

MINUTES

**OF THE
THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Southern Union Association

UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

SHADY HILL CHURCH

RT. 5, ANDALUSIA, ALA.

SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27, 1964

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Asst. Moderator.....Rev. E. F. Sanford
Clerk.....Sis. Flara Bass
Treasurer.....Bro. Marvin D. Bass
Reading Clerk.....Sis. Lorine Johnson

ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Bros. S. B. Bass & C. M. Stroud

**Closed to meet with First Free Will Baptist Church in
Dozier, Ala., on Friday morning before the 4th Sunday
in September, 1965.**

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.

- 1965 Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Andalusia, Ala., Rt. 1, Ph. 222-1317
1966 Rev. L. V. Pinson, (Chr.) 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla., Ph. GL6-3972
1967 Bro. R. L. Williams, 211 N. Garfield Dr., Pensacola, Fla. Ph. GL5-7223
1968 Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 1, Baker, Fla.
1969 Rev. E. F. Sanford, 184 N. Andrews, Crestview, Fla.

Executive Committee

- Bro. V. L. McGlaun (Chr.) Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
Bro. Dallis Bass, Rt. 1, Box 266, Crestview, Fla.
Bro. Stacy B. Bass, Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.
Bro. H. M. Bass, Rt. 1, Baker, Fla.
Bro. J. H. McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala., Ph. 222-4492
Bro. Elvin R. Stacy, 603 Chimes Way, Pensacola, Fla., Ph. 32505
Bro. John F. Davis, Rt. 2, Dozier, Ala.

Ministers Present

- Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 2, Baker, Fla.
Rev. E. F. Sanford, 184 N. Andrews, Crestview, Fla.
Rev. Troy Engle, 104 Arnold St., Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. J. C. Matthews, 1715 E. 3-Notch St., Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. E. L. Eiland, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. R. R. Zeiglar, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. E. E. Brooks, Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla.

Visiting Ministers

- Rev. A. B. Bryan, Ayden, N. Carolina, Eastern Conference.

Ministers Absent

- Rev. Wayne Wright Davis; Rev. F. M. Wright

Visitors

Mr. Ed Miller, Florala, Ala., Mrs. Mae Miller, First Baptist Church, Florala, Ala., Lizzie Cason, Clemma Smith, Wing Baptist Church, Flora Jackson, 1st F.W.B., Opelika, Ala., Henry Bass, Mrs. Philip Davis, 1st F.W.B., Crestview, Fla., Fred Kelly, Pleasant Home Church.

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the 38th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association. Met with Shady Hill Church September 25th, 26th, & 27th.

FRIDAY 10:00 A.M SEPTEMBER 25th.

Congregation sang "Revive Us Again". Prayer by Rev. E. E. Brooks.

Devotion by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson. Reading: Psalms. 1.
Recess 5 minutes.

Moderator Rev. L. V. Pinson called body to order after singing "I Gave My Life For Thee". Prayer by Sister Naomi Wilkinson.

Rev. J. C. Matthews preached the introductory sermon. Subject of sermon, Luke 19. 1-10. Matt. 8. 20-23.

After preaching all sang "Never Alone" Brother R. L. Williams dismissed. 1 hour for lunch.

Friday 1:00 P.M.

House called to order by moderator Rev. L. V. Pinson. Song "Blessed Assurance" After Bible reading Psalm 23 Sister Marsha Dotson, moderator gave short talk on mission minded Christians, followed by talk by Rev. A. B. Byran, describing the F.W.B. Sunday School literature published in Ayden, N. C. At this time Rev. Pinson took up a Free Will offering, \$23.81 for Foreign Mission, to be sent to Mexico.

Moderator called body to order, calling for letters from different Churches. Delegates are enrolled as follows: New Bethany Church, Bro. J. A. Bass, Sis. Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Naomi Wilkinson, Marsha Dotson, Deacon H. M. Bass - 1st F.W.B. Church, Andalusia. Bro. Troy Engle, Jr., Sister Troy Engle, Sr., Anna McGlaun, Emma Lee Mancil, Deacons Bro. C. M. Stroud, Jerrell Kimbro, Holly McGlaun. - 1st. F.W.B. Church, Dozier. Sister Lillie Davis, Lena Robins, Mattie Jane Davis, Gloria Burgains, Deacon J. F. Davis - 1st. F.W.B. Church, Crestview, Fla.

Sister Amy Bass, Marguerite Lawson, Deacon J. D. Bass and Marvin Bass - New Shady Grove Church.

Sister Ineta McGlaun, Lucille Sellers - Shady Hill Church.

Sister Mattie Johnson, Florence Bass, Dora Murphy, Alline Bass, Deacon Stacy B. Bass - 1st. F.W.B. Church, Pensacola. Sister Aurro Pinson, Daisy Williams, Deacon R. L. Williams.

