

MINUTES
OF THE
23rd ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
UNION HILL UNITED FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH
Friday and Saturday Before the
Fourth Sunday in October, 1943

OFFICERS

F. W. BOLIN, Slocomb, Ala., R.F.D. 1 Moderator
J. E. BASS, Slocomb, Ala., R.F.D. 1 Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. G. Watson, Chairman, Slocomb, Ala.; B. M. Bolin, Hartford, Ala.,
R.F.D. No. 3; W. L. Collins, W. D. Bell, M. A. Peters, Alford Morris.

PROCEEDINGS

The Association met with Christian Home Church at the appointed time. Bro. G. M. Hardy brought the message at 11:00. Reading from 1 John 21 chapter 12-13-14-15-16 verse. Text 17th verse.

One hour for refreshments.

House called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro.. F. W. Bolin.

BUSINESS SESSION

Called for letters from sister Churches and the following were received:

Christian Home Church— Delegates: Wallis Dardie, Manual Enfinger, Ferlon Collins, Sister Annie Enfinger, Susie Collins and Vida Dardie.

Antioch Church— Delegates: Rev. R. P. Jones, Dallis Barfoot.

Union Hill Church— Delegates: Eugene Miller, J. E. Bass, B. M. Bolin, Mrs. B. M. Bolin, Mrs. F. W. Bolin, Mrs. Frances Bell.

Pine Log Church— Bro. J. W. Mixon, Millard Mixon, Bro. Curtis Holland.

Panther Creek—Bro. James Waters, Bro. M. A. Peters, Sister Willie Mae Waters, Sister Ruth Wells.

New Concord Church—Delegates: Sister W. A. Clark, Sister Camillar Marlow, Bro.. Warren A. Clark.

Bethel Church— Delegates: J. G. Watson, Homer Watson, Gladys Byrd, Alma Sellers, Jessie Waters.

Bethlehem Church—Albert H. Smith, Alfred Morris,

Same read and the delegates seated..

Called for Petitionary Letters: None.

Called for Corresponding Delegates from sister Associations. Visiting brother from Oklahoma; from the State Association, Bro. M. M. McKee, Post Office Soper, Okla.

APPOINTING COMMITTEES

The Ordaining Council—G. M. Hardy, Chairman, Panama City, Fla.; W. A. Davis, Slocomb, Ala.; J. A. Pettis, Bonifay, Fla.; R. P. Jones, Dothan, Alabama.

Committee on Suggestions—G. M. Hardy, Chairman; R. P. Jones; W. A. Clark.

Obituary Committee—Homer Watson, Chairman; W. G. Dardie, Hartford, Ala.; Alford Morris.

Finance Committee—M. A. Enfinger, Chairman; Fellon Col-

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lins, Parry Morris.

Committee on Divine Service—J. G. Watson, Chairman; B. M. Bolin, Hasty Hughes.

Temperance Committee—W. A. Davis, Chairman; J. A. Pettis, J. W. Mixon.

Sabbath School—Sister Vida Dardie, Chairman; Mrs. Cathalene Collins, Mrs. Susie Collins.

Committee on Divine Service made their report. Bro. M. M. McKee to bring the message at 3:00; Bro. Parry Morris to preach at 8:00 o'clock; closed by Bro. R. P. Jones. Adjourned till 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by I. O. Cook. The Moderator declared the Association open for any business that might come before the body.

Renewed the call for Corresponding Delegates from sister Associations: From Salem Association, Bro. I. O. Cook, A. W. Cook and C. L. Cook. The Divine Committee made their report: Bro. I. O. Cook to bring the message at 11:00. Adjourned for one hour and twenty-minutes for refreshments.

House called to order by the Moderator. Bro. R. P. Jones makes a statement for Antioch Church. Same received with the proper amendment.

The committee on Divine Service makes their report. Bro. G. M. Hardy to bring the Farewell Sermon at 3:00. Brother W. A. Davis to preach the Introductory Sermon at the Association, 1944. Bro. R. P. Jones to preach the Introductory Sermon at the Union meeting 1944.

Elected the following officers: F. W. Bolin, Moderator, J. E. Bass, Clerk.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We suggest that each church at the first of each year furnish a budget plan in their church for the purpose of financing their Church affairs.

We suggest that each church send \$5.00 for maintenance of the mission committee.

