

MINUTES

— OF THE —

29th Annual Session

— OF THE —

UNION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

WHICH CONVENED WITH

Antioch Church

Friday and Saturday Before the Fourth Sunday,

October 21 and 22

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1949

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PRESIDING OFFICERS

J. A. PETTIS, ModeratorBonifay, Fla.
R. J. COLVIN, Clerk Bonifay, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. W. MIXON, Chairman.....Geneva, Ala.
HARMON FARMER R.J. COLVIN G. W. DORIETY

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The next session will convene with New Concord Church on
Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, being
October 20 and 21, in the Year of Our Lord 1950

The Union Meeting will convene with Christian Home Church
on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in June, 1950.

Proceedings

The 29th Annual Session of the Union Hill Free Will Baptist Association met according to the appointed time on October 21 and 22, 1949, with Antioch Church.

The sermon was brought by Rev. Trim Finch, reading the 14th chapter of John. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Cook, after which the Association adjourned one hour for noon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. J. A. Pettis was elected Moderator. R. J. Colvin was elected Clerk. After devotional services, the following churches responded with their letters, after the moderator called for messengers and delegates:

ANTIOCH CHURCH—Bro. Malcolm Register, Sister W. G. Ganous, Bro. W. D. Bell, Sister D. W. Simmons, Sister Caroline Register.

UNION HILL CHURCH—Bro. W. A. Morris, Bro. and Sister E. A. Turner, Bro. and Sister Harmon Farmer.

NEW CONCORD CHURCH—Rev. and Sister W. A. Clark, Sister Annie Mae Clark, Sister Camela Marlow, Sister Gertrude Clark, Bro. Cola Harrison, Bro. Warner Trant.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Bro. Huey Dorriety, Bro. John Welch, Bro. Manual Enfinger, Sister Vida Dorriety, Bro. K. L. Glass, Sister Omie Enfinger, Sister Fairbie Collins, Sister Slonia Enfinger.

PINE LOG CHURCH—Bro. J. W. Mixon, Sister Unity Mixon, Bro. Millard Mixon, Bro. R. J. Colvin.

Rev. J. B. Mellett of Georgia brought the message at 3:00 p. m. Dismissed until Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. After a scripture lesson was read and prayer, a call was made for visitors from sister churches. The visitors were Rev. and Sister A. B. Cook and Rev. Marty Mears of the Liberty Association, and Rev. J. B. Mellett of Georgia.

Rev. Marty Mears brought the morning sermon. His subject was, "Satan, a Hindrance."

Recess for noon hour, returning at 1:30.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by the Moderator. After song and prayer, the body resumed business.

Call for committee reports.

Report of Committee on Divine Service

We, your committee on divine service, recommend that Bro. Marty Mears preach the 11:00 sermon Saturday. Rev. Marty Mears to preach the introductory sermon at the next Union Meeting and Rev. Rufus Hyman to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BELL, Chairman

W. C. HARRISON

MALCOM REGISTER

REV. MARTY MEARS

R. W. HYMAN

Report of Finance Committee

We, your committee on finance, find that \$47.05 has been received from member churches, as follows:

Christian Home	\$ 9.00
New Concord	\$10.00
Union Hill	\$10.00
Antioch	\$10.50
Pine Log	\$ 7.55

Respectfully submitted,

FERBIE COLLINS

GERTRUDE CLARK

MAE COOK

Report of Committee on Suggestions

We, your Committee on Suggestions, beg to report that we have minutes printed within five months. We suggest that the Union Meeting will be held with Christian Home Church and that the next Association meeting be held at New Concord.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS HYMAN

HOMER FARMER

A. B. COOK

MARTY MEARS

Report of Committee on Obituaries

We, your committee, beg to make our report:

Union Hill—Sister Bell Simmons, Sister Lucy Campbell, Bro. E. D. Hall, Bro. N. A. Bond.

Bethel Church—Rev. S. M. Tindell. Bro. Tindell was a preacher-brother of long standing, one we miss and love much, but God's will must be done, not our's.

