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OF THE
THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Southern Union Association
UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH WHITE
SHADY HILL CHURCH

12 Miles South of Andalusia, Ala.

SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 1956

OFFICERS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. B. Bass V. L. McGlaun
J. Bennett Bass M. A. Beck
M. L. Catrette

Closed to meet with Shady Hill Church
12 miles South of Andalusia, Ala. on Friday
before the 4th Sunday in September 1957.

ORDER OF CONFERENCE

1. Invite visiting brethern to seat with us.
2. Opportunity for members.
3. Reading Minutes of last Conference.
4. Church report of acknowledgements.
5. Deacon's Report.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Miscellenaous business.
8. Motion to adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the 30th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association held with Shady Hill Church, 12 Miles South of Andalusia, Ala. Sept. 21-23, 1956.

Friday - Sept. 21, 10:00 A. M.

Song Service by congregation, Scripture reading St. John 4. by Sis. Joan Woodard. Prayer by Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Call for Church letters.

Letters read.

Delegates enrolled as follows:

Shady Hill: Sisters Mattie Johnson, Flora Bass, Florence Bass, Bro. J. H. Garvin.

Dozier Church: Sisters Mary Mitchell, Jane Davis, Emma Joe Rathal, Nancy Catrette.

New Shady Grove: Sisters Ineta McGlaun, Eula Lee McGlaun, Eulyn McGlaun, Lucille Sellars.

Crestview Church: Bro. M. A. Beck, Sisters M. A. Beck, Marguerite Lawson, Amie Bass.

New Bethany: Bro. J. A. Bass, Sisters Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Naomi Wilkinson, Joan Woodard.

Enrollment of Ministers Present:

✓ Bro. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 3, Baker, Fla.

Names of Ministers absent:

✓ Bro. F. M. Wright, Opp, Ala., Bro. A. B. Lawson, Andalusia, Ala., Bro. J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala., Bro. Troy Engle, Andalusia, Ala., Bro. E. F. Sanford, Crestview, Fla.

Licensesd Ministers absent:

Bro. Wade Wilkinson, Baker, Fla.

Visiting Minister:

Bro. Thomas M. Scott, Dozier, Ala.

Invited visiting Minister to seat with us.

Welcome handshake was given by Delegate, Ministers and Executive Committee.

Officers were elected for next year as follows:

Moderator Bro. H. M. Bass
Assistant Moderatof Bro. W. A. Wilkinson
Clerk Sis. Flora Bass
Treasurer Sis. Mattie Jane Davis
Reading Clerk Sis. Paulette Scott
Associational Deacons Bro. J. A. Bass, Bro. M. A. Beck

Committees were appointed by Moderator as follows:

Divine Service: Bro. J. H. Garvin, Sisters Emma Joe Rathel, Lucille Sellars, Joan Woodard, Marguerite Lawson.

Suggestions: Sisters Florence Bass, Nancy Catrette, Eula Lee McGlaun, Naomi Wilkinson, Una Vae Beck.

Finance: Sisters Mattie Jane Davis, Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Amie Bass.

Temperance: Bro. J. A. Bass, Sisters Ireta McGlaun, Mattie Johnson.

Sabbath Schools: Bro. J. Bennett Bass, W. B. Bass, Sis. Evelyn McGlaun.

Resolutions: Bro. M. A. Beck, Sisters Mary Mitcheii, Joan Woodard.

Obituararies: Sisters Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Eula Lee McGlaun, Mattie Johnson.

Divine Service Committee suggests that Bro. Thomas M. Scott preach Friday evening at 7:00.

Moved to adjourn until Saturday morning 9:00.

Song: "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus".

Dismissed by Bro. Thomas Scott.

Friday Evening Service 7:00

Song by Congregation "I Am Thine Oh Lord".

Prayer by Sis. Wavie Lee Bass. Preaching from scripture text Matt. 25 1-8 by Bro. Thomas M. Scott. Dismissed by Bro. J. H. Garvin.

Saturday 9:00 A. M.

