

Minutes

OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Southern Union Association UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

1st Free Will Baptist Church

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 1962

O F F I C E R S

Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Assist. Moderator Rev. V. L. McGlaun
Clerk Sis. Flara Bass
Treasurer Bro. Marvin D. Bass
Reading Clerk Sis. Lorine Johnson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

V. L. McGlaun, Chr., H. M. Bass, Stacy B. Bass, Grady
Burgins, Hollie McGlaun, Scott Barrow, W. E. HOLLEY

ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Bro. R. L. Williams, Bro. Coy Bass

Closed to meet with 1st Free Will Baptist Church,
111 Arnold St., Andalusia, Ala. on Friday morning before
the 4th Sunday in September 1963.

ORDER OF CONFERENCE

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

Ordaining Council and date office expires.

Bro. S. B. Bass	1963
Rev. E. F. Sanford	1964
Bro. V. L. McGlaun	1965
Rev. L. V. Pinson, (Chr.)	1966
Bro. Robert Williams	1967

Ministers Present.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 2, Baker, Fla.
Rev. E. F. Sanford, 184 N. Enzor St., Crestview, Fla.
Rev. J. W. Barlow, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.
Rev. J. C. Matthews, Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. Troy Engle, 200 Lee St., Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla.

Enrollment of Ministers absent.

Rev. R. R. Zeiglar, Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. E. L. Eiland, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. F. M. Wright, Rt. 3, Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. Cliff Worthington, Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Williamson, Crestview, Fla.

Visiting Minister.

Rev. E. E. Brooks, Rt. 1, Box 175, Flomaton, Ala.

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the 36th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association group met with the 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida Sept. 21, 22, 23, 1962.

Friday, Sept. 21, 1962, 10:45 A. M.

Congregation sang "Ide Rather Have Jesus", Prayer by Bro. E. E. Sanford.

At 11:00 we heard a message by Rev. J. C. Sanford, Reading from Heb. 2-6, Gen. 1; 26-27. Subject "What is man that thou art mindful of Him". Followed by prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews and Rev. L. V. Pinson, thus dismissing one hour for lunch.

1:00 P. M.

Body called to order by Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson Song. "Trust and Obey"

Moderator declared body ready for business. Scripture reading by Sis. Loraine Johnson, Romans 13. Prayer by Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

Moderator called for letters from different churches.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:

New Shady Grove: Sisters, Ineta McGlaun, Evelyn McGlaun, Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

Shady Hill: Bros. Coy Bass, Stacy B. Bass, Sisters Dora Murphy, Mattie Johnson, Florence Bass.

1st Free Will Baptist Church, Andalusia, Bro. Edward Mancil, Sisters Emma Lee Mancil, Bonnie Mae Mathews, Lizzie Engle, Rev. Troy Engle and J. C. Mathews.

New Bethany: Sisters Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Naomi Wilkinson, Carrie Lou Bass, Bros. W. B. Bass, H. M. Bass, J. A. Bass, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, E. F. Sanford.

1st Free Will Baptist Church of Dozies, Ala. Sisters Jane Davis, Lena Robbins,, Madonna Kinbro. Joan Kinmbro.

1st Free Will Baptist Church of Crestview, Fla. Sisters Annie Bass, Una Vae Beck, Glenda Crawford, Bro. Deleon Ward, J. D. Bass, Marvin Bass.

1st Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla. Sisters Daisy M. Williams, Lura M. Mitchell, Virginia Clark, Thelma Holley, Bros. W. E. Holley, R. L. Williams, Rev. L. V. Pinson

Welcome hand shake was given by Delegates, Deacons, Ministers and Executive Committee.

Officers were Elected for Next Year as Follows:

Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Asst. Moderator Bro. V. L. McGlaun
Clerk Sis. Flara Bass
Treasurer Bro. Marvin Bass
Reading Clerk Sis. Loarine Johnson
Associational Deacons Bro. Coy Bass and R. L. Williams

Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Divine Service: Sisters Thelma Holley, Florence Bass, Jane Davis, Carrie Lou Bass, Bros. Edward Mancil, Delon Ward.

Sunday School: Sisters Amie Bass, Madonnah Kimbro, Mattie Johnson, Daisy Williams, Bro. J. A. Bass.

Suggestions: Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Lizzie Engle, Evelyn McGlaun, Laura Mitchell, Joan Kimbro.

