

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighteenth Annual Session
OF THE
Union Hill United Free Will
Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Panther Creek Church

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1938.

—OFFICERS—

Rev. W. A. Davis, Moderator _____ Blocomb, Alabama, Rt. 1
W. R. Kirkland, Clerk _____ Hartford, Alabama, 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 Christian Home church the 4th Sunday and Saturday before, in June, 1939.

The next Association will be held with Hinson church Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1939.

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.

Proceedings

The Union Hill United Free Will Baptist Association met with Panther Creek Church in its 18th annual session on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1938

Introductory sermon—By R. P. Jones.

Dismissed until 1:30 p. m.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator, reading the 2nd chapter of II Peter.

Called for letters from sister churches and received the following:

BETHEL—J. G. Watson, W. R. Kirkland and wife.

UNION HILL—F. M. Bolin, J. R. Bolin, W. L. Ward, B. M. Bolin, E. L. Hidle, Sister Susan Moss.

CHRISTIAN HOME—W. G. Dorriety, W. J. Hughes, Niccy Smith.

BETHLEHEM—J. W. Mixon, and Henry Mayhair.

HINSON—T. J. Mears, Jim Davis, Eliza Jones, Elester Jones.

ANTIOCH—J. R. S. Register and wife, G. S. Register and wife, Grady Peacock and wife, Marciler Levens and Genett Peacock.

PANTHER CREEK—M. A. Peters, W. C. Corbin, J. A. Carroll, Edward Peters, Burtie Peters, Mrs. J. A. Carroll.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

Committees were appointed as follows:

Divine Service—J. G. Watson, B. M. Bolin.

Suggestions—J. G. Watson, J. R. Bolin, and R. P. Jones.

Obituary—W. R. Kirkland, T. J. Mears, M. A. Peters.

Temperance—E. O. Sellers, R. P. Jones, J. W. Barefoot.

Sabbath School—Mrs. Fay Gilley, W. L. Ward, Mrs. Viola

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Finance—Mrs. M. A. Peters, chairman, Mrs. Foy Gilley and Mrs. Viola Peters.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning the Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the Moderator not being able to attend we appointed the Rev. G. M. Hardy, Moderator, pro tem, After reading the 6th chapter of Romans and prayer by Rev. R. P. Jones reports of committees were called for.

The Committee on Suggestions had nothing to report. Reports of committees on Memorial, Temperance, Sunday Schools and Finance were received and adopted and committees discharged.

Motion was carried to have 300 Minutes printed.

The next Union meeting will be held at Christian Home church, four miles south of Hartford, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June, 1939.

The next Association will be held at Hinson church, one mile east of Fadette, on Friday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1939.

Rev. W. A. Davis to preach the Introductory sermon in the Union meeting, and Rev. G. M. Hardy to preach the Introductory sermon in the Association.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the messengers and delegates of this Association, offer our thanks to Panther Creek church and community for their kind hospitality during our stay with them, and may the richest of blessings be upon them.

W. R. Kirkland.

The Association was adjourned to meet with Hinson church on Friday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1939.

Rev. G. M. Hardy, Moderator Pro Tem,
W. R. Kirkland, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Introductory sermon by Rev. R. P. Jones; In the evening at 8:00 o'clock by Rev. W. W. Tremontanna; Saturday morning at 9:30 by Rev. E. O. Sellers; At 11:00 o'clock Rev. G. M. Hardy, who used St. John 14:18.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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Christian Home	\$ 2.00
Hinson	2.50
Panther Creek	2.00
Union Hill	5.00
Antioch	2.60
Bethel	2.50
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Total	\$16.60
Public collection	1.40
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Total \$18.00

Mrs. M. A. Peters, Chairman,
Mrs. Fay Gilley,
Mrs. Viola Peters.

Moved and carried to have Minutes printed.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

We find only one Sunday School at the following place: Union Hill. We desire that all our churches in the Union Hill Association have a Sunday School and that all people should take more interest in Sunday School and in the work of our Lord.

Mrs. Foy Gilley, Chairman,
Mr. W. L. Ward,
Mrs. Viola Peters.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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

We find two at Union Hill: Sister Emma Norris and Sister Ollie Vee Hall. We do not grieve as those who have no hope, but that God's will be done, not ours.

W. R. Kirkland, Chairman,
T. J. Mears,
M. A. Peters.

Christian Home church—T. J. Mixon.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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

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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 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.

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

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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 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 a 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 per-

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mission 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 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 voluntarrily 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

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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.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH and PASTOR	CLERK and POSTOFFICE	Baptism	Confession of Faith	Reinstated	Letter	Excluded	Dead	Membership	Days of Meeting
ANTIOCH..... R. P. Jones	C. D. Cook, Graceville, Fla., Rt. 3	2	---	---	1	5	2	42	1
BETHLEHEM W. W. Tremantanna	Perry Morris, Geneva, Ala.	---	---	---	---	---	---	14	2-4
BETHEL..... E. O. Sellers	Almer Sellers, Hartford, Ala. Rt. 2	---	1	---	---	---	---	57	1
CHRISTIAN HOME..... R. P. Jones	Farrbie Collins, Hartford. Ala. Rt. 3	---	---	---	---	1	4	86	4
CONCORD (Not Represented).....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
HINSON..... E. O. Sellers	T. J. Mears, Graceville. Fla. Rt 3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
UNION HILL..... T. B. Melette	B. M. Bolin, Hartford. Ala.	5	---	---	---	---	2	160	2
PANTHER CREEK E. O. Sellers	J. A. Carroll. Hartford. Ala: Rt: 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	14	2

