

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**33rd Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**Union Hill Free Will Baptist**  
**Association**  
WHICH CONVENED WITH  
**Union Hill and Antioch Churches**  
Near Slocomb, Alabama, Friday and Saturday  
**OCTOBER 23rd and 24th, 1953**



**Presiding Officers**

REV. J. A. PETTIS, Moderator.....Rt. 4, Bonifay, Fla.  
REV. RUFUS HYMAN, Ass't. Moderator.....Slocomb, Ala.  
F. W. Bolin, Clerk.....Slocomb, Ala.

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H. F. FARMER, .....Rt. 2, Bonifay, Fla.  
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Edward Peters.....Slocomb, Ala.

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REV. J. A. PETTIS.....Bonifay, Fla.  
REV. R. P. JONES.....Rt. 4, Graceville, Fla.

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Rev. Rufus Hyman, F. W. Bolin, D. W. Bell, H. F. Farmer,  
Clifford Foundren.



Next session will convene with Panther Creek Church, near  
Slocomb, Ala., Thursday, October 21st, and at Bethel Church,  
near Hartford, Ala. on Friday, October 22nd, 1954.

## PROGRAM

Program for 34th Annual Session of the Union Hill Free Will Baptist Association to convene with Panther Creek Church, near Slocumb, Ala., on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 21st and on Friday, October 22nd, 1954 with Bethel Church, near Hartford, Ala.

Thursday at Panther Creek.

10:00 A. M.—Devotion by Rev. Johnnie Moon.

11:00 A. M.—Introductory Sermon, Rev. Kenneth Phillips, Alternate, Rev. Rufus Hyman.

12:00—Noon Hour.

1:30 P. M.—Devotions, Rev. Trim Finch.

1:45 P. M.—Business Session, Reading Church Letters, Petitionary Letters, and Seating Delegates.

2:00 P. M.—Recognizing Corresponding Delegates and Visitors. Committees for this session are: Auxiliaries, Panther Creek and Pastor. Education, Union Hill and Pastor. Temperance, Christian Home and Pastor. Finance, Bethel and Pastor. (Delegates will report at this hour to Finance Committee).

Obituaries, New Concord and Pastor.

Standing of Churches, Pine Log and Pastor.

Nominations, Antioch and Pastor.

Ministers and Deacons, Character Committee.

Renew Call for Correspondence.

2:30 P. M.—Message, Rev. Kermit Esther.

3:00 P. M.—Recess.

6:30 P. M.—Sermon to be supplied by host church.

Friday Session at Bethel.

9:30 A. M.—Devotion by Rev. John Carr.

9:45 A. M.—Business Session, Renew call for Correspondence.

Reports: Character of Ministers and Deacons, Standing of Churches, Auxiliaries, Obituaries, Education, Temperance.

10:15 A. M.—Election of Officers for 1955 Session.

10:30 A. M.—Special Music and Prayer

10:45 A. M.—Recess.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon, Rev. Walter Eldridge

12:00 — Noon Hour

1:30 P. M.—Devotion, Rev. Lee Mixon.

1:45 P. M.—Business Session. Renew Call for Correspondence.

Report of Committees, Appointment of Delegates to State Association and Sister Associations.

2:15 P. M.—Sermon to be supplied.

3:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

## PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Session of The Union Hill Free Will Baptist Association which met with Union Hill Church, near Slocumb, Ala., and Antioch Church on Friday, and Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 23rd and 24th, 1953. At 10:00 o'clock the Moderator, Rev. Rufus Hyman, conducted the morning devotions, with a large representation from our churches and visitors.

The Introductory Sermon was brought by Rev. John M. Rich, from Eph. 3:17-20. He spoke on God's Love. It was a fine message.

12:00—Noon Hour.

1:30 P. M.—Friday:

The Moderator called the body to order. Scripture lesson: Exod. 12:12,13. After the devotional period, we received an offering for \$20.02 for Fla. F. W. B. Camp.

At this time, we had a special message in song by Johnnie Maud Bolin.

The Moderator called for the letters from the churches and the following responded: Bethel, Antioch, Union Hill, Christian Home, Panther Creek. Called for Petitionary Letters and received none.

Then we called for Corresponding Delegates and we received the following: Rev. A. M. Kirkland, State Line Association. From the Liberty Association of Fla.: Revs. John M. Rich, B. H. Champion. Next was the election of Officers and Rev. J. A. Pettis, was elected Moderator, Rev. Rufus Hyman, Assistant Moderator, and brother F. W. Bolin, for Clerk.

