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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION

UNITED FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

NEW BETHANY CHURCH

7 Miles S. W. of Baker, Florida

SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27, 1959

OFFICERS

Moderator Bro. H. M. Bass
Assistant Moderator Rev. L. V. Pinson
Clerk Sis. Lorine Johnson
Treasurer Bro. Tom Scott
Reading Clerk Sis. Flora Bass
Associational Deacons Bros. V. L. McGlaun, J. D. Bass

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. B. Bass V. L. McGlaun Homer Watley Stacey Bass
J. D. Bass Holly McGlaun W. E. Holley

Closed to meet with New Shady Grove Church, 7 miles South East of Andalusia, Ala. on Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1960.

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ORDER OF CONFERENCE

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

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the 33rd Annual Session of The Southern Union Association met with New Bethany Church, 7 miles S. W. of Baker, Florida, September 25, 26, 27, 1959.

Fri. Sept. 25, 1959 - 10:00 A. M.

Delegates from the different churches of the Southern Union Association met with New Bethany Church.

Moderator, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson called the house to order.

Choir sang "He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me", Prayer by Bro. Gene Fleming. Song "Amazing Grace" followed by prayer by Rev. Jim Barlow.

At 11:00 we heard a spiritual sermon by Rev. E. F. Sanford taking his subject from John 19:5, Choir sang "I Feel Like Traveling On". and Rev L. V. Pinson led in prayer thus dismissing one hour for lunch.

1:00 P. M. Friday

Moderator W. A. Wilkinson declared body ready for business. Choir sang "Just A Little Talk With Jesus". Bible reading by Sis. Arleen Fleming and prayer by Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

Moderator called for letters from the different Churches.

Delegates enrolled as follows:

New Shady Grove Church: Sis. Ineta McGlaun.

New Bethany Church: Sisters Naomi Wilkinson, Lorine Johnson, and Brothers H. M. Bass, J. A. Bass.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Andalusia: Sisters Troy Engle, Anna McGlaun, and Bro. Troy Engle, Jr.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Dozier: Bro. Tom Scott, Sisters Irene Scott, Maybell Cobb, and Sam Harris.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Crestview: Bro. J. D. Bass, Sisters Amy Bass, Unavae Beck and Margaret Lawson.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola: Sisters L. V. Pinson, Carolyn Stacey and Thelma Holley, and Bro. W. E. Holley.

Shady Hill Church: Sisters Alline Bass, Florence Bass, Mattie Johnson and Dora Murphy.

Enrollement of Ministers present:

Rev. L. V. Pinson, 50 Murphy Lane, Pensacola, Fla.

Rev. J. W. Barlow, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.

Rev. Troy Engle, Dixon St. Andalusia, Ala.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 2. Baker, Fla.

Rev. E. F. Sanford, 184 N. Enzor St. Crestview, Fla.

Rev. W. N. Martin, Box 545, Defuniak Springs, Fla.

Enrollment of Ministers absent:

Rev. F. M. Wright, Opp, Ala.

Rev. A. B. Lawson, Rt. 3, Andalusia, Ala.

Rev. J. C. Williams, Andalusia, Ala.

Licensed Minister Wade Wilkinson, Baker, Fla.

Moderator recognized and welcomed visitors.

Visiting Ministers:

Rev. E. L. Eiland, Rt. 1, Box 112, Andalusia, Miss Baptist

Rev. G. D. McVay, Rt. 2, Baker, Fla. Liberty No. 1 Assn.

Bro. M. M. Burkett, Liberty No. 1 Assn.

Sis. Mavis McVay, Liberty No. 1 Assn.

Sis. Clara Eiland, Annalusia Seventh Day Adventist

Welcome handshake given by Delegates, Ministers, and Executive Committee.

Officers were elected for next year as follows:

Moderator Bro. H. M. Bass
Assistant Moderator Rev. L. V. Pinson
Clerk Sis. Lorine Johnson
Treasurer Bro. Tom Scott
Reading Clerk Sis. Flora Bass
Associational Deacons Bros. V. L. McGlaun, J. D. Bass

Moderator appointed committes as follows:

Divine Service: Sisters Flora Bass, Unavae Beck, Thelma Holley, Irene Scott and Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

Suggestions: Sisters Naomi Wilkinson, Lizzie Engle, Aline Bass, Maybell Cobb, and L. V. Pinson.

