

MINUTES

**OF THE
THIRTY NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Southern Union Association UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST

**HELD WITH
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
of
DOZIER, ALABAMA**

SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 26, 1965

OFFICERS

**Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Asst. Moderator Bro. Hollie McGlaun
Clerk Sister Flara Bass
Treasurer Bro. Marvin D. Bass
Reading Clerk Sister Lorine Johnson**

ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Bros. John F. Davis & C. M. Stroud

**Closed to meet with New Bethany Church, Baker, Fla.
10:00 O'clock Friday morning before the 4th Sunday in
September, 1966.**

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.

- 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., Ph. 537-3197
- 1969 Rev. E. F. Sanford, 184 N. Andrews, Crestview, Fla.
- 1970 Bro. J. H. McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.

Executive Committee

- Bro. V. L. McGlaun (Chr.) Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
- Bro. Dallas 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. J. C. Mathews, 1715 E. 3-Notch St., Andalusia, Ala. 222-4455
- Rev. Troy Engle, 318 Lee St., Attala, Ala. Ph. 538-6502
- Rev. E. F. Sanford, 184 N. Enzor Rd., Crestview, Fla.
- Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla. Ph. GL6-3972
- Rev. J. W. Barlow, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.
- Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 2, Baker, Fla. Ph. 537-3197

Visiting Ministers

- Rev. Grady Palmer, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala. Liberty No. 1 Association.

Ministers Absent

- Rev. E. E. Brooks, Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala.
- Rev. F. M. Wright, Opp, Ala.
- Rev. E. L. Eiland, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
- Rev. R. R. Zeiglar, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
- Rev. Wayne Wright Davis, Rt. 2, Dozier, Ala. Rev.

Visitors

Mrs. G. W. Palmer, Mrs. M. M. Burkett, Miss Mayme Palmer, Mrs. Irene Palmer, - all from Rt. 1, Castleberry. All Liberty No. 1 Association.

Proceedings

Minutes of the 39th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association held at 1st Free Will Baptist Church, Dozier, Ala., September 24, 25, 26, 1965.

Friday 10:00 A.M.

Delegates of the Southern Union Association met with friends at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Dozier, Ala.

Congregation sang "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus".

Prayer by Rev. Troy Engle. Song "I Am Thine O Lord".

Introductory Sermon by Rev. L. V. Pinson, reading 1 Chro. 1-5.

Subject of sermon, verse 5. Encouraging all christians to be consecrated, willing workers for the Lord.

Prayer by Rev. Jim Barlow.

Dismissed one hour for lunch by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

Friday 1:00 P.M.

Song "I Must Tell Jesus".

Devotion by Rev. E. F. Sanford, reading Psalms 24.

Prayer by Sister Curro Pinson.

Moderator declared body ready for business. Calling for Church Letters, Delegates are enrolled as follows:

Shady Hill - Sisters Dora Murphy, Aline Bass, Florence Bass, Bro. Frank J. Bass & Deacon Stacy B. Bass.

New Bethany - Sisters Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Marsha Dotson, Carrie Lou Bass, Bro. J. A. Bass & Deacon H. M. Bass.

New Shady Grove - Sisters Evelyn McGlaun, Ineta McGlaun.

1st F. W. B., Andalusia - Sisters Anna McGlaun, Quincy Williams, Bonnie Mae Mathews. Deacons Hollie McGlaun and C. M. Stroud.

1st F. W. B., Dozier - Sisters Madonna Kimbro, Ruby Petty, Mattie Jane Davis, Glenda Kay Davis, Deacons John F. Davis, and Gerald Kimbro.

1st F. W. B., Crestview - Sisters Amy Bass, Marguerite Lawson, Deacons J. D. Bass and Marvin Bass.

1st F. W. B., Pensacola - Sisters Curro Pinson & Rosa Stinson. Welcome Handshake was given to Delegates, Deacons, Ministers and visitors by moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

Officers were elected as follows for 1965 - 1966

Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Assistant Moderator Bro Hollie McGlaun
Clerk Sis. Flara Bass
Treasurer Bro. Marvin D. Bass
Reading Clerk Sis. Lorine Johnson
Associational Deacons: Bro. John F. Davis & C. M. Stroud

Moderator appoints Committees as follows:

Devine Service Committee: Sisters Anna McGlaun, Dora Murphy, Carrie Lou Bass, Ruby Petty, Rosa Stinson.

Resolutions Committee: Brothers H. M. Bass, C. M. Stroud, John F. Davis, J. D. Bass, Sister Alline Bass.

