

# MINUTES

of the

Forty-Fourth Annual Session

SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION

UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With

First Free Will Baptist Church

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

September 25-26, 1970

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## — OFFICERS —

MODERATOR \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. V. L. McGlaun

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

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

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Edd Bass

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

## ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

*Brother Elvin Stacy and Brother Neil Wilkinson*

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Closed to meet with First Free Will Baptist Church of Crestview, Florida, Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1971 at at 10:30 A.M.

Flara Bass, Clerk

## ORDER OF CONFERENCE

1. Invite visiting brethren too 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

1971—Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fla.,  
Phone GL6-3972

1972—Bro. Marvin D. Bass, P. O. Box 152, Crestview, Fla., Phone  
Murray 682-4690.

1973—Bro. Edd Bass, Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala., Phone 222-4597

1974—Rev. J. C. Matthews, Rt. 2, Box 20-A, Phone 222-4455.

1975—Rev. Sam Stroud, 106 Arnold St., Andalusia, Ala., Phone  
222-5078.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Hollie McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala., Phone 222-4492.

Bro. Edd Bass, Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala., Phone 222-4597.

Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala., Phone 222-1317.

Bro. Scott Barrow, Crestview, Fla.

Bro. Bill Walker, Pensacola, Fla.

Bro. H. M. Bass, Baker Fla.

## MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson

Rev. L. V. Pinson

Rev. Gaston McVay

Rev. Jimmie Rey Bass

Rev. J. C. Matthews

## MINISTERS ABSENT

Rev. Alfred Cotes

Rev. James Bass

Rev. R. R. Zeigler

Rev. Sam Stroud

## VISITORS

Sister Eula Lee McGlaun, West Highland Assembly of God Church.

Sister Margie Elmore, Judson Baptist Church

## PROCEEDINGS

Delegates of the Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association met with ministers, deacons, executive committee and friends at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., September 25, 10:30 A.M. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews, singing led by Rev. L. V. Pinson, with Sister Mavis McVay at the piano. Song "Precious Name". Prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson. At 11:00 the Introductory Sermon was given by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson from Matt. 28-16.20. Congregation sang "Glory To His Name". Dismissed one hour by Rev. Gaston McVay.

Outside under a spreading oak tree, the table was decked with good food spread by the ladies. Rev. L. V. Pinson offered thanks. Dinner was enjoyed by all.

1:30— Meeting called to order by Moderator, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson. Song— "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus." Prayer by Bro. Hollie McGlaun. Scripture reading by Bro. Neil Wilkinson, St. John 1. 1-14.

## DELEGATES ENROLLED

New Shady Grove Church: Sisters Ineta McGlaun, Era Jones, Lucile Sellers, Deacon V. L. McGlaun.

First F.W.B. Church, Crestview: Sisters Mavis McVay, Anida Bass, Joyce Everage, Bro. Jerry Everage, Deacons Bro. J. D. Bass and Bro. Scott Barrow.

First F.W.B. Church, Pensacola: Sisters Daisy Williams, Carilon stacy, Wanda Josey, Mrs. L. V. Pinson, Deacons Bro. John Pinson, Bro. Robert L. Williams.

New Bethany: Brothers Neil Wilkinson, J. A. Bass, Sisters, Naomi Wilkinson, Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Deacon Bro. H. M. Bass.

First F.W.B. Church, Andalusia: Sisters, Francis Stroud, Anna McGlaun, Bonnie Mae Matthews, Deacon, Bro. Hollie McGlaun and Bro. Carl Stroud.

Shady Hill Church: Bro. Riley Bass, Sisters Joyce Bass, Florence Bass, Alline Bass, Deacons, Bro. Stacy B. Bass and Bro. Edd Bass.

## 1970-71 OFFICERS ELECTED AS FOLLOWS

MODERATOR — — — — — Bro. V. L. McGlaun  
ASST. MODERATOR — — — — — Rev. J. C. Mathews  
CLERK — — — — — Sister Flara Bass  
TREASURER — — — — — Bro. Edd Bass  
READING CLERK — — — — — Sister Lorine Johnson

## **ASSOCIATION DEACONS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**— Bro. Bill Walker, Bro. Neil Wilkinson, Bro. Neil Wilkinson, Bro. Elvin Stacy

### **MODERATOR APPOINTS COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**— Sisters, Bonnie Mae Matthews, Naomi Wilkinson, Florence Bass, Ineta McGlaun, Rev. L. V. Pinson.

**OBITUARIES COMMITTEE**— Sisters Daisy Williams, Lorine Johnson, Francis Stroud, Mavis McVay, Era Jones.

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

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**— Rev. J. C. Matthews, Rev. Gaston McVay, Sister Oattie Lee Wilkerson.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**— Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Bro. Riley Bass, Sisters, Wanda Josey, Lucille Sellers.

**DEVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE**— Bro. J. A. Bass, Sisters, Mrs. L. V. Pinson, Anna McGlaun, Joyce Bass, Joyce Everage, Bro. Stacy Bass, Sister Anida Bass.

**SUGGESTION COMMITTEE**— Brothers, Hollie McGlaun, Edd Bass, Sisters, Carilon Stacy, Alline Bass.

Welcome handshake.

Dismissed business part of meeting until Saturday, 9:00 A.M.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE**

Opened with congregation singing "He Hideth My Soul." Bro. John Pinson sang solo, "Tell Me Why." Rev. N. W. Carden opened preaching service reading Luke 12-48, prayer by Bro. Grady Collins. After a short message by Rev. Carden, Rev. Gene Brooks preached a wonderful sermon. Dismissed with prayer by Sister Ann Walker.

## **SATURDAY — 9:00 A.M.**

Congregation called to order by moderator. Song "I Would Not Be Denied." Scripture reading by Sister Joyce Bass, Psalm 23. Prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson. Moderator declared body ready for business. Song service led by Sister Lorine Johnson and Bro. John Pinson, with Sister Becky Rigby at the piano. After song service by the congregation, Special, "Neither Do I Condemn Thee" by Bro. John Pinson and wife.

11:00— Rev. Gaston McVay delivered an impressive message taking subject of sermon from St. John, 14, 12. Romans 6-12-13-14. Dismissed one hour for dinner by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson. Fish dinner was enjoyed by all.

## SATURDAY — 1:00 P.M.

Moderator called body to order. Song service led by Bro. John Pinson, with Sister Becky Rigby at the piano. Scripture reading by Rev. Jimmie Rey Bass Ps. 29. Prayer by Bro. Bill Walker. Moderator declared body ready for business.

## DEVINE SERVICE REPORT

Appoints for 7:30 P.M. Friday; Rev. L. V. Pinson, who was substituted by Rev. N. W. Carden and Rev. Gene Brooks. Saturday, 11:00 A.M. Rev. Gaston McVay. Committee discharged.

Bro. J. A. Bass, Chairman

## RESOLUTIONS REPORT

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

Committee discharged.

Bro. W. A. Wilkinson, Chairman

## TEMPERANCE REPORT READ

We suggest that each christian abstain from that which he or she would term harmful or detrimental to the cause of Christ in their lives. Let the inner man keep the outer man in subjection at all times. not yielding to the desires of the flesh, but rather exercise self control. Romans, 6-12. 14.

The bible teaches that we should remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

Committee discharged.

Rev. J. C. Matthews, Chairman

## RULES REPORT READ

We suggest that section 5 of article 2 in our rules be taken out. Voted on to remain as is.

Committee discharged.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Chairman

## OBITUARY REPORT READ

Report five deaths this year in the Association from:

New Bethany— Sister Carrie Lou Bass, June 13, 1970.

Andalusia Church— Sister Quincy Coleman, December 18, 1969.

New Shady Grove— Bro E. N. McGlaun, May 9, 1970.

Shady Hill Church— Bro. W. Henry Bass, February 27, 1970

Bro. W. W. Cooper, August 10, 1970.

Committee discharged.

Sister Daisy Williams, Chairman

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Your committee finds an active Sunday School in each church in the Association. We suggest each church seek new members and contact absent members and suggest that teachers and officers meet for discussion once each quarter, request pastor have study course once a month, taught by pastor or qualified member as pastor appoints. That each church member have weekly prayer service. Encourage youth work. Stress women's Auxilliary. Each church have bible school. This is very important.

Committee discharged.  
Sister Bonnie Mae Matthews, Chairman

## CAMPSITE COMMITTEE REPORT READ

Due to the increased break down in moral decay among the youth of our land today, we feel that we as a people of the Southern Union Association, should hasten the time of completion of our project which was unanimously approved a few years ago in business by the body. We believe that each of us should strive to offer our children every opportunity possible to teach and instruct them in ways that would build them in the holy faith. Therefore we ask that each church of this Association gives themselves whole heartedly to the campsite of this work.

