

# MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## Southern Union Association

UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

held with

SHADY HILL CHURCH

Thirteen miles South of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama  
September 25, 26, and 27, 1943

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### OFFICERS

W. A. Wilkinson.....Moderator

J. Bennitt Bass.....Asst. Moderator

Stacy B. Bass.....Clerk

G. C. Wilkinson.....Treasurer

Ottie Lee Wilkinson.....Reading Clerk

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

LONNIE BLACK

Closed to meet with New Shady Grove Church, Seven miles  
Southeast of Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama, on Friday  
morning before the fourth Sunday in September, 1944.

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The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with Shady Hill Church, thirteen miles South of Andalusia, Alabama, September 25, 26, and 27, 1943.

## FRIDAY, A. M.

Song Service.....Choir  
Prayer.....W. A. Wilkinson  
Reading Exodus 32:26.....R. R. Ziglar  
Prayer.....J. F. Taylor  
Introductory Sermon.....R. R. Ziglar  
Song....."Kneel at the Cross" by Choir  
Dismissed for refreshments until one o'clock P. M.

Song "No Room".....Choir  
Prayer.....G. C. Wilkinson

Moderator declared the body ready for business.

Call for church letters.

Letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

New Bethany—G. C. Wilkinson, W. A. Wilkinson, E. N. McGlaun, Carrie Lou Bass, Oattie Lee Wilkinson.

Shady Grove—Mrs. J. C. Williams.

Shady Hill—John R. Bass, J. H. Garvin, Henry Bass, Quillie Jackson, J. Bennitt Bass.

## ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Ordained Ministers present—K. Raynor, Milton, Fla., J. F. Taylor, Milton, Fla., R. R. Ziglar, Andalusia, Ala., Rt. 5, A. B. Lawson, Andalusia, Ala., Rt. 3, J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala., Rt. 1 F. M. Wright, Kinston, Alabama.

Ordained ministers absent—E. F. Sanford, Panama city, Fla., B. R. Harrelson, Andalusia, Ala.

Licensed ministers present—None

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

Officers elected as follows: W. A. Wilkinson, moderator, J. Bennitt Bass, assistant moderator, Stacy B. Bass, clerk, G. C. Wilkinson, treasurer, Oattie Lee Wilkinson, reading clerk.

Associational Deacons: Quillie Jackson, M. M. Bass.

Welcome hand shake extended to delegates.

Committees were appointed as follows: Divine Service—W. B. Bass, Hollie Garvin, Mrs. J. C. Williams, J. R. Bass, E. N. McGlaun.

Suggestions—G. C. Wilkinson, R. R. Ziglar, Carrie Lou Bass.

Temperance—K. Raynor, J. C. Williams, Henry Bass.

Finance—J. F. Taylor, Quillie Jackson, W. B. Bass.

Sabbath Schools—J. R. Bass, Oattie Lee Wilkinson, W. B. Bass.

Resolutions—J. H. Garvin, Carrie Lou Bass, Mrs. J. C. Williams.

Obituaries—R. R. Ziglar, E. N. McGlaun., G. C. Wilkinson.

Report on Divine Services—We your committee on Divine Service report as follows: Preaching Night at early candle light by G. C. Wilkinson opening services followed by J. F. Taylor—Saturday 11:00 o'clock services opened by Sister J. C. Williams closed by Bro. J. C. Williams—Saturday Night services opened by Bro. J. H. Garvin closed by Bro. K. Raynor—Sunday at 11:00 o'clock services opened by W. A. Wilkinson closed by R. R. Ziglar.

W. B. Bass, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Minutes of the Council meeting read and adopted.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Song services.....Choir

Prayer meeting

Reading Mathew 25th chapter by.....G. C. Wilkinson

Preaching opened by.....G. C. Wilkinson

Closed by.....J. F. Taylor

Adjourn until 8:00 o'clock Saturday A. M.

