

MINUTES

— OF THE —

30th Annual Session

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UNION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

WHICH CONVENED WITH

New Concord Church

Friday and Saturday Before the Fourth Sunday

October 20 and 21

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1950



PRESIDING OFFICERS

J. A. PETTIS, Moderator.....Bonifay, Fla.
HUEY DORRIETY, Clerk.....Hartford, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. W. MIXON, Chairman.....Geneva, Ala.
Harmon Farmer R. J. Colvin W. G. Dorriety W. C. Harrison



The next session will convene with Union Hill Church on Friday
and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, being
October 26 and 27, in the Year of Our Lord 1951.

The Union Meeting will convene with Antioch Church on
Saturday before the 4th Sunday in June, 1951.

Proceedings

The 30th Annual Session of the Union Hill Free Will Baptist Association met according to the appointed time on October 20 and 21, 1950, with New Concord Church.

The introductory sermon was brought Friday morning by Rev. A. J. Carr. Opening prayer was led by Rev. W. G. Dorriety. Following the sermon, Bro. Buddy Bolding led in prayer. Following announcements, the session was dismissed one hour for lunch by Rev. J. A. Pettis.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. J. A. Pettis was re-elected as Moderator. Huey Dorriety was elected clerk of the Association.

After the devotional service, the following churches responded with their letters, after the Moderator called for messengers and delegates:

CHRISTIAN HOME—Bro. Huey Dorriety, Sister Huey Dorriety, Sister Vida Dorriety, Bro. M. A. Infinger, Sister Ommie Infinger.

UNION HILL—Bro. and Sister Carl Smith, Bro. and Sister A. T. Moss, Bro. J. R. Bolin, Sister E. D. Hall, Bro. F. W. Bolin, Bro. W. A. Morris, Sister Rufus Hyman, Bro. H. F. Farmer.

PINE LOG—Bro. Millard Mixon, Bro. Marcus Hobbs, Sister Autense Hobbs, Sister Unity Mixon, Bro. J. W. Mixon.

NEW CONCORD—Sisters W. A. Clark, Annie Mae Clark, Camilla Marlow, Mamie Hinson, Louise Spikes, Angie Monk, Gertrude Clark.

ANTIOCH—Rev. J. W. Barefoot, Bro. Lee Register. No letter was sent and by motion of Bro. Malcom Register these delegates were elected by the Association.

PANTHER CREEK—Bro. M. A. Peters, Sister Waters and son, James Waters, represented this church by motion passed by Association.

Sermon Friday afternoon was delivered by Rev. W. A. Clark. Dismissed by Rev. R. Z. Clark.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. A. Pettis. Prayer by Bro. Mack Kirkland. Scripture reading was the 4th Chapter of Ephesians.

Call was made for visitors from sister churches.

Visitors and delegates were recognized as follows:

State Line Association—Rev. A. M. Kirkland and son, Paul W. Kirkland.

Salem—Rev. Trim Finch.

Rev. A. J. Pettis brought the morning sermon. His subject was on "The Doctrine and Duty of Holy Living"

Dismissed one hour for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. A. Pettis. Song, "I'll Fly Away." Prayer by Bro. S. E. Carroll. The Moderator then read scripture found in the 136th Psalm.

The Association went into business session and the various committees gave reports which were adopted as follows:

1. Reading the suggestions and adopted.
2. Obituary. Read and adopted.
3. Committee on Education. Read and adopted.
4. Committee on Temperance. Read and adopted.
5. Sunday School Committee. Read and adopted.
6. Executive Committee. J. W. Mixon, chairman; Harmon Farmer, R. J. Colvin, W. G. Dorriety, W. C. Harrison.
7. Ordaining Counsel. Rev. J. A. Pettis, W. A. Clark, A. J. Carr.
8. Moved and seconded that the Association have 200 minutes printed for distribution in the Association.

Report of Finance Committee

We, your Committee on Finance, find that \$51.20 has been received from member churches, as follows:

New Concord	\$10.00
Christian Home	\$10.00
Union Hill	\$10.00
Antioch	\$ 8.20
Pine Log	\$ 8.00
Panther Creek	\$ 5.00

Total\$51.20

SISTER VERDA DORRIETY, Chairman
SISTER GERTRUDE CLARK
SISTER UNITY MIXON

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 Antioch Church and the next Association meeting be held at Union Hill Church.

