

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Southern Union Association UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

New Shady Grove Church

7 Miles Southeast of Andalusia, Alabam

SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 25, 1960

O F F I C E R S

Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson

Asst. Moderator Rev. L. V. Pinson

Clerk Sis. Lorine Johnson

Treasurer Bro. V. L. McGlaun

Reading Clerk Sis. Flora Bass

**Associational Deacons Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Bro.
Curtis Davis.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**W. B. Bass, V. L. McGlaun, Tom Scott, J. Bennett Bass
J. D. Bass, Holley McGlaun, W. E. Holley.**

**Closed to meet with Crestview Free Will Baptist
Church, Crestview, Florida, on Friday before the 4th
Sunday in September 1961.**

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. Deacons report.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Motion to adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the 34th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with New Shady Grove Church 7 miles Southeast of Andalusia, Ala, September 23, 24, 25, 1960.

Friday Sept. 23, 1960 - 10 A. M.

Delegates from the different Churches of the Southern Union Association met with New Shady Grove Church.

Moderator Bro. H. H. Bass called the house to order.

The choir sang several songs and prayer was led by Rev. W. N. Martin followed by more songs.

At 11:00 we heard a message by Rev. J. W. Barlow, subject based on Romans 13; 1-4 and Hebrew 2; 3-4 followed by songs "Are We Washed in the Blood" and "Amazing Grace", Prayer by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson thus dismissing for lunch one hour.

1:00 P. M.

Body called to order by Moderator Bro. H. M. Bass, Song "Where Could I Go." and scripture reading from Matthew 27; 19-22 by Sis. Genola Spence followed by prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Moderator Bro. H. M. Bass declared body ready for business and called for letters from Churches.

Delegates enrolled as follows:

New Shady Grove Church; Sisters Ineta McGlaun, Evelyn McGlaun, and Lucille Sellers.

Andalusia Church; Sister Lizzie Engle and Bro. Cliiff Worthington.

Crestview Church; Sisters Amy Bass, Genola Spence, UnaVae Beck, and Bro. Curtis Davis.

Pensacola Church; Sister L. V. Pinson.

Dozier Church; Sisters Maybell Cobb, Irene Scott, Jane Davis, and Bro. Sam Hariss.

New Bethany Church; Sisters Naomi Wilkinson, Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Carrie Lou Bass, and Bro. J. A. Bass.

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

Enrollment of Ministers present:

Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla.

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

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

Rev. Troy Engle, 200 Lee St., Andalusia, Ala.

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

Enrollment of Ministers absent:

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

Rev. J. C. Williams, 409 Dixon St., Andalusia, Ala.

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

Visiting Minister:

Rev. E. L. Eiland, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala. Missionary Baptist

Welcome handshake given by Delegates, Ministers and Executive Committee.

Officers were Elected for Next Year as Follows:

Moderator	Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Assistant Moderator	Rev. L. V. Pinson
Clerk	Sis. Lorine Johnson
Treasurer	Bro. V. L. McGlaun
Reading Clerk	Sis. Flora Bass
Associational Deacons	Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Curtis Davis

Moderator appointed committes as follows:

Divine Service; Sisters Lucille Sellers, UnaVae Beck, Jane Davis, Florence Bass, and Carrie Lou Bass.

Suggestions; Sisters Naomi Wilkinson, Lizzie Engle, Alline Bass, Maybell Cobb, L. V. Pinson.

Finance; Brothers V. L. McGlaun, Curtis Davis, H. M. Bass, Bass, Cliff Worthington, and Rev. J. W. Barlow.

Temperance; Brother W. B. Bass, Rev. W. N. Martin, Rev. Troy Engle.

Obituaries; Bro. J. A. Bass, Sisters Mattie Johnson, and Amy Bass.

Resolutions; Sisters Genola Spence, Dora Murphy, Ineta McGlaun, Irene Scott and Bro. Stacy Bass.

Sunday Schools; Brothers J. D. Bass, Sam Harriss, W. E. Holley, Sisters Ottie Lee Wilkinson and Evelyn McGlaun.

Motion was made and carried to meet at 9:00 Saturday morning and meeting was closed by prayer by Bro Curtis Davis.

Friday Night Service

Songs and prayer service by congregation then Rev. J. W. Barlow brought the message reading from Malachi 3, using as his subject "Is it Vain to Serve God?". Meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Troy Engle.

Saturday 9:00 A. M.

Meeting was called to order by Moderator then we had Bible reading Psalms 23 by Bro. Meill Wilkinson followed by prayer led by Bro. Cliff Worthington.

Body was declared ready for business by Moderator and house recessed one hour for committees to work on reports.

Moderator asked for reports from committes.

Report of Divine Service Committee:

Friday Night Rev. J. W. Barlow.

Saturday 11:00 Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

Saturday Night Rev. Troy Engle followed by Rev. W. N. Martin.

Sunday 11:00 Rev. Jim Johnson.

Sister Lucille Sellers, Chairman

Report received, committee discharged.

Report 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 intox-
icating drinks. We believe in carrying out the Bible Standard
in being temperant in all things.

Bro. W. B. Bass, Chairman

Report received, committee discharged.

Report on Sabbath Schools

We your committe on Sabbath Schools report as follows—
We find a live Sunday School in each Church in the Associa-
tion. We find some of the Churches do not have prayer meet-
ing, We reccomend each Church try to have prayer meeting
during each week.

Bro. J. D. Bass, Chairman

Report received, committee discharged.

Song service and prayer by Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Rev.
W. A. Wilkinson brought the message using "Giving All to
Christ" as his subject and reading Acts 5 and Exodus 4.
The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. W. Barlow
thus stopping for lunch.

