

# MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Fifth Annual Session

SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION

UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

First Free Will Baptist Church

CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA

September 24-25, 1971

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## — OFFICERS —

MODERATOR — — — — Bro. Virgle McGlaun

ASST. MODERATOR — — — — Rev. J. C. Matthews

CLERK — — — — — Sister Flara Bass

TREASURER — — — — — Brother Edd Bass

READING CLERK — — — — Sister Mavis McVay

## ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Brothers J. A. Bass and Hollie McGlaun

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Closed to meet with New Bethany Church, Baker, Florida,  
Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1972, 10:30 a.m.

## 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

1972 Rev. W. A. Wilkinson

1973 Brother Edd Bass, Route 5, Andalusia, Ala., Phone 222-4597

1974 Rev. J. C. Matthews, Rt. 2, Andalusia, Ala. Phone 222-4455.

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

1976 Rev. L. V. Pinson, 2215 Boulder Ave, Pensacola, Fla.,  
Phone 456-3972.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Bro. Edd Bass

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, Phone 537-3197, Baker, Fla.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Phone 456-3972, Pensacola, Fla.

Rev. Gaston McVay, Phone 682-5060, Crestview, Fla.

Rev. J. C. Matthews, Phone 222-4455, Andalusia, Ala.

Rev. Sam Stroud

## MINISTERS ABSENT

Rev. James Bass, Phone 682-4103

## VISITORS

Sis. Eula Lee McGlaun, West Highland Assembly of God.  
Sis. Ethel Cooper, Carolina Baptist  
Sis. Minnie Harwell, Bible Baptist  
Sis. Margie Elmore, Judson Baptist  
Sis. Joyce Lawson, West Highland Assembly of God  
Bro. Hoyt Skeen, Grace Gospel, West Va.  
Bro. Tom Scott, First F. W. B. Dozier  
Bro. Gerald Kimbro, First F. W. B. Dozier  
Bro. Sam Harris, First F. W. B. Dozier

## PROCEEDINGS

September 24, 1971. Delegates. Ministers. Deacons and Executive Committee, met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Crestview, Fla., at 10:30. Congregation was called to order by moderator Bro. V. L. McGlaun, with Sis. McVay at the piano. Congregation sang, with Mr. Skeen song leader. Followed with prayer by Rev. McVay.

Following song "Oh I Want to see Him", prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews. Moderator made short talk on being in the will of the Lord. Followed preaching by Rev. L. V. Pinson, subject Jonah 1:1-17, admonishing everyone to be up and about the Fathers business. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Wilkerson. Followed by special prayer for the sick by Bro. John Pinson. Dismissed one hour for lunch by Sis. Flara Bass.

Outside under Oak trees a long table was spread with delicious food. Rev. J. C. Matthews offered thanks.

## FRIDAY 1:00 P. M.

Congregation was called to order by moderator. With Sis. John Pinson at the piano, singing led by Mr. Skeen. "Just over in the Glory Land." Prayer by Bro. Edd Bass. Scripture reading by Rev. J. C. Matthews, Psalms 125.

Moderator declared body ready for business, letters from churches read, delegates enrolled. Sis. Mavis McVay was appointed as reading clerk protem.

## DELEGATES

DOZIER CHURCH: Brothers Gerald Kimbro and Tom Scott, Deacons Sam Harris, Gerald Kimbro.

SHADY HILL CHURCH: Bro. Riley Bass, Sisters Florence Bass, Mattie Johnson, Anna McGlaun. Deacons Brothers, Edd Bass, Stacy Bass, Hollie McGlaun.

NEW BETHANY CHURCH: Bro. J. A. Bass, Sisters Oattie Lee Wilkin-  
son, Eula Dotson, Louise Heath, Deacon Bro. H. M. Bass.

NEW SHADY GROVE CHURCH: Sisters Era Jone, Frances Stroud,  
Ireta McGlaun, Mary E. Worley, Deacon Bro. V. L. McGlaun.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Pensacola: Sisters Linda Pin-  
son, Daisy Williams, Deacon Brothers John Pinson, R. L. Williams.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Crestview: Sisters Beatrice  
Commander, Avida Bass, Mavis McVay, Kathleen Bass, Deacons Mar-  
vin Bass, Scott Barrow.

At this time a letter from F. W. B. Church at Dozier, Ala., was  
presented by three delegates. Brothers Sam Harris, Gerald Kimbro,  
and Tom Scott, desiring to re-unite with Southern Union Association.  
The vote was YES. Welcome hand shake was given these three de-  
legates by the moderator.