Rev. S. E. Carroll represented New Concord Church, and Rev. G. W. Dorriety stated he had been called to pastor the Church. The following were appointed as Committees:

On the standing of Churches and Character of Ministers:

W. D. Bell, F. W. Bolin. On Auxiliary: Antioch Church. On Temperance: Christian Home Church. On Finance, Bethel Church. For Obituaries: Pine Log Church.

On suggestions Bethel and Pine Log Churches.

On Nominations: Union Hill Church. Education, Panther Creek.

Delegates of Union Hill Church reported the selection of Rev. Rufus Hyman for evening message at 7:00 o'clock.

Saturday—9:30 A. M.

The Morning Devotion by the Moderator, Rev. J. A. Pettis. Scripture: Psalms 15. Prayer by Rev. I. O. Cook.

Moderator renewed call for Correspondence and from Liberty Association we received Brother Pink Hinson and wife and Brother Joe Tutton. There was a move and second, all delegates and visitors be seated with us. The following were appointed as Corros-

ponding delegates to the following bodies: The Fla. State Association: W. D. Bell and F. W. Bolin, with fee of \$20.00. To Salem Association, Revs. Rufus Hyman and Rev. J. W. Barefoot. To State Line Association, Rev. Rufus Hyman and Rev. J. A. Pettis. Devotional Committee reported Rev. I. O. Cook to bring the 11:00 o'clock message.

Moderator called for reports. The churches and committees reported (see reports.)

Temperance reported audit accepted.

Mission report read and adopted (see report.)

Moved to call off business session until 1:30 P. M. for preaching service and noon hour.

Saturday—1:30 P. M.

House was called to order with Brother C. L. Cook leading the singing. Prayer by Rev. Rufus Hyman.

The Moderator read the 23rd Psalm.

At this time the following reports: Suggestions made report and by move and second to take up by sections.

All three items were accepted as read, and then a motion to amend report by adding two more items to report and they were accepted as read. (see reports).

By motion and second we elect all officers for 1954 session now and the following were elected: For Moderator, Rev. J. A. Pettis, Assistant Moderator, Rev. Rufus Hyman, Clerk; F. W. Bolin, For Executive Committee: H. F. Farmer, F. W. Bolin, Edward Peters. For Ordaining Council: Rev. Rufus Hyman, Rev. J. A. Pettis, Rev. R. P. Jones. Mission Board: Rev. Rufus Hyman, H. F. Farmer, Clifford Fondren, F. W. Bolin, W. D. Bell.

By motion we extend our thanks to Union Hill and Antioch Churches for kindness shown us while in their midst.

Thus came to a close one of the best sessions of our Association yet., with all the churches representing with a large number of people attending. To meet in 1954 with Panther Creek Church on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October—21, 22, 1954, and on Friday at Bethel Church, near Hartford, Ala.

Rev. J. A. Pettis, Moderator

Bonifay, Florida.

F. W. Bolin, Clerk

Slocumb, Alabama.

## **REPORT OF CHURCHES**

### **Antioch Church:**

Received by Baptism 7, by Letter none; by Restoration, none; Lost by death, none. Female members, 23; Male members, 34; total membership 57. Paid Pastor \$1450.00. Paid to other causes not reported, for Associational expenses \$10.00. Time of meeting, first and third Sundays. Value of church property \$3,000.



Pastor, Rey. Trim Finch, Clerk, Mrs. D. W. Simmons, Graceville, Fla., Route 4.

**Pine Log Church:**

Received by Baptism none; by Letter none; by Restoration none; Female members 11, Male members 17; total membership 24; Paid Pastor \$50.00. For other causes not reported. Value of church property, \$1,000.

Pastor, J. A. Pettis.

Clerk, D. A. Mixon, Westville, Florida.

**Union Hill Church**

Received by Baptism 11; by Letter 2; by Restoration none; lost by Letter 2; by death 2. Female, members 124, Male members, 122; total membership, 196. Time of meeting—2nd and 4th Sundays; paid Pastor, \$720.00; to visiting Ministers, \$35.00; to Alabama Orphanage, \$25.00; to Coop. Program \$150.00. Value of Church property \$4,000. For Associational expense, \$10.00.

Pastor, H. L. Roberts.

Clerk, Mrs. H. F. Farmer, Route 2, Bonifay, Florida.

**Panther Creek Church**

Received by Baptism, none; by Letter, none; by death, none. Female members, 8; Male members, 20; total membership, 28. Paid Pastor, \$104.91. Value of Church property \$2000. For Associational expense, \$10.00.