Finance Committee: Brothers Marvin Bass, Frank J. Bass, Gerald Kimbro, J. A. Bass, Troy Engle.

Suggestions Committee: Sisters Marsh Dotson, Marguerite Lawson, Florence Bass, Brothers L. V. Pinson & J. C. Mathews.

Sunday School Committee: Sisters Curro Pinson, Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Ineta McGlaun, Bonnie Mae Mathews, Glenda Davis.

Obituaries Committee: Sisters Madonna Kimbro, Quincy Williams, Evelyn McGlaun, Amy Bass, Bro. E. F. Sanford.

Temperance Committee: Brothers Stacy B. Bass, J. W. Barlow, Sister Jane Davis.

Rules Committee: Rev. W. A. Wilkinson (Chr.) Bros. R. L. Williams, Marvin D. Bass, Sis. Flara Bass, V. L. McGlaun, Bro. Sam Stroud, Sister Jane Davis.

Moderator recessed group 20 minutes for committees to work on reports and for ordaining council to meet. It was decided that Rev. Barlow ordination papers be restored to him.
Association dismissed until Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Friday Night Preaching Service - Song "Glory to his Name"

Prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson, Preaching by Rev. E. F. Sanford, reading Scripture St. Luke 9:23. Subject of Sermon "If any man come after me, let him deny himself".

Closing Prayer by Rev. John F. Davis.

Saturday 10:00 A. M.

Congregation sang "Love Lifted Me". Scripture reading by Bro. Neil Wilkinson, Eph. 6:10-18. Prayer by Bro. Hollie McGlaun.

Moderator declared body ready for business, allowing twenty minutes for committees to work on reports.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES - The Lord has seen fit to take two of our members since we last met. Bro. Bill Bass, from New Bethany Church was born Dec. 14, 1871, died April 15, 1965, and Sister Mary Owens, from Crestview Church.

We can say our loss is heaven's gain. The tomb is not an endless night. It is a thoroughfare. A way that closes in soft twilight and opens in eternal day.

Sister Madonna Kimbro, Chairman

At this time all heads bowed in moment of silent prayer in memory of deceased. Oral prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

FINANCE REPORT:

Churches paid for Association purposes -

Andalusia Church	\$ 11.53
New Bethany	17.00
Shady Hill	20.00
Crestview	10.00
Pensacola	15.00
New Shady Grove	10.00
Dozier	10.00
Total	<u>\$ 93.53</u>

Brought forward from last year \$217.66

Spent 88.00

Balance \$129.66

Association Purposes 93.53

Balance \$223.19

Bro. Marvin D. Bass, Treasurer.

TEMPERANCE: Consider word "drink". Prov. 20:1 - Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Added: Not only in drink, but all worldly pleasures.

Bro. S. B. Bass, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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 divine

guidance of The Holy Spirit in things that pertain to Holy and Righteous living''.

Bro. H. M. Bass, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

We find a good Sunday School in each Church in this Association. We recommend that each Church strive to improve their attendance through contact with their absentees, and acquire new members. We recommend that each Church use their best qualified teachers in all classes, dedicated and consecrated teachers who advocate the Free Will Baptist Doctrine. We also recommend that each Church have weekly Prayer Meeting. We encourage Auxiliary and League work. We Recommend each Church buy supplies from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N.C.

Sis. Curro Pinson, Chairman

DEVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Friday, 11:00 A. M. Rev. L. V. Pinson

Friday, 7:30 P. M. Rev. Eugene Sanford

Saturday, 11:00 A. M. Rev. J. C. Mathews

Saturday, 7:30 P. M. Rev. Winnwright Davis

Sunday, 11:00 A. M. Rev. J. C. Mathews

Sis. Anna McGlaun, Chairman

Saturday 11:00 A.M.

Song "I Want To Be Ready To Meet Him". Preaching by Rev. J. C. Mathews, reading Gen. 3:8-12. Subject of sermon "God provided the way". Prayer by Bro. V. L. McGlaun. Dismissed one hour for Lunch by Rev. Winnwright Davis.

Saturday 1:00 P.M.

Song "Living by Faith". Scripture read by Sister Ruby Petty, Cor.13. Prayer by Sister Lorine Johnson. Moderator declared body ready for business.

SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE

1. We suggest association end on Saturday, beginning 1966.
2. We suggest churches having a sufficient number of children have Bible School each year.
3. We suggest where possible, each church organize an auxiliary.
4. We suggest next association meet with New Bethany.
5. The Sunday School Rally meet with Pensacola Church second Sunday in July.
6. Rev. E. F. Sanford preach the introductory sermon at next Association. In his absence, Rev, Jim Barlow.

