

# MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION

United Free Will Baptist

HELD WITH

1st FREE WILL CHURCH of Crestview, Fla.

2 MILES EAST ON HIGHWAY 90

SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 24, 1961

## OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. L. V. Pinson
Clerk .....	Sis. Flara Bass
Treasurer .....	Bro. L. V. McGlaun
Reading Clerk .....	Sis. Lorine Johnson

## ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Bro. Marvin Bass - Bro. Gene Fleming

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. E. Bass - V. L. McGlaun - Tom Scott - J. Benett Bass  
J. D. Bass - Holley McGlaun - W. E. Holley

Closed to meet with 1st Free Will Baptist Church of  
Pensacola, Fla. on Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1962

## 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.

### Ordaining Council and date of Office expires

Rev. W. M. Martin .....	1962
Bro. S. B. Bass .....	1963
Rev. E. F. Sanford .....	1964
Bro. V. L. McGlaun .....	1965
Rev. L. V. Pinson (Chr.) .....	1966

### Ministers Present

W. M. Martin, Box 545, DeFuniac Springs, Fla.  
E. F. Sanford, 184 N. Enzor Rd. Crestview, Fla.  
L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla.  
Troy Engle, 200 Lee St., Andalusia, Ala.  
G. D. McVay, 102 Pine Tree Dr., Gulf Breeze, Fla.  
W. A. Wilkinson, Route 2, Baker, Fla.

### Visiting Ministers

E. L. Eiland, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.  
E. E. Brooks

## PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the 35th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with Crestview Free Will Baptist Church, Crestview, Fla. Sept. 22, 23, 24, 1961.

**Friday Sept. 22, 1961 - 10:00 A. M.**

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

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

We enjoyed song and prayer service by congregattion, Song "Victory in Jesus".

At 11:00 we heard a message by Rev. L. V. Pinson, Subject of message, Matt. 14, 1-6, God's supply is sufficent, Prayer by Rev. E. F. Sanford. Song "Kneel at the Cross". Prayer by Bro. V. L. McGlaun, thus dismissing for lunch.

**1:00 P. M.**

Body called to order by moderator W. A. Wilkinson. Song, "Won't it be wonderful there". Bible reading by Sis. Flara Bass, Psalm 23, followed by prayer by Sis. Daisy Williams.

Moderator W. A. Wilkinson declared body ready for business, and called for letters from different churches.

**Delegates enrolled as follows:**

New Bethany Church: Bros. J. A. Bass, H. M. Bass, Sisters Naomi Wilkinson, Ottie Lee Wilkinson.

Shady Hill Church: Bro. S. B. Bass, Sisters Mattie Johnson, Florence Bass, Alline Bess.

Pensacola Church: Bro. Gene Fleming, Sisters L. V. Pinson, Daisy Williams, Arleen Fleming.

Crestview Church: Bro. Marvin Bass, Willie D. Davis, Sisters Ammie Bass, Lou Mallow.

Dozier Church: Bro. James Scott, Gerald Kimbro, Sisters Irene Scott, Barbara Scott.

New Shady Grove: Sis. Ineta McGlaun, Patricia McGlaun.

Andalusia Church: Sisters Lizzie Engle, Anna McGlaun, Bonnie Mae Mathews, Bro. Troy Engle, Jr.

Welcome handshake given by Delegates, Ministers and Executive Committee.

**Officers were elected for next year as follows:**

Moderator ..... Rev. W. A. Wilkinson  
Asst. Moderator ..... Rev. L. V. Pinson  
Clerk ..... Sis. Flara Bass  
Treasurer ..... Bro. V. L. McGlaun  
Reading Clerk ..... Sis. Lorine Johnson  
Associational Deacons .... Bros. Marvin Bass, Gene Fleming

**Moderator appointed committes as follows:**

Sunday School: Rev. E. F. Sanford, Rev. L. V. Pinson,  
Bro. J. D. Bass.

Temperance: Sisters Arline Fleming, Alline Bass, Lorine  
Johnson, Bonnie Mae Mathews, Bro. James Scott.

