

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**TENTH 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 25, 26 and 27, 1936

**OFFICERS**

W. B. BASS \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator  
K. RAYNOR \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Moderator  
WOODROW A. WILKINSON \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
GLEN C. WILKINSON, Treasurer and Reading Clerk

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

Closed to meet with Old Shady Grove Church, 6 miles  
North of Opp, Covington County, Alabama, on Friday  
Morning before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1937

The Tenth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with New Bethany Church, 6 miles North of Holt, Florida, September 25th, 26th and 27th, 1936.

FRIDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

Song Service—Choir.

Prayer—K. Raynor.

Reading—Romans 8—E. F. Sanford.

Prayer—W. R. Thompson.

Introductory Serman—E. F. Sanford.

Dismissed until 1:30 p. m. for refreshments.

FRIDAY P. M.

Song Service—Choir.

Prayer—C. F. Braun.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

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

Shady Hill—J. H. Garvin, Mrs. Mayme Bass and J. R. Bass.

New Bethany—Glen Wilkinson, J. A. Bass, Maxie Bass, J. D. Bass and B. J. Sanford.

Shady Grove, Old Grove and Poley Creek were not represented at this time.

Call for letters or delegates from Sister Associations.

Liberty Association—J. A. Slay and W. R. Thompson.

### ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Ordained ministers present—K. Raynor, Milton, Fla.; J. F. Taylor, Milton, Fla.; L. T. Lawson, Andalusia, Ala.; C. F. Braun, Florala, Ala.; F. M. Wright, Kinston, Ala.; E. F. Sanford, Baker, Fla.

Ordained Ministers Absent—B. R. Harrelson, Andalusia, Ala.; J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala.; C. C. Worthington, Andalusia, Ala.; R. R. Ziglar, Andalusia, Ala.; A. B. Lawson, Andalusia, Ala.

J. C. Williams and A. B. Lawson came in later in the session.

Licensed Ministers present—None.

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

J. A. Slay and W. R. Thompson ordained ministers from Liberty Association.

Officers were elected as follows: W. B. Bass, Moderator; K. Raynor, Assistant Moderator; Woodrow A. Wilkinson, Clerk; Glen C. Wilkinson, Treasurer and Reading Clerk; J. D. Bass and J. A. Bass, Associational Deacons.

Welcome handshake was extended to delegates and ministers.

Committees were selected as follows:

Divine Service—J. R. Bass, Maxie Bass, B. J. Sanford, J. D. Bass.

Resolutions—S. B. Bass, Mrs Mayme Bass, F. M. Wright, E. F. Sanford and J. A. Slay.

Temperance—J. F. Taylor, J. H. Garvin, W. R. Thompson, C. F. Braun and Glen Wilkinson.

Suggestions—J. A. Bass, L. T. Lawson, E. F. Sanford, J. R. Bass and J. D. Bass.

Sabbath Schools—Glen Wilkinson, Mrs. Jessie Bass, Mrs. Mayme Bass, J. H. Garvin and C. F. Braun.

Finance—L. T. Lawson, Maxie Bass and F. M. Wright.

Obituaries—S. B. Bass, J. A. Bass, J. A. Slay, W. R. Thompson and E. F. Sanford

Examinations—W. F. Sanford, S. B. Bass, J. M. Bryant, A. C. Taylor and J. B. Norsworthy.

Clerk to write vote of thanks.

Report of Divine Service Committee.

Preaching Friday night by F. M. Wright. Closed by C. F. Braun. Saturday 11:00 a. m. preaching by W. R. Thompson. Closed by L. T. Lawson. Saturday night preaching by A. B. Lawson. Closed by K. Raynor. Sunday 11:00 a. m. preaching by J. F. Taylor. Closed by J. A. Slay.

J. R. BASS, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

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

### SATURDAY 8:00 A. M.

Song Service—Choir.

Reading—Psalms 39—K. Raynor.

Prayer—Glen Wilkinson.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Call for letters which might have come in late.

Old Shady Grove had sent in their letter and the following were recorded as delegates: Henry Norris, Maggie Norris and Mrs Emma Sorrels.

Welcome handshake extended to these delegates.

Henry Norris was placed on Committee on Divine Service. Maggie Norris was placed on Committee on Finance. Mrs Emma Sorrels was placed on Committee on Suggestions.

### RECESS

Song Service—Choir.

Body called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Committee on Temperance—We, your committee on Temperance, report as follows: We, as church members, being professing 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.

J. F. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Treasurer—I, as your Treasurer, report as follows: Amount received, \$16.67. Amount paid for minutes, \$10.00. Amount paid Clerk, \$5.00. Paid for recording fee for deed to Old Shady Grove Church property \$ .50. Balance in Treasury, \$1.17.

