

# MINUTES

of the

**Forty-Third Annual Session**

**SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION**

**UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Held With

**NEW SHADY GROVE CHURCH**

Route 8

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA 36420

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 1969

## — OFFICERS —

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

ASST. MODERATOR \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. J. C. Matthews

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ Sister Flara Bass

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_ Brother Bill Walker

READING CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ Sister Lorine Johnson

## ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Brother Edd Bass, Brother Virgle McGlaun

CLOSED TO MEET WITH FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, FRIDAY BEFORE  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1970 AT 10:30 A.M.

Flara Bass, Clerk

## 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

- 1970—Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 2, Baker, Fla., phone 537-3197.  
1971—Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla.  
phone GL 6-3972.  
1972—Bro. Marvin D. Bass, P. O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla.,  
phone Murry 682-4690.  
1973—Bro. Edd Bass, Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala., phone 222-4597.  
1974—Rev. J. C. Matthews, 1715 E. Three Notch St., Andalusia, Ala.,  
phone 222-4455.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala., phone 222-1317.  
Bro. H. M. Bass, Rt. 1, Baker, Fla.  
Bro. Edd Bass, Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala., phone 222-4597.  
Bro. John Pinson, 6621 Owens St., Pensacola, Fla.  
Bro. Hollie McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala., phone 222-4492.  
Bro. Tommy Ward, 178 Baggett Ave., Crestview, Fla.,  
phone MA 24096-23415.

## MINISTERS PRESENT

- Rev. James E. Bass, Sr., P. O. Box 20A, Crestview, Fla.  
Rev. J. C. Matthews.  
Rev. R. R. Zeiglar, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.  
Rev. L. V. Pinson.  
Rev. Sam Stroud, 106 Arnold St., Andalusia, Ala., phone 222-5078.  
Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rt. 2, Box 224, Baker, Fla., phone 537-3197.

## VISITORS PRESENT

- Ethel Cooper, Carolina Church.  
Sis. Flora Jackson, Southeast Alabama Association.  
Sis. Sarah Kelley, Rt. 8, Andalusia, Ala.  
Bro. and Sis. Dewey Lawson, Rt. 3, Andalusia, Ala.  
Bro. G. J. Dunn, Rt. 8, Andalusia, Ala.  
Rev. and Mrs. G. D. McVay and family, Brentwood Assembly,  
Pensacola, Fla.

## —PROCEEDINGS—

Delegates of the Forty Third Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with Ministers, Deacons, Executive Committee and friends at New Shady Grove Church September 26 at 10:30.

Song service was led by Rev. L. V. Pinson with Sis. Carrie Lou Bass at the piano. Song, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee". Prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews. Moderator made announcements. Song service continued.

At 11:00 Rev. Sam Stroud preached. Scripture reading Acts 5:19. Dismissed by moderator one hour for lunch.

At 1 o'clock two songs were sung by congregation. Devotional scripture by Rev. James Bass Ephesians 6:11-19, followed by prayer.

Moderator declared body ready for business. Letters from different churches given to reading clerk. Letters from different churches read and received by body.

First F.W.B. Pensacola, New Shady Grove, New Bethany, First F.W.B. Crestview, First F.W.B. Andalusia, Shady Hill.

## DELEGATES ENROLLED

First F.W.B. Pensacola—Bros. John Pinson, Bill Walker; Sisters Daisy Williams, Ann Walker.

Shady Hill—Sisters Florence Bass, Dora Murphy, Flara Bass; Bro. Ralph Bass, Alline Bass, Joyce Bass; Deacons Stacy and Edd Bass.

First F.W.B. Andalusia—Sisters, Bula Stroud, Anna McGlaun, Frances Stroud; Deacon Bro. Hollie McGlaun.

First F.W.B. Crestview—Sisters Linda Bass, Kathlene Bass, Allie Mae Ward, Nancy Ward; Deacons Bros. Tommy Ward, J. D. Bass.

New Bethany—Sisters Naomi Wilkinson, Carrie Lou Bass, Lorine Johnson; Bro. J. A. Bass.

New Shady Grove—Sisters Ineta McGlaun, Zadie Zeiglar, Era Jones, Lucille Sellers; Deacon Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

## OFFICERS ELECTED AS FOLLOWS

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

ASST. MODERATOR \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. J. C. Matthews

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Flara Bass

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Bill Walker

READING CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ Sis. Lorine Johnson

ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS — Bros. Edd Bass, Virgil McGlaun

## **MODERATOR APPOINTS COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**—Sisters Daisy Williams, Joyce Bass, Frances Stroud, Nancy Ward and Carrie Lou Bass.