Resolutions: Brothers Gene Fleming, W. D. Davis, W. B.  
Bass, Rev. W. M. Martin, Sis. Ineta McGlaun.

Obituaries: Sisters Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Florence Bass,  
Irene Scott, Bro. Marvin Bass, Rev. Troy Engle.

Finance: Bros. V. L. McGlaun, J. A. Bass, Gerald Kimbro,  
Sisters Lizzie Engle, Daisy Williams.

Suggestions: Bro. Stacey Bass, Sisters Naomi Wilkinson,  
Mrs. L. V. Pinson, Amy Bass, Patricia McGlaun.

Divine Service: Bro. H. M. Bass, Sisters Mattie Johnson,  
Anna McGlaun, Barbara Scott.

Motion was made and carried to meet at 9:00 Saturday  
morning.

**Friday Night Service**

Song service opened at 7:00 P. M. Led by Bro. Willie D.  
Davis, Opening song "All Alone". Prayer by Bro. Marvin  
Bass. Preaching by Rev. E. F. Sanford taking text St. John  
11-26. "Believest thou this". Followed by Rev. W. M. Martin,  
Text, "All things are possible unto them that believe".

Dismissed by Rev. E. E. Brooks.

**Saturday, 9:00 A. M.**

Meeting called o order by Moderator.

Scripture reading by Neil Wilkinson, reading Psalms 1.  
Prayer by Rev. E. E. Brooks.



Body declared ready for business.

Dismissed one hour for committees to work on reports.

**10:15 Saturday A. M.**

Body called to order by moderator.

Moderator gave welcome handshake to visiting minister Rev. E. E. Brooks and visitors from other churches.

Moderator called for Committee reports.

Report of Divine Service Committee.

Friday night Rev. E. F. Sanford followed by Rev. W. M. Martin.

Saturday 11:00 A. M. Service: Rev. E. E. Brooks.

Saturday night 7:00 P. M. service Rev. J. C. Mathews followed by Rev. Troy Engle.

Sunday, 11:00 A. M. service, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

Report on Obituaries:

We your Committee on obituaries report as follows: we find six deaths in the association. Bro. A. L. Capps of Crestview Church died Feb. 18, 1961. Age 95. Bro. Oscar Worley and Bro. Marshal Lawson of New Shady Grove Church, Rev. W. A. Morton, age 90, Sister W. A. Morton, age 86, Bro. John Buckley, age 76, of Pensacola Church.

**IN MEMORY**

At home in the beautiful hills of God,  
By the valley of rest so fair,  
Someday, sometime,  
When our work is done,  
With joy we shall meet them there.

Sis. Oattie Lee Wilkinson (Chr.)

Report on Finance:

We your Committee on Finance report as follows:

Received From:

Shady Hill Church .....	\$17.00
Crestview Church .....	11.00
Andalusia Church .....	7.00
Dozier Church .....	9.00
New Shady Grove Church .....	6.50

New Bethany Church .....	15.00
First F. W. Baptist Church of Pensacola .....	20.00
	\$ 85.50
Brought forward from 1960-1961 .....	\$129.29
	Total \$214.79

Bro. V. L. McGlaun (Chr.)

#### Treasurer's Report:

Brought forward .....	\$192.86
Paid Clerk .....	5.00
Paid for Minutes .....	58.57
Balance .....	\$129.29

V. L. McGlaun

#### Report on Sabbath School:

We your committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows:  
We find that each church has a Sunday school. We recommend that the superintendent and teachers of each school, do their best to help improve their school and strive to be more efficient.

Rev. E. F. Sanford (Chr.)

#### Report on Resolutions:

We your Committee on Resolutions report as follows:  
We recommend that each church should make a greater effort to follow the rules as set forth in our minutes particularly Art. 1. Section 7 and Art. 2 Section 10.

Bro. Gene Fleming (Chr.)

#### Saturday 11:00 A. M.

All sang, "Where the Soul never dies". Rev. E. E. Brooks took subject of sermon from Romans 13-1, 11. after hearing an inspiring sermon was dismissed until 1:00 by Rev. E. F. Sanford.

