

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**Southern Union**  
**Association**  
**UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
HELD WITH  
**NEW BETHANY CHURCH**

Six miles North of Holt, Okaloosa County, Florida,  
September 22, 23, 1933.

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**O F F I C E R S**

J. F. TAYLOR ..... Moderator  
W. B. BASS ..... Assistant Moderator  
WOODROW WILKINSON ..... Clerk  
GLEN WILKINSON ..... Treasurer & Reading Clerk

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

S. B. BASS                      E. D. BECK                      W. B. BASS  
MARVIN BRYANT, PETE NOWLING, HENRY NORRIS

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Closed to meet with Shady Hill Church, Twelve and one-half miles South of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama on Friday morning before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1934.

Seventh annual session of the Southern Union Association met with New Bethany church, 6 miles north of Holt, Florida, September 22-23, 1933.

#### FRIDAY, 10:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Moderator being absent, house was called to order by Assistant Moderator, W. B. Bass.

Song service by choir.

Reading: Matthew 16, by J. F. Taylor.

Prayer: K. Raynor.

Introductory sermon: K. Raynor.

Dismissed for refreshments until 1:00 o'clock.

#### FRIDAY P. M.

House was called to order at 1:00 o'clock by Assistant Moderator.

Song: Glad Welcome.

Prayer: Saul Melton.

Reading: II Peter 2 by Woodrow Wilkinson.

Assistant Moderator declared the house ready for business.

Call for church letters. Letters read, adopted, and delegates enrolled as follows:

NEW BETHANY—Woodrow Wilkinson, Glen Wilkinson, Willie Sanford, and J. D. Bass.

SHADY GROVE—Mrs. S. A. Byrant, Marvin Byrant, Callie Mae Bryant, and Mrs. J. C. Williams.

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

POLEY CREEK—A. C. Taylor, E. D. Beck, Mrs. I. C. Beck, D. M. Short, and Guy Potter.

COLDWATER—Pete Nowling.

#### ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Ordained ministers present—K. Raynor, Milton, Florida; A. B. Lawson, Andalusia, Alabama; J. F. Taylor, Brewton, Alabama; T. W. Woodward, Westville, Florida; C. F. Braun, Freeport, Florida.

Ordained Ministers absent—T. L. M. Davis, Andalusia, Alabama; B. R. Harrelson, Opp, Alabama; R. R. Ziglar, Andalusia, Alabama.

Licensed ministers present—J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Alabama; E. F. Sanford, Galliver, Florida.

Licensed ministers absent—T. A. Johnson, Lake Placid, Florida.

Officers were elected as follows: J. F. Taylor, Moderator; W. B. Bass, Assistant Moderator; Woodrow Wilkinson, Clerk; Glen Wilkinson, Treasurer and Reading Clerk; J. R. Bass and H. M. Bass Jr., Associational Deacons.

Petitionary letter from Old Shady Grove read and adopted and delegates enrolled as follows: Henry Norris, Purl Sorrells, Ellis Norris and Roy Qualls.

Invitation extended to members of visiting Associations.

T. S. Coleman enrolled as delegate from Liberty No. 1 Association.

Welcome handshake extended to delegates and ministers.

Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Committee on Divine Service—Glen Wilkinson, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Henry Norris, Florence Bass and J. O. Posey.

Committee on Finance—A. B. Lawson, K. Raynor, and T. S. Coleman.

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Committee on Obituaries—C. F. Braun, J. C. Williams, and E. F. Sanford.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—K. Raynor, S. B. Bass, and J. A. Bass.

Committee on Suggestions—Glen Wilkinson, Ellis Norris, Roy Qualls, Willie Sanford, and K. Raynor.

Committee on Resolutions—T. W. Woodward, Mrs. S. A. Bryant, Purl Sorrells, and Callie Mae Bryant.

Committee on Temperance—A. B. Lawson, J. D. Bass, and Marvin Bryant.

Committee on Examinations—Willie Sanford, S. B. Bass, J. M. Bryant, A. C. Taylor, and Wash Norris.

Report of Committee on Divine Service.

Preaching Friday night by E. F. Sanford, followed by A. B. Lawson, preaching Saturday at 11 o'clock by J. C. Williams followed by T. W. Woodward, preaching Saturday night by J. F. Taylor, preaching Sunday at 11:00 o'clock by C. F. Braun followed by K. Raynor.

GLEN WILKINSON, Chairman.

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

SATURDAY A. M.

Song—I'm Going That Way.

Reading—Hebrews, chapter 11, by J. F. Taylor.

Prayer—W. B. Bass.