**OBITUARIES**—Sisters Alline Bass, Linda Bass, Zadie Zigler, Allie Mae Ward and Bula Stroud.

**TEMPERANCE**—Sisters Florence Bass, Dora Murphy, Ineta McGlaun, Era Jones and Lorine Johnson.

**RESOLUTIONS**—Brothers Stacy Bass, B. Bass, Race R. Ziglar, J. D. Bass; Sisters Ann Walker and Anna McGlaun.

**DIVINE SERVICE**—Brothers Ralph Bass, John Pinson, Hollie McGlaun, Tommy Ward and Joe Bass.

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

**FINANCE**—Brothers Bill Walker, V. L. McGlaun, Edd Bass, Sam Stroud, James Bass.

**SUGGESTIONS**—Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rev. J. C. Matthews; Sisters Naomi Wilkinson, Lucille Sellers, Cathleen Bass.

**RULES COMMITTEE**—Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rev. Sam Stroud, Brothers R. L. Williams, Marvin Bass, V. L. McGlaun, Sister Flara Bass.

Welcome handshake.

Dismissed business part of meeting until Saturday 10:30 A.M.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE**

Congregation sang "I'll Live In Glory", followed by prayer led by Sister L. V. Pinson, followed by Rev. J. C. Matthews who preached, reading Isaiah 66:1-2; followed by Rev. R. R. Ziglar who preached from Matthew 16:24.

Rev. Zeiglar dismissed services until Saturday 10:30 A.M.

## **SATURDAY—10:30 A.M.**

Body called to order by moderator. Group sang "Heavenly Sunlight." After 15 minutes of group singing, Sister Lorine Johnson read Psalm 1. Prayer was by Sister Pinson. Moderator declared body ready for business.

## **OBITUARIES REPORT**

We, your committee, find five deaths this year in association. From New Shady Grove, Rev. E. L. Eiland, September 27, 1968. From Crestview Church, infant, Timothy Ray Bass, June 23, 1969. Sister Genola Spence, February 5, 1969. From Shady Hill Church, Brother Hollie Garvin, January 24, 1969. From New Bethany Church, Brother Walter Yow, March 23, 1969.

Our loss is heaven's gain. At this time Rev. Pinson suggested all stand and have one minute of silent prayer in memory of our dead.

Committee discharged

Alline Bass, Chairman



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

Your committee finds an active Sunday School in each church in the Association. We suggest each church enlist new members and contact absent members. We ask that each officer and teacher hold one meeting each quarter. We request the pastor hold a study course once a month, taught by pastor or a qualified member as pastor appoints. Suggest each church have weekly prayer service. Encourage youth work, also stress Womens Auxiliary. We ask each church to hold Vacation Bible School, this is very important.

Committee discharged

Sister Daisy Williams, Chairman

## **TEMPERANCE REPORT READ**

We recommend that each Christian abstain from that which he or she would term harmful or detrimental to the cause of Christ in their lives. Not to patronize any business establishment that keeps their doors open for business purposes on Sunday or the establishment that sell intoxicant beverages. The Bible teaches that we should honor the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Committee discharged

Florence Bass, Chairman

## **RESOLUTIONS REPORT READ**

We suggest that each member resolve in their hearts to seek divine guidance of the holy spirit in things that pertain to holy and religious living.

Committee discharged

Stacey B. Bass, Chairman

## **DIVINE SERVICE REPORT READ**

Committee appoints. Friday 7:30 P.M. Rev. J. C. Matthews, followed by Rev. R. R. Ziglar, Saturday 11:00 A.M. Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Committee discharged

Ralph Bass, Chairman

## 11:00 A. M. SATURDAY

After short song service. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews.

Rev. Pinson preached an impressive sermon, taking scripture background from St. John 15:6; II Chronicles 15:2; Ezekiel 33:18; John 15:1; Heb. 6:1-6; I Chronicles 28:9; Rev. 3:9; Proving the scriptural belief of the Free Will Baptist.

Dismissed one hour for lunch by Brother John Pinson. At the table Rev. Sam Stroud offered thanks to God for a bountiful spread.

## 1:30 P. M.

Moderator called body to order. Declared ready for business.

After short song service prayer by Rev. G. D. McVay.

## SUGGESTIONS REPORT

Each suggestion separately read and voted on one at a time.

1. We suggest that the moderator of association preach the introductory sermon next association. In his absence, assistant moderator.

2. Pay associational clerk \$15.00 to write minutes.

3. Rotate annual association meetings from church to church until campsite building is finished. All quarterly meetings be held at campsite. First meeting at 10 o'clock, January 3, 1970.

4. Fifth Sunday meetings be held as follows:

First, Shady Hill \_\_\_\_\_ November 30, 1969

Second, Andalusia Church \_\_\_\_\_ March 29, 1970

Third, Shady Grove \_\_\_\_\_ May 31, 1970

Fourth, New Bethany \_\_\_\_\_ August 30, 1970

5. Building Committee elect their own treasurer.

6. Sunday School rally be held at Shady Hill.

7. Associational clerk write resolution of thanks.

8. 1970 association be held at First Free Baptist Church in Pensacola.