#### Saturday 1:00 P. M.

Crowd gathered back in the church, Sang "I want to know more about my Lord". Scripture reading by Bro. W. E. Davis, Ex. 14. Prayer by Bro. W. E. Holley.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

**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 intoxicating drinks. We believe in carrying out the Bible standard in being temperate in all things.

Sis. Alline Bass (Chr.)

**Report on Suggestions:**

We your Committee on Suggestions report as follows:  
We suggest that every church that has a sufficient number of children have a Bible school each summer. We suggest that the church deacons be standing delegates at all associational meetings. We suggest the association meet with the Pensacola Church, Pensacola Fla. on Fri. before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1962. We suggest the Sunday school rally go to the Crestview Church. 2nd Sunday in July 1962. We suggest the associational clerk be paid \$5.00. We suggest Rev. G. D. McVay preach the introductory sermon at the next association, in his absence suggest Rev. J. C. Mathews. We suggest 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 resolutions adopted each year be placed in back of minutes to be for regulations or by-laws for the associations. We suggest the fifth Sunday meetings be held as follows: Dozier Oct. 29, 1961, Andalusia Dec. 31, 1961, Shady Hill, April 29, 1962, Shady Grove, July 29, 1962.

Bro. S. B. BASS (Chr.)

Dismissed by prayer, Sis. L. V. Pinson.

**Saturday Night 7:00 P. M.**

Song by all "Keep on the Living Line", Prayer by Bro. Marvin Bass. Preaching services opened by Rev. J. C. Mathews reading 1 Cor. 13, followed by Rev. Troy Engle. Closing prayer by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

**Sunday 11:00 A. M.**

Group gathered in church sang "Come and Dine".

Moderator asked for announcements, Prayer by Rev. G. D. McVay. Preaching by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson taking subject from Gen. 26, Matt. 3-16.

Reading of thanks by Sis. Lorine Johnson.

We the Ministers, Executive Committee and Delegates composing the 35th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Crestview Church for their kind hospitality, shown us during this association. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Flara Bass (Clerk)

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

Dismissing prayer by Rev. W. M. Martin

Association happy to send \$45.88 to childrens home, Eldridge, 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." Ac's 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. A presbytry of 5 men shall be appointed by the moderator to hold office 1 through 5th year to conduct ordination of ministers or deacons for this association or any church connected with this association.

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 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.

4. That all deacons from the different churches be standing delegates to the association.



## STATISTICAL TABLES FOR YEAR 1961 - 1962

Churches and Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Total Members	Pastor Paid	Home Mission	Paid for Minutes	Meeting Time of
1st F. W. B. Andalusia J. C. Mathews	Mrs. Troy Engle 200 Lee St. Andalusia, Ala.	16	\$130.50	\$338.25	\$7.00	Each Sunday & Sun. Night
1st F. W. B. Pensacola L. V. Pinson	Mrs. Daisy M. Williams 211 Garfield Dr. Pensacola, Fla.	108	\$1176.76	\$5.16	\$20.00	Each Sunday & Sun. Night
New Shady Grove E. E. Brooks	Lucille Sellers R. 8, Box 222, Andalusia, Ala.	67	\$66.74	\$59.60	\$6.50	2nd Sun. & Sat. Night before
Shady Hill W. A. Wilkinson	Alline Bass R. 5, Andalusia, Ala.	56	\$151.43	\$119.45	\$17.00	2nd Sun. and Sun. night
1st F. W. B. Crestview G. D. McVay	Lucinda Mallow R. 1, Crestview, Fla.	36	\$258.14	\$127.58	\$11.00	Each Sunday & Sun. night
New Bethany E. E. Brooks	Eula Dotson Baker, Fla.	35	\$109.25	\$58.30	\$15.00	4th Sunday & Sat. night before
1st F. W. B. Dozier J. W. Barlow	Lennis Grimes R. 6, Andalusia, Ala.	56	\$208.19	\$246.54	\$9.00	Each Sunday & Sun. night