

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Sixth Annual Session

SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION

UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

New Bethany Free Will Baptist Church
BAKER, FLORIDA

September 22-23, 1972

— OFFICERS —

MODERATOR — — — Rev. W. A. Wilkinson

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

CLERK — — — — — Sister Marcia Dotson

TREASURER — — — Brother Hollie McGlaun

READING CLERK — — — Sister Carolyn Stacy

ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Brothers, Tom Scott and Riley Bass

Closed to meet with Shady Hill Church, Andalusia, Ala.,
Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1973, 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

- 1973 Bro. 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., 222-5087
Phone 456-3972.
1977 Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Route 2, Baker, Fla. Phone 537-3192

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Bro. Hollie McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala. Phone 222-4492.
Bro. Edd Bass
Bro. U. L. McGlaun, Rt. 1, Andalusia, Ala. Phone 222-1317.
Bro. Scott Barrow, Crestview, Fla.
Bro. Bill Walker, Pensacola, Fla.
Bro. Glen C. Wilkinson, Holt, Fla.

MINISTERS PRESENT

- Rev. J. C. Matthews, Phone 222-4455, Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. Harvel Scott, Dozier, Ala.
Rev. L. V. Pinson, Phone 456-3972, Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Phone 537-3192, Baker, Fla.

MINISTERS ABSENT

- Rev. Gaston McVay, Phone 682-5060, Crestview, Fla..
Rev. Sam Stroud, Andalusia, Ala.

VISITORS

Sister Ethel Coper, Carolina Baptist
Sister Flora Jackson, 1st. FWB Opelika
Sister Kathy Barrow, Crestview, Fla.
Sister Floyce Steele, Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist
Sister Ruth McCutcheon, Assembly of God, Auburn Rd., Andalusia

PROCEEDINGS

Sept. 22, 1972. Delegates, ministers, deacons and executive Committee, met at New Bethany Church, Baker, Fla., at 10:30 a.m. Congregation was called to order by Moderator Bro. Virgle McGlaun, with Bro. Free at the piano and Sis. Lorine Johnson leading the congregation sang "A Crown of Thorns" followed with prayer by Bro. Edd Bass.

Congregation then sang several songs followed with prayer by Rev. Scott.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson than took the stand to preach the Introductory Sermon, using II Timothy, 3:16. The sermon was an inspiration.

After the congregation singing, group was dismissed one hour for lunch by Bro. Williams.

Under the pine trees a table was spread with all kinds of good food. Rev. L. V. Pinson offered thanks.

FRIDAY, 1:00 P.M.

Congregation was called to order by Moderator. With Bro. Free at the piano, congregation sang "An Empty Mansion", followed in prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson. Scripture reading by Bro. Sam McCutcheon, Matthew 5:15.

Moderator declared body ready for business. Letters from churches were read and accepted excluding Crestview FWB Church letter which was incomplete. The executive committee was asked to investigate the letter.

DELEGATES

Dozier Church: Brothers Tom Scott, Harvell Scott and Waverly Free; Deacons Sam Harris, Gerald Kimbro.

Shady Hill Church: Brother Riley Bass, Sisters Mattie Johnson, Florence Bass and Learnene Bass; Deacons, Brothers Stacy Bass, Hollie McGlaun, Edd Bass, Ralph Bass.

New Bethany Church: Brother J. A. Bass, Sisters Lorine Johnson, Oattie Lee Wilkinson, Marcia Dotson. Deacons, Brother H. M. Bass.

New Shady Grove Church: Brother Sam McCutcheon, Sisters Inita McGlaun, Francis Stroud, Bulah Stroud. Deacons, Brothers V. L. McGlaun and C. M. Stroud.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Sisters Ann Walker, Carolyn Stacy, Daisy Williams and Mrs. L. V. Pinson, Deacons Brothers Gordon Walker, John Pinson and Robert Williams.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Crestview, Sisters Joyce Everage and Bessie Crawford, Deacon, Brother J. D. Bass.

1972-1973 OFFICERS ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Moderator.....	Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. J. C. Matthews
Clerk.....	Sister Marcia Dotson
Treasurer.....	Bro. Hollie McGlaun
Reading Clerk.....	Sister Carolyn Stacy

ASSOCIATIONAL DEACONS

Brothers Tom Scott and Riley Bass

Delegates, ministers and deacons retired to the yard to take welcome handshake.

At this time Rev. L. V. Pinson gave a report on the Ala. State Associational meeting, which was attended by Rev. L. V. Pinson and Rev. W. A. Wilkinson. Delegates who volunteered to attend the State Association this year were Sisters Flora Bass and Francis Stroud.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

Suggestion Committee, Bro. Riley Bass, Sis. Lorine Johnson, Bro. Virgle McGlaun, Sis. Ann Walker and Bro. Tom Scott. Sunday School Committee, Mrs. L. V. Pinson, Sis. Mattie Johnson and Sis. Inita McGlaun. Resolution Committee, Sis. Florence Bass, Sis. Ottie Lee Wilkinson and Bro. Waverly Free. Obituaries Committee, Bro. Stacy Bass, Sis. Lorine Johnson and Bro. C. M. Stroud. Temperance Committee, Bro. L. V. Pinson, Bro. Sam McCutcheon and Sis. Era Jones. Divine Service Committee, Bro. Virgle McGlaun, Bro. J. A. Bass and Sis. Francis Stroud. Treasurers Report, Bro. Edd Bass. Auxiliary Committee, Sis. Flora Bass, Sis. L. V. Pinson, Sis. Lorine Johnson, Sis. Mavis McVay, Sis. Francis Stroud.

Dismissed until 9:30 a.m. Saturday by Bro. Hollie McGlaun.

SATURDAY 9:30 A.M.

Moderator called body to order. Bro. Daryl Holly at the piano and Rev. L. V. Pinson leading the congregation sang "Love Lifted Me," scripture reading by Bro. Daryl Holly, Ephs. 10: 11-18. Prayer by Flora Bass.

Moderator declared body ready for business recessed for committees to work on reports.

Congregation singing while committees were out.

DIVINE SERVICE REPORT

Rev. L. V. Pinson preach at 11:00 A.M. Saturday.

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.

OBITUARIES REPORT

We report 2 deaths in the Association in the past year: New Shady Grove. one, Daren Knox, 9. Dozier Church, one.

Committee discharged, Bro. Stacy Bass, Chairman.

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, Sis. Florence Bass, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance beginning 11-30-71.....	\$136.86
Paid for Minutes and 100 church letters.....	\$107.89
Balance.....	\$ 28.97
Paid clerk.....	\$ 20.00
Balance brought forward for 1972.....	\$ 8.97

At this time a collection was taken up to be added to the treasure for past debts, \$30.00 went to Rev. L. V. Pinson and \$6.65 into the association-
al treasure.

AUXILIARY REPORT

We find two active auxiliaries in the association. Total membership 22. Some of the projects of these auxiliaries are, payment on a new piano, foreign and home missions, donations to Childrens Home, Eldridge, Ala. Helping support Bible School, donating food and flowers, helping install air conditioning, remodeling nursery.

We suggest that each church have an active auxiliary.

Committee discharged, Sis. Flara Bass, Chairman.

Rev. L. V. Pinson preached at this time taking his text from Acts 22:1-16 on "Why Tarest Thou?"

Special prayer for our sick led by Sis. Thelma Holly.

Dismissed an hour for lunch by the congregation praying together the Lord's Prayer. At the table thanks was offered by Rev. J. C. Matthews.

SATURDAY 1:00 P.M.

Moderator called congregation together, singing led by Sis. Shelia Wilkinson with Sis. Lois Johnson at the piano, prayer by Bro. Daryl Holly. Scripture reading by Sister Patricia Rigby, Psalms 34.

