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MINUTES

of the

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Southern Union Association

UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

held with

NEW BETHANY CHURCH

Five Miles North of Holt, Okaloosa County, Florida,
September 25th, 26th and 27th, 1942.

OFFICERS

J. F. Taylor	Moderator
K. Raynor	Assistant Moderator
Mayme Bass	Clerk
J. Bennett Bass	Treasurer
Ethel Cooper	Reading Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Closed to meet with Shady Hill Church, twelve miles South of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama, on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in September, 1943.

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FRIDAY, A. M.

Song Service	Choir
Prayer	W. R. Thompson
Reading Colossians, Chapt. III	J. F. Taylor
Song	Choir
Introductory Sermon	K. Raynor
Song	Choir

Dismissed for refreshments until 1:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Song Service	Choir
Reading Romans, Chapt. 8	Eula Bass
Prayer	K. Raynor

Moderator declared the body ready for business.

Call for church letters.

Letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Shady Hill—J. Bennett Bass, Ethel Cooper, Alline Bass and Holly Garvin.

New Bethany—H. M. Bass, M. M. Bass, J. C. Ellis, Mollie Bass.

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

Liberty Association—W. R. Thompson, minister.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

F. M. Wright, minister.

Ordained ministers absent:—B. R. Harrelson, Andalusia, Ala.; J. C. Williams, Rt. 3, Andalusia, Ala.; L. T. Lawson, Crestview, Fla.

Licensed ministers present—None.

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

Visiting ministers present:—W. R. Thompson, Bay Springs, Fla.

Welcome handshake extended to delegates.

Officers elected as follows: J. F. Taylor, Moderator; K. Raynor, Assistant Moderator; Mayme Bass, Clerk; J. Bennett Bass, Treasurer.

Officers appointed:—Ethel Cooper, Reading Clerk; M. M. Bass, Associational Deacon; H. M. Bass, Associational Deacon.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Divine Service—J. Bennett Bass, Woodrow Wilkinson, J. C. Ellis.

Suggestions—J. C. Ellis, J. Holly Garvin, F. M. Wright.

Temperance—Stacy B. Bass, Mollie Bass, Ethel Cooper.

Finance—F. M. Wright, Alline Bass, R. R. Ziglar.

Sabbath Schools—W. B. Bass, W. R. Thompson, Alline Bass.

Resolutions—W. B. Bass, R. R. Ziglar, Mollie Bass.

Obituaries—A. B. Lawson, W. B. Bass, J. H. Garvin.

Report of Committee on Divine Service:—We your Committee on Divine Service, report as follows: Preaching Friday night by R. R. Ziglar. Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M., preaching opened by W. R. Thompson. Closed by F. M. Wright. Saturday night preaching by A. B. Lawson. Sunday 11 o'clock A. M., preaching by E. F. Sanford.

—J. Bennett Bass, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.
Song—"Everybody Ought To Love Jesus."
Adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday, A. M.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Song and prayer service.
Preaching—R. R. Ziglar.

SATURDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Song—"Where We Never Grow Old"—Choir.
Reading—Psalms, Chapter 23—Ethel Cooper.
Prayer—Ethel Cooper.
Moderator declared the body ready for business.

Report of Committee on Temperance:—We your Committee on Temperance endorse the report as it stands in last year's minute which reads 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.

—S. B. BASS, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Resolutions:—We your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows:

W. B. BASS, Chairman.

This resolution was adopted and ordered to be placed in our Articles of Faith by a vote of the delegation.

Report received and committee discharged.
Recess for Divine Services.

Song and prayer service led by Willie Sanford, reading 1st Psalm.
Song: "Farther Along"—Choir.

Reading: Luke, Chapter 6—W. A. Wilkinson.

Preaching opened by W. R. Thompson, followed by F. M. Wright.

Adjourned for refreshments until 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, P. M.

Song—"Talk It Over With Jesus"—Choir.
Reading—Proverbs, Chapter 13—Ottie Lee Wilkinson.
Prayer—J. C. Ellis.

Moderator declared the body ready for business.

A. B. Lawson from New Shady Grove gave a verbal report from his church.

Report of Committee on Finance:—We your Committee on Finance report as follows: Received from Shady Hill \$7.90; New Bethany, \$8.20; New Shady Grove, \$2.00. Total \$18.10.

F. M. WRIGHT, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Suggestions:—We your Committee on Suggestions, suggest that the Council meeting be held with New Bethany Church, 5 miles north of Holt, Fla., beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., before the 3rd Sunday in July, 1943. We suggest the Association meet with Shady Hill Church, 12 miles South of Andalusia, Ala., beginning at 11 o'clock, A. M., Friday before the 4th Sunday in September. We suggest that R. R. Ziglar preach the Introductory Sermon. In his absence we suggest E. F. Sanford preach. We suggest all money in excess of minute expenses revert to the clerk up to the amount of \$5.00.

J. C. ELLIS, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools:—We your Committee on Sabbath Schools find only two Sabbath Schools in our Association, one at New Bethany, the other at Shady Hill. We believe that the foundation of religion is laid in our children's hearts through Sabbath Schools. We as parents should carry our children to Sabbath School rather than send them.

W. B. BASS, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Obituaries:—We, your Committee on Obituaries report as follows: We find no deaths in our Association during the past year and we feel that God has wonderfully blessed us in this respect.

A. B. LAWSON, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Minutes of Council Meeting read and adopted.

Report of Treasurer:—I, your Treasurer, report as follows: In treasury past year, \$14.40; paid for minutes, \$11.00; paid clerk, \$3.40.

J. BENNETT BASS, Treasurer.

Report received and treasurer discharged.

Minutes of Association read and adopted.

Adjourned until Saturday night.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Services omitted on account of rain.

SUNDAY, A. M.

Song Service	Choir
Reading	1st Psalm
Prayer	R. R. Ziglar
Preaching	E. F. Sanford

Dismissed for refreshments until 2 o'clock P. M.

SUNDAY, P. M.

Song Service.....

Choir

Resolution of thanks: We the ministers, delegates and members comprising the Sixteenth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association take this method of expressing our sincere and heart-felt thanks to the kind and courteous people of New Bethany community for their generous hospitality shown us during our stay with them and pray God's richest blessings upon each of you.

MAYME BASS, Clerk.

Minister, delegates and members of Association extended to each other the parting hand.

W. B. Bass \$ 1.00
 M. M. Bass 1.00
 H. M. Bass .25
 G. A. Bass .25
 S. C. Wilkinson \$ 1.00
 W. A. Sanford \$ 1.00
 I. L. Bass \$ 1.00
 Martin Bass \$.25

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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. 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 of 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 Judgment, Reward and Punishment—For we shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Rom. 14:10. And these shall go away into the 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 fellow-

ship 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 member 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 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.

Section 11. No preacher shall be in order who joins in Holy Bonds of Matrimony any person who has been divorced whose husband or wife is still living unless it be proven for the cause of fornication.

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 YEAR OF 1942, SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION

Clerks and Postoffices	Churches and Pastors	Time of Meeting	Present Membership	Paid Pastor	Home Missions	Paid for Minutes
Mrs. Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Holt, Fla. Route One	New Bethany E. F. Sanford	4th Sunday	43	\$65.35	\$14.50	\$8.20
Mrs. Alline Bass, Andalusia, Ala., Route Five	Shady Hill F. M. Wright	2nd Sunday	52	\$40.72	\$15.55	\$7.90
Mrs. J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala. Route Three.	New Shady Grove R. T. Coleman	1st Sunday	35	Unknown	Unknown	\$2.00