Finance: Brothers Marvin Bass, Stacey B. Bass, W. E. Holley, Sisters Dora Murphy, Bonnie Mae Mathews.

Temperance: Rev. L. V. Pinson, J. C. Mathews, Bro. W. B. Bass, Sisters Virginia Clark, Una Vae Beck.

Obituararies: Rev. E. F. Sanford, Troy Engle, Sisters Naomi Wilkinson, Glneda Crawford, Emma Lee Mancil.

Resolutions: Bro. H. M. Bass, J. D. Bass, Sisters Lena Robins, Daisy Williams, Una Vae Beck.

Dismissed until 9:30 Sat. A. M. Song "He is so precious to me". Prayer by Sis. Loraine Johnson. Thus dismissed.

Friday Night Preaching Service

Song service opened at 7:20 P. M. led by Bro. W. E. Holley. Opening song "Bringing in the sheaves". Prayer by Sis. Pinson. Preaching by Rev. Troy Engle. Reading Rom. 8-1, Subject "No condemnation to those in Christ Jesus" Followed by Rev. E. F. Sanford. Text, St. John 19-30.

Dismissed by Sister Thelma Holley.

Saturday 9:30 A. M.

Body called to order by Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson. Song, "Just a little talk with Jesus". Scripture reading by Neil Wilkinson John 3, 11-21, Prayer by Bro. W. E. Holley. Moderator declared body ready for business.

Recessed for Committees to make reports.

Moderator gave visitors handshake
Sis. Flora Jackson, Rt. 4, Opelika, Ala. She is from Southeastern Free Will Baptist Association.

Also welcomed with hand shake Bro. Carter L. Brewer, 6808 Stinson Court, Mobile, Ala. Phone 342-6593 Lovewell F. W. B. Church Rt. 1, Richton, Miss. Southeast Miss. F.W.B. Association.

Moderator called for reports:

Report on Sabbath Schools:

We your Committee on Sabbath School report as follows
We find a live Sunday School in each church in the Association. We find some of the churches do not have prayer meetings. We recommend each church have prayer meeting during each week.

Sis. Amie Bass, Chr.

Report on Temperance:

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following
As Christians and followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, we should do all in our power to stamp out the curse of intoxicating drinks. We find more money is spent on intoxicating drinks and worldly pleasures than is used for promoting the cause of Christ, and we adhere to the principals of the Bible, we believe that we should be temperate in all things.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Chr.

Resolutions:

We your Committee on Resolutions report as follows:
We recommend that each church work harder to carry out our church rules.

Bro. H. M. Bass, Chr.

Saturday, 11:00 A. M.

Song "He keeps me singing". Prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson. who reads Scripture Cor. 19-27, Subject of sermon, "A possible castaway". Song "Have Thine own way Lord".

Dismissed one hour for lunch, Prayer by Sis. Loraine Johnson, thus dismissing.

Saturday 1:00 P. M.

House called to order by Moderator.
Song "The Glory Land Way". Scripture reading 1 Cor.³ by Sis. W. E. Holley. Prayer by Sis. Arline Fleming.

Moderator declared body ready for business.
Calling for reports from different Committees.

Report on Obituaries:

The Lord has seen fit to call six of our loved ones home since we met last year. Through faith we can say "Our loss is Heaven's gain". The ones who have gone are as follows:

Shady Grove: Sis. V. L. Henly and Bro. John S. Meeks.

Shady Hill: Sis. Dora Bass and Bro. J. Bennett Bass.

Dozier Church: Sis. Ruby Ledbetter.

Andalusia Church: Rev. John Williams.

IN MEMORY

These loved ones from us are gone
Their face we see no more
But through faith, we'll meet them there
On Heaven's eternal shore.

Rev. E. F. Sanford, Chr.

Report on Divine Service:

Friday 11:00 A. M. Rev. J. C. Mathews.

Friday 7:20 P. M. Rev. Troy Engle, Rev. E. S. Sanford.

Saturday 11:00 A. M. Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Saturday 7:20 P. M. Rev. E. E. Brooks, Rev. J. W. Barlow.

