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Minutes

of the

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

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UNION HILL ASSOCIATION

of Free Will Baptists

Held With Slocomb
and Union Hill Churches
Slocomb, Alabama

**Friday and Saturday
October 23, 24, 1959**

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Session

Will Be Held With

Bethel and Antioch Churches

Near Hartford and
Slocomb, Alabama
Friday and Saturday
August 26, 27, 1960

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
In The Union Hill Association

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION—Panther Creek Church
January 28, 1959

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION—Union Hill Church
February 27, 1960

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION—Christian Home Church, May 28, 1960

FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION— THE ANNUAL SESSION—Bethel
and Antioch Churches, Friday and Saturday, August 26,, 27, 1960.

MISSION CONFERENCE—February 1st through the 11th, 1960.

NOTE—Each church is requested to send from \$3.00 to \$5.00 to each Quarterly Session and \$12.00 to \$15.00 to Annual Session so we may have sufficient funds for various Associational causes.

**GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE UNION HILL FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1959-60**

MODERATOR, Rev. Bobby Gene Register Rt. 2, Graceville, Fla.
VICE-MODERATOR, Rev. Trim Finch Slocomb, Ala.
CLERK, Rev. Rufus Hyman Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. A. MORRIS Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.
REV. W. G. DORRIETY Rt. 3, Hartford, Ala.
E. H. WATSON Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.
GUS SKINNER Slocomb, Ala.
MALCOM REGISTER Rt. 2, Graceville, Fla.
REV. TRIM FINCH Slocomb, Ala.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

REV. RUFUS HYMAN, Chairman Slocomb, Ala.
REV. BOBBY GENE REGISTER Rt. 2, Graceville, Fla.

MISSION BOARD

REV. RUFUS HYMAN Slocomb, Ala.
SAM MORRIS Slocomb, Ala.
EDSEL SMITH Slocomb, Ala.

ASSIGNMENT FOR COMMITTEES

Nominations Union Hill
Auxiliaries Slocomb
Christian Training Panther Creek
Finance Bethel and Christian Home
Ministerial Character The Ordaining Council
Planning General Officers
J. O. Elmore Rt. 4, Dothan, Ala.
E. H. Watson Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.
Huey Dorriety Hartford, Ala.
Pete Lewis Slocomb, Ala.
H. F. Farmer Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.
Jimmie Slaughter Slocomb, Ala.

PROCEEDINGS

Of The Union Hill Association

FRIDAY MORNING, 10:00 A. M., October 23, 1959

The Thirty-Ninth annual session of the Union Hill Association, which convened with Slocomb and Union Hill Churches, October 23, 24, 1959.

Theme for session: "Where There Is No Vision, the People Perish," Prov. 29:18. "There shall be showers of blessings." Prayer by Rev. John Edwards of Dothan, Ala. Song, "Draw Me Nearer."

Rev. Leo Curtiss conducted a very inspiring devotional using for scripture Psalms 23, subject: "Leadership." "We need the leadership of the Lord rather than man," brother Curtiss said. "There is God to believe in and God who provides for His people," the speaker stated.

The Vice-Moderator, Rev. Thim Finch, called body to order and letters from the churches were presented and read. Churches and delegates as follows:

SLOCOMB CHURCH—Mrs. E. L. Hidle and Mrs. Trim Finch.

PANTHER CREEK—Mrs. Hettie Skinner, Mrs. Beau Lewis, Gus Skinner.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Mrs. Huey Dorriety and Mrs. Veeda Dorriety.

UNION HILL—Mrs. Myrlian Butler, Mrs. Myrtle Bolin, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Miller.

BETHEL—E. H. Watson, Alma Sellers, Gladys Byrd.

At 10:50 the Association recessed for business session until 1:30 p. m.

The 11:00 hour began with congregation singing, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." The song service was led by Rev. A. L. Anderson. Bro. Anderson led us again in singing "When We All Get To Heaven."

Rev. John Edwards, pastor of the First Church of Dothan, was asked to bring the message in the absence of Rev. John M. Rich, who was scheduled to bring the Introductory Message.

The Rev. John Edwards used for scripture Proverbs 13:15 as a subject "Sin". "It is necessary to preach on sin. All it has to offer is pleasure for only a season."

