

# MINUTES

of the

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

## Southern Union Association

UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

held with

SHADY HILL CHURCH

Twelve Miles South of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama  
September 20th., 21st and 22nd., 1940

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### OFFICERS

K. Raynor	.....	Moderator
R. T. Coleman	.....	Assistant Moderator
G. C. Wilkinson.	.....	Clerk
J. R. Bass	.....	Treasurer
S. B. Bass	.....	Reading Clerk

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. B. BASS, S. B. BASS, F. M. WRIGHT, W. J. SANFORD,  
LONNIE BLACK

Closed to meet with New Shady Grove church, 7 miles  
Southeast of Andalusia, Covington county, Ala., on Friday morn-  
ing before the fourth Sunday in September, 1941.

# MINUTES

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with Shady Hill church, 12 miles south of Andalusia, Alabama, September 20th, 21, and 22nd, 1940.

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

Song and Prayer Service \_\_\_\_\_ Choir  
Introductory sermon \_\_\_\_\_ E. F. Sanford

Body called to order by Moderator.

Call for church letters.

Letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Shady Hill—Quiller Jackson, J. R. Bass.

New Bethany—H. M. Bass, J. A. Bass, W. J. Sanford, Maxie Bass

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

Visiting brethren invited to seat with us and delegates enrolled as follows:

From Liberty Association: T. S. Coleman, Perdido, Ala., Ministers: R. T. Coleman, Perdido, Ala., W. R. Thompson, Bay Springs, Fla., A. V. Mitchell, 2143 N. W. 61st St., Miami, Fla.

## ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

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

Ordained ministers absent—B. R. Harrelson, Andalusia, Ala., A. B. Lawson, Andalusia, Ala.

Licensed ministers present—None.

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

Welcome handshake extended to delegates by Moderator.

Adjourned until 1:30 for refreshments.

## FRIDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Reading, I Peter, 2 \_\_\_\_\_ F. M. Wright  
Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ R. T. Coleman

Officers elected as follows: K. Raynor, Moderator, R. T. Coleman, assistant Moderator; G. C. Wilkinson, Clerk; J. R. Bass, Treasurer; S. B. Bass, Reading Clerk; J. R. Bass and W. J. Sanford, Associational Deacons.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Divine Service—H. M. Bass, J. R. Bass, Lonnie Black and T. S. Coleman.

Suggestions—W. B. Bass, W. J. Sanford, E. F. Sanford, A. V. Mitchell.

Temperance—W. R. Thompson, Lonnie Black, E. F. Sanford.

Finance—S. B. Bass, J. A. Bass, J. C. Williams.

Sabbath Schools—Maxie Bass, W. A. Sanford, Quiller Jackson, Mrs. J. C. Williams, F. M. Wright.

Obituaries—J. A. Bass, Mrs. S. A. Bryant, L. T. Lawson, J. F. Taylor.

Recess.

Song ..... This World is Not My Home

Prayer ..... K. Raynor

Report of Committee on Temperance — “We, your committee on Temperance 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, also that we carry out the Bible standard of being temperate in all things.”

W. R. Thompson, Chairman.

Report received and Committee discharged.

Report on Committee on Divine Service—Preaching Friday night by R. T. Coleman, Preaching Saturday 11:00 by A. V. Mitchell, Saturday night opened by J. C. Williams, Closed by K. Raynor, Sunday, 11:00 opened by F. M. Wright, closed by J. F. Taylor.

—H. M. Bass, Chairman.

Adjourned until Saturday a.m.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Song Service ..... Choir

Prayer Meeting.

Preaching ..... R. T. Coleman

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

Reading St. John 3 ..... R. T. Coleman

Song ..... Anywhere Is Home

Prayer ..... E. T. Sanford

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Sabbath School Report — “We your committee on Sabbath Schools report only two in the association. We feel it beneficial to both old and young to organize and attend a Sabbath School in each church if possible.”

Maxie Bass, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Recess.

Assistant Moderator declared body ready for business.

Report of Finance Committee — “We your committee on Finance report as follows, Shady Hill, \$4.25; Shady Grove \$2.00; New Bethany, \$6.00; Total \$12.25.

S. B. Bass, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Obituaries — “We your committee on Obituaries report as follows. We find no death in the Association within the last year.”

J. A. Bass, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Unfinished Business — A verbal report of the fifth Sunday

meeting was made by the clerk; the report following. The Suppression Committee suggests the fifth Sunday or Council meeting be changed from the fifth Sunday to the third Sunday in July of each year.

Report received by body.

New Business — There were some very interesting discussions made by several of the brethren.

Report of Committee on Suggestions — "We suggest the Council meeting be held at New Bethany church, 6 miles north of Holt, Fla., on the 3rd Sunday in July, 1941. We suggest the Association meet with New Shady Grove church, 7 miles southeast of Andalusia Ala., on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in September, 1941. We suggest Brother F. M. Wright preach the introductory sermon. We suggest the clerk be paid the money left after the minutes are printed.

W. B. Bass, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

The Executive Committee was revised as follows: Lonnie Black takes the place of H. O. Sasser, W. J. Sanford takes the place of Pete Nowling.

Recess.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ Choir  
Prayer

Preaching \_\_\_\_\_ A. V. Mitchell  
Adjourned for refreshments.

#### SATURDAY, 1 P.M.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ City on Mount Zion  
Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ R. T. Coleman

Conference called to order by assistant Moderator.

Minutes read and adopted.

Parting hand was taken.

Adjourned.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

Song Service \_\_\_\_\_ Choir  
Prayer meeting.

Preaching opened by J. C. Williams, closed by K. Raynor.

#### SUNDAY A.M.

Song Service \_\_\_\_\_ Choir  
Sunday School.

Preaching opened by F. M. Wright, closed by J. F. Taylor.

Resolution of Thanks—We the ministers and delegates composing the 14th annual session of the Southern Union Association take this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks for the kind and courteous treatment we have been shown by the brothers and sisters of the Shady Hill community and we pray God's richest blessings upon each of you.

G. C. Wilkinson, Clerk.



**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 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. Act 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. Cor. 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 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 ONE

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, not 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 the 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 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 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 TWO

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 meetings 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 baptised by an ordainer baptiser.

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 right arm of a church in our Association to help organize and presbytery same as for ordaining ministers and 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 1940, SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION

Clerks and Postoffices	Churces and Pastors	Time of Meeting	Present Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid for Minutes	Home Missions
G. C. Wilkinson, Holt, Fla., Rt. 1	New Bethany J. F. Taylor	4th Sunday	47	\$30.34	\$6.00	\$13.26
Mrs. Flora Bass, Andalusia, Ala. Rt. 5	Shady Hill E. F. Sanford	2nd Sunday	64	\$10.00	\$4.25	\$12.00
Mrs. J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala.	Shady Grove J. C. Williams	1st Sunday	20		\$2.00	