

# MINUTES

of the

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

## Southern Union Association

UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

held with

NEW SHADY GROVE CHURCH

Seven Miles Southeast of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama  
September 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1941

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### OFFICERS

W. A. Wilkinson	Moderator
E. F. Sanford	Asst. Moderator
Ottie Lee Wilkinson	Clerk
J. Bennett Bass	Treasurer
Flora 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 Bethany Church, Five miles  
North of Holt, Okaloosa County, Florida on Friday morning before  
the Fourth Sunday in September, 1942

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The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with the New Shady Grove Church, 7 miles southeast of Andalusia, Alabama, September 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1941.

## FRIDAY, A. M.

Song Service ..... Choir

Moderator appointed A. B. Lawson to preach the introductory sermon in the absence of F. M. Wright.

Song ..... Choir

Prayer ..... E. F. Sanford

Introductory Sermon ..... A. B. Lawson

Adjourned until 1:30 for refreshments.

## FRIDAY, 1:30 P.M.

Song ..... Oh, I Want to See Him

Prayer ..... R. R. Ziglar

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Call for church letters.

Letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Shady Hill—Flora Bass, Aline Bass, J. Bennett Bass.

New Bethany—Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Mollie Bass, W. A. Wilkinson, Ineta McGlaun.

New Shady Grove—Quincy Williams, Babe Henley.

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

From Liberty Association: T. S. Coleman, Perdido, Ala., J. C. Ellis, Milton, Fla., Minister R. T. Coleman, Perdido, Ala.

## ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Ordained ministers present—K. Raynor, Milton, Fla., R. R. Ziglar, Andalusia, Ala., E. F. Sanford, Baker, Fla., J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala., A. B. Lawson, Andalusia, Ala.

Ordained ministers absent—B. R. Harrelson, Andalusia, Ala., L. T. Lawson, Crestview, Fla., J. F. Taylor, Milton, Fla.

Licensed ministers present—None.

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

Welcome handshake extended to delegates.

Officers elected as follows: W. A. Wilkinson, moderator, E. F. Sanford, assistant moderator; Otie Lee Wilkinson, clerk; J. Bennett Bass, Treasurer; Flora Bass, reading clerk; R. R. Ziglar, and J. C. Williams, associational deacons.

Committees were appointed as follows: Divine Service, J. Bennett Bass, T. S. Coleman, Mollie Bass, Quincy Williams.

Suggestions: J. R. Bass, K. Raynor, R. T. Coleman.

Temperance: W. B. Bass, J. C. Ellis, Ineta McGlaun, Alline Bass.

Finance: J. C. Williams, S. B. Bass, A. B. Lawson.

Sabbath Schools: K. Raynor, Flora Bass, Mollie Bass.

Resolutions: R. R. Ziglar, S. B. Bass, W. B. Bass, R. T. Coleman, J. C. Ellis.

Report of Committee on Divine Service—Preaching Friday night opened by R. R. Ziglar, closed by E. F. Sanford. Saturday, 11:00 preaching by R. T. Coleman, Saturday night opened by sister J. C. Williams, closed by K. Raynor. Sunday, 11:00 opened by W. A. Wilkinson, closed by E. F. Sanford.

J. Bennett Bass, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ Farther Along.

Adjourn until 8:30 Saturday A.M.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Song Service and Prayer Meeting. Preaching opened by R. R. Ziglar, closed by E. F. Sanford.

### SATURDAY, 8:30 P.M.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ Where The Soul Never Dies

Reading, Romans I \_\_\_\_\_ E. F. Sanford

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ R. T. Coleman

Moderator declared body ready for business. Minutes of Council meeting read and adopted.

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

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools: We find only one Sabbath School in our association that being at Shady Hill. We favor Sabbath School in each church in the association.

K. Raynor, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Finance: We your committee on Finance report as follows: Shady Hill, \$5.90; Shady Grove, \$1.00; New Bethany, \$7.50; Total, \$14.40.

J. C. Williams, 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 past year.

A. B. Lawson, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Resolutions: We resolve that 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 a presbytery same as for ordaining ministers or delegates.

R. R. Ziglar, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Treasure: I your treasurer report as follows: In treasury, \$12.25; paid for minutes, \$10.00; Paid clerk, \$2.25.

J. R. Bass, Treasurer.

Report received and treasurer discharged.

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. We your Committee suggest that each church have a standing committee to look after the flock of the church.

W. B. Bass, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Recess.

Song Service .....	Choir
Reading, Galatians 13 .....	R. T. Coleman
Prayer .....	A. B. Lawson
Preaching .....	R. T. Coleman.

Adjourned until 1:30 for refreshments.

### SATURDAY P. M.

Song .....	Choir
Prayer .....	K. Raynor

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Report of Committee on Suggestions: We suggest the council meeting be held with Shady Hill church, twelve miles south of Andalusia, Ala., beginning at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in July, 1942. We suggest the association meet with New Bethany Church, 6 miles north of Holt, Fla., on Friday morning at 10 o'clock before the fourth Sunday in September, 1942. We suggest Brother K. Raynor preach the introductory sermon. J. F. Taylor preach in the absence of K. Raynor. We suggest the clerk receive the money left after the minutes are printed.

J. R. Bass, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Brother E. F. Sanford appointed to go to old Shady Grove church and investigate the condition of the church.

Minutes read and adopted.

Song .....	In The Sweet Bye and Bye
Adjourn until Sunday A.M.	

### SATURDAY NIGHT

Song service and prayer meeting.

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

### SUNDAY A. M.

Song service and prayer meeting by choir and brethren.

Reading, Romans I.



Preaching opened by W. A. Wilkinson, closed by E. F. Sanford.  
 Resolution of Thanks: We the ministers and delegates composing the 15th 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 New Shady Grove community and we pray God's richest blessings upon each of you.

Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Clerk.

Parting Hand.

### 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 the 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. I 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? I 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 we 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. I 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. I Cor. 15:32.

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. I 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 example 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 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 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 world 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 ordained 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 1941, SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION

Clerks and Postoffices	Churches and Pastors	Time of Meeting	Present Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid for Minutes	Home Missions
Mrs. Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Holt, Fla. Route One	New Bethany E. F. Sanford	4th Sunday	46	\$40.85	\$7.50	\$14.60
Mrs. Mayme Bass, Andalusia, Ala., Route Five	Shady Hill R. R. Ziglar	2nd Sunday	74	\$30.00	\$5.90	\$15.00
Mrs. J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala.	New Shady Grove E. F. Sanford	1st Sunday	35		\$1.00	