Rev. W. T. Hutto, pastor of Union Hill gave the benediction.

12:00—Noon Hour.

1:30 P. M. SESSION

The Rev. Trim Finch, vice-moderator, called the body together, singing, "Victory In Jesus." Prayer by Rev. Trim Finch. The beautiful song, "Hand in Hand With Jesus" was then sung.

Renewed call for church letters, none received.

The moderator recognized visiting ministers and delegates and the following were registered: Rev. Leo Curtiss, pastor Howard's Grove, Ashford, Ala., State Line Association.

Rev. John Edwards, Dothan Church, State Line Association, 1509 E. Main St.

Rev. M. H. Taylor, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 4, State Line Association.

Rev. W. T. Hutto from Midland City, Ala., representing Southeastern Association.

Reports were called for and given:

Rev. W. G. Dorriety's report was read and accepted. (See reports).

Standing of Churches was read and accepted.

Nominations Committees made their report. By motion and second it be accepted.

Motion and second report to tabled until Saturday a. m.

There was a motion and second we follow the printed program as much as possible. Motion carried.

Business recessed until Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION—7:00 O'Clock

The Rev. A. L. Anderson, pastor of Panther Creek Church, had charge of song service. The meeting began with singing "Try Jesus," then "When the Morning Comes We Will Understand." Prayer by Rev. Trim Finch.

Again Bro. Anderson led us in singing "It Won't Be Very Long Till He Shall Appear." Prayer by Rev. Rufus Hyman.

Another beautiful song was sung "Belonging to God Is Perfectly Right." A good testimony meeting was had and then Rev. John Edwards was given charge of preaching service. Then Rev. A. L. Anderson and Bro. Edsel Smith sang "How Great Thou Art" with Mrs. Rufus Hyman at the piano.

The speaker used for a subject: "The Greatness of God," taken from Psalms 104:1: "Thou Art Very Great." Also Matt. 28:18, and 1 Cor. 1:25 was used in connection. This was a very good message.

SATURDAY—10:25

Opening song, "Waiting Till He Shall Come". Prayer by Rev. Trim Finch.

The moderator, Rev. Bobby G. Register, read John 4:35, "The White Harvest Fields." God said "Go take the message of Salvation to those who are lost. We need a vision of Christian service, a world wide ministry."

Renewed call for church letters and Panther Creek and Antioch delegates were seated.

By motion and second Nominations report be taken off of the table and motion and second the report was referred back to the committee for further study.

Next was the reading of report of ministers.

There was a period of recess from business for five minutes.

After recess we were led in good spiritual singing.

By motion it was carried that Brother and Sister James Callaway, Rev. Horace Henderson, from the State Line Association and Rev. L. H. Moulton, Promotional Secretary of the F. W. B. Foreign Missions Department were seated.

Business session was recessed for the 11 o'clock preaching service and "Calvary's Mountain" and Place Your Hand In the Nail Scared Hand" were the songs that were sung. Prayer by Rev. A. L. Anderson.

The Moderator, Rev. Bobby G. Register presented Rev. John Edwards, who introduced Rev. L. H. Moulton of Nashville, Tenn., who brought a message on "The Command To Evangelize the World."

Following the message we were served a fine meal by the ladies of the host church.

1:30 P. M.—Devotional was given by Rev. Horace Henderson, subject: Jesus' Last Entry Into Jerusalem. Scripture, Luke 19:41, 4-4.

Minister's report was called for and was report from Revs. A. L. Anderson and J. B. Smith. Reports accepted.

Mission Board made report and it was accepted. It was agreed that Rev. Louis Moulton visit each of our churches conducting a missions conference in first week of February.

The appointment of delegates to the various bodies as follows:

To State Line Ass'n, Rev. Rufus Hyman.

To Liberty, Rev. Rufus Hyman and Rev. Bobby G. Register.

To Ala. State Association, Mrs. Vera Bolin, Mrs. Bessie Hall, Bea Lewis, Mrs. A. L. Anderson.

Motion of thanks was offered to Slocomb and Union Hill Churches for the kind hospitality given this body.

By motion and second we adjourn the 1959 session.

REV. BOBBY REGISTER, Moderator

Graceville, Fla., Rt. 2

REV. TRIM FINCH, Vice-Moderator

Slocomb, Ala.

