

# MINUTES

of the  
**FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**  
**SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION**  
**UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Held With  
**SHADY HILL CHURCH**

Route 5  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

**SEPTEMBER 20-21, 1968**

## —OFFICERS—

MODERATOR \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. W. A. Wilkinson

ASST. MODERATOR \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. L. V. Pinson

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Alline Bass

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Hollie McGlaun

READING CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Joyce Bass

## ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Bro. Stacy B. Bass and Bro. Marvin Bass

CLOSED TO MEET WITH NEW SHADY GROVE CHURCH, ROUTE 1,  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA, AT 10:30 O'CLOCK ON FRIDAY BEFORE  
THE 4th SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1969, AT NEW SHADY GROVE  
AT 10:30 O'CLOCK.

ALLINE BASS, Clerk

## **ORDER OF CONFERENCE**

1. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us.
2. Opportunity for members.
3. Reading of 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**

- 1969—Rev. J. C. Matthews, 1715 E. Three Notch St., Andalusia, Ala.,  
Phone 222-4455.
- 1970—Bro. J. H. McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
- 1971—Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla. Ph. G.L. 6-3972.
- 1972—Bro. Marvin D. Bass, P. O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla., Ph. Murry  
682-4690.
- 1973—Bro. Edd Bass, Andalusia, Ala., Rt. 5.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.
- Bro. H. M. Bass, Rt. 1, Baker, Fla.
- Bro. Ed Bass, Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.
- Bro. John W. Pinson, 6621 Owens St., Pensacola, Fla.
- Bro. Marvin Bass, P. O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla.
- Bro. Marvin Bass, P. O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla.
- Bro. Hollie McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala., Ph. 222-4492.
- Bro. Tommy Ward, 178 Baggett Ave., Crestview, Fla., Ph. MA-24096-23415

## **MINISTERS PRESENT**

Rev. J. C. Matthis  
Rev. L. V. Pinson  
Rev. Sam Stroud  
Rev. R. R. Ziegler  
Rev. E. L. Eiland  
Rev. W. A. Wilkinson  
Rev. James H. Cook

## **VISITORS PRESENT**

- Sister Flora Jackson—Southeastern Association.
- Rev. J. V. Daughtery—Elmore County Association.
- Sister Clara Eiland—7 Day Adventist.
- Sister Era Jones—Shady Grove Church.
- Welcome hand shake—Song by congregation.

## —PROCEEDINGS—

Delegates of the Forty Second Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with Ministers, Deacons, Executive Committee and Friends at Shady Hill Church.

Congregation Sang—"All Hail The Power". Prayer by Rev. J. C. Mathews. Congregation sang songs of praise for fifteen minutes, followed by prayer by Rev. E. L. Eiland. Rev. Pinson went into the stand to preach the Introductory Sermon. He asked that each one pray in his own way.

Special Leader, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, prayed for Sis. L. V. Pinson, who was sick. After Rev. Pinson read Nehemiah 1, theme of sermon, Nehemiah 2: 5, following prayer by Bro. R. L. Williams.

Dismissed one hour for lunch by Rev. Sam Stroud. At the table Rev. R. R. Ziegler offered thanks for a bountiful dinner.

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At 1 o'clock Moderator called meeting to order, after congregation sang, "Amazing Grace". Prayer by Sister Flora Bass. Scripture reading by Sister Ann Walker—2 Phil. 2: 1-13.

### DELEGATES ENROLLED

New Shady Grove—Sisters Zadie Ziegler, Ineta McGlaun, Lancel Sellers, Pam Worley.

New Bethany—Sisters Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Naomi Wilkinson, Lorine Johnson and Bro. Joe Bass.

First F. W. B. Church of Andalusia— Sisters Jimmielee Coleman, Bonnie Mae Mathews, Francis Stroud, Anna McGlaun.

First F. W. B. Church Pensacola—Sisters Daisy Williams, Ann Walker, Patricia Rigsby.

First F. W. B. Church at Crestview—Sisters Linda Bass, Nancy Aurell, Kathleen Bass, Bro. Tommy Ward.

Shady Hill—Sisters Alline Bass, Francis Cobb, Florence Bass, Bro. Riley Bass.