BRO. M. A. ENFINGER
BRO. LEE REGISTER
BRO. MILLARD MIXON

Report of Committee on Obituaries

We, your committee, beg to make our report. We find that from our midst God has called only one from this Association, Brother Green Moss. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

BRO. WILL MIXON
SISTER W. G. DORRIETY
REV. A. M. KIRKLAND
REV. S. E. CARROLL

Report of Sunday School Committee

We, the Committee on Sunday Schools, make the following report: We find that only three churches in our Association have Sunday School—New Concord, Union Hill and Pine Log—and we urge that all of our churches have Sunday Schools.

SISTER ONIE ENFINGER
SISTER MAMIE HINSON
SISTER TINETHA BECK

Report of Rev. Sam Carroll

I have preached three sermons this year, conducted 10 prayer meetings and my expense was \$8.00, and I received \$1.25; traveled about 320 miles.

REV. S. E. CARROLL

Report of Committee on Temperance

We make the following report: That we ask our preachers and church members to abstain from strong drink in daily life and that we live the teachings 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.

BRO. WILL MIXON
BRO. J. W. BAREFOOT
BRO. M. L. MEARS

Christian Home

Report of Education Committee

We offer the following report: 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, Hayden, N. C..

BRO. R. Z. CLARK, Chmn.
BRO. W. G. DORRIETY
REV. TRIM FINCH
BRO. MALCOM REGISTER

Corresponding Delegates

Moved and seconded that we seat the delegates from Sister Associations: State Line—Rev. A. M. Kirkland and son, Paul W. Kirkland; from Salem—Rev. Trim Finch.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS

We, the United Free Will Baptist Church of Christian Home, send greetings to the Union Hill Association, convening with New Concord. We are sending to represent us in your honorable body the following, whom we deem worthy of seats: Bro. Huey Dorriety, Sister Vida Dorriety, Sister Omie Enfinger, Bro. M. A. Enfinger, Sister Vida Dorriety, Sister Ferbie Collins, Bro. J. A. Welch. We have the pastoral service of Rev. J. A. Pettis for the past year and have called the Rev. Trim Finch 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: W. G. Dorriety, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 3; R. Z. Clark, Westville, Fla., Rt. 1; W. L. Collins, Jacksonville, Fla.

We have enrolled in Sunday School, none. We have no ladies' aid. We have prayer meetings, none. We have preaching services on the third Sunday and Saturday before. We had in the statistics of our church as follows: Members on roll last report, 52; received by baptism, none; by letter none; by restoration, none. We lost membership as follows: Dismissed, none; dismissed by letter, 1; expelled, none. We have membership as follows: Male 18, female 34; total membership 52. We have paid our pastor \$60.12. We paid for evangelistic service, none. We paid to miscellaneous expenses, none. We sent for foreign missions, none. We sent for Home Orphanage, none; superannuation, none; unified programs,

none; for expenses not listed above, none. The value of our church property \$2,000. We have on hand the balance of, none. We are sending to this session for the Association purposes the sum of \$10.00. This letter ordered in conference this the 9th day of July. Rev. J. A. Pettis, Moderator, and adopted as read on the 9th day of July, 1950.

BRO. HUEY DORRIETY, Clerk,
Hartford, Ala., Route 1

We, the Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Slocomb, Ala., send greetings to the Union Hill Association convening with New Concord Church. We are sending to represent us in your honorable body the following, whom we deem worthy of seats: Bro. and Sister Carl Smith, Bro. and Sister A. T. Moss, Bro. J. R. Bolin, Sister E. D. Hall, Bro. F. W. Bolin, Bro. W. A. Morris, Sister Rufus Hyman, Bro. H. F. Farmer.

We had the pastoral services of Rev. J. A. Pettis for the past year and have called the Rev. W. A. Hutto 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, Slocomb, Ala.; Rev. J. E. Pettis, Bonifay, Fla. We have enrolled in Sunday School, 67. We have preaching services on first and third Sundays. We have in the statistics of our church the following: Received by baptism, none; by letter, none; by restoration, none. We lost membership as follows: Deceased one, Brother Green Moss; dismissed, 5; dismissed by letter, 1. We have a membership as follows: Males, 83; females, 111; total membership, 194.