Committee discharged.  
Rev. L. V. Pinson, Chairman

## SUGGESTIONS REPORT READ

1. Suggest that Rev. L. V. Pinson preach introductory sermon next association, in his absence Rev. J. C. Mathews.
2. Pay Associational Clerk \$20.00.
3. Rotate annual Assolation meetings from church to church. 1st F.W.B. Crestview have 1971 Association. All quarterly meetings be held at Campsite. First meeting 10:00, January Second, 1971.
4. Fifth Sunday Meetings as follows:  
New Bethany— November 29, 1970.  
Shady Grove— January 31, 1971.  
1st F.W.B. Andalusia— May 30, 1971.  
Shady Hill— August 29, 1971.
5. Have two treasurersmen for Campsite building fund. No check can be cashed without signature of both treasurersmen, one from Florida, Bro. Marvin Bass, one from Alabama selected by nomination from floor. Rev. J. C. Matthews was chosen.
6. Suggests Sunday School rally be held at first F.W.B. Pensacola, Fla. the second Sunday in July, 1971.
7. Clerk write resolution of thanks.
8. Next Association meet 10:30 A.M. Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1971.

9. Friday night preaching service at Association be left to church where Association meets.

10. Association Moderator visit each church in Association once each year, more often if church desires. Visited church pay expenses of Moderator. If church doesn't pay, Association treasurer pay expense.

11. Association appoint an auxiliary committee to serve at next Association, making report on auxiliary.

12. There will be 100 Associational letterheads printed.

13. The body act now to appoint a committee to examine Church deeds of First F.W.B. Crestview Church.

14. To have place printed on new letterheads for ordained deacons, alternate delegates, executive committee, auxiliary report.

Committee discharged

Bro. Hollie McGlaun, Chairman

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Paid Out, Children's Home	\$ 50.00
Clerk Flara Bass	\$ 15.00
Star-News, Printing Minutes	\$ 96.08
Balance in Treasury	\$ 25.82
1st. F.W.B. Pensacola	\$ 20.00
1st. F.W.B. Crestview	\$ 20.00
1st. F.W.B. Andalusia	\$ 10.00
Shady Hill	\$ 27.25
New Shady Grove	\$ 15.00
New Bethany	\$ 16.00
In Treasury	\$134.07

Brothers Hollie McGlaun, Edd Bass and Bill Walker were appointed to examine Crestview Church deeds and report findings to Executive Committee, who will decide whether to give deeds to Crestview Church.

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the ministers, executive committee, deacons, delegates composing the Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Pensacola 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.

After entire Association took parting hand, the group was dismissed by Sister L. V. Pinson.

Moderator, Bro. V. L. McGlaun thanks congregation for \$22.13 to be sent to Children's home, Eldridge, Ala.

## AUXILIARY REPORTS

### Andalusia Church Membership 5.

Paid Church Expenses _____	\$100.00
Insurance on Building _____	\$ 49.00

Sister Anna McGlaun, Treasurer

### Pensacola Church Membership 10. (Gave 1 gift and 6 flower love offerings).

Children's Home _____	\$ 7.89
Bro. Carlise Hanna _____	\$ 15.77
Bro. Williams _____	\$ 5.00
Azeleas For Church _____	\$10.00
Total _____	\$38.66

Sister Linda Pinson, Sec. and Treas.

### New Bethany— Organized October 28, 1969 with 6 members.

Treasury _____	\$48.35
Helped Family _____	\$ 5.00
Total _____	\$43.35

Sister Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Secretary

### Shady Hill Membership 16.

Paid Out. Auxilliary Literature _____	\$ 12.56
Into Church Bulding Fund _____	\$ 50.00
Two Dozen Broadman Hymnals _____	\$ 49.20
In Treasury _____	\$ 28.19

Sister 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 1970-1971

CHURCH	CLERKS	Total Members	Paid Pastor	Love Offering	Assoc. Purposes	Time of Meeting
1st F.W.B. Church Crestview, Fla.	Beatrice Commander	23	\$2,201.41	\$ 616.61	\$20.00	Every Sunday and Wednesday Night
New Shady Grove Church Rt. 8, Andalusia	Lucile Sellers Rt. 8, Andalusia, Ala.	71	\$ 118.65	\$ 207.76	\$15.00	Every Sunday
New Bethany Church Rt. 2, Baker, Fla.	Ottie Lee Wilkinson Rt. 1, Holt, Fla.	22	\$ 295.16	\$ 100.00	\$16.00	4th Sunday
1st F.W.B. Church Andalusia, Ala.	Anna McGlaun Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala.	14	\$ 163.27	\$ 736.85	\$10.00	1st and 3rd Sundays
1st F.W.B. Church Pensacola, Fla.	Ann Walker Rt.5, Box 22, Pensacola,	73	\$2,462.00	\$1,266.35	\$20.00	Every Sunday, Every Wed. Night
Shady Hill Church Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.	Learuene T. Bass Rt. 5, Andalusia, Ala.	47	\$ 533.00	\$ 254.81	\$27.25	Every Sunday