### OFFICERS ELECTED AS FOLLOWS

MODERATOR \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. W. A. Wilkinson  
ASST. MODERATOR \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. L. V. Pinson  
CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Alline Bass  
TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Hollie McGlaun  
READING CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Joyce Bass  
ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Stacy B. Bass—Marvin Bass

## **MODERATOR APPOINTS COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**—Sisters Ann Walker, Naomi Wilkinson, Francis Cobb, Ineta McGlaun, Kathaleen Bass.

**OBITUARIES**—Sisters Francis Stroud, Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Anna McGlaun, Bonnie Mae Mathews, Lynda Bass.

**TEMPERANCE**—Rev. L. V. Pinson, Bros. Jimmie Lee Coleman, H. M. Bass, Sam Stroud, Sister Zadie Ziegler.

**RESOLUTIONS**—Bros. Stacy B. Bass, J. C. Mathews, E. L. Eiland, Tommy Ward, Sis. Daisy Williams.

**DIVINE SERVICE**—Bro. R. L. Williams, Sisters Lorine Johnson, Joyce Bass, Loucille Sellers, Nancy Ward.

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**— Bro. Hollie McGlaun, Rev. R. R. Ziegler, Bro. Riley Bass.

**SUGGESTIONS**—Bros. Marvin Bass, Joe Bass, Sisters Patricia Rigsby, Florence Bass, Pam Worley.

**RULES**—Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Bros. R. L. Williams, Marvin Bass, V. L. McGlaun, Sam Stroud, Sis. Flora Bass.

Motion that business close 'til Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Song, "I Feel Like Traveling On". Dismissed by Marvin Bass. Get well card approved to be sent to Mrs. Penson.

Welcome hand shake.

### **Services opened Friday Night by Singing the Following Songs:**

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"; "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"; "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again". Above was sung by congregation.

Prayer by Sis. Francis Cobb; Song, "Showers of Blessings". Preaching by Rev. Sam Stroud, reading Acts 9-4-5-6; Jno. 15-17. Song, "Lift Him Up"—Kneel at the Cross". Dismissed by Sister Daisy Williams..

### **SATURDAY—MET AT 8:30 O'CLOCK**

Singing by congregation—"Fill My Way With Love"; "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me.". Prayer by Bro. John Pinson. Scripture reading—St. Mark 11, 1:22 by Rev. Sam Stroud. Moderator declared body ready for business. Dismissed 30 minutes for committees to work.

House called to order by singing "Come Unto Me.". Committees reports read as follows and committees discharged. Singing by congregation, "I Am Thine O Lord"; "Pray the Clouds Away". Prayer by Sis. Loraine Johnson. Preaching by Rev. Mathews—reading St. Jno. 7-1:14. Song, "Precious Memories". Invitation song, "Jesus Is Calling". Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Cook. Songs, "Send the Light"; "Try Jesus".

#### **SATURDAY—1:00**

House declared ready for business. Prayer by Mrs. Daisy Williams. Scripture reading by Rev. Cook, Psalms 51.

Building Committee reported as follows: We have met 4 times this year for working on campsite and presently the foundation has been poured for main building and the laying of the tile has begun. We would appreciate all the help both physical and financial in this work. If it please the body we would like to have the moderator of this association placed on the committee—approved by the body, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson's name will be added to the committee. (Present fund \$237.79). Report passed and committee discharged.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS AS FOLLOWS**

We find an active Sunday School in each church in this association. We want each church to enlist new members and contact absentees, we ask that each Sunday School hold at least one meeting of officers and teachers each quarter. We also request a study course at least once each month, led by the pastor or any qualified person he might appoint. We want each church to have weekly prayer service, and we encourage youth work, also stress Woman's Auxiliary. We ask each church to hold Vacation Bible School—we feel this is very important. Report received and committee discharged.

#### **TEMPERANCE REPORT**

We recommend that each Christian should abstain from that which he or she would term as being harmful to or detrimental to the cause of Christ in their lives, and to help our people from buying from any business establishment that keeps their doors open for business purposes on Sunday or those establishments that sell intoxicating beverages. The Bible teaches that we should honor the Sabbath day and keep it Holy.

Report received and committee discharged.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

We, your Committee on Resolutions, agree to keep the same resolutions as is in minute of 1967 reads as follows—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". Report received. Committee discharged.

