

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**EIGHTH 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, Covington,  
County, Alabama, September 21 and 22, 1934

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

K. RAYNOR	Moderator
W. B. BASS	Assistant Moderator
WOODROW WILKINSON	Clerk
H. M. BASS	Treasurer
C. C. WORTHINGTON	Reading Clerk

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

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Closed to meet with Poley Creek Church, 13 miles East of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama, on Friday morning before the Fourth Sunday in September 1935.

Eighth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with Shady Hill Church, 12½ miles South of Andalusia, Alabama, September 21, 22, 1934.

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

House was called to order by Moderator.

Song Service—Choir.

Prayer—C. C. Worthington.

Reading—1 Thessalonians 2, by A. B. Lawson.

Introductory Sermon—A. B. Lawson.

Dismissed for refreshments until 1:30 o'clock

#### FRIDAY P. M.

House was called to order by Moderator.

Song—Jesus Lover of My Soul.

Reading—Psalms 51.

Prayer—E. F. Sanford.

Call for Church Letters.

Letters read, adopted and delegates enrolled as follows:

New Bethany—Woodrow Wilkinson, H. M. Bass, B. J. Sanford, Mrs. Estelle Bass, and Willie Sanford.

Poley Creek—Mrs. I. C. Beck, Mrs. A. C. Taylor, W. H. Cleghorn and Mrs. W. H. Cleghorn.

Shady Hill—J. B. Bass, Grady Bass, J. H. Garvin, and J. R. Bass.

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

Old Shady Grove—Henry Norris, Tup Norris, and Tulcie Norris.

#### ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Ordained ministers present—K. Raynor, Milton, Florida; A. B. Lawson, Andalusia, Alabama; J. F. Taylor, Milton, Florida; C. F. Braun, Florala, Alabama; R. R. Ziglar, Falco, Alabama; E. F. Sanford, Eaker, Florida; C. C. Worthington, Andalusia, Alabama; J. C. Williams Andalusia, Alabama; L. T. Lawson, Andalusia, Alabama; Field Wright, Opp, Alabama. Ordained ministers absent—B. R. Harrelson, Opp, Alabama; I. L. M. Davis, Andalusia, Alabama.

Licensed Ministers Present—None.

Licensed Ministers Absent—T. A. Johnson, Lake Placid, Florida.

Officers were elected as follows: K. Raynor, Moderator; W. B. Bass, Assistant Moderator; Woodrow Wilkinson, Clerk; H. M. Bass, Treasurer; C. C. Worthington, Reading Clerk; J. R. Bass and J. B. Bass, Associational Deacons.

Invitations extended to members of visiting associations.

Welcome handshake extended to delegates and ministers.

Committees were selected as follows:

Committee on Divine Service—Pete Nowling, J. H. Garvin, Marvin Bryant, Henry Norris, and W. H. Cleghorn.

Committee on Finance—H. M. Bass, C. C. Worthington, S. B.

Bass, A. B. Lawson, and Tup Norris.

Committee on Obituaries—Mrs. I. C. Beck, Pete Nowling, J. H. Garvin, Tulcie Norris, and Mrs. S. A. Bryant.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—E. F. Sanford, J. B. Bass, C. F. Braun, Mrs. W. H. Cleghorn, and Henry Norris.

Committee on Suggestions—J. R. Bass, E. F. Sanford, J. C. Williams, Tup Norris, and Mrs. A. C. Taylor.

Committee on Resolutions—B. J. Sanford, Grady Bass, C. F. Braun, Mrs. Estelle Bass, and Mrs. I. C. Beck.

Committee on Temperance—J. F. Taylor, C. F. Braun, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Pete Nowling, and Mrs. Estelle Bass.

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

Clerk to write vote of thanks.

Report of Committee on Divine Service.

Preaching Friday night at 7:30 p. m. by E. F. Sanford, Preaching Saturday at 11:00 a. m. by J. C. Williams, followed by C. C. Worthington. Preaching Saturday at 1:30 p. m. by J. F. Taylor, preaching Saturday 7:30 P. M. by R. R. Ziglar, preaching Sunday at 11:00 by C. F. Braun.—Pete Nowling, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Conference adjourned until 8:00 a. m. Saturday.

#### SATURDAY 8:00 A. M.

Moderator called house to order.

Reading—Isaiah 59, by C. F. Braun.

Song—I Will Never Turn Back.

Prayer—W. B. Bass.

Invitation extended to visiting brethren who might have come in late.