Antioch Church—Bro. George Wesley, Sister J. W. Barefoot. God has called these home from our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. CARROLL
MANUAL ENFINGER
REV. W. A. CLARK

Report of Education Committee

We offer the following:

First, that we place good Christian literature in our homes. We recommend family altars as a place for Christian training and spiritual development; that our people take the Free Will Baptist, a weekly paper, subscription for which is \$1.50 per year, from the Free Will Baptist Press, Hyden, N. C.

Second, we ask our preachers to better prepare themselves by reading good books and papers.

Third, that our churches take an offering for the Free Will Baptist College at Nashville, Tenn.; also that our churches help our preachers to attend our annual Bible Conference.

Respectfully,

REV. RUFUS HYMAN
SISTER VERA BOLIN
SISTER EFFIE LEE FARMER

Report of Committee on Temperance

We make the following report: That we ask our preachers and churches to abstain from strong drinks in our daily life, and that we live the teaching of the Bible according to the rules of the church, as much so as possible, and that we use our influence to help others to live a clean Christian life.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. B. COOK
SISTER RUFUS HYMAN
K. L. GLASS

Report of Sunday School Committee

We make the following report:

We find only two churches in the Association which have Sunday Schools. We ask each and every church to start a school in their churches.

Respectfully,

REV. G. W. DORRIETY
TIMITHA HOLLAND
J. W. BAREFOOT

Moved and seconded, that all the churches in the Union Hill Association cast a vote in favor of the Union Hill Association going back to the Liberty Association. Also a vote against returning to the Liberty Association. That said vote shall be cast in open conference. Carried and adopted.

We, the United Free Will Baptist Church of Christian Home, send greetings to the delegates and messengers of the Union Hill Association, which is to convene with Antioch Church Friday before the 4th Sunday in October.

The spiritual condition of our church is good and we have had the pastoral care of Rev. J. A. Pettis, whom we think is a worthy minister. We have called Rev. Pettis for the ensuing year.

We send the following delegates to represent us in your honorable body: Huey Dorriety, John Welch, Manual Enfinger, Vida Dorriety, H. L. Glass, Omie Enfinger, Fairbie Collins, Sloma Enfinger.

We have communed and washed feet two times this year. We have enrolled in Sunday School 38. We have prayer meetings Sunday nights. We have preaching service on the second Sunday and Saturday before. We have in the statistics of our church as follows: Members on roll last year, 52; received by baptism, none; by letter, none; by restoration, 2. We have lost members as follows: Dismissed, none; dismissed by letter, 1; expelled, none. We have a membership as follows: Male, 18; female, 34. Dead, none. Total membership, 51. We paid our pastor \$60.00. We value our church property at \$200.00. We are sending to the session for Association purposes the sum of \$9.00.

This letter ordered in conference this the 17th day of September, 1949.

REV. J. A. PETTIS, Moderator
SIS. FAIRBIE COLLINS, Clerk

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Pine Log, send greetings to the Union Hill Association, convening with Antioch.

We are sending to represent us in your honorable body the following, whom we deem worthy of seats: J. W. Mixon, Unity Mixon, Millard Mixon, R. J. Colvin. We had the pastoral service of Rev. Marty Mears for the past year. We have called the Rev. Mears for the ensuing year. We have communed and washed the saints' feet one time this year. The spiritual condition of our church is good. We have the following ministers holding membership with us: W. S. Sketo, W. O. Jones. We have enrolled in Sunday School, 54. We have no ladies' aid. We have prayer service each Wednesday night. We have preaching services the second Sunday and Saturday before. We hand in the statistics of church as: Members enrolled last report, 7; received by baptism, 1; by letter, 5; by restoration, none. We lost membership, none; dismissed by letter, none; expelled, none. We have a membership as follows: Male, 13; female, 16; total membership, 29. We have paid our pastor \$175.06; paid evangelistic services, none; paid miscellaneous expenses, none; foreign missions, none; home orphanage, none; superannuation, none; unified program, none. The value of our church property is \$100.00. We now have on hand a balance of, none. We are sending to this session for Association purposes the sum of \$7.55.

This letter ordered in conference this the 10th day of September, 1949.

