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MINUTES

OF THE

Sixteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Union Hill United Free Will Baptist  
Association

HELD WITH

Union Hill Church

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY  
IN OCTOBER, 1936.

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—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 Union Hill church  
the 4th Sunday and Saturday before,, in June, 1937.

The next Association will be held with Bethlehem church  
Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1937.

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# Proceedings

OF THE 16TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
UNION HILL UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
WHICH CONVENED WITH UNION HILL CHURCH  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY  
IN OCTOBER, 1936.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for letters and enrollment of delegates.
3. Organized by electing Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for correspondents.
6. Appointing of committees.
7. Hearing reports of committees.
8. Appointing correspondents.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

## FRIDAY MORNING

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. M. Hardy.  
Scripture lesson: II Timothy 4:2. Text: "Preach the Word."  
Song by class.

Dismissed until 1:30 P. M. for refreshments.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The house was called to order by the Moderator, W. A. Davis. Scripture lesson: 46th Division of Psalms.

Song by class.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Clark.

Conference open for business.

Called for letters from sister churches and received the following:

PANTHER CREEK—D. M. Starling, W. C. Corbin, J. A. Carroll and wife, and James Dewey Carroll.

NEW CONCORD—Sisters Jones, W. A. Clark, and Gertrude Clark.

ANTIOCH—Sisters Opal Register, W. A. Lewis, Ida Cook and C. D. Cook.

UNION HILL—F. W. Bolin, E. L. Hidle, J. R. Bolin, Sister



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Susan Moss, John Lawson, and Bishop Bolin.

BETHEL—J. G. Watson, Homer Watson and wife.

BETHLEHEM—Perry Morris, and J. G. Mixon.

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

Call for petitionary letters. Received none.

### APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

Committee on suggestions—Perry Morris, chairman, Rev. J. N. Adkinson, Bishop Bolin and J. R. Bolin.

Committee on Temperance—J. W. Mixon, chairman, A. T. Moss and Sister Susan Moss.

Committee on Sunday Schools—Alma Bolin, chairman, Carl Smith, and Vera Bolin.

Committee on Finance—Donie Lewis, chairman, Rosea Bolin, Mrs. Carl Smith.

Committee on Memorial—W. A. Lewis, chairman, J. G. Watson, and C. D. Cook.

Committee on Divine Service—Perry Morris, chairman, Fletcher Bolin, and J. G. Watson,

Rev. G. M. Hardy was appointed as one of Ordaining Council in H. W. Norris' place, and W. W. Tremontanna in T. B. J. Hendrix' place (Deceased). The Ordaining Council in full composes the following—Revs. G. M. Hardy, W. W. Tremontanna, and W. A. Davis.

Recess 10 minutes.

House was called to order by the Moderator.

The Divine Committee reported Rev. W. W. Tremontanna to preach at 2:30 P. M.

Song by class. Prayer by J. R. Bolin.

Scripture lesson: I Timothy 4:8, by the said W. W. Tremontanna. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Davis.

The Divine Committee reported Rev. W. A. Clark to preach at 7:30 P. M.

Dismissed until 9 o'clock Saturday A. M.

### SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met again on Saturday with the Moderator presiding.

Song by class.

Scripture lesson: 1st Division of Psalms, and prayer by the Moderator, W. A. Davis.

Conference open for business.



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Report of Committees on Temperance, Memorial, Suggestions, Sunday Schools, Finance, and Divine Service read and adopted with the proper amendment, and committees released.

The Divine Committee reported Rev. R. P. Jones to preach at 9:30 o'clock A. M. ....

Song by class.

Scripture lesson: Matt. 25, and prayer by the said Rev. R. P. Jones. Text: Matt. 25:13, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh."

Renewed call for correspondents. Received none.

Renewed call for representatives from sister churches. Received the following:

CHRISTIAN HOME—Sisters Cornethia Beck, Susie Collins, and Terecia Collins.

HINSON—Sister Nuna Davis.

UNION HILL—Ethel Bolin.

PANTHER CREEK—M. A. Peters, Sisters Bertie Peters, Bessie Peters, and Dessie Peters.

ANTIOCH—R. D. Bell and W. M. Calloway.

Recess 10 minutes.

The Divine Committee reported Rev. J. N. Adkinson, followed by Rev. J. A. Pettis, to preach, beginning at 11 o'clock A. M.

Song by class.

Prayer by Rev. G. M. Hardy.

Scripture lesson: Luke 13, by the said J. N. Adkinson.

Dismissed until 1:30 P. M. for refreshments.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The house was called to order by the Moderator.

Song by class.

### REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Memorials, beg leave to make the following report: We find that God, in his wisdom, has called from our midst the following: Christian Home—Sister Ida Dorrity; Union Hill—Rev. E. L. Hughes, Rev. T. B. J. Hendrix, Charlie Pettis, and Sister Cornelia Clark; Antioch—Buford Bruner; Panther Creek—Z. Stewart, W. H. Peters, and Sister Jocia Hughes. We do not mourn their departure as those that have no hope.

W. A. Davis, chairman, J. G. Watson, C. D. Cook,

### OBITUARY OF REV. E. L. HUGHES

In loving memory of our beloved Pastor and League Worker,



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the Rev. E. L. Hughes, who departed from this life February 22, 1936. He was admired and loved by every one. His motto was, "The Kingdom of God First." He was a lover of the young people, and met everyone with a cheerful smile with whom he came in contact.

God grant that the departure of this Soldier of the Cross may be another reminder to those of us who are left behind, that we too are born to die. May we all strive to live closer to our Saviour, who died for us.

Our League circle is broken,  
One is gone from us we loved:  
But we hope and pray to meet him  
In the glorious realms above.

(Miss) Nellie Spears, Vice President,  
South Ala., and West Fla., League Convention.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS**

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report: We find only three churches with Sunday Schools in our Association, which are the following churches—Union Hill, Panther Creek, and Bethel. 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 honorable way they see fit, to keep the salary of such a worker for at least sixty days in the field.

Alma Bolin, chairman, Vera Bolin, Carl Smith.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS**

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

1st. We suggest that the order of business of the Association be printed in the Minutes.

2nd. We suggest that the time of the Association be moved up or back to a more suitable time.

3rd. We suggest that the next Association go to Bethlehem, and the next union meeting to Union Hill.

4th. We suggest that Rev. W. A. Davis preach the Introductory Sermon at the Association and Rev. R. P. Jones at the Union meeting.

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



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6th. We suggest that the Union Meeting be held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June, 1937.

Perry Morris, chairman, Rev. J. N. Adkinson,  
Bishop Bolin, and J. R. Bolin.

Moved and carried to change the time of the Association to Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1937.

Moved and carried to change the time of Union Meeting to fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June, 1937, to be held with Union Hill.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE**

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report: We find that the Word of God doesn't only refer to strong drink as an intemperance, but we find that we are intemperate in many other respects, mainly talking too much on foolish and unnecessary subjects. As temperance is the regulating force of life, we ask that our church people abstain from intemperance of all kinds.

M. A. Peters, chairman, A. T. Moss,  
Susan Moss, and Rev. J. A. Pettis.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to make the following report. Finance from each church are as follows:

Bethel	\$2.50
Union Hill	4.00
Hinson	2.00
Panther Creek	3.00
Bethlehem	1.75
Antioch	2.00
New Concord	2.00
Christian Home	1.00
Total	\$18.25

Donie Lewis, chairman, Cora Smith, Rosa Bolin.

Moved and carried to have 200 minutes printed.

### **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, Sloccomb, Ala., Rt. 2.



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UNION HILL—J. A. Pettis, Hartford, Ala.; H. W. Norris, P. O. not known.

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. 3.

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

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

### LICENTIATE MINISTERS

ANTIOCH—Reece Register, Chipley, Fla., Rt. 3; Sister Margaret Brinlee, P. O. not known.

BETHEL—J. N. Adkinson, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 2.

CHRISTIAN HOME—W. G. Dorriety, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 2.

HINSON—Doyce Owens, Graceville, Fla., Rt. 1.

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS

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

Moved and carried to adjourn to meet with Bethlehem Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1937.

D. M. Starling, 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



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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. 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.



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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 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



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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 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 judgment 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.



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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 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



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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 fails to meet at the appointed hour shall be due acknowledgement to the congregation or church.



# SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH AND PASTOR	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	Baptisms	Confession of Faith	Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Days of Meeting
BETHEL _____ E. O. Sellers	Miss Almer Sellers, Hartford, Ala.							56	1
NEW CONCORD _____ W. A. Clark	Miss Gertrude Clark, Black, Ala.							38	4
ANTIOCH _____ J. A. Pettis	C. D. Cook, Graceville, Fla., Rt. 3.	1	2		2		1	61	1
UNION HILL _____ T. B. Melette	B. M. Bolin, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 3.	6					4	157	2
BETHLEHEM _____ W. W. Tremontanna	Perry Morris, Geneva, Ala.							14	2-4
PANTHER CREEK _____ E. O. Sellers	A. Carroll, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 2.						3	130	2
HINSON _____	Miss Juaneita Coxwell, Graceville,							55	4
CHRISTIAN HOME _____ J. A. Pettis	W. G. Dorrity, Hartford, Ala.						1	71	4



