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# MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

**Southern Union Association**

**UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST**

HELD WITH

**1st Free Will Baptist Church**

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22, 1963

## OFFICERS

Moderator ..... Rev. L. V. Pinson

Asst. Moderator ..... Rev. W. A. Wilkinson

Clerk ..... Sis. Flara Bass

Treasurer ..... Bro. Marvin D. Bass

Reading Clerk ..... Sis. Lorine Johnson

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

V. L. McGlaun (Chr.)    H. M. Bass,    Stacey B. Bass  
Hollie McGlaun,    Elvin Stacey

## ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Frankie Bass,    Carl Straud

Closed to meet with Shady Hill Church, 12 miles South  
of Andalusia, Ala. on Friday morning before the 4th Sunday  
in September 1964.

## **ORDER OF CONFERENCE**

1. Invite visiting brethren 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. Miscellaneous business.
8. Motion to adjourn.

### **Ordaining Council and date office expires.**

1964 Rev. E. F. Sanford, 184 N. Andrews, Crestview, Fla.  
Phone 2 3253

1965 Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Andalusia, Ala. R. 1, Ph. 222-1317

1966 Rev. L. V. Pinson, (Chr.) 57223-211 N. Garfield Dr.  
Mayfair, Pensacola, Fla. Phone GL 5-7223

1967 Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 1, Baker, Fla.

### **Ministers Present.**

Rev. J. C. Matthews, Rev. Troy Engle, Rev. Cliff Worthington, Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rev. E. L. Eiland, Rev. E. F. Sanford, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rev. W. H. Williamson.

### **Licensed minister absent.**

Rev. W. W. Davis.

### **Enrollment of ministers absent.**

Rev. R. R. Zeiglar, Rev. F. M. Wright.

At this time the Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson recognized and welcomed visitors.

Rev. E. E. Brooks, Liberty Association No. 1.

Rev. Arnold Woodlief, North Florida Association.

Sister Flora Jackson, East Alabama Association.

## **PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of the 37th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with the 1st F. W. B. Church of Andalusia, Ala. Sept. 20, 21, 22, 1963.

### **Friday 10:00 A. M. Sept. 20**

Congregation sang "What a Friend." Prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson, following song by congregation. Prayer by Rev. Troy Engle.

At 11:00 we heard an inspiring sermon by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, reading Scripture Luke 5-27, Matt. 28-20.

After song was dismissed one hour for lunch by Rev. E. F. Sanford.

### 1 P. M. Friday

Body called to order by Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Song "I'll Live in Glory". followed by prayer by Bro. J. C. Mathews.

Sister Lorine Johnson read scripture Eph. 5: 1-7.

Moderator called body to order calling for letters from different churches.

1st F. W. B. Church of Andalusia, Ala. Sisters Lizzie Engle, Bonnie Mae Mathews, Quincy Williams and Bro. Buia Stroud, Deacon Bro. Hollie McGlaun.

1st F. W. B. Church of Pensacola, Fla. Sisters Jean Williams, Daisy Williams, Deacon Bro. R. L. Williams.

1st F. W. B. Church of Dozier, Sisters Mattie Jane Davis, Gertrude Edwards, Joan Kimbro and Ann Jowers. Deacon Bro. B. Kimbro.

Shady Hill Church: Bro. Frankie Bass, Sisters Francis Cobb, Florence Bass, Mattie Johnson, Dea. Bro. S. B. Bass.

Shady Grove Church, Sis. Ineta McGlaun, Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

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

1st F. W. B. Church of Crestview, Sister L. T. Lawson, Assoc. Treasurer Bro. Marvin Bass.

Welcome handshake was given by delegates, deacons, ministers and Executive Committee.

### Officers were elected as follows 1963-64.

Moderator .....	Rev. L. V. Pinson
Asst. Moderator .....	Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Clerk .....	Sis. Flara Bass
Treasurer .....	Bro. Marvin Bass
Reading Clerk .....	Sis. Lorine Johnson
Associational Deacons: Bro. Frankie Bass, Carl Straud,	

### Moderator appointed Committees as follows:

Divine Service Committee: Sisters Francis Cobb, Ineta McGlaun, Mattie Jane Davis, Quincy Williams, Bro. J. A. Bass.

Sunday School Committee: Brothers Hcley McGlaun, Frankie Bass, Sisters Daisy Williams, Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Rev. E. F. Sanford.

Suggestions: Brothers R. L. Williams, S. B. Bass, Sisters Bonnie Mathews, Jean Kimbro, Mattie Johnson.

Finance: Brothers Marvin Bass, V. L. McGlaun, Sisters Florence Bass, Ann Jowers, Naomi Wilkinson,

Temperance: Rev. J. C. Matthews, Sisters Gertrude Edwards, Carrie Lou Bass.