#### RECESS

Report of Committee on Finance—We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows: New Bethany—\$5.00, Shady Hill—\$2.50, Poley Creek—\$3.00, Shady Grove—\$1.55, Old Shady Grove—\$2.00, In Treasury—\$3.72; total—\$17.77.

H. M. BASS, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to report as follows: We find only one Sunday school in our Association. We endorse Sunday Schools and suggest that greater effort be put forth to establish a Sunday School at each church. We believe that Sabbath Schools are the foundation of all Christian work as far as human effort can be put forth.

E. F. SANFORD, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.



Report of committee on Suggestions—We, your committee on Suggestions, suggest that a Fifth Sunday meeting be held with Old Shady Grove Crurch, 7 miles northeast of Opp, Alabama, beginning Friday night before the fifth Sunday in June, 1935.

We suggest the Association be held with Poley Creek Church, 13 miles east of Andalusia, Alabama, beginning Friday 10:00 A. M. befort the fourth Sunday in September, 1935.

We suggest that J. F. Taylor preach the Introductory Sermon.

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

We suggest that the by-laws be read at the beginning of the Association.

J. R. BASS, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

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

B. J. SANFORD, Chairman,

Report received and committee discharged.

Treasurer's Report—I, as your Treasurer, beg to report as follows: Amount received, \$16.22; Amount paid for minutes, \$7.50; Amount paid Clerk, \$5.00; Balance in treasury, \$3.72.

GLEN WILKINSON, Treasurer.

Report received and Treasurer discharged.

Report of Committee on Obituaries—We, your committee on Obituaries, report as follows: We find in our Association five deaths: New Bethany, three deaths—Brother Holly M. Bass, born December 22, 1843, died July 31, 1934, age 90. Mrs. Celia Moore, died March 6, 1934,, aged 67. Mrs. Fannie F. Sanford, born February 18, 1875, died June 13, 1934, age 59. Poley Creek, two deaths—Brother John T. Schofield, age 65, died Feb. 17, 1934. Sister Sarah Ellen Short, born August 6, 1863, died July 23, 1934, age 71.

The churches and Association have our heartfelt sympathy. We regret our loss, but hope it will be Heaven's gain.

They are gone but not forgotten, Never will their memory fade,  
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger Around the graves where they  
were laid.

Mrs. I. C. BECK, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Conference adjourned until 2:30 P. M. for preaching and refreshments.

## SATURDAY 1:30 P. M.

House called to order by Moderator.

Song Service—Choir.

Preaching by J. F. Taylor.

Opportunity for membership.

Prayer—C. C. Worthington.

Received a verbal report of Fifth Sunday meeting and the only resolution brought up was tabled.

## RECESS

Call for Volunteers to go to Sister Associations.

Liberty No. 1: J. F. Taylor and W. B. Bass.

Adjourned until Sunday A. M.

## SUNDAY MORNING

Preaching by C. F. Braun.

Resolution of Thanks—We, the Ministers and Delegates composing this Association, express our thanks to the Brothers and Sisters of Shady Hill Church for their kindness and courteous treatment shown us during our stay with them.

WOODROW WILKINSON, Clerk.

## ARTICLES FOR 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 Timothy 3:18.
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. Revelation 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. Romans 5:1. This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 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. Ephesians 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. Romans 6:4.

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. Colossians. 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 go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal. Matthew 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 not greater than his Lord. John 13:16. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. John 13:17. Because Christ 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 three 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 preceeding 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 presbtery or instruct their pastor to do so for that purpose. And said presbtery 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 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 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 other 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 record of the members and a minute of the business transactions of the church and shall read the same at the conference as often as the church may demand, and shall turn all books and papers over to his successor in office.

Section 4. The treasurer shall be elected by the church and 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 the right to organize and bring a church into our Association without the arm of a church in our Association to help organize and presbtery same as for ordaining ministers and deacons.

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



## Statistical Table For The Year 1934 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, Florida .....	New Bethany, K. Raynor .....	4th Sunday	\$40.40	77	\$5.00	\$9.91
John R. Bass, Andalusia, Alabama .....	Shady Hill, E. F. Sanford .....	2nd Sunday	6.35	68	2.50	2.75
C. C. Worthington, Andalusia, Ala. ....	Poley Creek, C. F. Braun .....	3rd Sunday	32.30	34	3.00	
J. B. Norsworthy, Opp, Alabama .....	Shady Grove, L. T. Lawson .....	1st Sunday	2.00	92	1.55	
Mrs. J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala. ....	Old Shady Grove, C. F. Braun .....	2nd Sunday	25.81	23	2.00	