

Thirteen miles East of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama, September, 25, 26, 1931

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J. F. TAYLOR.....Moderator
W. B. BASS.....Assistant Moderator
MAYME BASS.....Secretary
STACY B. BASS.....Treasurer
WOODROW WILKERSON.....Reading Clerk



J. A. BASS E. D. BECK W. B. BASS
O. L. WORLEY PETE NOWLING

Covington News, Andalusia, Ala.

Fifth annual session of the Southern Union Association met with Poley Creek Church, thirteen miles east of Andalusia, Alabama, September 25, 26. 1931.

FRIDAY, 10:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

House was called to order by assistant moderator, J. F. Taylor. Song, "There is a Fountain." Prayer, Eugene Sanford. Introductory Sermon, B. R. Harrelson. Closing Service, J. F. Taylor. Dismissed for refreshments.

House called to order at 1 o'clock by J. F. Taylor, assistant moderator.

Song, "I'll Be Satisfied."

Prayer, Woodrow Wilkerson.

Assistant moderator declared the body ready for business, call for church letters and delegates. Letters read and adopted and delegates names recorded as follows:

Poley Creek—A. C. Taylor, Ada Short, Icey Beck, Guy Potter.

Shady Grove—Mrs. S. A. Bryant, J. C. Williams, C. A. Bryant, J. M. Bryant.

New Bethany—Willie Sanford, Naomi Bass, Woodrow Wilkerson, Eugene Sanford.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Ordained ministers present—J. F. Taylor, Brewton, Alabama; A. B. Lawson, Rt. 3 Andalusia, Alabama; B. R. Harrelson, Andalusia, Alabama; Ordained ministers absent, K. Raynor, Milton, Florida; T. L. M. Davis, Andalusia, Alabama; L. T. Lawson, Andalusia, Alabama; W. N. Taylor, Milton, Florida; R. R. Ziglor, Rt. 3, Andalusia, Alabama; T. N. Woodward, Geneva, Alabama. Licensed ministers present—T. A. Johnson, Rt. 1, Holt, Florida. Visiting ministers, Field Wright, Opp, Alabama.

Officers were elected as follows: J. F. Taylor, moderator; W. B. Bass, assistant moderator; secretary, Mayme Bass; treasurer, S. B. Bass; reading clerk, Woodrow Wilkerson; associational deacons, Zona Short, H. O. Sasser.

Call for petitionary letters and inviting visiting brethren to seat with us.

Right hand of welcome extended to the associational body and visitors.

Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Committee on divine service, Guy Potter, John R. Bass, Eugene Sanford.

Committee on finance—A. C. Taylor, J. M. Bryant, T. A. Johnson.

Committee on obituaries—J. C. Williams, B. R. Harrelson, Woodrow Wilkerson.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—S. B. Bass, A. B. Lawson, Naomi Bass.

Committee on Suggestions—J. A. Bass, Edmon Rowell, Willie Sanford.

Committee on Resolutions—B. R. Harrelson, Mrs. S. A. Bryant, Icey Beck, Ada Short.

Committee on Temperance—A. B. Lawson, Eugene Sanford, T. A. Johnson.

Committee on Examination—Eugene Sanford, New Bethany church; A. C. Taylor, Poley Creek Church; S. B. Bass, Shady Hill church; J. M. Bryant, Shady Grove church.

Report of committee on Divine Service—Preaching Friday night, opened by Field Wright, closed by A. B. Lawson.

Business adjourned until 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by moderator.

Song, "It is Love."

Reading, Acts: 24.

Prayer, Eugene Sanford.

Roll call of delegates and ministers.

Call for reports. Committee on Divine Service. Announce preaching at 11 o'clock, opened by T. A. Johnson, closed by J. F. Taylor.

Recess.

Song—"Jesus Lover."

Prayer—T. A. Johnson.

Preaching, T. A. Johnson.

Closed, J. F. Taylor.

Adjourned for refreshments, until 1 o'clock.

House called to order by moderator.

Song—"He Prayed."

Reading, Woodrow Wilkerson.

Prayer, Willie Sanford.

Moderator declared the body ready for business.

Call for report.

REPORT OF TREASURER

I, your treasurer submit the following report. I found paid in the treasure last year for minutes and associational

purposes	\$19.50
Paid for minutes	9.50
Paid secretary	10.00

MAYME BASS, Treasurer,

Report received and treasurer discharged.

Report of committee on Temperance. We, your committee on Temperance beg to report as follows: That we as church members, being professed followers of Christ, do all that is legal and just to stamp out the curse of intoxicating drinks and drunkenness is strictly forbidden. Also that we carry out the Bible standard in being temperate in all things.

A. B. LAWSON, Chairman

Report received

Report of committee on Finance. We, your committee on Finance find money for minutes and associational purposes this year as follows:

Shady Hill	\$3.12
Shady Grove	2.00
Poley Creek	3.00
New Bethany.....	6.10
Dunn's Crossing'	1.00

TOTAL\$15.22

A. C. TAYLOR, Chairman

Report received

Report of committee on Sabbath school. We find two Sabbath schools in our association. One at New Bethany church and one at Shady Hill. We favor Sabbath schools and endeavor to do all we can to establish one at every church in our association.

STACY B. BASS, Chairman

Report received

Report of committee on Obituaries. We find one death in our association at New Bethany church. Sister J. H. Herndon, age about 80 years. We regret to lose her but hope our loss will be her eternal gain.

J. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman

Report received

Report of committee on Resolutions. We, the committee on resolutions beg to offer a resolution that each ordained minister belonging to the Southern Union Association give the name of denomination in which he was ordained, name of church, county and state. Also the names of presbytery that ordained them if possible, and that they be given written credentials showing same.

B. R. HARRELSON, Chairman

Report received

Report of committee on Suggestions. We suggest the Fifth Sunday meeting be held with New Bethany church five miles north of Holt, Okaloosa county, Florida, beginning Friday night before the fifth Sunday in July, 1932.

We suggest the next association meet with Shady Hill church 12 1-2 miles south of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama, beginning Friday at 10 o'clock A. M. before the fourth Sunday in September, 1932. We suggest that A. B. Lawson preach the introductory sermon next year.

We suggest that 250 minutes be printed and the clerk be paid only \$5.00 this year on account of the financial condition of the association.

J. A. BASS, Chairman

Report received

Minutes of the 5th Sunday meeting read and adopted.

Delegates appointed to attend the following associations:

Salem Association, Guy Potter, Zona Short, W. B. Bass.

Liberty Association, J. F. Taylor, S. B. Bass, J. R. Bass, J. A. Bass, Woodrow Wilkerson, T. A. Johnson, Eugene Sanford.

Moved, second and carried that moderator appoint a delegation to visit Dunn's Crossing church. Delegates, B. R. Harrelson, John R. Bass, Guy Potter, W. B. Bass, J. F. Taylor. Articles of Faith, Church Covenant and Rules, read and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the ministers and messengers of the Southern Union Freewill Baptist Association take this method of expressing to the brothers and sisters of Poley Creek Church our heartfelt thanks and pray God's richest blessings on them and their home.

W. A. WILKERSON

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. As to God—One God and Father of all. Eph. 4-6.
2. As to the Scripture—All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. 2 Tim. 3-16.
3. As to the Freedom of the Will—Ye will not come unto Me. John 5:40. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.
4. As to Conditions of Salvation—He (Christ) died for all. 2nd Cor. 5:15. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom. 10:13. For in the due season we shall reap if we faint not. Gal 6:9. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. 2:10.
5. As to Election—God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him. Acts 10:34-35.
6. As to Grace—For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Titus 2:11. For by grace are ye saved through faith. Eph. 2:8.
7. As to Faith—Justified by faith. Rom. 5:1. This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith. 1st John 5:4.
8. As to Works—Faith without works is dead. James 2:6. God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph 2:10
9. As to Baptism—And they went down both into the water and when they were come up out of the water. Acts 8:39. We are buried with Him by Baptism unto death. Rom. 6:4.
10. As to Subject to Baptism—If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest. Acts 8:39. So then anyone of you will give an account of himself unto God. Rom. 14-12.
11. As to the Oneness of the Christian Church—Is Christ divided? 1 Cor. 1:33. I am the vine, ye are the branches. John 15:5. That they may be one as we are. John 17:11-21. There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of

your calling. Eph. 4:4.

12. As to Communion—This do in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19. But let a man examine himself and so let him eat the bread and drink of the cup. 1 Cor. 11:28. Let no man therefore judge you. Col. 2:16.

13. As to the Resurrection—For the hour cometh in which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice and shall come forth. John 5:28. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 Cor. 15:52.

14. As to the Judgement, Reward and Punishment—For we shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Rom. 14:10. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal. Matt. 25:46.

15. As to Feet Washing—Ye also ought to wash one another's feet. John 13-14. For I have given you an example. John 13:15. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is no greater than his lord. John 13:16. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. John 13:17. Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example. 1 Peter 2:21.

CHURCH COVENANT

In order to have more perfect and free Christian love and fellowship for each other, and to advance the cause of our Lord and Master, we do hereby agree and covenant by the help of God, our Father, and aided by the Holy Spirit, to keep the ordinances, precepts and examples as laid down in the New Testament of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

AS TO RULES—ARTICLE 1

Section 1. When a sufficient number of members are ready for organization the articles of faith and church covenant shall be read and if adopted the right hand of fellowship shall be extended, and after prayer they shall proceed to the election of officers, after which they shall be declared organized and ready for business.

Section 2. No church shall be organized with less than three male members, nor within 3 miles of another church of the same faith, unless in towns or cities.

Section 3. The officers of a church shall be a pastor, one or more deacons and a clerk and treasurer, and not less than three trustees.

Section 4. The church shall call their pastor at the next conference preceding the last regular conference in the associational year, unless in case of a vacancy; in such case they may call a conference for that purpose.

Section 5. Any church in case of necessity may call a conference and elect one of their members or a visiting minister as moderator.

Section 6. The church may hold a conference as often as it deems it necessary.

Section 7. It is suggested that the church commune and wash the members' feet as often as convenient, and it shall not be postponed on account of disobedient members.

Section 8. The church shall not try a member without a hearing unless said member refuses to attend the conference when notified to do so.

Section 9. The church may grant a license to any member in good standing to preach the gospel if it deems him worthy and competent and said license shall be good as long as he is an advantage to the cause, but he shall be ordained only by the recommendation or order of the church.

Section 10. When ministers or deacons are to be ordained the church shall call a presbytery or instruct their pastor to do so for that purpose. And said presbytery shall be composed of two ministers or one minister and two deacons.

Section 11. Deacons shall not be ordained until they are tried.

Section 12. Each minister shall be a member of some live church and in good standing with the church.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine and discipline, and the rule of holy living and the church members' duties.

Section 14. No member shall give or attend card parties or attend other places of worldly amusement, or allow such things to be held in their homes, and drunkenness is strictly forbidden.

ARTICLE 2

Section 1. The pastor shall attend his church monthly unless providentially hindered, and shall sit as moderator and see that justice is done, but he may appoint some suitable brother to sit in his stead when he thinks proper for the cause, he shall also hold a protracted meeting with his churches once a year.

Section 2. The deacons shall be elected by the church and shall hold offices at the direction of the church; they shall watch over the flock, advise the unruly members and report such to the church in conference when necessary, and may administer the ordinance of baptism; they shall make all necessary arrangements for the communion, look into the needs of the church and the support of the pastor; they shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and wash each other's feet, and endeavor to ascertain the cause that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

Section 3. The clerk shall be elected by the church and shall hold office at the discretion of the church; he shall keep a record of the members and a minute of the business trans-

actions of the church and shall read same at the conference as often as church may demand, and shall turn all books and papers to his successor in office.

Section 4. The treasurer shall be elected by the church shall hold office at the will of the church, shall hold all monies paid into the church for general expenses, and pay out the same only on an order from the church in conference, and shall turn over all money and papers to his successor.

Section 5. The trustees shall be elected by the church and shall hold office for two years and until their successors are elected, unless removed for cause; they have charge of the deeds and all other church property, and shall look after the repairs of the church, but they cannot sell or otherwise dispose of the church property without an order from the church in conference.

Section 6. No one shall be received in the church unless scripturally baptized by an ordained baptizer.

Section 7. Members must pay all debts contracted by them or make satisfactory arrangements with their creditors, and they shall help pay their pastors.

Section 8. We recommend that each church elect a Home Mission Treasurer and all money collected for Home Missions be retained in the church and paid out only by order of the church.

Section 9. No preacher has a right to organize and bring a church into our association without the arm of a church in our association to help organize and presbytery same as for ordaining ministers or deacons.

Section 10. We recommend that each ordained minister in our association obtain credentials showing denomination that ordained them, name of church, county and state. Also presbytery that ordained them if possible.

ORDER OF CONFERENCE

1. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us.
2. Opportunity for members.
3. Reading of minutes of last conference.
4. Church report of acknowledgements.
5. Deacon's report.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Motion to adjourn.

Statistical Table For The Year Of 1931 Southern Union Association

Clerks and Postoffices	Churches and Pastors	Time of Meeting.	Paid Pastor	Present Membership	Paid for Minutes	Home Mission
Genola Bass, Holt, Fla., Rt. 1.....	New Bethany, L. T. Lawson.....	4th. Sunday	60.63	92	6.10	15.60
E. D. Beck, Andalusia, Ala.....	Poley Creek, T. W. Woodward....	3rd. Sunday	25.00	31	3.00	
R. R. Ziglar, Andalusia, Ala.....	Shady Grove, A. B. Lawson.....	1st. Sunday	1.41	90	2.00	
Ethel Cooper, Andalusia, Ala.....	Shady Hill, L. T. Lawson.....	2nd. Sunday	28.30	72	3.12	