REV. RUFUS FINCH, Clerk

Slocomb, Ala.

REPORTS

REPORT ON STANDING OF CHURCHES

We report all our churches are represented and in fair standing as follows:

Union Hill, Christian Home, Bethel, Slocomb, Antioch, Panther Creek. We find our pastors in good standing.

By CHRISTIAN HOME and BETHEL CHURCHES

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

We have started a Mission in Samson, Ala. We have secured nice block building 60X40 with 2 class rooms for \$1700.00 ready for use. We

have had services for last three Sundays (Oct. 24) with good interest and attendance. We plan to organize church soon as possible. Our greatest need is money and prayer to help pay for this building. We are asking each church to give as much money to this work as possible. We have promise of financing of building.

We plan a Missionary Conference beginning Feb. 1st with a service in each church at night with Rev. Lous Moulton as speaker. We ask each church S.S. League and Auxiliary to help sponsor these series.

By YOUR MISSION BOARD

RUFUS HYMAN, Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

By order of Executive Committee the Mission Board members are hereby appointed as trustees of The Union Hill Association.

W. A. MORRIS, Chairman

GUS SKINNER

TRIM FINCH

MALCOM REGISTER

HOMER WATSON

MINISTERS' REPORT

"I have not served any church this year, but have preached 30 sermons, performed one marriage and assisted in two revivals."

REV. W. G. DORRIETY

Hartford, Ala., Rt. 3

"I have pastored Panther Creek Church since June 1959. We began our services on first and third Sundays of each Sunday. We have had one revival in first week of July. I have preached 63 times, and conducted one funeral. The church has paid me \$134.05."

A. L. ANDERSON

"I have preached about 143 sermons, performed three marriages, three funerals, and five revivals. Received about \$700.00. Have pastored Slocomb, Antioch and Bethel Churches."

REV. TRIM FINCH

REPORT OF RUFUS HYMAN

I have not served any church as pastor. I have conducted two revivals and assured in one more.

I have received one for baptism and two by statement.

This has been a very good year for me.

The last of September, Rev. A. L. Anderson and myself began a mission in Samson. I have received about \$200.00 and have preached about 40 sermons and taught about 35 S. S. Classes.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

1. We nominate Bethel to entertain the annual session the first day

and Antioch the second day. We nominate Bro. Trim Finch to preach the second day at 11:00 o'clock.

2. We recommend that the time of the association be changed to Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August.

3. We also recommend that the churches call pastors in July.

4. We also recommend that we return to our quarterly meetings and that they be held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in that quarter.

5. We nominate for the Ordaining Council Revs. Rufus Hyman and Bobby Gene Register.

6. For Mission Board—Rev. Rufus Hyman, Sam Morris, Edsel Smith.

7. For Executive Committee—W. A. Morris, Rev. W. G. Dorriety, E. H. Watson, Gus Skinner, Malcom Register, Rev. Trim Finch.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. A. PETTIS	Rt. 2, Bonifay, Fla.
R. P. JONES	Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.
RUFUS HYMAN	Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.
W. G. DORRIETY	Rt. 3, Hartford, Ala.
BOBBY GENE REGISTER	Rt. 2, Graceville, Fla.
DONALD ELMORE	
TRIM FINCH	Slocomb, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS

JOHNNIE MOON	Hartford, Ala.
A. L. ANDERSON	Slocomb, Ala.

FINANCES

Finances from Churches received as follows:

Union Hill	\$10.00
Christian Home	10.00
Antioch	11.43
Bethel	10.00
Panther Creek	10.00
Slocomb	10.00
TOTAL	\$61.43

REPORT FROM UNION HILL CHURCH

Membership, male 34; female, 46; total membership 80. No increase reported. We hold preaching services each second and fourth Sundays. We have paid out as follows:

To pastor	\$780.15
To evangelistic service	100.00
To Foreign Missions	\$130.00
To orphanage	10.00
Value of Church property	—\$25,000.

We have held the Lord's Supper one time. In S. S., 64. In League,
35.

REV. JOHN M. RICH, Pastor
Chipley, Fla.