Welcome handshake was given by delegates, deacons, ministers and executive committee.

Officers were elected as follows for 1964 - 1965

Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Assistant Moderator Rev. E. F. Sanford
Clerk Flara Bass
Treasurer Bro. Marvin D. Bass
Reading Clerk Sis. Lorine Johnson

Associational Deacons: Bro. S. D. Bass, C. M. Stroud.

Moderator appoints Committees as follows:

Devine Service Committee: Anna McGlaun, Gloria Burgains, Amy Bass, Luceille Sellers, Mattie Johnson,
Resolutions Committee: Bro. R. L. Williams, Marvin D. Bass, Jerrell Kimbro, Sister Alline Bass. Rev. L.V. Pinson.

Suggestions Committee: Sister L. V. Pinson, Emma Lee Mancil, Lillie Davis, Marsha Dotson, Marguerite Lawson, Bro. J. A. Bass.

Sunday School Committee: Naomi Wilkinson, Mattie Jane Davis, Daisy Williams, Lizzie Engle, Dora Murphy.

Finance Committee: Bro. Carl Stroud, J. F. Davis, S. B. Bass, Sis. Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Florence Bass.

Obituaries Committee: Bro. Holly McGlaun, J. D. Bass, Troy Engle, Jr., Sisters Ineta McGlaun, Lena Robins.

Temperance Committee: Bro. H. M. Bass, Rev. E. E. Brooks, J. C. Mathews, Troy Engle, R. R. Zeiglar, E. L. Eiland.

Rules Committee: W. A. Wilkinson, Chairman, R. L. Williams, Marvin D. Bass, Flara Bass, V. L. McGlaun, Sam Stroud, Mattie Jane Davis.

Moderator W. A. Wilkinson closed meeting until Saturday, 9:30 A.M. Dismissed by Rev. E. F. Sanford.

Friday Night Preaching Service

Congregation sang "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus", followed in prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews, preaching by Rev. L. V. Pinson, Reading Heb. 6. - prayer by Sister Daisy Williams. Dismissed by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Saturday 9:30 A.M. September 26

Congregation sang "The Lily of the Valley" followed in prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews. Scripture reading by master Neil Wilkinson, Romans 12.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Recessed for delegates to work on committees.

Moderator called for song and a report from committees.

Obituaries: Committee reports- The Lord has seen fit to take three of our members since we met last year. Through faith we can say our loss is Heaven's gain. New Bethany Church; one. Andalusia Church; Brother Cliff Worthington, Sept. 7, 1964. Pensacola Church; Sister Wimpie.

Brother Hollie McGlaun, Chairman.

Sabbath Schools: We your committee report we find a lively Sunday School in each Church in this Association. We find some of the Churches do not have prayer meeting. We also recommend each Church have prayer meeting each week. We also recommend each Church have an auxiliary and league.

We recommend each Church use their best qualified teachers in all classes, and those who advocate the Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

We recommend each Church buy their Sunday School Literature and other Church supplies from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, as it is cheaper. Sister Naomi Wilkinson, Chairman.

Saturday 11:00 A.M. Preaching Service

Song, "What A Friend". Rev. R. R. Zeiglar preached, Subject of sermon - Heb. 3-12, followed by Rev. E. F. Sanford. Dismissed one hour for lunch by singing "Hand In Hand With Jesus". Prayer by Rev. Troy Engle.

After spending one hour for lunch and Christian fellowship with brethren, body was called to order by moderator. All sang "At The Cross". Scripture reading by Sister Emma Lee Mancil, Romans 6:1 -6. Prayer by Sister Lorine Johnson.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

Temperance: Placing at word drink: , we find in this verse, Prov. 20: 1 'Wine is a mocker. Strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Brother H. M. Bass, Chairman.

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 next Association meet with Dozler Church.
4. The Sunday School Rally meet with Andalusia Church.
5. Rev. E. E. Brooks preach the introductory sermon next Association. In his absence, Rev. L. V. Pinson.
6. Fifth Sunday meetings be as follows:
 1. Crestview Church
 2. New Shady Grove
 3. New Bethany
 4. Shady Hill
 5. Pensacola Church.
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 the minutes.
12. We suggest that each church become more conscious of need for missions, and endeavor to support same.

Sister L. V. Pinson, Chairman.

Resolutions: We report as follows:

1. We suggest that Section 14, Article 1 of Rules be made to read "As the Scriptures teach against worldliness in any form, be it resolved that each member seek the devine guidance of the Holy Spirit in things that pertain to Holy and righteous living."

2. As to Section 9, Article 1, that it be made to read "That the church recommend the questioning of any member for license, the same as ordination."

Brother R. L. Williams, Chairman

Finance report:

In Treasury.....	\$123.25
Dozier Church.....	10.00
Andalusia	10.00
Crestview	10.41
New Shady Grove	11.00
Pensacola	15.00
Shady Hill	19.00
New Bethany	<u>19.00</u>

Total \$217.66

Bro. Carl Stroud, Chr.