9. Next association meet at 10:30 A.M., Friday before fourth Sunday in September, 1970.

10. Suggest Friday night preaching service at each association.

11. Association moderator visit each church in association once each year. More often if church desires. Visited church pay expense of moderator. If church don't pay, associational treasurer pay expense.

Committee discharged,

Rev. L. V. Pinson, chm.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Paid for Minutes     | \$73.50  |
| Paid Clerk           | \$15.00  |
| Paid Children's Home | \$50.76  |
| Balance in Treasury  | \$63.60  |
| 1969 Total Balance   | \$202.86 |
| Crestview Paid       | \$20.00  |
| Pensacola Paid       | \$15.00  |
| Shady Hill Paid      | \$21.00  |
| New Bethany Paid     | \$20.00  |
| Andalusia Paid       | \$12.30  |
| Shady Grove Paid     | \$10.00  |
| Total Balance        | \$161.90 |

Bro. Bill Walker, Treasurer

Rev. Pinson made a verbal report about F.W.B. Campsite. Treasurer Bro. Marvin D. Bass reported a balance of \$108.09 to be taken from Campsite treasury for writing and recording fee for Campsite deeds.

At this time Ordaining Council examined and ordained Bro. John Pinson for deacon of First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola.

Thanks to each donor for \$25.00 to be sent to F.W.B. Children's Home at Eldridge, Ala. Bro. Walker will send \$25.00 from association treasury, making a total of \$50.00 to be sent.

Association group suggests to invite Bro. Hansley promotional secretary F.W.B. state of Florida to attend one of our quarterly meetings.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons, Delegates, composing the Forty-third Annual Session of the Southern Union Association, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the New Shady Grove Church for their hospitality shown us during this association. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Flara Bass, Clerk

Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala. 36420

TREASURER—Mr. Hugh W. Walker, Rt. 5, Box 22, Pensacola, Fla.

After entire association took the parting hand, group was dismissed by Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

## **LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT FROM FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST OF PENSACOLA**

Held two meetings per month, one program, one business. Also had prayer weeks and church workings. Attendance good. Members at beginning of year, 10. Members at last of year, 10. Lost two, gained two. Give two gifts, five flowers.

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| Paid Out To Children's Home | \$26.54  |
| Nashville College           | \$8.94   |
| Tile Auditorium Floor       | \$171.74 |
| Paint for S.S. Rooms        | \$15.00  |
| Total                       | \$222.22 |

Linda Pinson, Sec. and Treas.

## **AUXILIARY AT SHADY HILL CHURCH**

Organized November 10, 1968 with seven members. Now have twelve. In connection with Auxiliary, have a class of young people, Ambassadors for Christ, with nine members. Hold meetings once each month. Have \$100.00 in treasury.

Flara Bass, Sec. and Treas.



## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. As to God—One God and Father of all. Eph. 4:6.
2. As to Scripture—All Scripture is given by inspiration of God II 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. II 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." I 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?" I 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." I 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." I 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. 23:46.

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 past regular conference, in the association 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 presbytery 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 until 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 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 shall 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 baptized by immersion by an ordained baptizer.



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.

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 unreasonably 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. 1 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.



# STATISTICS TABLE FOR YEAR 1969-1970

| Church and Location                     | Clerks and Addresses                            | Total Members | Paid Pastor | Love Offering | Assoc. Purposes | Time of Meeting                           |
|---|---|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| 1st F.W.B. Crestview<br>Crestview, Fla. | Beatress Commander                              | 29            | \$560.00    | \$150.00      | \$20.00         | Every Sunday and<br>Wednesday Night       |
| New Bethany<br>Rt. 2, Baker, Fla.       | Carrie Lou Bass<br>Rt. 1, Box 82, Holt, Fla.    | 22            | \$294.52    | \$90.00       | \$20.00         | Every 4th Sunday and<br>Sunday Afternoon  |
| New Shady Grove<br>Rt. 8, Andalusia     | Lucile Sellers<br>Rt. 8, Andalusia, Ala.        | 71            | \$207.33    | \$760.21      | \$10.00         | Every 2nd and 4th<br>Sunday               |
| 1st F.W.B. Pensacola<br>Pensacola, Fla. | Ann Walker<br>Rt. 5, Box 22,<br>Pensacola, Fla. | 66            | \$1,694.14  | \$222.10      | \$15.00         | Each Sunday and<br>Wednesday Night        |
| Shady Hill<br>Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.    | Learvene T. Bass<br>Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.      | 50            | \$462.00    | \$175.84      | \$21.00         | Each Sunday and<br>Sunday Night           |
| 1st F.W.B. Andalusia<br>Andalusia, Ala. | Anna McGlaun<br>Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.          | 76            | \$91.18     | \$561.99      | \$12.30         | 1st and 3rd Sunday<br>and Wednesday Night |