We have paid our pastor \$319.78. We paid for evangelistic services, none. We paid to miscellaneous expenses \$106.22. We sent for foreign missions, \$12.60. We sent for Home Orphanage, \$49.90. Unified programs, \$12.60. The value of our church property is \$2,500.00. We now have on hand the balance of \$100.00. We are sending to this session for the Associational purposes the sum of \$10.00.

This letter ordered in conference this the 1st day of October, 1950. Rev. A. J. Pettis, moderator, and adopted as read on the 15th day of October, 1950.

We would like to have the next Association meeting.

SISTER H. F. FARMER, Clerk,
Route 2, Bonifay, Fla.

We, the delegates of the Free Will Baptist Church of Pine Log, send greetings to the Union Hill Association convening with New Concord. We are sending to represent us in your honorable body the following whom we deem worthy of seats: Bro. Millard Mixon, Sister Autense Hobbs, Bro. Marcus Hobbs, Bro. J. W. Mixon.

We had the pastoral services of Rev. L. C. Mixon for the past year and have called the Rev. A. B. Cook for the ensuing year. We have communed and washed the saints' feet one time this year. The spiritual condition of our church is fair. We have the following ministers holding membership with us: Rev. W. S. Sketo, Rev. Oscar Jones. We have enrolled in Sunday School, 35. We have no ladies' aid. We have a prayer meeting Saturday night and Sunday night. We have in the statistics of our church the following: Members on roll last report, 26; dismissed, one. The value of our church property is \$1,000. We are sending to this session for the Associational purposes the sum of \$8.00. This letter ordered in conference the third day of Sept. Rev. W. S. Sketo, Moderator.

SISTER OLA HOBBS, Clerk,
Geneva, Ala., Route 2.

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of New Concord, send greetings to the Union Hill Association convening with New Concord. We are sending to represent us in your honorable body the following, whom we deem worthy of seats: Sister W. A. Clark, Annie May Clark, Camilla Marlow, Mamie Hinson, Louise Spikes, Angie Monk and Gertrude Clark.

We had the pastoral services of Rev. Trim Finch the past year and have called Rev. W. A. Clark for the ensuing year. We have communed and washed feet two times. The spiritual condition of our church is good. We have the following ordained 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, Chipley, Fla. Rt. 4. Our time of service is the fourth Sunday.

We hand in the statistics of our church as follows: By letter none; by baptism, none; dismissed by letter, none. Total membership 27; male 8, female 19.

We have paid our pastor \$81.90; for evangelism, \$13.60; the value of our church property is \$2,000. We send \$10.00 for Associational expenses.

This letter ordered in conference this 27th day of August, 1950. Rev. Trim Finch, Moderator. Wausau, Fla.

SISTER GERTRUDE CLARK, Clerk,
Black, Ala., Rt. 1, Box 9.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

We want to thank the members of New Concord 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.

BRO. HUEY D. DORRIETY, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. D. JONES.....Darlington, Fla.
J. A. PETTIS.....Bonifay, Fla.
W. A. CLARK.....Black, Ala., Rt.
W. S. SKETO.....DeFuniak Springs, Fla.
J. W. BAREFOOT.....DeFuniak Springs, Fla.
RUFUS HYMAN.....Slocomb, Ala.
S. E. CARROLL.....Wausau, Fla., Rt. 1
A. J. CARR.....Marianna, Fla., Rt. 4

LICENTIATE MINISTERS

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

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 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. 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 con-

sidered 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 days' 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 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 saints' 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 OR BUSINESS

1. Introductory.
2. Moderator calls the body to order.
3. Call for corresponding letters and enroll delegates.
4. Appointing Committees on Divine 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 Free Will Baptist Church of, 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.....

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

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

The spiritual condition of our church is.....

We have the following ministers holding membership with us:

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We have enrolled in Sunday School..... We have..... Ladies' Aid.

We have a Prayer Meeting

We have preaching services on.....Sunday.

We hand in the statistics of our church as follows:

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

By Letter..... By Restoration.....

We lost membership as follows:

Dismissed.....; Dismissed by letter.....; Expelled.....

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

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 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

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