev. G. W. English, Oscar Davis and Perry Morris.

Divine Committee reported Rev. Floyd Cherry to preach at 11 o'clock.

Committee on Sunday Schools as follows: Rev. W. W. Tremintiner, Sis. Aquilla Register, Bishop Bolin and Sis. Calloway.

Committee on Finance as follows: Rev. Johnnie Carroll, W. J. Hughes, Miss Claudia Davis and Sister Dorcey.

Committee of Suggestions as follows: Bro. Joe Register, Miss Mary Moss, O. L. Turner and Glennie English.

Committee on Obituaries as follows: Rev. Floyd Cherry, Johnnie Carroll and G. W. English.

A very able sermon was delivered by Rev. Floyd Cherry, scripture lesson Mark 16:1-4. Text, "Who Shall Roll the Stone Away?"

Dismissed one hour for refreshments.

Afternoon Session

The house was called to order by the Moderator. Scripture lesson first Division of Psalms and prayer by Rev. W. A. Davis.

Renewed call for petitionary letters, received none.

Report of Committee on Obituaries read and adopted as follows:

Obituary of Sister Anna Hardy

In loving memory of Sister Anna Hardy, wife of Elder G. M. Hardy, who departed this life April 2, in the year of our Lord 1934. She was a faithful member of Bethel Church.

Asleep in Jesus, Blessed sleep

From which none ever wakes to weep.

A calm and undisturbed repose,

Unbroken by the last of foes.

Her husband,

Elder G. M. Hardy

A dear one from us has gone,

Her voice we love though still.

Her place is vacant at home,

Which never can be filled.

Rest on dear mother,

God knew we loved you,

But he loved you best,

So called our loving

Mother home to rest.

Her Children

She was a loving companion, a devoted mother and a faithful Christian, loyal to her church and community in which she lived, and was loved by all.

Her Pastor

Obituary of Sister Nuna Watson

Sister Nuna Watson was a faithful and loyal member of Bethel Church, who was always found at her post of duty.

Her Pastor,

W. A. Davis

Obituary of Brother Gene Rutledge

It is with profound reverence that I express this tribute of memory to a dear brother, Gene Rutledge. A loyal member of

Antioch Church.

His Pastor,
Rev. Floyd Cherry

Report of Committee on Memorials

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: We find that God, in His mercy, has seen fit to take from us one sister from Union Hill, Sister Mathis; two from Bethel, Sisters Nuna, Watson and Anna Hardy; one from Antioch, Bro. Gene Rutledge; two from Christian Home, Bro. B. F. Pate and Sister Missouri Mixon.

Rev. Floyd Cherry, Chairman

Report of Committee on Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report: We condemn all alcoholic spirits as a beverage and earnestly ask all our members to abstain from drinking it for he that putteth his hand to the plow and looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of Heaven, for wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived by it is not wise. We also suggest that all our Brethern abstain from all other intemperance that tends toward sin.

G. W. English, Chairman

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report: We find only three Sunday Schools in our Association, at the following churches; Panther Creek, Union Hill and Antioch. We ask that all the churches have one if possible.

W. W. Tremintiner, Chairman

Report of Committee on Suggestions

We, your Committee on Suggestions, beg leave to make the following report:

1. We suggest that the Association go to Antioch on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1934.
2. We suggest that W. W. Tremintiner preach the introductory sermon at the Association and Rev. Johnnie Carroll at the Union meeting.
3. We suggest that our ministers' names and addresses be placed in the minutes.
4. We suggest that no one be ordained as a minister except they first be called to the pastoral care of a church.

J. R. D. Register, Chairman

Report of Committee on Finance

We, your Committee of Finance, beg leave to make the following report: Finances from each church are as follows:

Union Hill.....	\$1.85
Antioch.....	4.00
Hinson.....	3.50
Christian Home.....	2.25
Bethel	2.00
Bethlehem.....	2.00
Panther Creek.....	2.00
TOTAL	\$17.60

Rev. Johnnie Carroll, Chairman

The Divine Committee reported Rev. G. M. Hardy to preach on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and two sermons Sunday a. m. as follows: By Rev. G. W. English at 9 o'clock and Rev. Floyd Cherry at 11.

Licentiate Ministers of the Union Hill Association

W. I. A. Davis, Slocomb, Ala., Route 1.

R. P. Jones, Graceville, Fla., Route 2.

J. A. Pettie, Hartford, Ala.

J. W. Posey, Coffee Springs, Ala.

T. E. Ross, Bonifay, Fla.

P. W. Norris, Hartford, Ala.

T. B. J. Hendrix, Hartford, Ala. Slocomb, Ala. Rt. 1.

W. G. Dorrity, Hartford, Ala.

G. W. English, Graceville, Fla., Route 3.

Reece Register, Graceville, Fla.

W. W. Tremintiner, Geneva, Ala.

E. L. Hughes, Slocomb, Ala., Box 25.

G. M. Hardy, Columbus, Ga.

S. M. Tindell, Dothan, Ala., Route 4.

S. E. Carroll, Hartford, Ala.

Johnnie Carroll.

Resolution of Thanks

We, the Messengers and Delegates of the Union Hill Association, extend our thanks to Hinson Church for their kind hospitality shown us while with them. May God's richest blessings be their's is our prayer.

The Messengers and Delegates moved to have 200 minutes printed.

Moved to adjourn to meet with Antioch Church in 1935.

Respectively,

The Messengers and Delegates

By D. M. Starling

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.
5. 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 days' 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, un-

less 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 be known to the church.

18. When a witness, not a member of this church, is introduced, he shall not be examined until the question has been put to the church: "Will you hear 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 mover and seconded, and on all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

23. No motion shall be made while a mover 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 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 the point in debate.

17. No one shall speak more than three times 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 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 Saints' 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 that 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 works is dead.

8. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free and may be attained by all mankind.

9. We believe that Commemoration and feet washing are the ordinance of Christ and immersion only is baptism.

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

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 judgement will fix forever the final state of man in Heaven or hell on principals of righteousness.

Decorum of the Union Hill United Free Will Baptist Association

Article 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 someone elected by the body.

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

Article 3. The Moderator shall call the body to order and see that order is observed. Submit all motions to the body. He 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 shall cast the deciding vote.

Article 4. 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.

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 has 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 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 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.

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 state also how much it has paid, 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 acknowledgement to the congregation or church.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH AND PASTOR		CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	Baptism	Conf. of Faith	Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Members	Days of Meeting
UNION HILL	E. L. Hughes	B. M. Bolin, Hartford, Ala.	6	2	2	2	--	1	160	2
ANTIOCH	Floyd Cherry	Reece Register, Graceville, Fla., Rt. 2	5	1	8	--	--	1	66	2
CHRISTIAN HOME	J. A. Pettis	U. S. Moon, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 3	--	--	--	2	2	2	64	4
BETHLEHEM	W. W. Tremmintiner	Perry Morris, Ceneva, Ala.	--	2	--	--	--	--	13	4
HINSON	R. P. Jones	Miss Juanaita Coxwell, Graceville, Fla., Rt. 2	4	1	8	1	--	--	55	2 4
BETHEL	J. W. Posey	Miss Alma Sellers, Hartford, Ala.	--	--	--	--	--	2	96	1
PANTHER CREEK	J. A. Pettis	D. M. Starling, Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 2	1	1	--	2	2	--	135	2

