

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Southern Union Association

UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

NEW BETHANY CHURCH

ROUTE 1,

BAKER, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1967

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson

Asst. Moderator Bro. Hollie McGlaun

Clerk Sister Flara Bass

Treasurer Bro. Marvin D. Bass

Reading Clerk Sister Joyce Bass

ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Brothers Edd Bass and Sam Stroud

**Closed to meet at Shady Hill Church, Route 5,
Andalusia, Alabama at 10:30 O'clock Friday
Morning before the 4th Sunday in Sept., 1968.**

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

- 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. GL6-3972.
1972 Bro. Marvin D. Bass, P.O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla.,
Ph. Murry 682-4690.

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 682-4690.
Bro. Hollie McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala., Ph. 222-4492.

Ministers Present

- Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla.
Ph. GL6-3972
Rev. E. L. Eiland, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. R. R. Zeiglar, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 2, Baker Fla., Ph. 537-3197.
Rev. J. C. Matthews, Rt. 2, Box 20-A, Andalusia, Ala.,
Ph. 222-4455.

Visitors

- Sister Flora Jackson, S.E. Association.
Bro. & Sister Pete Dean, Union Grove Assembly of God Church.
Sister Ethel R. Cooper, Carolina Missionary Baptist Church,
Sister Era Black and Eula Lee McGlaun.

Proceedings

Delegates of the Forty First Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with Ministers, Deacons, Executive Committee and friends at New Bethany Church.

Congregation sang 'This World is not my Home', after songs of praise to God. Rev. L. V. Pinson led in prayer.

After singing "Are You Washed in the Blood", Rev. R. R. Zeiglar led in prayer.

Introductory sermon by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, reading Heb. 13-1. "Let brotherly Love Continue". Sermon encouraged each one present to ask "What can I do for God, my Church and Association".

Dismissed one hour for lunch by Bro. Sam Stroud.

Rev. Matthews offered thanks at the table.

Dinner was enjoyed by all present.

1:00 P.M.

Congregation sang "Getting Ready to Leave This World".

Prayer by Bro. Bill Walker. Devotional Bible reading by Rev. J. C. Matthews, Cor. 2, 1-5, ex. 3-4.

Moderator declared body ready for business. Church letters were read. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

NEW BETHANY - Bro. Joe Bass, Sisters Naomi Wilkinson, Ottie Lee Wilkinson and Marsha Dotson.

FIRST F. W. BAPTIST, Pensacola - Bro. Bill Walker, Sisters L. V. Pinson, Daisy Williams, Patricia Rigby, and Deacon Bro. R. L. Williams.

SHADY HILL - Bro. Ralph Bass, Sisters Joyce Bass, Florence Bass, Francis Cobb, and Deacon Bros. Stacy B. Bass, Edd Bass.

FIRST F. W. BAPTIST, Andalusia - Sisters J. C. Matthews, Francis Stroud, Terisa Zeiglar, Quincy Coleman, Deacons Bros. Sam Stroud and J. H. McGlaun.

NEW SHADY GROVE - Sisters Ineta McGlaun, Evelyn McGlaun, Zadie Zeiglar, Lucille Sellers, Deacon Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

FIRST F. W. BAPTIST, Crestview - Bro. Delmer Turman, Sisters Cathleen Bass, Linda Bass, Beatress Commander, Deacon Bro. James Cook.

Officers Elected as Follows for 1967-1968

Moderator - - - - - Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Assistant Moderator - - - - - Bro. Hollie McGlaun
Clerk - - - - - Sister Flara Bass
Treasurer - - - - - Bro. Marvin Bass
Reading Clerk - - - - - Sister Joyce Bass
Associational Deacons: Bros. Sam Stroud & Edd Bass

Moderator appoints Committees as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sisters Curro Pinson, Francis Cobb, Ineta McGlaun, Kathleen Bass, Carrie Lou Bass.

