

MINUTES

**OF THE
FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION**

**Southern Union Association
UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**HELD WITH
NEW BETHANY CHURCH
ROUTE 1,
BAKER, FLORIDA**

SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1966

OFFICERS

**Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Asst. Moderator Rev. J. C. Matthews
Clerk Sister Flara Bass
Treasurer Bro. Marvin D. Bass
Reading Clerk Sister Lorine Johnson**

ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Bros. J. A. Bass and C. M. Stroud

**Closed to meet at Associational Church, Route 1,
Baker, Florida, at 10:00 Oclock Friday Morning before
the 4th Sunday in September, 1967.**

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. Deacons report.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Motion to adjourn.

Ordaining Council and date Office expires.

1967 Bro. R. L. Williams, (Chr) 211 N. Garfield Dr. Pensacola, Fla., Ph. GI. 5-7223.

1968 Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 1 Baker Fla., Ph. 537-3197

1969 Rev. J. C. Matthews, 1715 E. Three Notch St., Andalusia, Ala., Ph. 222-4455.

1970 Bro J. H. McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.

1971 Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla.
Ph. GL 6-3972.

Executive Committee

Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.

Bro. H. M. Bass, Rt. 1, Baker, Fla.

Bro. Stacy B. Bass, Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.

Bro. John. W. Pinson, 6621 Owens St., Pensacola, Fla.

Bro. Marvin Bass, P. O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla. Ph. Murry
2-4116

Bro. Hollie McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.

Ministers Present

Rev. E. L. Eiland, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala. Ph. 222-1741.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 2, Baker, Fla. Ph. 537-3197.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla.

Phone GL6-3972

Ministers Absent

Rev. F. M. Wright, Opp, Ala.

Rev. R. R. Zeiglar, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.

Rev. Troy Engle, 318 Lee St., Attala, Ala.

Visiting Ministers

Rev. E. F. Sanford, 184 N. Enzor Road, Crestview, Fla.

Rev. J. W. Barlow, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.

Visitors

Sister Johnson, Beaver Creek, Missionary Baptist.

Proceedings

Delegates of the 40th. Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with Ministers, Deacons, Executive Committee and friends , at New Bethany Church. Congregation Sang, "Jesus Opened Up The Way," After Songs of Praise to God, Rev. L. V. Pinson Led in Prayer. Introductory Sermon by Rev. Jim Barlow. Reading Romans 14- 1-5. Subject of Sermon Proverbs 12, Preaching admonished All Christians Bear Fruit for The Master. After Song, dismissed for Lunch by Bro. Carl Stroud.

Friday 1:00 P. M.

Song "Fill My Way With Love."

Prayer by Sister Daisy Williams.

Devotional Reading Rom. 14 by Sister Nancy Ward.

Moderator declared body ready for Business. Church Letters Read, Delegates enrolled as follows: Shady Hill- Sisters Alline Bass, Florence Bass, Mattie Johnson, Dora Murphy. Deacon Bro. Stacy Bass.

1st. F. W. B. Church-Pensacola- Sisters Daisy Williams, Linda Pinson, Patricia Rigby, Bro. John Pinson, Deacon- R. L. Williams.

1st. F. W. B. Church Crestview- Sisters Naomi Cook, Kathleen Bass, Bessie Crawford, Beatrice Commander. Deacons- Bros. Marvin Bass, James Cook, J. D. Bass.

1st. F. W. B. Church, Andalusia- Sisters- Bonnie Mae Matthews, Francis Stroud, Quincy Coleman, Bro. Coleman. Deacon C. M. Stroud.

New Shady Grove Church- Sister Ineta McGlaun . Deacon Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

New Bethany Church- Bro. J. A. Bass, Sisters, Carrie Lou Bass, Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Marcia Dotson. Deacon Bro. H. M. Bass. Welcome handshake given by Moderator to Delegates, Deacons, Executive Comittee, Ministers & Visitors.