Pastor, Kenneth Phillips.

Clerk, Bea Lewis, Newton, Alabama, Route 2.

**Bethel Church**

Received by Baptism, 6; by Letter, 3; lost by Letter, 1. Total membership, 70. Paid to miscellaneous expense, \$37.10. For Associational expense, \$13.50. Time of meeting, Second Sunday.

Pastor, Lee Mixon.

Clerk, W. E. Hatcher, Hartford, Alabama.

**Christian Home Church:**

Received by Baptism, none; by Restoration, 2. Female members, 59; Male members, 27; total membership, 84. Paid to Pastor, \$128.32. Value of Church property, \$3,000. Time of meeting, Second and Fourth Sundays. For Associational expense, \$12.00.

Pastor, J. A. Pettis.

Clerk, Huey Dorriety, Route 4, Hartford, Alabama.

**REPORTS ON SUGGESTIONS**

We suggest the following:

1. That the Moderator and other officers be elected on the closing day of each session, to hold office on through the next session.

2. That time of meeting for our Association be changed to Thursday and Friday (instead of Friday and Saturday) before the 4th Sunday of October each year.

3. We also favor the split session of our Association Meeting, with 2 churches.

4. We recommend placing good literature in our homes. We recommend the family altar as a place for Christian Training, and Spiritual Development; that our people take the Free Will Baptist, a Weekly, at \$2.00 per year from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C. Also the "Contact," our National paper for \$1.00 per year, a Monthly paper from 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn. Also our Bible College Bulletin, free, from the College address, 3609 Richland Avenue, 5, Nashville, Tenn.

5. We ask that a membership certificate card be issued to all our Ministers, and Pastors of our churches, and all our Deacons. That this card be given by a special committee on Character of Ministers and Deacons. We also request all Deacons and Ministers of our Association and those who Pastor for us be requested to attend all sessions of our Association and Union Meetings, unless providentially hindered. We ask that the Clerk be paid \$15.00 for preparing Minutes. Also a fee of \$1.00 be given by each Minister and by Deacons, and for their membership card to help pay general expense, etc.

By E. H. Watson and J. W. Mixon for Bethel and Pine Log Churches.

#### **OUR OBITUARY REPORT**

We report the following:

We have lost by death from Union Hill, Sister Myrtle Goodman and Brother John Henry Smith.

By J. W. Mixon, for Pine Log Church.

#### **REPORT ON FINANCE**

Received from Union Hill, \$10.00; Antioch, \$10.00; Pine Log, \$5.00; Panther Creek, \$10.00; Christian Home, \$12.00; Bethel, \$13.50; and \$2.90 left from offering to represent in Florida State Association—Total on hand, \$63.40.

W. D. Bell, and E. H. Watson.

#### **TEMPERANCE REPORT**

We, the Christian Home Church report the following on Temperance:

We ask all our members to be temperate in all things, and to abstain from strong drink. Also to be sober in all walks of life. Solomon said: "Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging."

That all church members use their influence to help others to live a clean, Christian life.

By Christian Home Church.

#### **REPORT ON STANDING OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS**

We report all our churches in good standing and the character of our Ministers good. We find all our churches represented with

delegates, except New Concord, and it was represented by Pastor.  
By W. D. Bell, and F. W. Bolin.

### **REPORT ON MISSION BOARD**

First, there is a re-newed interest among our churches. Bethel has had a good revival and has called Rev. Lee Mixon for Pastor and is now doing well. Also Pine Log reported to be doing well too.

Second, we ask our churches to take an offering for National Home Missions and Foreign Missions at least once a year and send to Bro. W. W. Eiland, Route 1, Marianna, Fla., who is our State Association Treasurer.

Third, we ask this Association to approve and give support for plans for establishing a Free Will Baptist Church in Slocumb and Geneva in the near future. Let's make our church grow!

Fourth, that all churches having preaching services once each month begin having services two Sundays per month and the churches with two Sundays or half-time services, began with full-time as soon as possible. By another year we hope all churches can be half-time or full-time churches.

By Rufus Hyman, Chairman,  
W. D. Bell  
F. W. Bolin.

### **REGISTER OF MINISTERS AND VISITORS**

Lloyd Bottoms, Faye Brannon, Mildred Bottoms, from Pleasant Home church.