Finance: Bro. Tom Scott, Sisters Amy Bass, Florence Bass, Ineta McGlaun, and Margaret Lawton.

Temperance: Bro. W. B. Bass, W. M. Martin, Rev. Troy Engle.

Obituaries: Bro. J. A. Bass, Sisters Mattie Johnson, Anna McGlaun.

Resolutions: Rev. E. F. Sanford, Bro. W. E. Holley, Sis. Dora Murphy.

Sunday School: Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Jim Barlow, Sisters Carolyn Stacey, Sam Harris, Ottie Lee Wilkinson, and Bro. Troy Engle, Jr.

Motion was made by Rev. Troy Engle and carried to meet at 9:00 Sat. Morning, Song "Where Could I Go". Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

Friday Night Service

Song service by choir then Rev. Troy Engle opened services from 2 Chronicles 7:14 followed by prayer and testimony service. Then Rev. W. A. Wilkinson preached, taking subject from Ephesians 6:10. Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and meeting was closed with prayer by Bro. Roland Wilkinson.

Saturday 9:00 A. M.

Meeting called to order by Moderator Bro. H. M. Bass, prayer by Sis. Irene Scott.

Recessed one hour for Committees to work on reports.

Body was declared ready for business and Moderator called for reports from the different committees.

Report of Divine Service Committee:

Friday Night Rev. Troy Engle open followed by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

Saturday 11:00 Rev. E. L. Eiland followed by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Saturday Night Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

Sunday 11:00 Rev. E. F. Sanford

Sis. Flora Bass, Chairman

Report received, committee discharged.

Report on Obittuaries:

We your committee on obituaries report as follows: We find one death in the Association, member of the Crestview Church - Bro. Myrl Ames Beck.

Gone to rest in Jesus, Till Resurrection Day,
May we too find sweet rest at the end of life's way.

Bro. J. A. Bass, Chairman

Report received, committee discharged.

Report on Finance:

We your committee on finance report as follows:

Received from:

Crestview Church	\$ 7.12
New Bethany Church	17.50
Andalusia Church	7.00
Pensacola Church	10.00
Dozier Church	6.28
New Shady Grove Church	6.00
Shady Hill Church	15.25
Balance brought from 1958-1959	102.26
Total	\$171.41

Bro. Tom Scott, Chairman

Report received, committee discharged.

Recessed for five minutes by Moderator

Saturday 11:00 A. M.

Song service by choir, Sermon by Rev. E. L. Eiland taking subject from Luke 23:30, "Crucifying the Lord Jesus" followed by Rev. L. V. Pinson preaching on Stewardship

reading from Matt. 25:14-30. Prayer by Rev. G. D. McVay and congregation was dismissed for lunch.

Saturday 1:00 P. M.

Meeting called to order by Moderator H. M. Bass, Songs "No Room", "More about Jesus", prayer by Rev. W. M. Martin.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Report from committee on Sabbath Schools:

We your committee on Sabbath Schools report, we find a live Sunday School in each Church in the Association. We find some of the churches do not have prayer meeting. We recommend each Church to try to have prayer meeting during each week.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Chairman

Report received, committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Suggestions:

We your committee on Suggestions report as follows:

We suggest the Association meet with New Shady Grove Church, 7 miles Southeast of Andalusia, Ala. on Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1960. We suggest the Sunday School Rally be held with Shady Hill Church, 12 miles South of Andalusia, Ala., 2nd Sunday in June 1960. We suggest the 1st fifth Sunday meeting be held with Dozier Church. We suggest the Associational Clerk be paid \$10.00 each year. We suggest that the clerk notify by mail each Church clerk at least 2 weeks ahead of time - of each 5th Sun. meeting, Sunday School Rally and also Association. We suggest Rev. J. W. Barlow preach the introductory sermon at the next association. In his absence we suggest Rev. W. A. Wilkinson. We suggest the ordained body of this association put forth more effort to attend the association. We suggest that all members attend Church regularly unless providentially hindered to be eligible to vote in Church conference. We suggest the clerk write a resolution of thanks.