Saturday 1:00 P. M.

Songs by group and prayer by Sis. Flara Bass.

Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson called meeting to order
and declared body ready for business.

Report on Obituaries:

We your committee on obituaries report as follows—
We find 3 deaths in the Association. Member of Shady Hill
Church - Sister Jennie Edwards, died Nov. 11, 1959. Member
of New Bethany Church - Sister Vandella Sanford March 9,
1960. Member Shady Grove Church - Rev A. B. Lawson died
Oct. 17, 1959, 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 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. That no minister be held responsible for marrying anyone unknowingly who has previously been married having a living husband or wife.
3. That each Church appoint 4 delegates to the Association each year.

Sister Genola Spence, Chairman

Report received, committee discharged.

Report on Suggestions:

We your committee on suggestions report as follows -

We suggest the Associational Clerk be paid \$5.00 this year.

We suggest that Rev. L. V. Pinson preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, in his absence we suggest

Rev. Troy Engle. 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.

We suggest that resolutions adopted each year be placed in back of the Minutes to be a permanent regulations or by-laws for the Association.

We suggest the Association meet with Crestview Church, Crestview, Fla. on Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1961.

We suggest that the Sunday School Rally go to the New Bethany Church. We suggest the time for the Rally be changed from the 2nd Sunday in June to the second Sunday in July.

We suggest that the fifth Sunday meetings rotate as follows:

1. Dozier Church - Oct. 30, 1960.

2. Shady Hill Church - January 29, 1961.

3. Andalusia Church - April 30, 1961.

4. Shady Grove Church - July 30, 1961.

Sis. Naomi Wilkinson, Chairman.

Report received, committee discharged.

Report on Finance:

We your committee on finance report as follows:

Received from -

Shady Hill Church	\$ 20.32
Crestview Church	12.00
Andalusia Church	7.00
Dozier Church	8.13
New Shady Grove Church	6.50
New Bethany Church	15.00
Pensacola Church	20.00
Balance brought forward from 1959-1960	103.91
Total	192.86

Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Chairman

Report received, committee discharged.

Names and Addresses of the Executiev Board Members
to to serve us for the following two years are:

Bro. W. B. Bass, Route 2, Baker, Fla. New Bethany

Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Rt. 1, Box 264, Andalusia, Ala.....
..... New Shady Grove

Bro. Holley McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.....Andalusia

Bro. J. D. Bass, Rt. 1, Box 269, Crestview, Fla.....Crestview

Bro. J. Bennett Bass, Rt. 5, Box 239, Andalusia, Ala.
..... Shady Hill

Bro. Tom Scott, P. O. Box 123, Dozier, Ala. Dozier

Bro. W .E. Holley, Pensacola, Fla. Pensacola

Members received as suggested.

An offering for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at
Eldridge, Alabama was taken up. Amaount \$23.89.

Skeleton Minutes were read and adopted.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Sis. Genola Spence.

Saturday Night Service

Songs by congregation. Special songs by Dozier
group. After prayer Rev. J. W. Barlow lead testimony service
then Rev. Troy Engle opened preaching service reading from
John 2:5. He was followed by Rev. W. N. Martin and the
meeting was closed with prayer by Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

Sunday Morning

Song by choir then another offering was taken up for the Sunday School which would be sent to the Orphan's home Amount \$9.49. Sis. Irene Scott led in prayer then Rev. Jim Johnson preached taking his subject from Ephesians 5; 20-32

Resolutions of Thanks:

We the Ministers, Executive Committee and Delegates composing the 34th Annual Session of The Southern Union Association wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the New Shady Grove Church for their kind hospitality shown us during this association. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Sis Lorine Johnson, Associational Clerk

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

Associational Clerk

Lorine Johnson, Route 2, Baker, Fla.

Associational Treasurer

Route 1, Box 264, Andalusia, Ala.

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 presbtery 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.

Permanent Regulations,

1. No preacher or deacon shall be in good standing in our Association having two living wives.
2. No minister be held responsible for marrying anyone unknowingly who has previously been married having a living husband or wife.
3. That each Church appoint 4 delegates to the Association each year.

STATISTICAL TABLES FOR YEAR 1960 - 1961

Churches and Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Total Members	Paid Pastor	Home Mission	Paid for Minutes	Time of Meeting
First F. W. B. Andalusia E. F. Sanford	Mrs. Troy Engle Dixon St. Andalusia, Ala.	14	\$ 76.60	\$289.39	\$ 7.00	1st & 3rd Sun. & Sun. Night
New Bethany E. E. Brooks	Eula Dotson Rt. 2, Baker, Fla.	35	\$ 171.70	\$130.08	\$15.00	4th Sun. & Sat. Night before
New Shady Grove W. A. Wilkinson	Lucille Sellers Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.	69		\$ 57.05	\$ 6.50	1st Sun. & Sun. Night
First F. W. B. Dozier J. W. Barlow	Lennis Grimes Rt. 6, Andalusia, Ala.	92	\$ 264.88	\$350.68	\$ 8.13	Each Sun. & Sun. Night
Shady Hill W. A. Wilkinson	Flara Bass Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.	56	\$ 208.19	\$246.54	\$20.32	2nd Sun. & Sun. Night
First F. W. B. Crestview G. D. McVay	Genola Spence 286 N. Spring St. Crestview, Fla.	32	\$ 250.54	\$ 92.57	\$12.00	Each Sun. & Sat. Sat. Night Before
First F. W. B. Pensacola L. V. Pinson	Jone Nell Peterson 2514 N. "Q" St. Pensacola, Fla.	106	\$1538.53	\$ 10'16	\$20.00	Each Sun. & Sun. Night