Officers were elected as follows for 1966-1967

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

Asst. Moderator Rev. J. C. Matthews

Clerk..... Sis. Flara Bass

Treasurer..... Bro. Marvin Bass

Reading Clerk..... Sister Lorine Johnson

Associational Deacons: Brothers J. A. Bass and C. M. Stroud.

Moderator appoints Committees as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Sisters Ineta McGlaun, Patricia Rigsby, Lorene Johnson.

OBITUARIES: Sisters Mattie Johnson, Bessie Crawford, Beatrice Commander and Bro. Coleman.

TEMPERANCE: Sis. Daisy Williams, Brothers J. A. Bass, J. D. Bass, Rev. J. W. Barlow and E. L. Eiland.

RESOLUTIONS: Bro. R. L. Williams, Sisters Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Alline Bass, Bonnie Mae Matthews, Kathleen Bass.

DEVINE SERVICE: Bro. H. M. Bass, Sisters Francis Stroud, Naomi Cook, Linda Pinson, Dora Murphy.

SUGGESTIONS: Rev. L. V. Pinson, Sis. Carrie Lou Bass, Brothers James Cook, Stacey Bass, and Carl Stroud.

CAMPSITE COMMITTEE: Rev. L. V. Pinson, J. C. Matthews, Brothers Marvin Bass, S. B. Bass, J. A. Bass, C. M. Stroud.

FINANCE: Bro. Marvin Bass, Sis. Florence Bass, John Pinson, Quincy Coleman, Marcia Dotson.

RULES: Rev. W. A. Wilkinson (Chr), Bros. R. L. Williams, Marvin Bass, V. L. McGlaun, Sam Stroud, Sister Flara Bass.

Motion to adjourn. Song "Take the Name of Jesus with you": Prayer by Bro. John Pinson.

Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Moderator called body to order by group singing, "Where Could I Go", following Prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews. Devotional Reading 1 Peter 4, by Bro. Neil Wilkinson. Moderator declares body ready for business. Recess 30 Min. for Committees to work.

At this time Camp site Chr. Rev. L. V. Pinson reports: We, your Camp site Committee, have secured site near New Bethany Church. We Present Said Deeds of 2 acres land to Association and request that section 2 be omitted. The land was purchased for sum of \$50.00 We ask to be released from this committee.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Chr.

Call to order by group singing "Are you Washed in The Blood."

Saturday 11:00A. M.

Preaching by Rev. L. V. Pinson, Reading Jer. 36, 1, 4-28. Subject- The greatest book in the World today is open before you at this time. Prayer by Rev. E. F. Sanford. After song, dismissed one Hr. by Bro. V. L. McGlaun. Outside at the table Rev. Gene Sanford offered Thanks for a most bountiful spread.

Saturday 1:00 P. M.

Crowd was called to order by group singing "Nothing but Blood." Devotional Bible reading Psalm 118- 1-10 by Bro. Jimmy Rey Bass. Prayer by Bro. Carl Stroud. Moderator declared body ready for business.

REPORT OF OBITUARIES- The Lord has seen fit to take two of our members since we last met. Sis. Daisy Henderson, from Shady Hill Church Died Aug. 15, 1966. Bro. C. L. Stroud from Andalusia Church died Jan. 16, 1966. We can say, "Our loss is Heavens' Gain." The tomb is not an endless Night. Is is a thoroughfare, A way that closes in soft twilight and Opens in Eternal Day.

Sister Mattie Johnson (Chr.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL- We find an active Sunday School in each Church in this association. We recommend that each church strive to improve their attendance through contact with their absentees, and seek new members. We recommend that each Church have weekly Prayer Meeting. We encourage Auxiliary and League work.

Sister Lorine Johnson (Chr.)

TEMPERANCE: We your temperance Committee, Agree Whole heartedly to the word of God, to be Temperate in all things. Consider the words of strong 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.

Sister Daisy Williams (Chr.)