Reading of the Crestview Church letter which was presented by the Executive Committee.

Letter approved and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We find active S.S. in each church in association, we wish that each teacher would contact pupils as individuals concerning soul salvation. Be more concerned about absentees. Spend time other than class time working to build S.S. Be good stewards of time to use for Glory of God. In visitation program to sick and shut-ins and hospitals. Lead in Christ centered recreation. Continue meetings of teachers and officers to plan and pray for better S.S. and support mid-week prayer service, Women's Auxiliary and Bible School, also organize Training Union in churches that don't have them.

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

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

1. Suggest Rev. J. C. Matthews preach introductory sermon at next Association in his absence Rev. Harnell Scott.
2. The next Association go to Shady Hill Church.
3. Pay Associational Clerk \$20.00.
4. Fifth Sunday meetings as follows:
Crestview FWB Church, October 29, 1972
Dozier FWB Church, December 31, 1972
Shady Grove FWB Church, April 29, 1973
New Bethany FWB Church, July 29, 1973.
5. Sunday School Rally go to Dozier Church, second Sunday in July, 1973.
6. Clerk write resolution of thanks.
7. Next Association meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1973.
8. Suggest we reinstate quarterly meetings, and they go as follows:
1st Quarterly meeting, Jan. 6, 1973
Pensacola Church, 1:30 p.m.
2nd Quarterly meeting, April 7, 1973
Crestview
3rd Quarterly meeting, July 7, 1973
Shady Grove Church

Committee discharged, Bro. Riley Bass, Chairman.

At this time Rev. L. V. Pinson gave a report on the meeting of the campsite committee and urged that work resume on this project.

FINANCE REPORT

Left in treasure — — — — —	\$ 8.97
Shady Hill Church — — — — —	\$ 47.00
First FWB Church Pensacola — — — — —	\$ 15.00
New Bethany Church — — — — —	\$ 21.00
Crestview FWB Church — — — — —	\$ 8.00
New Shady Grove Church — — — — —	\$ 15.00
Dozier Church — — — — —	\$ 10.00
Collection on floor — — — — —	\$ 6.65
Total — — — — —	\$131.62

Committee discharged, Bro. Hollie McGlaun, Chairman.

At this time a collection of \$33.22 was taken up to go to the children's Home at Elridge, Ala.

The National Free Will Baptist Church Covenant was read by Rev. L. V. Pinson and adopted by the body.

Rev. L. V. Pinson presented a plan of arranging a meeting with Missionaries plan was discussed and adopted by body.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

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

Marcia Dotson, Clerk
Route 1 Box 215A, Baker, Fla.
Phone 537-4523

Association retired to yard for farewell handshake, while singing "Revive Us Again."

Dismissed by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

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 1

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	Asso. Purposes	Time of meeting
First Free Will Baptist Church, Crestview	Sister Joyce Everage	38	\$ 486.23	\$ 8.00	Every Sunday Wed. night
First Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola Rev. L. V. Pinson	Sister Ann Walker Route 3 Box 22 Pensacola, Fla.	69	\$2237.26	\$15.00	Every Sunday and Sun. night Wed. night
New Shady Grove Church Rev. Sam Stroud	Sister Mary Etta Worley Route 1 Box 259A Andalusia, Ala. 36420	18 active 52 Inactive		\$15.00	Sunday Sunday night
First Free Will Baptist Church, Dozier Rev. Harvell Scott	Sister Madonna Kimbro	32	\$1000.00	\$10.00	Every Sunday Wed. night
Shady Hill Church Rev. J. C. Matthews	Sister Flara Bass Route 5 Andalusia, Ala. 36420	59	\$ 723.00	\$47.00	Every Sunday and Sun. night Wed. night
New Bethany Church Rev. W. A. Wilkinson	Sister Ottie Lee Wilkinson Route 1 Holt, Fla.	21	\$ 325.00	\$21.00	4th Sunday