Song: "Bringing in the Sheaves", Bible reading James 1, by Sis. Arline Wilkinson. Prayer by Bro. R. R. Zeiglar.

Body declared ready for business by Moderator.

Recess for Committes to work on their reports.

Saturday 11:00 A. M. Preaching Service

Song: "Lily of the Valley". Preaching from Scripture text St. Luke 12, 13-21 by Bro. James C. Johnson, After preaching he read Scripture Rev. 21, 1-5.

Dismissed for one hour for refreshments by Bro. E. F. Sanford.

Saturday 1:00 P. M.

Body called to order by Moderator.

Song "Jesus Savior Pilot Me". Scripture reading John 14, 1-7 by Sis. Linda Wilkinson.

Prayer by Bro. W. A. Wilkinson, Bro. R. R. Zeiglar made a verbal report concerning Rock Hole Church, This report was accepted by the Association.

Report of Committee on Resolution:

We your Committee on Resolutions report as follows:
We resolve to let all resolutions stand as they appear in the previous Minutes. 1. That no minister be held responsible for marrying any one unknowingly who has previously been married, having a living wife or husband. 2. Resolve that each church appoint 4 delegates each year to the association. 3. Resolve that no church use as a deacon a man with more than one living wife.

M. A. Beck (Chairman)

Report received, Committee dismissed.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools:

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows
We find all the churches in the Association with a good, lively Sunday School and prayer meeting at New Shady Grove and Dozier Churches. League meetings at Dozier and Crestview Churches. We urge other churches to put forth more effort in establishing prayer and League meetings.

J. Bennett Bass (Chairman)

Report received, Committee dismissed.

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 drink. We believe in carrying out the Bible standard in being temperate in all things.

J. A. Bass (Chairman)

Report received, Committee dismissed.

Committee on Obituaries:

We your committee on obituaries report we find 2 deaths in the Association. Sister Carroll of New Shady Grove Church, born 1867 died 1956. Sister Isabelle Huckabaa of New Bethany Church. Born Jan. 2, 1880, died Aug. 14, 1956

At home in the beautiful hills of God

By the valley of rest so fair.

Some day, sometime, when our work is done

With joy we shall meet them there.

Ottie Lee Wilkinson. (Chariman)

Report received, Committee dismissed.

Report of Finance Committee:

We your Committee on finance report as follows:

Received from	Rock Hole	\$ 2.50
"	" Dozier Church	10.00
"	" New Shady Grove	10.50
"	" New Bethany	16.25
"	" Shady Hill	15.28
"	" Crestview Church	7.38
	Balance in treasury	69.34
	Total	\$131.25

Mattie Jane Davis (Chairman)

Report received, Committee dismissed.

Report on Suggestions:

We your committee on suggestions report as follows:

We suggest the Association elect Executive Committee every 2 years. M. L. Catrette, M. A. Beck, V. L. McGlaun, J. Bennett Bass, W.R. Bass. we suggest these names be used this time. That 2 years from now each church send in 1 name to the Association as nomination for member of Executive Committee. We suggest the Association meet with Shady Hill Church, 12 miles South of Andalusia, Ala., on Friday morning before 4th Sunday in Sept. 1957. We suggest the Sunday School Rally be held at Shady Grove Church, 7½ miles Southeast of Andalusia, Ala. on 2nd Sunday in June 1957. We suggest the first 5th Sunday meeting be held at Dozier Church. We suggest that Bro. R. R. Zeiglar preach the introductory sermon next year at the Association. In his absence we suggest Bro. E. F. Sanford. We suggest that the reading on front page of minutes be changed to read- "Southern Union Association, United Free Will Baptist Church". We suggest that the preachers of this association put forth more effort to attend the association hereafter.

Florence Bass (Chairman)

Report received, Committee dismissed.

Treasurer's Report:

I, your treasurer report for past associational year as follows:

Amount in Treasury	\$124.00
Amount paid for Minutes	50.00
Amount paid Clerk	5.00
Balance in Treasury	\$ 69.34

Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Treasurer

Report received, Treasurer dismissed.