Treasurer's Report

In Treasury	\$211.82
Paid Clerk	5.00
Paid for Minutes	58.57
Paid Childrens Home	<u>25.00</u>

Total \$123.21

Treasurer - Marvin D. Bass

Divine Service Committee:

Friday 11:00 A.M. Rev. J. C. Matthews. Friday 7:30 P.M.

Rev. L. V. Pinson. Saturday 11:00 A.M. Rev. R. R. Zeiglar, followed by Rev. E. F. Sanford. Saturday 7:30 P.M. Rev. Troy Engle, followed by Rev. E. L. Eiland. Sunday 11:00 A.M. Rev. E. E. Brooks.

Sister Anna McGlaun, Chairman

Moved to keep Sister Emma Lee Mancil and Flara Bass and Brother Marvin Bass on committee to look for mimeograph machine and report their findings.

Association Treasurer pays \$25.00 and congregation pays \$26.06, Total \$51.06 for F.W.B. Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala. Moderator said "Thank each donor." Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Preaching Service Saturday 7:30 P.M.

Congregation sang "When I Can Read My Title Clear". Prayer by Sister Engle. Preaching by Rev. Troy Engle. Reading 1st John, 14, 1 - 6. Dismissed by Flara Bass.

September 27, Sunday 10:00 A.M.

After Sunday School crowd sang "Higher Ground". Prayer by Bro. Sam. Stroud. Preaching service opened by Rev. E. L. Eiland, reading Psalms 15.. Followed by Rev. E. E. Brooks, reading Isa. 40. 1 - 5.

RESOLUTION of THANKS: We the ministers, executive committee, deacons, and delegates composing the 38th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Shady Hill Church for their hospitality shown us during this Association. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Flara Bass, Clerk.

Crowd retired to yard to take the parting hand. Prayer by Rev. Troy Engle., thus dismissing the Association.

ClerkFlara Bass, Rt. 5, Andalusia, Alabama
Treasurer...Marvin D. Bass, P.O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla.

Pensacola Church, September 24, 1964

Woman's Auxiliary Report: Number members enrolled - 9. Average attendance - 6. Meetings are held twice monthly- On the first Tuesday of the month, we have our program and our business meeting is conducted on the 3rd Tuesday. This year we held a Daily Vacation Bible School with good attendance. We spent \$29.24 on the school and \$14.50 was given in offerings which was sent to Mexico Missions. We now have a special project - raising money to buy pulpit furniture. At present we have \$46.44 in this fund. Our benevolent Chairman reports several needy people helped by clothes, etc, donated by Auxiliary members. Have made offerings to Children's Home in Eldridge, Ala., and to missions. Flowers and gifts have been given to the sick in the amount of \$15.42. Our Officers for the new year have been elected. Sister L. V. Pinson is our President. Her address is: 2215 Bolder Ave., Pensacola, Florida.

Signed, Mrs. W. E. Holley, Secretary
3505 W. Avery St.,
Pensacola, Florida.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla. League Report: Number on roll - 20. Average attendance - 14 to 19. Number of classes - 5. State of League - Fair.

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. That the Church recommend the questioning of any member for license, the same as for ordination.

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 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. As the Scriptures teach against worldliness in any form, Be it Resolved that each member seek the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit in things that pertain to Holy and Righteous living.

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 TABLE FOR YEAR 1964-1965

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 Route 1, Baker, Florida	38	\$248.05	\$62.02	\$19.00	4th Sunday & Sat. before, each mo.
Andalusia Church Rev. J. C. Matthews	Mrs. Troy Engle 203 Arnold St. Andalusia, Ala.	52	\$100.00	\$1,215.71	\$10.00	Every Sunday & Sunday Night
Pensacola Church Rev. L. V. Pinson	Mrs. Daisy Williams 211 N. Garfield Dr. Mayfair, Pensacola, Fla.	50	\$947.72	\$318.09	\$15.00	Every Sunday & Sunday Night
New Shady Grove Rev. E. E. Brooks	Lucille Sellers Rt. 8, Andalusia, Ala.	70	\$241.85	\$41.80	\$11.00	1st & 3rd Sunday and Sunday Night
Crestview Church Rev. E. F. Sanford	Bessie Crawford	19	\$260.15	\$366.31	\$10.41	Every Sunday and Sunday Night
Dozier Church Rev. W. A. Wilkinson	Jane Davis Rt. 2, Dozier, Ala.	97	\$37.48	\$174.04	\$10.00	3rd Sunday and Sunday Night
Shady Hill Rev. W. A. Wilkinson	Alline Bass Route 5 Andalusia, Ala.	50	\$150.11	\$284.36	\$19.00	2nd Sunday and Sunday Night