OBITUARIES: Sisters Daisy Williams, Zadie Zeiglar, Beatrice Commander, Quincy Coleman.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. J. C. Mathews, Bro. Joe Bass, Edd Bass, Race Zeiglar, Delma Turman.

RESOLUTIONS: Sisters Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Naomi Wilkinson, Bonnie Mae Matthews, Linda Bass, Patricia Rigby.

DEVINE SERVICE: Brother Stacy Bass, Dallas Bass, Bill Walker, Sisters Evelyn McGlaun, Lucille Sellars.

CAMP SITE COMMITTEE: Rev. L. V. Pinson, J. C. Matthews, Bros. Marvin Bass, S. B. Bass, J. A. Bass, C. M. Stroud.

FINANCE: Bro. Marvin Bass

SUGGESTIONS: Bro. Ralph Bass, Hollie McGlaun, Marvin Bass, Rev. L. V. Pinson, Sister Francis Stroud.

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

Motion to adjourn until 9:00 Saturday A.M.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

SATURDAY 9:30 A.M., Sept. 23

Moderator called body to order. Congregation sang "Take The Name of Jesus With You" following prayer by Bro. Marvin Bass. Devotional Bible Reading I Thessalonians 5, 15-27, by Rev. Jimmie Ray Bass. Dismissed one hour for Committees to work on reports. One hour later, body called to order by Moderator. Song "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow", prayer by Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVINE SERVICE

Report: Rev. L. V. Pinson preach at 11:00 service Saturday.

Bro. Stacy Bass, Chr.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We find an active Sunday School at each Church in this association. We recommend that each Church strive to enlist new members and encourage regular attendance. That each Church have weekly prayer service. We encourage youth and women's auxilliary and league for all ages. Would like for as many Churches as possible to have D.V.B. School.

Sis. Curro Pinson, Chr.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON OBITUARIES

The Lord has seen fit to take four of our members since we last met. Rev. F. M. Wright, Dec. 1, 1966, Opp, Ala., Member of Shady Hill Church. Sister Mary E. Bell, Pensacola, Fla., Bro. Ozzie Sowell, Feb. 16, 1967, New Shady Grove. Brother Troy Engle, June 15, 1967, Andalusia 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.

Sis. Daisy Williams, Chr.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We as church members, being professed followers of Christ, do all that is legal and just to stamp out the curse of intoxicating drinks. We believe in carrying out the Bible standard in being temperate in all things.

Rev. J. C. Matthews, Chr.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

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 Divine guidance of the Holy Spirit in things that pertain to Holy and Righteous living.

Sis. Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Chr.

FINANCE & TREASURER'S REPORT

In Treasury	\$477.94
Paid Out	\$102.03
Balance	\$375.91

Bro. Marvin D. Bass, Chr.

Saturday 11:00 A.M. Preaching Service

Song "Count Your Blessings". A Special Prayer was offered at this time for Rev. J. W. Barlow, who is in the hospital at Pensacola, Fla., by Rev. R. R. Zeiglar. Rev. L. V. Pinson read Scripture, James I. After hearing a spiritual sermon, prayer was offered by Bro. V. L. McGlaun. House was dismissed one hour for lunch by Bro. Elvin Stacy. At the table, thanks for a delightful dinner was offered by Rev. E.L. Eiland.

1:00 P.M. Saturday

Congregation was called to order with song "Kneel at the Cross". Prayer by Bro. James Cook. Devotional Bible reading Mark 7, 8-9 by Bro. Delmer Turman. Moderator declared body ready for business.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON SUGGESTIONS

1. Rev. L. V. Pinson preach introductory sermon at next association. In his absence, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.
2. Pay associational Clerk Fifteen Dollars to write minutes.
3. Rotate all annual Association Meetings from Church to Church until Campsite building is completed. All quarterly meetings be held at Campsite. First meeting be held at New Bethany Church, 1:00 P.M. January 6, 1968.
4. Reinstate the Fifth Sunday Meetings to be property of association. First meeting to be held at Andalusia F. W. Baptist Church the fifth Sunday in October, 1967.
5. Separate the association money into two departments, Associational Fund and Campsite Building Fund.
6. Sunday School Rally be held second Sunday in July at 1st F. W. Baptist Church in Andalusia.
7. Article 1 permanent regulations include I Timothy 3:2 as reference.
8. The Clerk write a resolution of thanks.
9. Time of meeting at next association, 10:30 A.M., Friday before fourth Sunday in September, 1968.
10. We suggest Friday Night preaching service at next association.