Obituaries: Rev. Troy Engle, Brothers G. G. Kimbro, W. B. Bass.

Resolutions: Sisters Lorine Johnson, Lizzie Engle, Bula Straud, Brothers Cliff Worthington, Coy Bass.

Rules Committee: Brothers V. L. McGlaun, S. B. Bass, Hollie McGlaun, R. L. Williams, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

Moderator Rev. L. V. Pinson recessed the group for 30 minutes. Later called the body to order. Song "Amazing Grace". Prayer by Rev. E. E. Brooks. Moved and seconded dismissing until 9:30 Sat. A. M. Dismissed by Rev. Arnold Woodlief.

### **Friday Night Preaching Service**

Congregation sang "I Live On". Prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews, Preaching by Rev. E. E. Brooks, reading Isah. 26.

**Sat. Sept. 21, 1963 - 9:30 A. M.**

Congregation sang "Living by Faith". Scripture reading Psalm 24 by Master Neil Wilkinson. Prayer by Rev. E. L. Eiland.

Body called to order by Moderator Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Called for reports from the different Committees.

Resolutions: We your committee report as follows: Reccomend that the permanent regulations No. 1 be amended to read. -No preacher or deacon shall be in good standing in this association, and no preacher be allowed to pastor a church or conduct a revival in any church in this association, having two living wives.

Sis. Lorine Johnson, Chr.

Sabbath Schools: We your committee report we find a lively sunday school in each church in the association. We find some of the churches do not have prayer meetengs. We reccomend each church have prayer meeting each week. We reccomend each church use their best qualified teachers in



sunday school cclasses, also use teachers who advocate the Free Will Baptist Doctrine

J. H. McGlaun, Chr.

Temperance: Stands as read. We your committee on Temperance submit the following as Christians, As followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, we should do all in our power to stamp out the curse of intoxicating drink. We find more money is being spent on intoxicating drink and worldly pleasures than is used for promoting the cause of Christ. And we adhere to the principales of the Bible to be temperate in all things.

Rev. J. C. Mathews, Chr.

Body dismissed 30 minutes for Committees to work on reports.

Moderator Rev. Pinson welcomed visitors.

Rev. N. W. Carden, Liberty No. Association.

Bro. Jessie Odom, Liberty No. Association.

Sis. Mary Morgan, Southern Union Association.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Obituaries: Committee reports, The Lord has seen fit to call four of our loved ones home since we met last year. Through faith we can say our loss is Heavens gain.

Dozier Church: Sisters Waverly Tompkins, Mattie Battles.

Shady Hill: Bro. Jessie Teel, Died Dec. 1962.

Pensacola: Bro. W. E. Holley.

### IN MEMORY

These loved ones from us are gone  
Their faces we see no more  
Through faith we shall see them there  
On Heaven's eternal shore.

Rev. Troy Engle, Chr.

Saturday 11:00 A. M.

Congregation sang "When I Reach that City".

Prayer by Bro. Jessie Odom.

Preaching by Rev. Arnold Woodlief, reading Psalms 126-56  
Subject of sermon "Using the Word of God".

Preaching followed by Rev. E. F. Sanford.

Bro. Virgil McGlaun gave an oral report from Shady Grove Church asking that Rev. Eiland be given credentials to preach by ordaining council. Followed in prayer by Sis. Mattie Jane Davis, thus dismissing one hour for lunch.

**1:00 P. M. Saturday**

House called to order by Moderator Rev. Pinson. Congregation sang "I Need Thee". Devotional given by Rev. N. W. Carden reading Gen. 50:24-26.

Prayer by Sis. Bonnie Mae Mathews.

Body declared ready for business.

Rules adopted, To be added No. 5 and 6 to "permanent Rules" in minutes.

Suggestion, Committee Report;

1. We suggest churches having a sufficient number of children have Bible school each year.
2. We suggest where possible each church organize an auxiliary.
3. We suggest the next association meet with Shady Hill Church 12 1/2 miles South of Andalusia.
4. The Sunday School Rally meet at 1st F. W. B. Church of Pensacola, Fla. Wiggins Ave.
5. Rev. J. C. Matthews preach the introductory sermon at next association, in his absence Rev. L. V. Pinson.
6. The 5th Sunday meetings be held as follows:  
Shady Grove Sept. 29, 1963  
Crestview Church Dec. 29, 1963  
Dozier Church March 29, 1964  
New Bethany Church May 31, 1964  
Andalusia Church Aug. 30, 1964

1. The suggestions stay as they are 6 7 8
6. The clerk be paid \$5.00 for writing this minute.
7. That all members attend church regularly unless providentially hindered, to be able to vote in church conference.
8. The clerk write a resolution of thanks.
9. The 8 Order of Conference remain as they are.
10. The Ordaining Council stay as they are with addition of addresses and phone numbers.