MRS. HARMON FARMER, Clerk
Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 1

REPORT FROM CHRISTIAN HOME

Membership 64. We have 34 in S.S. No increase reported in membership. We have paid out as follows:

To pastor\$105.15

To Associational expense 10.00

Value of church property, \$3,000.

ALVIN PETTIS, Pastor

MRS. VEEDA DORRIETY, Clerk
Hartford, Ala.

REPORT FROM ANTIOCH CHURCH

Membership 64. No increase reported. We have paid out as follows:

To pastor75.00

To Associational Expense 11.43

Value of Church property \$3,000. Held Lord's Supper one time.

REPORT FROM BETHEL CHURCH

Membership 66, Lost one by death. No increase reported. We have held the Lord's Supper and Washed Saint's Feet one time. We have paid out as follows:

To pastor\$75.00

To Associational expense 10.00

REV. TRIM FINCH, Pastor
Slocomb, Ala.

MRS. CLYDE WINDHAM, Clerk
Slocomb, Ala.

REPORT FROM PANTHER CREEK

Membership reported male 34, female, 50; total membership 84. We have paid out as follows:

To pastor\$134.50

To evangelistic service\$20.00

To associational expense 10.00

A. L. ANDERSON, Pastor
Slocomb, Ala.

MRS. BEA LEWIS, Clerk
Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 2

REPORT FROM SLOCOMB

Membership, male 6, female 7. Total membership 13. In S.S., 35. Services each Sunday except the first. We have paid out as follows:

To pastor\$500.00

To literature	40.00
To Missions	14.00
To other causes	592.79
To Supt. of Board	10.00
To improvement on building ..	35.00
To associational expense	10.00
To evangelistic services	27.00
Value of Property, \$15,000.	

REV. TRIM FINCH, Pastor
Slocomb, Ala.

MRS. RUFESTA BOUTWELL, Clerk
Slocomb, Ala.

We report all our ministers in fair standing. Rev. J. B. Smith has turned his papers in to your committee.

THE ORDAINING COUNCIL DECORUM OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. The name of this body shall be The Union Hill Free Will Baptist Association .

Article 2. Time of annual meeting: Friday and Saturday before fourth Sunday in August.

Article 3. Officers. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Asst. Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Committee, Ordaining Council, Mission Board, and any other officers as the needs may arise. Election of Officers: The election of officers shall be annually on the last day of the Association, and the Association shall elect officers anyway deemed best. Duties of officers: The Moderator. The Moderator shall preside over all business sessions of the Association and help make plans for the welfare of the Association. Vice Moderator. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator and preside when the Moderator is absent from the church. Clerk. The clerk shall keep a record of all business of the Association, prepare manuscript for minutes, and do all correspondence for the Association. Asst. Clerk. The Assistant Clerk shall assist the clerk in his absence from the chair. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds of the Association, pay all bills, and present statement when called upon. The Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have authority to do all acts for and in the name of the Association when the Association is not in session. Ordaining Council. The Ordaining Council shall examine all applicants for ordination to the Ministry, to ordain and issue all credentials, revoke, said ordination whenever a Minister becomes disorderly or refuses to repent and become in order with this body. The Mission Board. The Mission Board shall work to create interest in missions, to open mission points, and to establish new churches in the bounds of this body. Trustees. Trustees shall hold title to asso-

ciational property, shall have right to buy and sell.

Article 4. Representatives shall be 2 delegates for first 25 members or fraction thereof and 1 additional delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof.

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 had paid him for his services.

Article 7. That no church be considered in this body that retains minister or deacon that has more than one living wife or drinks intoxicating beverages, or fail to pay their just and honest debts, or fail to make satisfaction.

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, then only by the Moderator and only to call him in 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 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 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 be recorded in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least one time a year and each church shall state in its associational letter as to whether this ordinance has been kept or not. And state 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 they 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 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 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 is necessary.

12. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Prayer, unless divine service has just been conducted, and generally then. (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats. (3) Open the door for reception of members. (4) Call 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 above reproach and that he has applied for 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 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 the 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.

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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH UNION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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 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 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 for 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 a man in Heaven or Hell on principles of righteousness.

12. We believe it is possible for a Christian to make shipwreck of his faith after being saved become lost again. This is possible but not probable; therefore, we should watch and pray to make our calling and election sure.