GLEN WILKINSON, Treasurer.

Report received and treasurer discharged

Report of Committee on Resolutions—We, your Committee on Resolutions, offer a resolution that each ordained minister belonging to this Association be able to give name of denomination in which he was ordained, name of church, county, and state, and names of presby-



try that ordained them if possible, and that they be given written credentials showing same. S. B. BASS, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Song Service—Choir.

Prayer—J. A. Slay.

Preaching—W. R. Thompson. Closed by L. T. Lawson.

Dismissed until 1:30 p. m. for refreshments.

### SATURDAY P. M.

Song Service—Choir.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Call for letters which might have come in since last called for.

Letter from Poley Creek Church read and adopted.

Letter from Shady Grove Church read and adopted.

Delegates were enrolled as follows: Poley Creek—A. C. Taylor, B. A. Short, Ola Taylor and Autie Beck.

Shady Grove—Marvin Bryant, Mrs S A Bryant, Mrs Babe Henley, and Mrs Callie Mae Bryant.

Welcome handshake was extended to these delegates.

### RECESS

Report of Committee on Suggestions—We suggest that the Association convene with Old Shady Grove Church, 6 miles North of Opp, Ala., on Friday morning before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1937. That the Fifth Sunday meeting be held with Poley Creek Church 13 miles East of Andalusia, Ala., beginning Saturday morning before the Fifth Sunday in August, 1937. We suggest that the usual number of minutes be printed and that the Clerk be paid \$5.00. We suggest that C. F. Braun preach the Introductory Sermon.

J. A. BASS, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools—We find two Sabbath Schools in our Association, and we feel that these churches are growing stronger from the effects of the Sabbath Schools. We think it would be beneficial to each church to organize a Sabbath School.

GLEN WILKINSON, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Finance—We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows: Shady Grove, \$1.95; Poley Creek, \$1.75; New Bethany, \$7.04; Shady Hill, \$5.00; Old Shady Grove, \$1.00; In Treasury \$1.17. Total, \$17.91.

L. T. LAWSON, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Obituaries—We find two deaths in our Association. Sister Emily Estelle Bass, of New Bethany Church, and Sister Evelyn Bryant, of Shady Grove Church.

Sister Bass was born June 2, 1881, died March 10, 1936.

Sister Bryant was twenty-six years of age.

We regret our loss, but feel it is Heaven's gain.

They are gone but not forgotten,

Never will their memories fade.

Sweetest thoughts will ever linger,

Around the graves where they were laid.

S. B. BASS, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Minutes of Fifth Sunday Meeting read and adopted.

Adjourned until Sunday a. m.

### SUNDAY A. M.

Song Service—Choir.

Reading—Isaiah 53—J. F. Taylor.

Prayer—A. B. Lawson.

Preaching—J. F. Taylor. Closed by J. A. Slay.

Resolution of Thanks—We, the ministers and delegates composing this, the Tenth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association, take this method of publicly expressing our thanks to the Brothers and Sisters of the New Bethany Community for the kindness and courteous treatment shown us during our stay with them, and pray that God's Divine Blessings may be showered upon them and their homes.

W. A. WILKINSON; Associational Clerk.

The parting hand was taken.

### 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.

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.

11. As to the Oneness of the Christian church—Is Christ divided?

13. As to the Ressurrection—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. 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 a 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 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 member's 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 or 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 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 the 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.

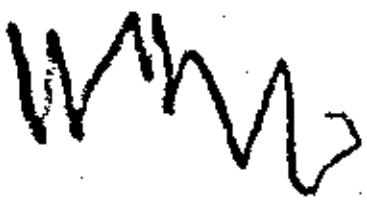
Section 7. Members must pay all debts contracted by them or make satisfactory arrangements with their creditors, and they shall help pay their pastors.

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.
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# Statistical Table for the Year 1936 Southern Union Association

Clerks and Postoffices	Churches and Pastors	Time of Meeting	Paid Pastor	Present Membership	Paid for Minutes	Home Missions
W. A. Wilkinson, Milton, Fla., Rt 1	New Bethany, J. A. Slay	4th Sunday	\$68.74	85	\$6.80	\$13.68
Stacy B. Bass, Andalusia, Ala.	Shady Hill, J. F. Taylor	2nd Sunday	24.60	52	2.50	11.75
Mrs I. C. Beck, Andalusia, Ala.	Poley Creek, A. B. Lawson	3rd Sunday	No record	22	1.75	
Mrs J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala.	Shady Grove, A. B. Lawson	1st Sunday	7.40	35		
J. B. Norsworthy, Opp, Ala.	Old Shady Grove, L. T. Lawson	2nd Sunday	6.00	24	.80	