11. We suggest addresses of Executive Committee show in minutes.

Bro. R. L. Williams, Chr.

**Ordaining Council report:**

We your Council have examined Rev. E. L. Eiland as pertaining to his ordination. After examining him in regards to his belief and practice of the Free Will Baptist denomination we request that he be received into this association by exchange of credentials.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Chr.

**Report on Finance:**

In Treasury .....	\$213.39
Paid Childrens Home, Eldridge .....	\$25.00
Paid Clerk .....	\$5.00
Paid, Minutes .....	\$58.57
Balance .....	\$124.82
Collected .....	\$87.00
Total .....	\$211.82

Bro. Marvin Bass, Chr.

**Divine Service Committee report:**

Friday Night: 7:30 Rev. E. E. Brooks.

Saturday: 11:00 A. M. Rev. Arnold Woodlief, E. F. Sanford

Sat. Night: 7:30 P. M. Rev. E. L. Eiland, J. C. Matthews

Sunday 11:00 A. M. Bro. Sam Stroud, Rev. Troy Engle.

Rev. E. F. Sanford suggests and is accepted by association to send \$25.00 to Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala.

Congregation gave \$31.75 a total of \$56.75. Moderator said thanks to the association for nice offering.

Suggested and adopted that Sisters Emma Lee Mancil, Flara Bass and Bro. Marvin Bass buy a mimograph machine for the association.

Suggested and passed that Bro. Elvin Stacey serve on Executive Committee instead of Bro. W. E. Holley who has passed away.

Executive Committee suggests that Bro. Grady Burges and Scott Barrow be excluded from committee, because of non-attendance. (Passed)

Dismissed by Bro. Marvin Bass.

**Saturday Night Service**

Prayer by Sis. Emma Lee Mancil. Preaching by Rev. E. L. Eiland reading Heb. 4: 13-14. Song "Rock of Ages". followed by Rev. J. C. Matthews readin Ex. 4.

Dismissed by Sis. Flara Bass.

## Sunday 11:00 A. M Preaching Service

Congregation sang "Looking For a City". Prayer by Rev. Arnold Woodlief. Preaching by Bro. Sam Straud reading Isiah 66:1-15, followed by Rev. Troy Engle reading Gen.7-16, Matt. 25-10. Subject: "A Closed Door". Service closed with song "I Will Arise and GO to Jesus".

Resolution of thanks was read by Sis. Lorine Johnson.

We the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons and Delegates composing the 37th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association wis to express our thanks and appreciation to the 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Andalusia for their kind hospitality shown us during this association. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Sis. Flara Bass. Associational Clerk

Crowd retired to yard to take the parting hand.

Prayer by Rev. Troy Engle, 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 (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 8:37. "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 presbtry of 5 ordained men shall be appointed by the moderator to hold office 1 through 5th year to conduct ordination of ministers or deacos for this association or any church connected with this association.

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 discretion 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 immersion 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.

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.

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.

5. No minister be called as pastor or used as evangelist in any church in this association without being subject to questioning by ordaining council.

6. No minister be used as an evangelist in any church in this association except ones of F. W. B. faith.



# STATISTICAL TABLES FOR YEAR 1963 - 1964

Churches and Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Home Mission	Paid for Minutes	Time of Meeting
New Shady Grove Rev. E. E. Brooks	Mrs. Lucille Sellers Rt. 8, Andalusia, Ala.	68	\$104.03		\$9.00	1st & 3rd Sun. and Sun. night
New Bethany Rev. E. E. Brooks	Mrs. Eula Dotson Rt. 1, Baker, Fla.	38	\$151.75	\$154.08	\$16.00	4th Sun. and Sat. night before
Shady Hill Rev. W. A. Wilkinson	Mrs. Alline Bass Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.	47	\$167.25	\$283.13	\$22.00	2nd Sun. and Sun night
1st F.W.B. of Crestview Rev. W. H. Williamson	Mrs. Maggie Barrow	31	\$516.99	\$84.66	\$5.00	Each Sun. & Sun. night Prayer meet. Wed. night
1st F.W.B. of Andalusia Rev. J. C. Matthews	Mrs. Troy Engle 203 Arnold St. Andalusia, Ala.	41	\$150.86	\$160.90	\$10.00	Each Sun. & Sun. night Prayer meet. Wed. night
1st F.W.B. of Pensacola Rev. L. V. Pinson	Mrs. Daisy Williams 211 N. Garfield Dr., Mayfair Pensacola, Fla.	50	\$958.48	\$33.00	\$15.00	Each Sun. & League Sun. N. Prayer meet. Wed. night
1st F.W.B. of Dozier Rev. E. F. Sanford	Mrs Lena Robbins	103	\$415.00	\$800.17	\$10.00	Sat. night Sun. & Sun n. Prayer meet. Wed. night