

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Nineteenth Annual Session

—OF THE—

**UNION HILL UNITED FREE
WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH

HINSON CHURCH

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1939.

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—OFFICERS—

Rev. R. P. Jones, *Moderator*Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 1
F. W. Bolin, *Clerk*Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 1

—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—

J. G. Watson W. L. Collins B. M. Bolin
W. D. Bell Jim Davis

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The next Union Meeting will be held with New Concord Church, the 4th Saturday and Sunday in June, 1940.

The next Association will be held with Christian Home Church on Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday, in October, 1940.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for letters and enrollment of delegates.
3. Organized by election of 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.

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Proceedings

The Union Hill United Free Will Baptist Association met with Hinson Church in its 19th annual session on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1939.

Introductory Sermon, by Rev. W. A. Davis.

Dismissed until 1:30 p. m.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator, reading the 1st. chapter of Psalm.

Elected Rev. R. P. Jones, Moderator and F. W. Bolin, Clerk.

Called for petitionary. There was none.

Called for correspondents. There was none.

Called for letters from sister churches and received the following:

UNION HILL—J. R. Bolin, B. M. Bolin, E. J. Miller, F. W. Bolin.

BETHEL—J. G. Watson, Alto McGowin, Homer Watson, Mrs. Wilburn Watson.

ANTIOCH—R. D. Bell, W. D. Bell, Grady Peacock, General Register, Hubert Register.

CHRISTIAN HOME—W. D. Dorriety, Manuel Infinger, W. D. Collins:

BETHLEHEM—Perry Morris, J. W. Mixon.

NEW CONCORD—Zeb Jones, Mrs. W. A. Clark, Charlie Jones, Gertrude Jones.

HINSON—Mrs. R. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis, Mrs. Usona Register, Lola Mae Jones.

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APPOINTING COMMITTEES

Committees were appointed as follows:

Divine Service—J. G. Watson, E. J. Miller.

Suggestions—W. D. Bell, W. R. Kirkland, W. L. Collins.

Obituary—

Temperance—W. A. Davis, W. A. Clark, E. O. Sellers, W. D. Dorriety.

Sabbath School—Mrs. W. A. Clark, Mrs. Liza Jones, W. A. Enfinger, Homer Watson.

Finance—Jeaneatt Peacock, Etha Mae Watson, Mary Mears, Cathelene Collins.

Executive Committee appointed as follows: W. L. Collins, W. D. Bell, J. G. Watson, B. M. Bolin, J. M. Davis.

Renewed call for correspondents and received: Rev. Floyd Cherry and Rev. John M. Rich of the Liberty Association.

Adjourned to meet at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning the Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the house was called to order by singing of hymn. After reading of the 14th chapter of St. John, by the Moderator, and prayer by Rev. Floyd Cherry, the call for correspondents was renewed. There was none. Renewed for letters from sister churches. There was none.

Rev. John M. Rich brought a message at 9:00 o'clock. His subject was "Here am I, send me."

Report of committees was called for. The report of committees on Temperance and Suggestions were read and adopted and committees discharged.

The next Association will be held at Christian Home church, on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1940.

The Committee on Divine Service reported, and Rev. Floyd Cherry brought the message at 11:00 o'clock.

Dismissed until 1:30 p. m.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator. The call for reports of committees was renewed. Reports of committees on Finance, Sabbath School, and Memorial were received and adopted and committees discharged.

Motion carried to send W. D. Bell and F. W. Bolin to attend mass meeting for Zion Bible School.

Motion carried to send R. P. Jones, W. R. Kirkland, W. A. Clark, and F. W. Bolin as correspondents to the Liberty Association.

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The committee on Divine Service reported, and Rev. J. W. Posey brought a message at 2:00 o'clock.

Motion was carried to have Minutes of the Association printed.

The next Association will be held at Christian Home church, on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1940.

The next Union Meeting will be held at New Concord church, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday, in June, 1940.

Rev. R. P. Jones to preach the Introductory sermon in the Association, and Rev. W. A. Davis to preach the Introductory Sermon in the Union meeting.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

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

F. W. Bolin.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

NEW CONCORD	\$2.00
CHRISTIAN HOME	2.00
HINSON	2.00
UNION HILL	2.25
ANTIOCH	2.00
BETHEL	2.00
BETHELHEM	2.00
TOTAL	\$14.25
PUBLIC COLLECTION	2.51
TOTAL	\$16.76

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, Your Sabbath School Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

We find only two Sunday Schools at the following places: Union Hill and Antioch. We desire that all our churches in the Union Hill Association have a Sunday School, and that all people might take more interest in Sunday School.

Mrs. W. A. Clark, Chairman.

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REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

We find one at Christian Home: Sister Nellie Dawsay; and one at New Concord: Brother Bud Steward. We do now grieve as those who have no hope, but that God's will be done, not ours.

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 drink as an intemperance, but we find that we are intemperate in a great many other respects, such as talking too much on foolish and unnecessary subjects.

Temperance is the regulating force of life, we suggest that our churches abstain from intemperance of all kinds.

We urge that all pastors of this Association urge, insist and warn our people to abstain from intemperance, and inform them of the evil effects and destroying power on spiritual life.

W. A. Davis, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

R. P. Jones,	Graceville, Fla. Rt. 3
J. W. Posey,	Geneva, Ala., Rt. 3
W. A. Davis,	Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 1
W. A. Clark,	Black, Ala.
G. M. Hardy,	Panama City, Fla.
S. M. Tindell,	Ashford, Ala.

LICENTUATE

J. W. Barefoot,	Graceville, Fla., Rt. 3
W. G. Dorriety,	Hartford, Ala., Rt. 3
J. R. Carroll,	Graceville, Fla., Rt. 3

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.

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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 the 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.

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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 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 keeps 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.

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.

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CHURCH DECORUM

1. The Church may choose a pastor annually at the last conference in Association year, or if they prefer it, may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, as long as he may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor, may be chosen at any given time, but if the choice be 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 by the church, for the pastor etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and writing pertaining to the business of the church and to preserve a file of the minutes of the Association.

7. When a Clerk is appointed, all the books, minutes, etc., belonging to the Clerk, shall be immediately delivered 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 of the conference.

10. It shall be the duty of every member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting, if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a certain manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rules of holy living.

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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 neccessary.

12. Conference shall be opened and conducted as follows:

(1) Prayer, unless divine service has just been concluded, and generally then. (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats. (3) Open the door for reception of members. (4) Call for absentees. (5) For acknowledgments. (6) For reference of deferred business. (7) For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. (8) For miscellaneous business.

13. Visiting brethren called in as help from other churches shall be allowed to vote.

14. Any ordinary member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in fellowship may be received into the church without a letter when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unapproachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired 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 the church 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 the church, is introduced, he shall not be examined until the question has been put to the church, "Will you hear the testimony of the witness?"

19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be recorded in the church book.

20. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letters without good reason shall be cited to conference to answer for their conduct.

21. Expelled members shall be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented for their former evil.

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22. A vote shall not be taken upon questions without a move and a second, 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 any 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 cause, not 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 to the point in the debate.

27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same question without permission from the Moderator, nor shall the remarks of any one be unreasonably long.

28. When the Moderator speaks he must designate some brother to act in his stead.

29. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is to call the speaker 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.

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