#### 1971-1972 OFFICERS ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Moderator	_____	Bro. V. L. McGlaun
Assistant Moderator	_____	Rev. J. C. Matthews
Clerk	_____	Sister Flara Bass
Treasurer	_____	Bro. Edd Bass
Reading Clerk	_____	Sister Mavis McVay

#### ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Brothers Hollie McGlaun and J. A. Bass

Delegates, Ministers and Deacons retired to the yard to take  
welcome handshakes. Moderator declared body ready for business.

At this time Rev. Pinson suggested that Southern Union Association  
join either Florida State Association or Alabama State Association.  
Majority voted to join Alabama State Association. Delegates to State  
Association are as follows: Bro. Riley Bass from Shady Hill. Sister  
Lovine Johnson from New Bethany. Sister Linda Pinson from Pensa-  
cola. Fla.

Committees appointed as follows: Finance Committee, Brothers  
Edd Bass, Virgle McGlaun, Rev. L. V. Pinson. Sunday School, Sister  
Mattie Johnson, Sister Mary E. Worley, Sister Daisy Williams. Tem-  
perance, Rev. L. V. Pinson, Bro. S. B. Bass, Bro. Tom Scott, Sisters Era  
Jones, Oattie Lee Wilkerson. Suggestion. Brothers, Hollie McGlaun, J.  
A. Bass, Sisters Kathleen Bass, Frances Stroud, Linda Pinson.

Resolutions, Rev. W. A. Wilkerson, Brothers Edd Bass, Gerald  
Kimbro, Sisters Beatrice Commander, Avida Bass.

Obituaries: Sisters Lorine Johnson, Louise Heath, Brother Riley  
Bass, Rev. J. C. Matthews, Rev. Gaston McVay.



Rules Committee: Rev. W. A. Wilkerson, Rev. Sam Stroud, Brothers, R. L. Williams, Marvin Bass, V. L. McGlaun, Sister Flara Bass.

Auxiliary Committee: Sisters Florence Bass, Linda Pinson, Lorine Johnson,

Divine Service: Sister Anna McGlaun, Brother Sam Harris, Sisters Ireta McGlaun, Eula Dotson, Mavis McVay. This committee appointed Rev. Sam Stroud to preach 11:00 Saturday.

Dismissed until 9:00 a.m. Saturday by Rev. W. A. Wilkerson.

### SATURDAY 9:00 A. M.

Moderator called body to order. Sister Matthews at piano, Bro. Edd Bass led congregation in singing "I Would Not Be Denied." Scripture reading by visitor Sister Ethel Cooper, Romans 15:1-7. Prayer by Brother R. L. Williams.

Moderator declared body ready for business. recessed for Committees to work on reports, with Sister McVay at piano, Mr. Skeen led congregation singing. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Wilkerson.

### DIVINE SERVICE REPORT

Rev. Sam Stroud preach Saturday 11:00 A.M.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Shady Hill	\$32.04
Crestview	\$20.00
Dozier	\$10.00
Pensacola	\$15.00
New Bethany	\$20.00
New Shady Grove	\$15.00
TOTAL	\$112.04

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Paid for minutes	\$89.25
Paid Clerk	\$20.00
Spent	\$109.25
Beginning 1971	\$134.07
Beginning 1972	\$ 24.82
Collected	\$112.04
Total	\$136.86

Committee discharged. Brother Edd Bass, Chairman.

Campsite Treasurer report. Rev. W. A. Wilkerson.

Received	\$440.15
Spent	\$ 21.00
Balance	\$419.15

## OBITUARIES REPORT

We report four death in the Association this year:

SHADY HILL, one, Mrs. Savannah Posey, died November 20, 1970.

ANDALUSIA CHURCH, Brother Jimmie Lee Coleman, age 66 died January 23, 1971.

NEW BETHANY, one, Brother Neil Wilkinson died April 30, 1971.

NEW SHADY GROVE, one, Rev. R. R. Ziglar, died April 6, 1971.

Committee discharged. Lorine Johnson, chairman.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We find an active Sunday School in each church in the Association. We suggest each church seek new members and contact absent members, suggest that teachers and officers meet once each quarter for discussion on subject of improvement. Suggest pastors of church have study course once each month. In absence of pastor, taught by qualified teacher. Suggest each church have weekly prayer service. Encourage youth activity. Stress women's auxiliary. Have Bible school each summer. This is very important.

Report received, Committee discharged. Mattie Johnson, chm.