### SATURDAY 8:00 A.M.

Song services.....Choir

Prayer.....K. Raynor

Reading, Acts 9th.....W. A. Wilkinson

Moderator declared the body ready for business.

Report of committee on Obituaries' We your committee on Obituaries report as follows, we find one death in the association. Bro. C. A. Bryant died Dec. 6, 1942 at the age of 68 years, we regret the loss of this brother but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

R. R. Ziglar, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of committee on resolutions: We your committee beg to report as follows, that each church shall be required to promote in every way possible the work by giving our younger members the opportunity and encouraging them to speak in public in behalf of the Saviour, and that each church shall required by this body to make a report at the next regular conference of what has been done along this line.

—J. H. Garvin, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of committee on suggestions: We, your committee report as follows, we suggest that the association be held at Shady Grove church and the council meeting be held at Shady Hill church. We suggest that Bro. F. M. Wright preach the introductory sermon next year, if F. M. Wright is absent Bro. A. B. Lawson will fill his place, we suggest that Bro. K. Raynor and Bro. W. A. Wilkinson make a speech on the purpose and accomplishments of the council meeting at the council meetings, we suggest that the clerk be paid all that is left in the treasury after minutes are printed up to the amount of \$5.00.

—G. C. Wilkinson, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of treasurer: I, your treasurer report as follows, in treasury past year \$18.00 paid for minutes \$12.00 paid clerk \$5.00 left in treasury \$1.10.

—J. Bennitt Bass, Treasurer

Report received and treasurer discharged.

### RECESS

Song services....."I Know Somebody's Listening"  
 Prayer.....R. R. Ziglar  
 Song....."Shake My Mother's Hand for Me"  
 Reading.....Mathews 18, by Sister J. C. Williams  
 Preaching opened by Sister J. C. Williams, closed by Bro. J. C. Williams.  
 Song....."Eastern Gate"  
 Adjourned for refreshments until 1:30 o'clock Saturday P.M.  
 Song service.....Choir  
 Prayer.....Bro. M. Garrett  
 Reading.....Prov. 24, by, R. R. Ziglar

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Report of finance committee: We, your committee on finance report as follows.

New Bethany.....	\$11.50
Shady Hill.....	11.50
Shady Grove.....	2.50
In treasury.....	1.10

Total amount.....\$26.60

J. F. Taylor, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of committee on temperance: We, your committee 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.

K. Raynor, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of committee on Sabbath School. We, your committee report as follows, we 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.

J. R. Bass, Chairman

Report received and committee discharged.

Reading of the Articles of Faith by reading clerk. Welcome hand shake extended to Bro. F. M. Wright as he came in late. Minutes of conference read and adopted.

Adjourned till Sat. night.

Preaching Sat. night opened by Bro. J. H. Garvin and closed by Bro. K. Raynor.



**SUNDAY 11:00 O'CLOCK**

Song service.....Choir

Reading 1st Samuel, 17th chapter.....W. A. Wilkinson

Service opened by W. A. Wilkinson and closed by R. R. Ziglar.

Resolution of thanks:

We the ministers and delegates composing the seventeenth annual session of the Southern Union Association take this method of expressing our sincere heart felt thanks to the people of Shady Hill community for the kind and courteous treatment shown us during our stay with them and pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Stacy B. Bass, Clerk

a crown of life. Rev. 2:10.

Ministers, delegates and members of the Association extend to each other the 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

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. 4:12.

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 hear-

ing 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.



# LE FOR YEAR OF 1943 SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION

	Churches and Pastors	Time of Meeting	Present	Membership	Paid	Pastor	Home	Missions	Paid for	Minutes
1.	New Bethany K. Raynor	4th Sunday	45		\$ 49.00		\$18.35		\$11.50	
Ala.,	Shady Hill J. F. Taylor	2nd Sunday	71		51.55		11.00		11.50	
Ala.	New Shady Grove R. T. Coleman	1st Sunday	90		107.50				2.50	