We suggest the next session of the Association go to Panther Creek Church. Same carried. Brother W. A. Davis to preach the Introductory sermon at 11:00 o'clock Friday before the 4th Sunday in October 1944. The Union meeting goes to Pine Log Church, 8 miles South of Geneva, the time being Saturday before the 4th Sunday in June, 1944. Bro. R. P. Jones to preach the Introductory Sermon at 10:00 o'clock.

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We suggest that the Moderator and Clerk be elected at the close of the Association.

W. A. DAVIS, Chairman.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your committee make the following report: We find that God in His wisdom has seen fit to call from Bethel Church, Rev. J. W. Posey. Gone to sleep but not forgotten.

HOMER WATSON, Chairman

W. G. DARDIE

ALFORD MORRIS

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

We recommend a Sunday School and Bible Class for each church. For the purpose of educating our children in God's Holy way. We find two active Sunday Schools. Union Hill Church and Panther Creek Church. The other churches say they are planning to start soon.

SIS. VADA DARDIE, Chairman

SIS. CATHALINE COLLINS

SIS. SUSIE COLLINS

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bethlehem Church	\$ 2.50
New Concord	2.00
Christian Home	5.00
Bethel	4.00
Panther Creek	3.10
Union Hill	10.30
Antioch	3.60
Pine Log	3.00
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M. A. ENFINGER, Chairman

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Brother G. M. Hardie, Panama City, Florida.

J. A. Pettis, Bonifay, Florida.

W. A. Davis, Slocumb, Alabama.

W. A. Clark, Black, Alabama.

W. G. Dardie, Hartford, Alabama.

R. P. Jones, Dothan, Alabama.

W. W. Tremetiner, Geneva, Alabama.

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LICENTIATE MINISTERS

Brother W. L. Collins, Jacksonville, Fla.; J. W. Barfoot, J. R. Carroll.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the Delegates and visitors of the Union Hill Association wish to thank the good people of Christian Home Church community for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them. May God bless them till we meet again is our prayers. Done by order of the Association.

J. E. BASS, Clerk.

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 obtained 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.
11. That the end of the world is approaching when Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the 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.

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**DECORUM OF THE UNION HILL 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 by the Moderator who 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 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.

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 a 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 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

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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 as least once (1) a year, and who does not have conference at least six (6) times a year and each church state in its associational letter as to wheher his 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 of serving churches who fail to meet at the appointed hour shall be due acknowledgment to the congregation or church.

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' 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.

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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 church 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.

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. Conferenges 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 befort the church. (8) For miscellaneous business.

13. Visiting brethren called in as help from sister 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 tha this Christian character is unapproachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desires 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 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

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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 resored to fellowship in their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have seriously repented for their former evil.

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 occasion.

TWENTY-THIRD ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICAL TABLE

Panther Creek Church—John M. Rich, Chipley, Fla., Lessie Sellers, Clerk, Slocomb, Ala.—Restored 12; Received by Baptism 6.

Union Hill Church. Rev. John M. Rich, Chipley, Fla., B. M. Bolin, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 3—Baptism None; by letter 2; Restored None; Died None. Total 244.

Bethlehem Church: By Baptism 1; Total membership 11.
Pastor, Bro. W. W. Tremontana, Geneva, Ala., Albert Smith, clerk.

Christian Home Church: by baptism none; by confession of faith: none; by letter 1; Restored, none; Dismissed by letter 2; Excluded None; Died; none; Total membership 54; Ordained Ministers none; Licentiates one, R. P. Jones, Dothan, Ala.; Fairlie Colles, Clerk, Hartford, Ala.

Bethel Church: Rev. W. A. Davis, Slocomb, Ala.; baptism none; by confession of faith, none; by letter none; restored, none; excluded none; Died one; Total membership 40. Sister Alma Sellers, clerk.

Pine Log Church: Rev. L. C. Mixon, Black, Ala., Received by letter one; Total 10. Millard Mixon, clerk.

Antioch Church, Rev. R. P. Jones, Dothan, Ala. Received by Baptism 4; Died one; General Register, Graceville, Fla.

New Concord Church: Rev. W. A. Clark, Black, Ala. Statistics of our Church is as follows: Baptism none; by letter none; confession of faith none; Dismissed none; Died none; Total membership 30. Gertrude Clark, clerk, Black, Alabama.