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Bible teaches we should be temperate in all things. We suggest that each Christian abstain from that which is 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, Rom. 6:12-14. The Bible teaches that we should remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

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

Rev. Sam Stroud preached at this time. Subject from Bible Eph. 1:1-8.

Dismissed on hour for lunch by Bro. Carl Stroud, at the table thanks was offered by Rev. W. A. Wilkerson.

## SATURDAY 1:00 P. | M.

Moderator called congregation together, singing led by Mr. Skeen, with Sister Matthews at the piano. Scripture reading by Sister Daisy Williams, St. John 15.

Prayer by Bro. Virgle McGlaun, more singing with Sister MvVay at the piano.

Moderator declared body ready for business.

## RESOLUTION REPORT

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, by prayer and Bible study.

Committee discharged, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Chairman.

## AUXILIARY REPORT

We find three active Auxiliaries in the Association. With a total of 28 members, some of the projects of these Auxiliaries are: Piano repair. Bible School, Foreign Mission Support. Church and Sunday School rooms improvement, youth groups, flowers and gifts. Also, send donations to Children Home , Eldridge, Ala. We're proud to say our new Auxiliary at Shady Hill has 14 members. We recommend other Auxiliaries be organized for the glory of God and his kingdoms work. Committee discharged, Sister Linda Pinson, chairman.

## SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

1. Suggest Rev. W. A. Wilkinson preach introductory sermon at next Association in his absence Rev. J. C. Matthews.
2. The next Association go to New Bethany Church.
3. Pay Association Clerk \$20.00
4. Fifth Sunday meetings as follows:  
Dozier Church November 31, 1971  
Shady Grove, January 30, 1972  
New Bethany, April 30 ,1972  
Shady Hill, July 30, 1972
5. Have two treasurers for Campsite, building fund. No checks can be cashed without signature of both so long as each live. One treasureman from Alabama Rev. J. C. Matthews, One from Florida, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.
6. Sunday School Rally go to Shady Grove Church, July 1972. Second Sunday.
7. Clerk write resolution of thanks.
8. Next Association meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday before fourth Sunday in September 1972.
9. Association Moderator visit each Church in Association once each year, more often if Church desires. Church paying expense.
10. Moderator appoint Auxiliary Committee next Association. To make report on Auxiliaries.

11. There will be 100 letter heads printed have space for ordained deacons names. Alternate delegates. Auxiliary report. Executive Committee.

12. Brother Hollie McGlaun name be put in ordaining council, instead of Brother Marvin Bass.

13. We suggest that the Southern Union Association unite with Alabama State Association by so doing we will be recognized in the National Association of the Free Will Baptist.

Committee discharged, Brother Hollie McGlaun, chairman.

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons, Delegates composing the Forty-Fifth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Crestview Church for their hospitality shown us during this Association. We pray Gods richest blessings on each of you.

Sister Flara Bass, Clerk

Route 5, Andalusia, Alabama 36420

Moderator thanks congregation for \$30.00 for Eldridge Children's Home. Association retired to yard for farewell hand shake.

Dismissed by Brother Hollie McGlaun.



## 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." I 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 I

Section 1. When a sufficient number of members are ready for organization the articles of faith and the 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 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 rise 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. 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.



# STATISTICS TABLE FOR YEAR 1971-1972

CHURCH AND PASTOR	CLERKS	Total Members	Paid Pastor	Love Offering	Asso. Purposes	Time of Meeting
First Free Will Baptist Church Dozier, Alabama	Sister Madonna Kimbro					
First Free Will Baptist Church Crestview, Florida Rev. D. C. Worley	Sister Beatrice Commander Route 2, Box 438 Crestview, Florida	38	\$1,183.22	\$447.18	\$20.00	Each Sun. Wed. Nite
New Shady Grove Church Rev. Sam Stroud	Sister Lucile Sellers Route 8, Andalusia, Alabama 36420	18 Active 52 Inactive	\$270.99	\$486.00	\$15.00	Sun. Sun. Nite
New Bethany Rev. W. A. Wilkinson	Sister Oattie Lee Wilkinson Route 1, Holt, Florida	21	\$299.79	\$426.29	\$20.00	4th Sun.
First Free Will Baptist Church Pensacola, Florida Rev. L. V. Pinson	Sister Ann Walker Route 5, Box 22 Pensacola, Florida	68	\$2,490.33	\$446.32	\$15.00	Every Sun. Wed. Nite
Shady Hill Rev. J. C. Matthews	Sister Flara Bass Route 5, Andalusia, Alabama 36420	51	\$547.50	\$148.04	\$32.04	Every Sunday