

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SOUTHERN UNION
ASSOCIATION
UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST
HELD WITH
SHADY HILL CHURCH

Twelve and one-half miles South of Andalusia, Cov-
ington County, Alabama, September 23, 24, 1932

OFFICERS

B. R. HARRELSON.....	Moderator
W. B. BASS.....	Assistant Moderator
GLEN WILKINSON.....	Secretary
WOODROW WILKINSON.....	Treasurer
OTTIE LEE BASS.....	Reading Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Closed to meet with New Bethany Church six miles
North of Holt, Okaloosa County, Florida, on Friday
morning before the fourth Sunday in September 1933.

Sixth annual session of the Southern Union Association met with Shady Hill Church 12 1-2 miles south of Andalusia, Ala., September 23, 24, 1932.

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

House was called to order by Assistant Moderator, W. B. Bass. Song service by choir. Prayer, L. T. Lawson. Introductory sermon, A. B. Lawson. Song "Sweet Rest." Dismissed for refreshments until 1 o'clock.

FRIDAY P. M.

House called to order at 1 o'clock by W. B. Bass, Assistant Moderator.

Song service by choir.

Reading: Hebrews 31-13 by B. R. Harrelson.

Prayer R. R. Ziglar.

Assistant Moderator declared the house ready for business. Call for church letters and delegates. Letters read and adopted and delegates enrolled as follows:

POLEY CREEK—H. O. Sasser, Mrs. I. C. Beck, Mrs. H. O. Sasser, D. M. Short.

SHADY GROVE—C. A. Bryant, Mrs. S. A. Bryant, Marshall Lawson, Clifton Scott.

NEW BETHANY—Glen Wilkinson, Otie Lee Bass, Woodrow Wilkinson, E. F. Sanford.

SHADY HILL—S. B. Bass, J. R. Bass, J. B. Bass, J. O. Posey.

COLD WATER—Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nowling.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Ordained ministers present—K. Raynor, Milton, Florida; J. F. Taylor, Brewton, Alabama; L. T. Lawson, Rt. 1, Galliver, Florida; T. L. M. Davis, Andalusia, Alabama; R. R. Ziglar, Rt. 3, Andalusia, Alabama; B. R. Harrelson, Opp, Alabama; A. B. Lawson, Rt. 3, Andalusia, Alabama.

Ordained ministers absent—T. W. Woodward, Geneva, Ala.

Licensed Ministers Present—J. C. Williams, Route 3, Andalusia, Alabama.

Licensed Ministers Absent—T. A. Johnson.

Officers were elected as follows: B. R. Harrelson, Moderator; W. B. Bass, Assistant Moderator; Glen Wilkinson, Secretary; Woodrow Wilkinson, Treasurer; Oattie Lee Bass, Reading Clerk; Associational Deacon J. R. Bass.

An open confession made by L. T. Lawson. His confession was accepted.

A special invitation extended to members of visiting associations.

Moderator extends a welcome handshade to delegates and ministers.

Moderator appoints committee's as follows:

Committee on Divine Service—S. B. Bass, J. O. Posey, E. D. Beck, Marshall Lawson, Woodrow Wilkinson.

Committee on Finance—A. B. Lawson, J. F. Taylor, H. O. Sasser.

Committee on Abituaries—J. C. Williams, E. F. Sanford, R. R. Ziglar.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Mrs. S. A. Bryant, E. D. Beck, Oattie Lee Bass.

Committee on Suggestions—J. B. Bass, Woodrow Wilkinson, J. C. Williams.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. H. O. Sasser, J. A. Bass, L. T. Lawson.

Committee on Temperance—T. L. M. Davis, Icey Beck, J. F. Taylor, D. M. Short.

Committee on Examination—E. F. Sanford, S. B. Bass, J. M. Bryant, A. C. Taylor.

Report of Committee on Divine Service. Preaching Friday night by R. R. Ziglar, Saturday at 11:00 o'clock by J. C. Williams followed by B. R. Harrelson, Saturday night by J. F. Taylor Sunday at 11:00 o'clock by L. T. Lawson. Followed by K. Raynor.

S. B. BASS, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged. Conference closed with prayer to meet Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY A. M.

House called to order by moderator.

Song: "What a Gathering that Will Be."

Prayer: J. F. Taylor.

Roll call of delegates and ministers.

Recess.

House called to order by moderator.

Song: "Beautiful City of Zion."

Prayer—Glen Wilkinson.

Call for reports.

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 sandard in being temperate in all things.

MRS. S. A. BRYANT, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged. Hand shake of welcome extended to delegates coming in late.

Song: "In that Beautiful Land on High."

Prayer: J. C. Williams.

Preaching: J. C. Williams.

Closed: B. R. Harrelson.

Prayer: K. Raynor.

Adjourned for refreshments until 1:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY P. M.

House called to order by moderator.

Song: "Fountain Filled with Blood."

Prayer: Glen Wilkinson.

Roll call of delegates and ministers.

Call for reports:

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.

MRS. H. O. SASSER, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Obituaries. We your committee on obituaries beg to report as follows: We find only one death in the association. Brother Elias Posey, age 72, died April 6, 1932. The family and church have our heartfelt sympathy. We regret to loose him but hope that our loss will be heavens gain.

He is gone but not forgotten,

Never will his memory fade,

Sweetest thoughts will ever linger,

Around the grave where she is laid.

J. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools. We your committee on Sabbath Schools find only one Sabbath school in our association. This being at New Bethany Church with 51 members enrolled. We favor Sabbath Schools and request that an effort be made to organize one in each church.

MRS. S. A. BRYANT, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Suggestions. We your committee on suggestions suggest that the Fifth Sunday meeting be held at Poley Creek church 13 miles east of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama, beginning Friday night before the fifth Sunday in June.

We suggest that the association meet with New Bethany Church six miles north of Holt, Okaloosa County, Florida, beginning at 11:00 o'clock Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in September. We suggest that R. R. Zizlar preach the introductory sermon next year.

We suggest that 250 minutes be printed this year and that the clerk be paid \$5.00.

J. B. BASS, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Finance. We your committee on finance beg to report as follows: We find in our association the following:

In treasury	\$.72
Poley Creek	2.25
Shady Hill	4.50
Shady Grove	1.65
Cold Water	1.00
New Bethany	6.50
TOTAL	16.00

A. B. LAWSON, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of treasurer as follows:

Received	\$15.22
Paid for minutes	9.50
Paid Clerk	5.00
Balance in treasury72

S. B. BASS, Treasurer

Report received and treasurer discharged.

Reading and adoption of minutes of Fifthy Sunday meeting.

Call for volunteer delegates to sister associations.

J. F. Taylor volunteered to go to the Liberty Association if possible.

Reading of Articles of Faith.

Adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by moderator.

Song: "There's Rest in the Homeland."

A chain of prayer offered by the ministers in behalf of brother T. L. M. Davis and other afflicted brothers and sisters.

Song: "Let Me Rest."

Preaching: L. T. Lawson.

Closed: K. Raynor.

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 Shady Hill church our heartfelt thanks and pray God's richest blessings on them and their homes.

OTTIE LEE BASS

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 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 or 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 transactions 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 1932 Southern Union Association

CLERKS & POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES & PASTORS	Time of Meeting	Paid Pastor	Present Membership	Paid for Minutes	Home Mission
Genola Bass, Holt, Fla., Rt. 1.....	New Bethany, J. F. Taylor.....	4th. Sunday	29.00	86	6.50	12.05
J. B. Bass, Andalusia, Ala., Rt. 5.....	Shady Hill, A. B. Lawson.....	2nd. Sunday	25.45	72	4.50	
Mrs. I. C. Beck, Andalusia, Ala.,.....	Poley Creek, A. B. Lawson.....	3rd. Sunday	13.95	25	2.25	
Mrs. J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Rt. 7	Shady Grove, R. R. Ziglar.....	1st. Sunday		90	1.65	
Pete Nowling, Milton, Florida.....	Cold Water.....				1.00	
Bamma Wheeler.....	Dunn's Crossing.....					

W. A. Wilkinson Holt Fla	New Bethany J. F. Taylor	4th Sunday	26.00	86	6.25	4.60
John R. Bass Andalusia Ala Rt 5	Shady Hill	2nd Sunday	20.00	67	2.00	5.67
Mrs J C Williams Andalusia Ala Rt 7	Shady Grove J. W. Woodard	1st Sunday	.60	82	.85	
E. B. Beck Andalusia Ala	Poley Creek C. F. Braun	3rd Sunday	25.00	27	2.00	
Cora Cobb Milton Fla	Coldwater J. F. Taylor	1st Sunday		19	1.00	
Julius Norris opp Ala	old Shady Grove J. W. Woodard	2nd Sunday		11	2.00	

Sunday A.M.

Moderator declared body in
order for business & enrolled
Delegates from T.C. & A.C. Taylor

Mr. C. D. Beck J. C. Beck. W.

D. M. Short Guy Potter

Delegates ^{Volunteered to go} ~~were appointed~~
to other associations as
follows - State-line assoc

- C. F. Brown

Liberty Assoc. - J. F. Taylor

appeared to meet with Shad
Hill Church 12 1/2 miles S

of Andalusia after ^{Friday}
before 4th Sunday in Sept

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