Report of Divine Service Committee:

Report as follows:

Preaching Fri. Night at 7:00 by Thomas M. Scott. Preaching Sat. 11:00 A. M. by Bro. James C. Johnson, Preaching Sat. evening at 7:00 by Bro. E. F. Sanford. followed by Bro. R. R. Zeiglar. Preaching Sun. A. M. 11:00 by Bro. F. M. Wright.

Bro. W. B. Bass was elected chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Moderator is happy to report that the Association is sending \$15.75 to Childrens Home, Eldridge, Ala.

Saturday Evening 7:00 Service:

Song: "Amazing Grace" Prayer by Bro. J. H. Garvin. Preaching from I. Cor. 15-34. by Bro. E. F. Sanford. Bro. R. R. Zeiglar closed the service with a short talk.

Sunday 11:00

Song: "When I See The Blood" Prayer by Bro. F. M. Wright. S. School offering \$9.50 was sent to help support National Association, Birmingham, Ala.

Resolution of Thanks

We the Ministers, Executive Committee and Delegates composing the 30th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Shady Hill Church community for their kind hospitality shown us during this Association. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Flora Bass, Associational Clerk.

The parting hand was extended to Ministers, Executive Committee and Delegates.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. As to God—One God and Father of all. Eph. 4:6.
2. As to Scriptures—All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. 2nd Tim. 3:16.
3. As to 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 Condition 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 8:27. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12.
11. As to Oneness of the Christian Church—"Is Christ divided?" 1 Cor. 1:13. "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.
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 the Judgment, Reward and Punishment—"For we shall all stand before the Judgment 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 not 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 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 THE 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 six 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 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 hold 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 untill 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 and 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 may appoint some suitable brother to sit in his stead when he thinks proper for the cause. He shall also hold a protracted meeting with his church once a year.

Section 2. The deacon shall be elected by the church and shall hold office 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.

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 minutes of the business transactions of the church and shall read the same at the conference as often as the church may demand, and shall turn all books and papers over 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 spiritually baptised, by an ordained baptiser.

Section 7. Members must pay their 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 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.

Section 11. It is required of each church to do everything possible to promote religious work by giving youth members an opportunity and encouraging them to speak in public in behalf of our Savior. And each church shall be required to make a report of what they have done along this line at the regular associational conference.

Section 12. Each church shall encourage its members to attend every conference possible, to study minutes, follow the rules and the articles of faith be read in the church at least once a year.

Section 13. No member shall leave the house without sufficient cause nor engage in conversation without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.

Section 14. All discussions in conference must be conducted in conference with calmness and good feelings: and those who speak must arise to their feet and address the moderator and keep the point in debate.

Section 15. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonable long.

Section 16. When the moderator speaks he shall nominate some other moderator in his stead.

Section 17. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call him to order.

Section 18. The Executive Committee is the governing body of the Association to act on things pertaining to the Association when the Association is not in session.

STATISTICAL TABLES FOR YEAR 1956 - 1957

Churches and Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Total Members	Paid Pastor	Home Mission	Pd. for Minutes	Time of Meeting
New Bethany Grady Palmer	Ottie Lee wilkinson Rt. 1, Holt, Fla.	41	\$151.06	\$ 87.53	\$16.25	4th Sun. & night before.
Shady Grove Thomas M. Scott	J. H. McGlaun Andalusia, Ala.	84	\$ 68.31	\$ 78.82	\$10.50	Every Sun. at 11:00.
Dozier Church R. R. Zeiglar	Irene Scott Dozier, Ala.	61	\$167.11	\$183.08	\$10.00	1st Sun. 3rd. Sun.
Crestview Church E. F. Sanford	Marguerite Lawson Crestview, Fla.	24	\$190.41	\$ 70.55	\$ 7.38	1st & 3rd Sun. Sat. N. before.
Shady Hill W. A. Wilkinson	Alline Bass Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.	60	\$155.91	\$192.39	\$15.28	2nd Sun. Sun. Night.
Rock Hole	Mayme Bass Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.				\$ 2.50	