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

Report on Suggestions:

We your Committee on Suggestions:

1. We suggest that every church that has a sufficient number of children have a Bible school each summer. (adopted)
2. We suggest if possible each church organize an auxiliary. (adopted)
3. We suggest the next Association meet with Andalusia First Free Will Baptist Church, 111 Arnold Street in Andalusia, Ala. (adopted)
4. We suggest the next Sunday School Rally meet with Dozier First Free Will Baptist Church, (adopted)
5. We suggest Rev. E. F. Sanford preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, in his absence Rev W. A. Wilkinson. (adopted)
6. We suggest the Clerk be paid \$5.00 for writing up this Minute. (adopted)
7. We suggest all members attend church regularly, unless Providentially hindered, to be able to vote in church conference. (adopted)
8. We suggest the Clerk write a resolution of thanks. (adopted)
9. We suggest the 5th Sunday meets be held as follows:
New Bethany - Sept. 30, 1962
Shady Hill - Dec. 30, 1962
Shady Grove - Mar. 31, 1963
Crestview - June 30, 1962

At this time Moderator gave time for miscellaneous suggestions. Bro. Kimbro suggested for Association to discontinue the services of the Ordaining council. by a majority vote the Ordaining Council continues to operate.

Moderator appoints Bro. Robert Williams serve on the Ordaining Council.

Rev. E. F. Sanford suggests the Association send from treasury \$25.00 to Children's Home, Eldridge Ala. also the congregation gave \$30.34 a total of \$55.34.

Moved and seconded that Moderator set a time for ministers and deacons get together for fellowship meeting, and discuss faith and F. W. B. belief. motion carried.

All ministers and deacons are to be questioned by the Ordaining Council, at this ministers meeting. (adopted)

Treasurer's Report:

In Treasury	\$214.79
Paid Children's Home	25.00
Paid Clerk	5.00
Paid for Minutes	58.61
Deacons & Ministers Ind. Cards	8.75
Balance	\$117.43

Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Treasurer

Report of Committee on Finance:

Brought forward from 1961 and 1962	\$117.43
Collected	95.96
Total	\$213.39

Bro. Marvin Bass, Chr.

Saturday 7:20 P. M.

Songs by congregation, followed by special singing by Dozier girls. Prayer by Bro. Johnnie Barnham. Preaching service opened by Rev. E. E. Brooks, reading Scripture 2nd Tim. 2-19. Followed by Rev. J. W. Barlow reading Rom. 16-17 10, 9-11. Invitational hymn, "Take my hand precious Lord". Dismissing prayer by Bro. George Newham.

Sunday 11:00 A. M. Preaching Service

After congregational singing, prayer by Sis. Lura Mae Mitchell. Rev. W. A. Wilkinson reading Scripture Ex. 32, 1-11, Psalm 14, 1, subject of sermon, "There is a God".

Resolution of thanks: read by Sis. Loraine Johnson.

We the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons and Delegates composing the 36th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla. for their kind hospitality shown us during this Association. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Sis. Flara Bass, Associational Clerk

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

Prayer by Bro. W. E. Holley, thus dismissing the Association.

Clerk Flara Bass, Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.
Treasurer Marvin D. Bass, P. O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla.

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 (Chris) 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. 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 religeous 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 1962 - 1963

Churches and Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Home Mission	Paid for Minutes	Time of Meeting
New Bethany Rev. E. E. Brooks	Mrs. Eula Dotson Rt. 1, Baker, Fla.	36	\$149.30	\$88.56	\$21.00	4th Sunday & Sat. night before
New Shady Grove Rev. E. E. Brooks	Mrs. Lucille Sellers Rt. 8, Andalusia, Ala.	68	\$118.53	\$56.80	\$7.00	2nd Sun. & Sun. night
1st F. W. B., Dozier Church Rev. E. F. Sanford	Madonna Kimbro Box 54, Dozier, Ala.	123	\$600.00	\$682.37	\$10.00	Each Sat. night, Sun. & Sun. night
1st F. W. B., Andalusia Rev. J. C. Mathews	Mrs. Troy Engle 203 Arnold St. Andalusia, Ala.	30	\$102.24	\$1209.61	\$10.00	Each Sunday & Sun. night
1st F. W. B., Crestview Rev. W. H. Williamson	Mrs. Lucille Mallow	47	\$547.32	\$321.74	\$10.96	Each Sunday & Sun. night
1st F. W. B., Pensacola Rev. L. V. Pinson	Mrs. Daisy Williams 211 Garfield Dr. Mayfair Pensacola, Fla.	61	\$880.64	\$25.96	\$20.00	Each Sunday & Sun. night
Shady Hill Rev. W. A. Wilknison	Mrs. Alline Bass Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.	48	\$154.40	\$444.78	\$17.00	2nd Sunday & Sun. night