Bro. Ralph Bass, Chr.

Campsite Committee suggests that the treasurer be given permission to pay for re-writing Campsite land deeds.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Chr.

RULES COMMITTEE

We recommend that the rules remain as in old minutes.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson

Southern Union Association thanks each donor for \$33.45, association added \$25.00, Total \$58.45, to be mailed to Children's Home at Eldridge. Ala.

Women's Auxiliary Report, 1967

REPORT OF THE

FIRST F. W. BAPTIST CHURCH, Pensacola, Fla.

Number on roll at beginning of year 8

Number on roll at end of year 9

Lost none, gained 1

Two meetings per month. One program, one business meeting with Vivian, Special meetings, study course and three pre-seasonal weeks of prayer.

Youth. Held Vacation Bible School, enrolled 47.

Personal Service - Hospital Gifts, 6; Cards and letters, 4; Gifts to elderly, 2; Flowers, 6.

Missions - Mount Olive College, \$4.00; The Lees Missionary, \$4.68; F.W.B. Children's Home, \$8.00; Bible School, \$50.00; Nursery Rug, \$9.27.

Amount in treasury last year \$89.16

Amount received this year 121.48

Paid out 145.79

Balance \$64.85

Sis. Linda Pinson, Sec. & Treas.

Resolution of Thanks:

We, the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons and Delegates composing the Forty First 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. No. 5, Box 239

Andalusia, Ala. 36420

TREASURER - Marvin D. Bass, P.O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla.

Entire association retired to the yard to take the parting hand. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

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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 deacons 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 reading and pointed lessons on doctrine and discipline, and the rules 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 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. I Timothy 3:2

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 1967-1968

CHURCH & LOCATION	CLERK & ADDRESS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	PAID PASTOR	LOVE OFFERING	ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES	TIME OF MEETING
1ST F.W.B. CHURCH RURAL ROUTE 1 CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA	BEATRESS COMMANDER RURAL RT. 1 CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA	45	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$20.00	EACH SUNDAY A.M. & P.M., & WEDNESDAY NIGHT.
1ST F.W.B. CHURCH 412 WIGGINS AVENUE PENSACOLA, FLA.	ANN WALKER 412 WIGGINS AVENUE PENSACOLA, FLA.	68	1,378.12	\$109.36	\$15.00	EACH SUNDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHT, WED. PRAYER MEETING
NEW SHADY GROVE RURAL ROUTE 1 ANDALUSIA, ALA.	LUCILLE SELLERS RURAL ROUTE 1 ANDALUSIA, ALA.	68	\$146.75	\$ 56.89	\$ 8.00	SUNDAY MORNING AND SUNDAY NIGHT
NEW BETHANY HOLT, FLORIDA	CARRIE LOU BASS RURAL ROUTE 1 BAKER, FLORIDA	29	\$260.70	\$120.64	\$16.50	4TH SUNDAY, 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY NIGHT
1ST F.W.B. CHURCH 111 ARNOLD STREET ANDALUSIA, ALA.	ANNA MCGLAUN RURAL ROUTE 1 ANDALUSIA, ALA.	76	\$133.02	\$746.94	\$13.00	EACH SUNDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHT
SHADY HILL RURAL ROUTE 5 ANDALUSIA, ALA.	LEAVERNE BASS RURAL RT. 5 ANDALUSIA, ALA.	48	\$217.75	\$124.99	\$20.00	2ND SUNDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHT