
MINUTES
of the
Fifteenth Annual Session
of the
**Union Hill United Free Will
Baptist Association**
Held With
Antioch Church
Friday and Saturday
Before the First Sunday in October,
1935

OFFICERS

Rev. W. A. Davis, Moderator Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 1
D. M. Starling, Clerk Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 2

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. G. Watson O. L. Turner Bishop Bolin
M. L. Peterson Jim Davis

The next Union Meeting will be held with Hinson church
the 1st 5th Sunday and Saturday before, after the 4th Sunday
in June, 1936.

The next Association will be held with Union Hill church
Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1936.

Proceedings:

Proceedings of the 15th Annual Session of the Union Hill United Free Will Baptist Association which was held with Antioch church, Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1935.

FRIDAY MORNING

The introductory sermon was preached by W. W. Tremontanna. Scripture lesson: Titus 2:11,12. Text: "For the Grace of God That Bringeth Salvation Hath Appeared to All Men".

Song by congregation. Prayer by Rev. E. L. Hughes.
Dismissed until 1:30 p. m. for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The house was called to order by the Moderator, W. A. Davis. Scripture lesson: 24th Div. of Psalms, and prayer by the Moderator.

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

Panther Creek—J. A. Seay, J. A. Corroll, Gus Skinner, M. A. Peters and W. C. Corbin.

Bethlemen—Alford Morris, J. W. Mixon.

Christian Home—O. L. Turner, W. J. Hughes and Vida Dorrity Hinson—T. J. Mears and wife, T. J. Davis, Eliza Jones.

Antioch—W. M. Calloway, Mrs. C. O. Harrison and Bee Savell Union Hill—F. W. Bolin and wife, Mrs. A. T. Moss and J. R. Bolin.

Bethel—Alto McGowin, Mrs. Jessie Watson, T. McGowan, Ossie Posey, Jasper Adkinson and J. G. Watson.

Organized by electing W. A. Davis for Moderator; G. M. Hardy, assistant; and D. M. Starling for Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters and received the following New Concord—W. A. Clark and Mrs. W. A. Clark.

Called for correspondence and received the following from Liberty association: W. C. Pettis, Ben Champion and wife.

Committee on Divine Service as follows: J. G. Watson, chairman; T. J. Mears and Gus Skinner.

Committee on Temperence as follows: J. R. Bolin, chairman; R. J. Jones and W. W. Tremontanna.

Committee on Sunday Schools as follows: J. A. Seay, chairman; W. H. Enfinger, Joe Register and E. L. Hughes.

Committee on Obituary's as follows: Rev. G. M. Hardy, chairman; J. A. Pettis and G. W. English.

Committee on Suggestions as follows: Fletcher Bolin, chairman; M. A. Peters, and Jasper Adkinson.

Committee on Finance as follows: Mrs. C. O. Harrison, chairman; Mrs. Beatrice Calloway, Mrs. Bea Savell.

The Divine Committee reported Rev. J. W. Posey to preach at 3 o'clock and J. A. Pettis at 7 p. m.

SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday morning met with Moderator presiding. Scripture lesson: Matt. 7. Song by congregation. Prayer by Rev. R. P. Jones.

Conference open for business.

Report of committee on Temperence, Obituary's, Suggestions, Sunday Schools, Finance and Divinity read and adopted as read.

Moved to go into ordination service for the purpose of ordaining Rev. Johnnie Carroll as a minister.

Presbyters appointed for work as follows: Revs. G. M. Hardy, G. W. English and J. A. Pettis. Rev. R. P. Jones acting as spokesman for the said Johnnie Carroll, and J. R. Bolin for churches spokesman.

The Divine Committee reported Rev. G. M. Hardy to preach at 11 o'clock a. m.

Song by congregation. Prayer by J. R. Bolin.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION

The house was called to order by the Moderator.

Moved and carried to change the time of the union meeting from Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June to the 1st 5th Sunday and Saturday before, after the 4th Sunday in June, 1936.

Moved and carried to appoint J. G. Watson in Oscar Davis' place, (deceased) as one of executive committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We your committee beg leave to make the following report: 1st. We suggest that no church be deprived of the privilege of communing because of the lack of a sufficient number of deacons present. All refusing to wash feet shall be questioned at the association as to the cause.

2nd. We suggest that each church send at least \$5.00 each year for the support of the Zion Bible college and the Orphans home.

3rd. We suggest that the next association go to Union Hill and the union meeting to Hinson.

4th. We suggest that Rev. G. M. Hardy preach the introductory at the association, and Rev. E. L. Hughes at the union meeting.

5th. We suggest that our church people get more in union for the betterment of the Free Will Baptist.

Fletcher Bolin, chairman, M. A. Peters
and Jasper Adkinson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERENCE

We your committee beg leave to make the following report: We find that the word of God doesn't only refer to strong drink as an intemperence, but we find that we are intemperate in a great many other respects, such as talking too much on foolish and unnecessary subjects.

As temperence is the regulating forces of life, we suggest that our churches abstain from intemperence of all kinds.

J. R. Bolin, chairman, Revs. R. P. Jones
and W. W. Tremontanna.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAL 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: Union Hill, Antioch and Panther Creek.

We recommend that some suitable worker be appointed by the committee signed below to visit every church in the association for the purpose of stimulating interest in Sunday School work and organizing where no Sunday School is found.

We ask that funds be raised by this committee, any way they see fit, to keep the salary of such a worker for at least sixty days in the field.

J. A. Seay, chairman, W. H. Enfinger,
Joe Register and Rev. E. L. Hughes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We your committee on Obituaries beg leave to make the following report: We find that God in His wisdom has called from our midst the following from each church:

Panther Creek—Sister Annie Carroll and Brother Zin Stewart.
Union Hill—Sisters Mary Moss, Lizzie Bass and Brother Jesse Waters.

Hinson—Sister Gladys Smith.

Antioch—Brother O. C. Davis.

We do not mourn their departure as those that have no hope.

Revs. G. M. Hardy, chairman, J. A. Pettis and G. W. English.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report: Finance from each of the churches are as follows:

New Concord	\$2.00
Antioch	2.85
Hinson	2.00
Bethlehem	1.50
Panther Creek	3.00
Christian Home	1.60
Union Hill	3.00
Bethel	2.25

Total \$18.20

Mrs. C. O. Harrison, chairman, Mrs. Beatrice Calloway, Mrs. Bea Savell.

Ordained Ministers of the Union Hill Association

HINSON—J. R. Carroll, Graceville, Fla., Rt. 3; R. P. Jones, Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 1; W. A. Davis, Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 2.

UNION HILL—J. A. Pettis, Hartford, Ala.; H. W. Norris, Hartford, Ala.; T. B. J. Hendrix, Hartford, Ala.; E. L. Hughes, Slocomb, Ala., Box 25.

BETHEL—J. W. Posey, Coffee Springs, Ala.; G. M. Hardy, Millville, Fla.; S. M. Tindell, Cowarts, Ala.; T. E. Ross, Bonifay, Fla., Rt. 4.

ANTIOCH—G. W. English, Graceville, Fla., Rt. 13.

BETHLEHEM—W. W. Tremontanna, Geneva, Ala.

NEW CONCORD—W. A. Clark, Black Ala., Rt. 1; S. E. Carroll, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 2.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS

Antioch—Reece Register, Chipley, Fla., Rt. 3.

Bethel—J. N. Atkinson, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 2.

Christian Home—W. G. Dorrity, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 2.

Hinson—Dayce Owens, Graceville, Fla., Rt. 1.

Committee: Rev. J. R. Carroll, chairman, J. A. Seay, J. A. Carroll.

The Divine Committee reported Rev. E. L. Hughes to preach at 3 o'clock p. m.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the messengers and delegates of the Union Hill Association, extend our thanks to Antioch church for their kind hospitality shown us while with them. May God's richest blessings be theirs, is our prayer.

Moved to have 200 minutes printed.

Moved to adjourn to meet with Union Hill church Friday and Saturday before the 1st (first) Sunday in October 1936.

Respectfully,

D. M. Startling, Clerk.

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 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 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. 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 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 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 acknowledgement 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 seconded, 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 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.

27. 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 work 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 ordinances 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 principles 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 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.

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 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.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH AND PASTOR	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	Baptism	Conf. of Faith	Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Days of Meeting
ANTIOCH ————— J. A. Pettis	Mrs. C. O. Harrison, Rt. 3, Graceville, Fla.	2		2		3	1	66	2
UNION HILL ————— E. L. Hughes	B. M. Bolin, Hartford, Alabama —————	2	1	1	3		3	153	2
CHRISTIAN HOME — J. A. Pettis	W. G. Dorrity, Hartford, Alabama —————							58	4
BETHLEHEM--W. W. Tremontanna	Perry Morris, Geneva, Alabama —————		1					144	2
HINSON ————— J. R. Carroll	Miss Juanita Coxwell, Rt. 2, Graceville, Fla.							55	4
RETHEL ————— E. O. Sellers	Miss Alma Sellers, Hartford, Alabama ———			1		2		90	1
NEW CONCORD ————— T. E. Ross	Gertrude Clark, Black, Alabama —————	2	1	1	1			29	4
PANTHER CREEK — E. O. Sellers	D. M. Starling, Rt. 2, Slocomb, Alabama —	3		2	4	1		135	2