Sis. Naomi Wilkinson, Chairman

Report received, committee discharged.

Treasurer's Report:

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I your treasurer report as follows:

Amount in treasury	\$164.76
Paid for Minutes	57.50
Paid Clerk	5.00
Balance brought forward	102.26

Bro. Tom Scott, Treasurer

Report received.

Report of committee on Resolutions:

We your committee on resolutions report as follows:

1. That no preacher or deacon shall be in good standing in our Association having two living wives. 2. Resolve that no minister be held responsible for marrying anyone unknowingly who has previously been married having a living husband or wife. 3. Resolve that each church appoint 4 delegates to the association each year. 4. That no Church in the Association use an Evangelist in their church that has more than one living wife.

Rev. E. F. Sanford

Report received, committee discharged.

Motion was made and carried that the delegation from Crestview Church and also Pensacola Church select someone to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

Crestview selected Bro. J. D. Bass.

Pensacola Church selected Bro. W. E. Holley.

Names and Addresses of present Executive Board Members:

W. B. Bass, Route 2, Baker, Fla.

V. L. McGlaun, Route 8, Andalusia, Ala.

Homer Watley, Dozier, Ala.

Stacy Bass, Route 5, Andalusia, Ala.

Holly McGlaun, Route 1, Andalusia, Ala.

J. D. Bass, Route 1, Crestview, Fla.

W. E. Holley, Pensacola, Florida

Skeleton Minutes of meeting were read and adopted.

Delegation gave Church rising vote of Thanks and the meeting was adjourned with song "If We Never Meet Again", and prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Saturday Night

Group held prayer meeting service and preaching was omitted.

Sunday 10:00 A. M.

Sunday School was held as usual after which an offering was taken up for the Children's Home at Eldridge, Ala. amounting to \$26.64.

Sunday 11:00 A. M. Song by choir and prayer by Sis. Lorine Johnson. Rev. E. F. Sanford delivered the message using Ex. -4:13 as his subject.

Resolution of thanks:

We the Ministers, Executive Committee and Delegates composing the 33rd Annual Session of the Southern Union Association wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the New Bethany Free Will Baptist Church for their kind hospitality shown us during this association. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Sis. Lorine Johnson, Assn. Clerk

The parting hand was extended to Ministers, Delegates and Executive Committee thus closing our meeting.

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 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 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 1959 - 1960

Churches and Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Total Members	Paid Pastor	Home Mission	Paid for Minutes	Time of Meeting
First F. W. B. Andalusia G. D. McVay	Mrs. Troy Engle Dixon St., Andalusia, Ala.	15	\$57.11	\$526.91	\$7.00	1st & 3rd Sun. & Sat. Night before
New Bethany Jim Barlow	Nellie Wilkinson Rt. 2, Baker, Fla.	42	\$265.85	\$100.65	\$17.50	4th Sun. & Sat. Night before
New Shady Grove	Lucille Sellers Rt. 3, Andalusia, Ala.	70	\$101.65	\$71.89	\$6.00	
First F. W. B. Dozier Jim Barlow	Irene Scott Dozier, Ala.	65	\$169.71	\$500.00	\$6.28	1st & 3rd Sun. & Sat. Night before
Shady Hill G. D. McVay	Flora Bass Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.	58	\$217.14	\$295.50	\$15.25	2nd & 4th Sun. & Sat. Night before
First F. W. B. Crestview E. F. Sanford	Genola Spence 286 N. Spring St. Crestview, Fla.	28	\$229.98	\$105.94	\$7.12	1st & 3rd Sun. & Sat. Night before
First F. W. B. Pensacola L. V. Pinson	Joe Nell Peterson 2514 N. "Q" St. Pensacola, Fla.	98	\$1297.48	\$925.39	\$10.00	Every Sun. 11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.



