

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Second Annual Session

OF THE

Southeast Alabama and West Florida Liberty Association

MET WITH

Christian Home Church

November, 4, 5, 6, 1920

OFFICERS

A. L. PATE, ----- Moderator
W. R. KIRKLAND, ----- Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. A. ELMORE, Chairman

J. B. Baker
J. W. Nelson,

C. C. Clemmons
W. M. Calloway

The next session will be held with Piny Grove Church, 8 miles South East of Bonifay, Fla., Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1921.

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the thirty-second annual session of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Association met with Christian Home Church, Geneva County, Ala. Nov. 4, 1920. Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. A. Davis, followed by Rev. T. B. J. Hendrix.

Adjourned for refreshments at 1:30 o'clock.

Body called to order by the moderator with scriptural lesson and a song by congregation. Prayer by Rev. T. E. Ross, then called for letters of the churches and received Union Hill with W. H. Tool, A. T. Moss and J. R. Bolen.

Spring Hill with Henry Mears, Walter Mears and J. W. Norriss.

Christian Home with J. F. Hughes, W. R. Kirkland W. J. Hughes, and H. Hughes.

Piny Grove with J. A. Johnson, T. D. Owens, and R. E. Golden.

Beulah with W. M. Calloway, H. L. Elmore and W. C. Pitts.

Panther Creek with S. E. Carrel, Madison Peters and Jimmy Seay.

Antioch, G. W. Register.

Poplar Head with G. W. Johnson, J. B. Baker, N. E. Chetnut.

Hinson with R. P. Jones.

St. Johns, M. L. Hall

Bethel with C. C. Harris, J. G. Watson and Fell Posey.

St. Paul by Proxy.

Called for petitionary letters and received Ebenezer with H. A. Smith.

Proceeded to organize by electing A. L. Pate moderator and W. R. Kirkland, Clerk.

Called for corresponding delegates from sister Associations and received Rev. Will Dunker and H. F.

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Clark from the Salem then appointed committees on Suggestions. Henry Chestnut, T. E. Ross, C. I. Wells, G. W. Register. On Finance, G. B. Martin, S. M. Tindel. On Sabbath Schools, A. B. Nelson, C. I. Wells, Will Caloway, S. M. Tendel. On Memorials, G. W. Johnson and W. A. Davis. On Divine Service, W. A. Elmore.

Adjourned until Friday Morning 8 o'clock.

Friday met pursuant to adjournment. Lesson Mark 1:1-15. Song by Choir. Prayer by Henry Chestnut. Called for petitionary letters and received one from Ebenezer. Then moved to retain the same Executive committee except C. I. Wells and E. F. Hutto and added J. W. Nelson and W. M. Calloway in their stead. Moved to retain B. F. Pate as Treasurer. The subject of dividing the Association was brought up and carried, making the State Line the boundary and adjourned for preaching at 1:30 o'clock. Met in house for business. Song by choir. Prayer by C. I. Wells, and by request of Rev. W. M. Dunkin and H. F. Clark they withdrew their correspondence and the moderator appointed a committee to investigate the trouble between them and the Rev. Cage Pippen and make peace between them if possible. Names of committee: B. F. Pate, T. E. Ross, J. A. Johnson, C. I. Wells and J. S. Chestnut.

The Executive Committee made their report and it was adopted. Then called for report of the Committee on Suggestions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: 1st, That this Association go back to the old rule of one union meeting a year and that time be on the second Sunday and Saturday before in August and each church be represented by delegation. 2nd: We suggest that this Association shall not be a Tribunal to settle differences between or pertaining to other Associations and churches outside of its bounds while in session. 3rd: That all Deacons of churches visit the pastor in charge of church at least one time each year to determine our pastors Home life and needs

J. H. CHESTNUT,
Chairman

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Called for report on Memorials.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

We, your Committee on Memorials beg leave to report as follows: We find that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst the following members: from Union Hill, Sister Cliffie Waters and Rebecca Hardy and Bro. G. W. Waters. Piny Grove, sisters Lucy Owens and Callie Birch. From Panther Creek, Bro. B. F. Peters. Christian Home, Sister Miller, Sister Jacobs and Sister Betsy Monk. We feel our loss is their gain for Heaven and immortal glory.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. JOHNSON,
Chairman.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following report. We are glad to find a growing interest in the spread of Sunday School work in our Association. We find that eight churches in the association have been doing Sunday School work during the year. We urge that all our ministers and church members assist in carrying on Sunday Schools in all of our churches. We further recommend that two Sunday School Missionaries be appointed to continue to promote the work in our association during the ensuing year

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. NELSON,
Chairman

The above adopted and S. E. Carrel and J. W. Nelson were appointed Sunday School workers.