REV. MARTY MEARS, Moderator
EDDIE CARPENTER, Clerk

We, the Free Will Baptists at New Concord Church, send greetings to the Union Hill Association convened with Antioch Church Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October:

We are sending to represent us in your honorable body the following delegates: Sister W. A. Clark, Sister Annie Mae Clark, Sister Camela Marlow, Sister Gertrude Clark, Coley Harrison, Wayne Trant, Bro. J. G. Clark, Rev. W. A. Clark.

We have had the pastoral services of Rev. Trim Finch for the past year and have called Rev. Finch for the ensuing year. We have communed and washed feet four times this year. The spiritual conditions of our church is good. We have the following ministers holding membership with us: Rev. W. A. Clark, Black, Ala., Rt. 1; Rev. A. J. Carr, Marianna, Fla., Rt. 4; Rev. S. E. Carroll, Wausau, Fla., Rt. 1. We have preaching services on the 4th Sunday and Saturday before.

We have in statistics of our church the following: Members enrolled, 37; received by baptism, none; by letter, none; restored,

none; lost, none. We have membership as follows: Male, 14; female, 23; total membership, 37. We have paid our pastor \$67.95. We value our church property at \$200.00. We are sending to this session \$10.00.

This ordered in conference the 30th day of September, 1949. We are asking for the next Association.

REV. TRIM FINCH, Moderator
GERTRUDE CLARK, Clerk

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Union Hill send greetings to the delegates and messengers of Union Hill Association, which is to convene with Antioch Church Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1949.

We are sending the following delegates to represent us in your honorable body. W. A. Morris, Bro. and Sister E. A. Turner, Bro. and Sister Harmon Farmer. We have had the pastoral service of Rev. Hutto and we have called Rev. J. A. Pettis for the ensuing year. We have communed and washed feet three times this year. The spiritual condition of our church is good. We have the following ministers holding membership with us: Rev. Rufus Hyman, Slocumb, Ala., Rev. J. A. Pettis, Bonifay, Fla.

We have enrolled in Sunday School, 75; prayer service each Wednesday night; preaching services on the first and third Sunday of each month. We have received by baptism, 15; by letter, one; restoration, 2. We have lost members as follows: Dismissed, 10; died, 4. The dead are Bro. W. A. Bond, Bro. E. D. Hall, Sister Bell Simmons, Sister Lucy Campbell. We have enrolled 213. We have paid our pastor \$387.87. We have paid for missions, \$9.79; for education, \$9.79; for orphanage, \$96.79; miscellaneous expense, \$489.56. The value of our church is \$200.00. We paid \$90.00 for evangelistic service. We have balance of \$25.00. We are sending to this session for the Association purposes, \$10.00.

This letter ordered in conference the 16th day of October, 1949.

REV. W. A. HUTTO, Moderator
SISTER HARMON FARMER, Clerk
Bonifay, Fla., Rt. 2.

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Antioch, send greetings to the Union Hill Association, which convenes with Antioch Church.

We are sending to represent us in your honorable body the following, whom we deem worthy of seats: Brother Malcolm Register, Sister W. G. Gainous, Bro. W. D. Bell, Sister D. W. Simmons, Sister Caroline Register.

We have had the pastoral services of Rev. R. P. Jones for the past year and have called Rev. R. P. Jones for the ensuing year. We have communed and washed meet one time this year. The spiritual condition of our church is good. We have the following ministers holding membership with us: Rev. R. P. Jones, Slocumb, Ala.; Rev. J. W. Barefoot, Bonifay, Fla., Rev. Reece Register.

We have enrolled in Sunday School We have Ladies' Aid. We have prayer meetings We have preaching services on Saturday before the first Sunday.

We have in the statistics of our church as follows: Members on roll, 31; received by baptism, none; by letter, none; by restoration, none. We lost members as follows: Dismissed, none; dismissed by letter, none; expelled, none. We have membership at present as follows: Male, 14; female, 17; total membership, 31. We have paid our pastor \$50.00. We paid for evangelistic services, none. We paid to miscellaneous expense, none; foreign missions, none; we sent to home orphanage, none; superannuation, none; unified programs, none; for any expenditures not listed above, none. We value our church property at \$2000.00. We have on hand the balance of \$117.55. We are sending to this session of the Association the sum of \$10.50.

This letter ordered in conference this the 2nd day of October, 1949, and adopted as read on the 2nd day of October, 1949.