The following Ministers attended the Association:

Rufus Hyman, Slocumb, Alabama.  
J. A. Pettis, Bonifay, Florida.  
J. A. Moon, Hartford, Alabama.  
W. D. Dorriety, Hartford, Alabama.  
B. H. Champion, Graceville, Florida.  
S. E. Carroll, Wausua, Florida.  
H. L. Roberts, Colquitt, Georgia.  
E. C. Williams, Iron City, Georgia.  
J. W. Barefoot, DeFuniak Springs, Florida.  
A. M. Kirkland,  
John M. Rich, Chipley, Florida.  
Lee Mixon, Black, Alabama.

### **AUXILIARY REPORT**

We, the Auxiliary Committee, ask that each church have a good Sunday School. We feel each church should have a Ladies Auxiliary, also a Prayer Meeting and a League for our young people. We feel this will endeavor to strengthen the churches.

By Committee, Delegates of Antioch Church.

### **CHURCHES NOMINATED FOR UNION MEETING**

Saturday before 5th Sunday of January, 1954, with Christian

Home, near Hartford, Ala. Theme: "Go Ye", Introductory message, Rev. Rufus Hyman. Saturday before 5th Sunday, May, 1954, with Antioch Church—Theme: "Our Young People." Morning Program by Sunday School, Christian Home. Afternoon Program, by Bethel Young People—Introductory message, Rev. Kenneth Phillips.

Saturday before 5th Sunday, August, 1954, Pine Log Church, near Darlington, Florida—Theme: "Witnesses for Christ" Acts 1:8—Introductory message, Rev. J. A. Pettis. Afternoon Program, our young people in charge.

Attention Churches and Pastors! We have been requested by Florida State Association to raise \$670.00 for all phases of our State and National Programs, which takes in Home Missions (to establish new churches,) Foreign Missions, Superannuation of our Ministers, Bible College, Orphanage, Florida Camp and Tabernacle, Student Loan Fund, etc.

Each church is asked to raise the following:

Union Hill .....	\$370.00
Bethel .....	60.00
Antioch .....	60.00
Panther Creek .....	60.00
Christian Home .....	60.00
New Concord .....	60.00
Pine Log .....	60.00

#### **LIST OF DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES**

Antioch Church—Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Register

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bell

Odis Elmore

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Peacock

Mrs. W. W. Simmons

Union Hill Church—W. A. Morris

C. E. Forehand

H. F. Farmer

Maryland Butler

Addie Hyman

Thetis Hidle

Pine Log Church—Millard Mixon

J. W. Mixon

Panther Creek Church—Edward Peters

James Waters

M. A. Enfinger

M. A. Peters

Bessie Gilley

Hetie Skinner

Willie Mae Waters

Christian Home Church—Mr. and Mrs. Huey Dorriety



Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Moore  
Bethel Church—Homer Watson,  
Jack Tindel  
Jessie Watson.

### LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE UNION HILL ASSOCIATION

J. A. Pettis.....Rt. 2, Bonifay, Fla.  
Rufus Hyman.....Slocumb, Ala.  
W. A. Clark.....Black, Ala.  
W. S. Sketo.....Rt. 1, Westville, Fla.  
J. W. Barefoot.....Defuniak Springs, Fla.  
R. P. Jones.....Graceville, Fla., Rt. 4  
S. E. Carroll.....Wausau, Fla.  
A. J. Carr.....Marianna, Fla.

### LICENSED MINISTERS

W. L. Collins.....Jacksonville, Fla.  
W. G. Dorriety.....Hartford, Ala.  
Reece Register.....Graceville, Fla.  
Zebbie Clark.....Westville, Fla.  
Johnnie Moon.....Hartford, Ala.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe there is just one living and true God whose name is Jehova, 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, unright 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 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 any way Association deems best.

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 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'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 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 bretheren 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 this 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 prayers shall be observed on proper occasion.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We had the Pastoral service 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We have enrolled in Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_ We have \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies' Aid

We have a Prayer Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

We have preaching services on \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday.

We had 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: By Death \_\_\_\_\_;

Dismissed \_\_\_\_\_; Dismissed by letter \_\_\_\_\_; Expelled \_\_\_\_\_

We have a membership as follows: Males \_\_\_\_\_, Females \_\_\_\_\_,

Total Membership \_\_\_\_\_.

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## ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER (Continued)

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

We sent for Foreign Missions \$\_\_\_\_\_ We sent for Ala. F. W. B. Orphanage \$\_\_\_\_\_; Superannuation \$\_\_\_\_\_; State Cooperative Programs \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

We are sending to this session for 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 \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach report of deaths to this letter.)