7. Fifth Sunday meetings be held as follows: 1. Crestview
2. New Bethany 3. Andalusia 4. Shady Hill 5. Dozier.
8. The Clerk write a resolution of thanks.
9. The 8 order of Conference remain as they are.
10. We suggest that the moderator appoint a committee, one from each Church, to look into the securing of a piece of ground for a centrally located meeting place.
11. We suggest that a new form for our Church Letterhead be made.
12. We suggest that 10:00 be meeting time on Friday & Saturday of next Association.

Sister Marcia Dotson, Chairman

In accordance to suggestion No. 10, the following committee was appointed: Bros. John F. Davis, Dozier, Carl Stroud, Andalusia, V. L. McGlaun, Shady Grove, S. B. Bass, Shady Hill, Marvin D. Bass, Crestview, Rev. L. V. Pinson, Pensacola, chairman, & J. A. Bass, New Bethany.

Rev. Troy Engle made motion from floor to pay clerk \$10.00 for writing minutes. Motion passed.

Body passed motion to add addresses and phone numbers of Pastors on statistical table.

Association Treasurer pays \$25.00, Congregation pays \$22.19, Total \$47.19 for F.W.B. Children's Home at Eldridge, Ala. Association retired to yard to take parting hand.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. E. F. Sanford.

Saturday 7:30 P.M. Preaching Service

Special song by Rev. Winnwright Davis and wife, "If It Had Not been For Jesus". Prayer by Rev. J. C. Mathews.

Preaching by Rev. Davis, reading 1 Cor. 13. Preached charity.

Dismissal Prayer, Sister Madonna Kimbro.

Sunday 11:00 A.M. Preaching Service

Song "Won't It Be Wonderful There". Prayer by Rev. Hogan.

Preaching by Rev. J. C. Mathews, reading Prov. 22:6.

Dismissed by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

Report of Pensacola Church Auxiliary

Members - 12 Average Attendance 8-9. Meet 2nd and 3rd Tuesday. Business Meeting 3rd Tuesday each month. Held Vacation Bible School in June, had good attendance. Total expense \$23.97. Have sent clothes and money to home mission. New President is Carolyn Stacy Nashville, Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. C. B. Applewhite, Secretary

Resolution of Thanks -

We, the Ministers, Executive Committee Deacons and Delegates composing the 39th Annual Session of the Southern Union Association, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dozier for the hospitality shown us during this Association. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Flara Bass, Clerk

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 1965-1966

Church and Pastors Address & Phone No.	Clerks and Addresses	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Home Mission	Association Purpose	Time of Meeting
First F.W. Bapt., Dozier Rev. E. F. Sanford 184 North Enzor Crestview, Florida	Mrs. Mattie J. Davis Route 2 Dozier, Ala.	127	\$112.00	\$358.88	\$10.00	Saturday and Sunday each week
New Shady Grove Rev. E. E. Brooks Route 1, Flomaton, Ala.	Mrs. Lucile Sellers Route 8 Andalusia, Ala.	70	\$159.85	\$ 69.24	\$10.00	First and Third Sunday and Sunday Night
1st F.W.B. Pensacola Rev. L. V. Pinson 2215 Boulder Ave. Pensacola, Fla. Phone GL6-3972	Mrs. Martha Applewhite	56	\$928.00		\$15.00	Each Sunday & Sunday Night
1st F.W.B. Crestview Rev. J. W. Barlow Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.	Mrs. Edna Sanford 184 N. Enzor Rd. Crestview, Fla.	19	\$242.68	\$100.00	\$10.00	Each Sunday & Sunday Night
Shady Hill Rev. W.A. Wilkinson Route 2, Baker, Fla. Phone 537-3197	Mrs. Alline Bass Route 5 Andalusia, Ala.	50	\$155.00	\$174.78	\$20.00	Second Sunday & Sunday Night
New Bethany Rev. W. A. Wilkinson Rt. 2, Baker, Fla. Phone 537-3197	Mrs. Eula Dotson Route 1 Baker, Fla.	38	\$203.27	\$139.03	\$17.00	Fourth Sunday and Saturday Night Before.
1st F.W.B. Andalusia Rev. J. C. Mathews 1715 E. 3-Notch Street Andalusia, Ala. Phone 222-4455	Mrs. Anna McGlaun Route 1 Andalusia, Ala.	55	\$195.08	\$1,335.45	\$11.53	Each Sunday & Sunday Night

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