REV. R. P. JONES, Moderator
REECE REGISTER, Clerk
Address: Graceville, Fla., Rt. 1.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

We want to thank the members of Antioch Church for their kindness shown to us. We can say that we were well cared for—the entire Association. Especially do we thank the ladies for being so kind to us and preparing us such wonderful dinners as were served Friday and Saturday. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and everyone until we meet again.

R. J. COLVIN, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

- W. D. JONESDarlington, Florida
- J. A. PETTIS Bonifay, Florida
- W. A. CLARK Black, Alabama
- R. P. JONESDothan, Alabama, R.F.D.
- W. S. SKETODeFuniak Springs, Fla., Star Rte.
- J. W. BAREFOOTDeFuniak Springs, Florida
- RUFUS HYMAN Slocumb, Alabama
- S. E. CARROLLWausau, Florida, Rt. 1
- A. J. CARRMarianna, Florida, Rt. 4

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LICENTIATE MINISTERS

W. L. COLLINS Jacksonville, Florida
G. W. DORRIETY Hartford, Ala., Rt. 3
REECE REGISTER Graceville, Florida

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe there is just one living and true God whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Ruler of the Universe.
2. We believe there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things and by whom salvation is made secure.
3. We believe 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 fruit 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 ordinances.
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 that judgment will fix forever the final state of man in Heaven or Hell on principles of righteousness.

DECORUM OF THE UNION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of delegates and preachers from churches in good standing only and shall be called together by the Moderator of the last session if present. If absent, by his assistant or someone elected by the body.

Article 1. 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. 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 where 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 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 considered in this body, who shall or have retained a minister that has stepped aside from his obligations in any form (as in 1st Timothy chapter 3) 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 one time a year and each church 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 of serving churches who fails to meet at the appointed hour shall be due acknowledgement 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'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 recordings and writing pertaining to the business of the church and to preserve a file of the minutes of association.

7. When a clerk is appointed, all of 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 of dealing, etc., with the church.

9. The church holds 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.

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. Conferences 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 of absentees. (5) For acknowledgements. (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 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 that his 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 of baptism; or 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 church: "Will You Hear the Testimony of the Witness?"

19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgement 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 to their conduct.

21. Expelled members shall be restored to membership on 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 question 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 chairman from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

25. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, 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 to the point in debate.

27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same question without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone 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 expense 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory.
2. Moderator calls the body to order.
3. Call for corresponding letters and enroll delegates.
4. Appointing Committees on Divince Service.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Corresponding Letters from Sister Associations.
7. Call for election of new officers.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Appoint Delegates to Sister Associations.
10. Call for Reports of Committees.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjournment.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

(Church Clerks will please fill out this letter and return to the Associational Clerk on or before the next Annual Session.)

We, the Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Slocum, send greetings to the Union Hill Association, convening with

We are sending to represent us in your honorable body the following, whom we deem worthy of seats

We had the pastoral services of Rev. Trim Fench for the past year and have called the Rev. Trim Fench for the ensuing year.

We have communed and washed the Saints' feet 3 times this year.

The spiritual condition of our church is Good

We have the following ministers holding membership with us: 2

Rev Ruffus Rymar Slocum
Rev J. A. Pettis Bonifay Fla

We have enrolled in Sunday School..... We have no Ladies' Aid

We have a Prayer Meeting none

We have preaching services on 2 and 4 Sunday.

We hand in the statistics of our church as follows:

Members on roll last report..... Received by Baptism 3

By Letter 2 By Restoration none

We lost membership as follows:

Dismissed.....; Dismissed by letter 1; Expelled none

We have a membership as follows: Males.....; Females 1;

Total Membership.....

We have paid our pastor \$..... We paid for evangelistic services \$..... We paid to miscellaneous expenses, etc., \$.....

We sent for Foreign Missions \$..... We sent for Home Orphanage \$.....; Superannuation \$.....; Unified Programs \$.....

\$.....For any expenditures not listed above \$.....

The value of our church property is \$.....

We now have on hand the balance of \$.....

We are sending to this session for the Association purposes the sum of \$.....

This letter ordered, in conference this the..... day of.....

Rev. or Bro..... Moderator and adopted as read on the

..... Clerk.

Address