Called for report of Finance Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your committee, beg to report as follows. We find for minutes and associational purposes --\$23.20
Balance in Treasury ----- 11.44
TOTAL \$34.64

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Respectfully submitted,
G. B. MARTIN
Chairman

Move to give Clerk \$7.50 for his service. Move to adjourn until 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday morning met pursuant to adjournment. Song by congregation. Lesson by Moderator. Prayer by A. B. Nelson. The Alabama side of the association asked the Florida side to appoint a presbytery to meet with them and organize them in an association.

J. W. Elmore and Henry Chestnut together with the Moderator were appointed to meet at Union Hill Church Saturday before the first Sunday in Dec. 1920 to organize the new Association. Bro. S. E. Correl made his report as Sabbath School organizer that he had organized three schools in our association. Report adopted. Preachers report received.

The next session of the Association will be held with Piny Grove Church about 8 miles S. E. of Bonifay Fla., commencing Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1921 and next union meeting will be held with Beulah Church about 6 miles S. W. of Graceville Fla., Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1921. Moved to have four hundred minutes printed. Moved to adjourn to meet at place and time mentioned above.

A. L. PATE, Moderator
W. R. Kirkland, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for letters and enrol names of delegates.
3. Organize by electing Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for correspondence from sister associations.
6. Appoint Committees.
7. Appoint Correspondents.
8. Call report of Committees.
9. Call for Preachers Report.
10. Miscellaneous Business

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. A. Davis. Text
St. Mathew 6:21.

Thursday Night—G. B. Martin. Text 1 Tim. 4:2.

Friday Noon—J. H. Chestnut.

Friday Night—W. M. Dunken.

Saturday Noon—A. B. Nelson, Text Hebrew 11:6.

LIST OF MINISTERS

A. L. Pate,	Bonifay, Fla. Rt. 1.
H. F. Yates	Bonifay, Fla.
J. H. Chestnut,	Bonifay, Fla. Rt. 2.
A. B. Nelson,	Bonifay, Fla. Rt. 2.
G. A. B. Martin	Bonifay, Fla.
W. N. Dixon,	Vernon, Fla. Rt. 1.
J. L. Simmons,	Slocomb, Ala. Rt. 2.
A. M. Swendell,	Vernon, Fla.
T. E. Ross,	Hartford, Ala. Rt. 5.
T. B. J. Hendrix	Hartford, Ala. Rt. 5.
H. W. Norris	Hartford, Ala. Rt. 1
W. A. Davis,	Slocomb, Ala. Rt. 1
G. M. Hardy,	Ozark, Ala.
S. M. Tindal,	Hartford, Ala. Rt. 2.
W. T. Wiley,	Geneva, Ala.
T. W. Woodward	Geneva, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS

R. A. Elmore,	Chipley, Fla. Rt. 1.
W. G. Darrity,	Hartford, Ala.
James Pettis,	Hartford, Ala. Rt. 3
E. C. Clemmons,	Vernon, Fla.
G. E. Nells,	Graceville, Fla.
G. I. Wells,	Slocomb, Ala.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the messengers and delegates that compose the Liberty Freewill Baptist Association wish to thank Christian Home Church and citizens nearby for their hospitality shown us during our stay among them and especially do we thank the good sisters upon whom the heaviest burdens fell for preparing for us such a bountiful spread and may the richest of God's benediction ever rest upon them, that he may ever keep them with plentious refreshments and guide by His Holy Spirit

LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

through all coming life.

Adopted by the body.

W. R. KIRKLAND, Clerk.

Dec. 4, 1920.

According to appointment the arm met to organize us into a body, with Rev. A. L. Pate, Chairman, with W. R. Kirkland as Clerk, received churches with delegates and went into the choice of moderator and elected B. F. Pate, and W. R. Kirkland, elected Clerk.

Moved to adopt the present Decorum of the Liberty Association and elected J. R. Bolen Treasurer and appointed S. E. Carrel, J. R. Bolen, G. W. Hinson, J. G. Watson and T. A. Darrity as Executive Committee.

Committee on Nominations: C. I. Wells, H. W. Norris and F. M. Posey.

Appointed a committee on Decorum: T. E. Ross, T. B. J. Hendrix, S. W. Tendel, W. A. Davis and B. F. Pate and A. L. Pate.

Moved to name the Association the Union Hill Free Will Baptist of Ala.

Moved that the next Association be held with Union Hill Church on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Oct., 1921. T. B. J. Hendrix to preach the Introductory sermon.

Moved that the union meeting go to Panther Creek Church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in July, 1921. T. E. Ross to preach in the union meeting.

Moved to adjourn to meet with Union Hill Church Thursday before the first Sunday in October 1921.

Moved to tender our thank to the members and surrounding community for their hospitality toward us during our stay with them.

OFFICERS

B. F. PATE, ----- Moderator
W. R. KIRKLAND ----- Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. R. BOLEN, Chairman
S. E. CARREL
J. G. WATSON
G. W. HINSON
T. A. DARITY
J. R. BOLEN, Treasurer

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