RESOLUTIONS: 1. We suggest that Section 14, Article 1 of rules be made to read, "As the Scriptures Teach against worldiness in any form. Be it resolved that each member seek Divine guidance of The Holy Spirit in things that pertain to Holy and Righteous living.

Bro. R. L. Williams (Chr.)

DEVINE SERVICE: Rev. L. V. Pinson Preach Sat. 11:00

Bro. H. M. Bass (Chr.)

Suggestions:

1. Rev. W. A. Wilkinson Preach introductory Sermon next Association. In his absence, Rev. J. C. Matthew.
2. Pay association Clerk Ten Dollars to write Minutes.
3. That parts 2, 3, 8, 9 remain as they are.
4. That all association meetings be held at Campsite.
5. That Fifth Sunday Meetings be changed to Quarterly Meetings, to be held on Saturday before the 1st Sunday of each quarter. First Meeting in January, 1967.
6. That location of Churches be listed in Minutes.
7. That each Church send Special Offering for Campsite.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, (Chr.)

Rules Committee:

We recommend that the rules remain as in old Minutes.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson

Treasurer & Finance Report:

Spent \$143.00 for associational purposes. Collected \$91.85.

Total \$162.04

Bro. M. D. Bass, Treasurer

Resolution of Thanks:

We, the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons and Delegates, composing the Fortieth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association, wish to express our Thanks and Appreciation to the New Bethany Church for the Hospitality shown us during this association. We pray God's

richest blessings on each of you.

Flara Bass (Clerk)
Rt. 5, Box 239,
Andalusia, Ala. 36420

Treasurer: Marvin D. Bass, P. O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla.

Southern Union association Thanks each donor for \$20.35 to be sent to F. W. B. Children's Home , Eldridge, Ala.

Entire Association retires to yard to take parting hand. Dismissed by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Auxiliary Annual Report:

We the ladies of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla., submit briefly as follows: Membership 10; Average attendance 6; Meetings 1st. & 3rd. Tuesdays each month. Held Pre-Seasonal weeks of Prayer. Average Attendance 8.

Total collection for dues and various funds \$190.73. Home Mission offerings \$73.64. Church improvement paid \$114.50 on Pulpit Furniture. Paid \$21.00 on supplies.

Personnel Services; Love offering of \$10.00; Gifts 3; Flowers taken to hospital 6.1 Box to Viet Nam.

Good Bible School attendance, Offering \$33.55. Balance in Auxillary Treasury \$96.93.

Mrs. Linda Pinson,
Secretary

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. / *Jim. - 3-2*

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 1966 - 1967

CHURCH & LOCATION	CLERK & ADDRESS	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Love Offering	Associational Purposes	TIME OF MEETING
NEW SHADY GROVE ROUTE 1, ANDALUSIA, ALA.	Mrs. Lucile Sellers Route 1, Andalusia, Ala.	69	\$163.25	\$370.00	\$7.25	2nd and Fourth Sunday each month & Sunday Night
NEW BETHANY ROUTE 2 BAKER, FLORIDA	Marcia Dotson Route 2 Baker, Florida	35	\$217.80	\$88.00	\$17.00	Saturday Night before Fourth Sunday each Month
SHADY HILL ROUTE 5, ANDALUSIA, ALA.	Learuene Bass Route 5, Andalusia, Ala.	52	\$198.80	\$193.00	\$22.10	Second Sunday and Sunday Night
1st. F. W. B. CHURCH 412 WIGGINS AVE. PENSACOLA, FLA.	Ann Walker 412 Wiggins Ave. Pensacola, Fla.	67	\$1,209.85	\$171.06	\$15.00	Each Sunday
1st F. W. B. CHURCH ROUTE 1, BOX CRESTVIEW, FLA.	Beatress Commander Route 1 Crestview, Fla.	36	\$376.00	\$493.33	\$20.00	Each Sunday
1st F. W. B. CHURCH 111 ARNOLD ST. ANDALUSIA, ALA.	Anna McGlaun Route 1, Andalusia, Ala.	45	\$92.92	\$740.94	\$10.50	Each Sunday