## FINANCE AND TREASURERS REPORT

We, your committee, find in treasury _____	\$186.54
Paid for Minutes _____	57.75
Paid Clerk _____	15.00
Paid Children's Home _____	25.00
Balance in Treasury _____	88.79
1967 Total Balance _____	88.79
Crestview Paid _____	20.00
Pensacola Paid _____	15.00
Shady Hill Paid _____	18.00
New Bethany Paid _____	15.00
Andalusia Paid _____	10.31
Shandy Grove Paid _____	10.00
<b>TOTAL IN TREASURE _____</b>	<b>\$177.10</b>

## SUGGESTIONS

1. We suggest that Rev. James H. Cook preach the Introductory Sermon at next association—in his absence Rev. Sam Stroud.
2. Pay associational clerk \$15.00 to write minutes.
3. Rotate all annual associational 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 at 10 o'clock on January 4.
4. Fifth Sunday meetings be held as follows:
 

1st at Andalusia 1st F. W. B. Church _____	March 30, 1969
2nd at New Shady Grove _____	June 29, 1969
3rd at New Bethany _____	August 31, 1969
5. Building Committee elect their own treasurer.
6. Sunday School rally be held at Crestview Church.
7. Article One permanent regulations include 1 Timothy 3-2 as reference.
8. The clerk write a resolution of thanks.
9. Time of the meeting at next association—10:30.
10. We suggest Friday night preaching services at next association.
11. Have Moderator visit the churches in the association at least once a year—more if church desires—church pay expenses if can—if not Association take care of it.



## **RULES COMMITTEE**

We recommend that the rules remain as in old minutes.

## **SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION**

The Southern Union Association thanks each donor for \$25.76. The Association added \$25.00—\$50.76 to be sent to Children's Home in Edrige, Ala. Auxiliary reports from Pensacola Church as follows for 9-16-68: Number on roll at beginning of year 9; Number on roll at end of year 12; Lost 2; Gained 5; Two standing meetings per month. Various study courses and pre-seasonal Weeks of Prayer.

**YOUTH:** Held Vacation Bible School; Personnel Services; Gifts 10; Flowers 6.

**MISSIONS:** Children's Home \$10.32; Nashville College \$5.23; State Super Annuation Fund \$5.00.

**HOME MISSIONS:** Pastor \$25.00; Spent on material for Bible School \$18.00; Tile auditorium of church, fund stands at \$79.63; Total \$143.18. Amt. in treasury \$66.57.

Linda Pinson, Sec. & Treas.

## **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

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

Allin Bass, Clerk  
Rt. 5, Box 269  
Andalusia, Ala. 36420

**TREASURER**—Hollie McGlaun, Route 1, Andalusia, Ala. Phone 222-4492.

Entire Association retired to the yard to take the parting hand, where we were dismissed to meet again Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1969, at New Shady Grove—Southeast of Andalusia, Ala.





## 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 2:8. "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 presbry 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 and pointed lessons on doctrine and discipline, and the rule 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.



# **STATISTIC TABLE FOR YEAR 1968-1969**

CHURCH AND LOCATION	CLERKS AND ADDRESS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	PAID PASTOR	LOVE OFFERING	ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES	TIME OF MEETING
SHADY HILL F.W.B. CHURCH Rt. 5, Andalusia, Alabama	ALLINE BASS Rt. 5, Box 269 Andalusia, Alabama	48	\$211.00	\$170.14	\$18.00	
NEW BETHANY F.W.B. CHURCH Okaloosa County	CARRIE LOU BASS Rt. 1, Holt, Florida	22	\$256.42	\$820.32	\$15.00	4th Sunday in each month at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
SHADY GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH Cov., Alabama	LUCILE SELLERS Rt. 8, Box 42 Andalusia, Alabama	70	\$151.60	\$230.50	\$10.00	Each Sunday and Sunday Night.
1st F.W.B. CHURCH in Andalusia, Alabama	ANNA McGLAUN Rt. 1, Andalusia, Alabama	89	\$150.00	\$743.23	\$10.31	Each Sunday and Sunday Night.
1st F.W.B. CHURCH Crestview, Florida	MRS. NAOMI COOK	41	\$530.00	\$ 76.48	\$20.00	Every Sunday
1st F.W.B. CHURCH Pensacola, Florida	ANN WALKER	57	\$1,592.37	686.79	\$15.00	Each Sunday