Report of Committee on Temperance: We, your committee on temperance, beg to report as follows. 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 of committee on Sabbath schools—We your committee on Sabbath Schools find only two Sabbath schools in our association these being at New Bethany and Shady Hill. We favor Sabbath schools and request that an effort be made to organize one in each church.

K. RAYNOR, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of committee on resolutions. read and voted down and last year's report used again: We, your 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 presbyter that ordained them if possible and that they be given written credentials showing same.

T. W. WOODARD, Chairman.

Committee discharged.

Report of Treasurer—I as your Treasurer report as follows:

Amount of money received	\$16.62
Amount paid for minutes	\$9.50
Amount paid Clerk	\$5.00
Balance in Treasury	\$2.12

WOODROW WILKINSON, Treasurer.

Report received and Treasurer discharged.

Song—Service—By Choir.

Preaching—J. C. Williams.

Closed—T. W. Woodard.

Adjourned for refreshments until 1:30.



## SATURDAY P. M.

Song Service—By Choir.

Prayer—K. Raynor.

Report of committee on Obituaries: We, your committee on obituaries report as follows: We find only two deaths in our association, Sister Pearlie Mae Turner and Brother William Riley Bass.

Sister Turner died April 16, 1933, at the age of 21 years 6 months. She was a member of Shady Hill church, a sweet and lovable disposition. She declared herself ready to meet her Savior, the association extends its sympathy to the family and church.

Brother Bass was a charter member of Shady Hill church, remaining with the body 36 years, until his death, June 19, 1933, at the age of 79 years. He was a devoted worker for the cause. The association extends its sympathy to the church and loved ones. We regret the church's loss but feel it is heaven's gain. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, Blessed be the name of the Lord."

C. F. BRAUN, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Suggestions: We your committee on Suggestions suggest that the Fifth Sunday meeting be held with Shady Grove church 7½ miles southeast of Andalusia, Covington county, Alabama, beginning Friday night before the fifth Sunday in July 1934.

We suggest that the Association meet with Shady Hill Church 12½ miles south of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama, beginning 11 o'clock a. m. Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1934.

We suggest that 200 minutes be printed this year and that the Clerk be paid \$5.00.

We suggest that A. B. Lawson preach the introductory sermon next year.

We suggest that the by-laws be read at the beginning of the association instead of at the end.

GLEN WILKINSON, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Finance: We your Committee on Finance beg to report as follows:

Shady Grove .....	.85
New Bethany .....	\$6.25
Shady Hill .....	\$2.00
Old Shady Grove , .....	\$2.00
Coldwater .....	\$1.00
Poley Creek .....	\$2.00
In Treasury .....	\$2.12
Total .....	<u>\$16.22</u>

K. RAYNOR, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

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Minutes of Fifth Sunday meeting read and adopted.

Motion carried that O. L. Worley be dropped from Executive committee. Marvin Bryant appointed by Moderator in his place.

J. A. Bass withdrew from Executive committee and S. B. Bass was appointed in his place.

Henry Norris was appointed on the Executive Committee.

Willie Sanford was appointed on the Examining Committee for New Bethany Church, and Wash Norris for Old Shady Grove Church. Adjourned until 8 o'clock Sunday.

## SUNDAY A. M.

Meeting called to order by Moderator. Delegates volunteered to go to Sister Associations as follows: State Line Association—C. F. Braun; Liberty Association—J. F. Taylor.

A chain of prayer was offered by ministers in behalf of Brother John Spence of this community, who is ill.

Song Service—By Choir.

Preaching—C. F. Braun.

Closed—K. Raynor.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS:

We the ministers, delegates and visiting brothers, and sisters of this association and visiting delegates brothers and sisters of other associations express our sincere thanks to the brothers, sisters and friends of New Bethany church and community for the kindness and courteous treatment shown us during the association. May God's choicest blessings rest upon them and their homes.

C. F. BRAUN.

## 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 22:29. 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 judgement seat of Christ. Rom. 14:10. And these shall stand before the judgement 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



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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 member's duties.

Section 14. No member shall give or attend card parties or attend other place 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 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 moneys 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 1933 Southern Union Association

CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES AND PASTORS	Time of Meeting	Paid Pastor	Present Membership	Paid for Minutes	Home Mission
W. A. Wilkinson, Holt, Fla. _____	New Bethan, J. F. Taylor _____	4th Sunday	26.00	86	6.25	4.60
John R. Bass, Andalusia, Ala. _____	Shady Hill, _____	2nd Sunday	20.00	67	2.00	5.67
Mrs. J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala. _____	Shady Grove, T. W. Woodard _____	1st Sunday	.60	82	.85	
E. D. 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	
Tulcie Norris, Opp, Ala. _____	Old Shady Grove, T. W. Woodard _____	2nd Sunday		11	2.00	