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ORDER OF BUSINESS OF UNION MEETINGS

1. The body called to order by the Moderator if he is present.
if not the body may select some suitable member to act
as Moderator, pro tem.
2. Call For Corresponding Letters.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Call for correspondent.
7. Appointment of correspondents.
8. Appoint time and place of holding next session
9. Call for reports of committees.
10. Call for miscellaneous business.
11. Call for reading and adopting minutes.
12. Adjournment.

MINUTES

The One-Hundredth Session of the Chattahoochee United Free-Will Baptist Association convened with Trinity Church, Taylor County, Georgia, Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1935. The Introductory Sermon was preached Friday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Emerson from Hebrews, 12th chapter and 28rd verse.

After an intermission of one and one-half hours for refreshments the body was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. W. H. Emerson. First invited visiting brethren to seats with us in the body. The Moderator then called for Corresponding Letters. On motion Brothers H. J. Smith and G. C. King were appointed to read the letters and the delegates were seated in the following order:

Providence—Leonard Anthony and W. A. Parker.

Pleasant Hill—W. E. James and B. C. Brewer.

Spring Hill—J. W. Daniel, F. F. Hendricks, E. L. Cauley and Sister Pearl Parker.

St. Johns—G. W. Price, J. E. Hallford, J. L. Braswell, E. S. Vance, Sister Hattie Braswell and Sister Mare Smith.

Mt. Olive—W. D. Cotney, E. Windham, T. B. Lovick, Sister A. L. Windham and Sister Irene Windham.

Turners Chapel—Sister Kate Turner, J. A. Spillers, E. J. Wainwright, Sister C. B. Moore and Walter Turner.

New Life—J. T. Hall, Sam Daniel, L. E. Chapman, W. R. Lumpkin and J. B. Lumpkin.

New Prospect, Turner County—T. D. Cook, Sister T. D. Cook, S. Watson, G. C. King, J. E. Dupree, Sister C. B. Smith and R. L. Edge.

Beulah—A. R. Lawhorn, E. Lawhorn, Sister Bertie Lawhorn and Charley Cromer.

St. James—Tom Holliman, W. H. Camp, Joe Herring and Noah Singleton.

Little Bethel—G. D. Perry, C. R. Simmons, R. C. Cromer, W. T. Lovings, Sister W. E. Raburn and Sister Effie Raburn.

New Prospect, Taylor County—Robert Lowe.

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Trinity—A. S. Waller, Buford Watson and N. M. Rustin.

Bethany—H. G. Lawrence, Sister H. G. Lawrence, D. R. Parker
Sister D. R. Parker, J. Grimsley, C. Parmer, and Sister C. Parmer.

Ideal—G. A. Chapman, Sister Virginia McDaniel, Sister Clyde
Chapman.

Bethlehem Church, Macon, Ga.—W. H. Williams, Barney Horton,
Sister Mary Horton.

Motion made and carried that all the letters be received and the
delegates seated in the body.

The body then permanently organized by electing Elder W. H.
Emerson, Moderator, Elder H. L. Lumpkin, Assistant Moderator and
Rev. B. T. Gill, Clerk.

Next called for Petitionary Letters and received one from
Bethlehem Church, Macon, Ga.

Next called for Corresponding Messengers and received: Rev. C.
J. Harvey and wife from the Georgia Union Association; Rev. J. D.
Little and Rev. B. C. Davis from the Little River Association; Rev.
A. L. Sellers, Rev. W. A. Sellers and Sister J. F. Harmon from the
Union Association. Motion made and carried that the above corre-
spondents be seated in the body.

Motion made and carried that the Moderator appoint the various
Committees as follows:

On Preaching: S. Watson, A. S. Waller and Enoch Wainwright.

On State of the Churches and Character of the Ministry: Clifford
Palmer, A. R. Lawhorn and G. C. King.

On Temperance: Sister Irene Windham, Sister Clifford Palmer
and E. C. Grimsley.

On Sabbath Schools: Sister Bessie Emerson, Sister Ludie Mc-
Invale and Horace Larence.

On Finance: W. T. Livins, H. L. Lumpkin and D. R. Parker.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to our Sister Associations
as follows:

To the Georgia Union Association: Rev. H. L. Lumpkin and Rev.
W. H. Emerson.

To the South Georgia Association: Rev. H. L. Lumpkin and Rev.
W. R. Lawhorn.

To the Little River Association: Rev. C. H. Moore, Rev. W. R.

Lawhorn and Rev. W. H. Emerson.

To the Union Association: Rev. W. T. Grimsley, Rev. B. T. Gill and Rev. H. J. Smith.

To the Midway Association: Rev. and Sister H. L. Lumpkin and Bro. J. Grimsley.

To the State Line Association: By Minutes.

To the South-Eastern Alabama Association: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. H. J. Smith and Rev. B. T. Gill.

To the Martin Association: Rev. J. W. Hightower.

Agreed that the Clerk have 600 copies of the Minutes printed and that he be paid \$15.00 for his services.

The Circular Letter prepared by Rev. H. L. Lumpkin was ordered printed in the Minutes. Motion made and carried by the body that Rev. H. L. Knighton write the next Circular Letter to this body. By motion the body adjourned until Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

At 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning the body met. Singing and prayer by Rev. H. J. Smith. Scripture reading from St. John, 14th chapter. Motion made and carried that the next session meet with St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., commencing on Thursday night before the First Sunday in October, 1936; Rev. J. W. Hightower to preach the Introductory Sermon Friday at 11 o'clock a. m., and Rev. B. T. Gill, alternate. Delegates going by rail will be met in Columbus on Thursday. The body then took up a collection and gave: To Rev. C. W. Richardson \$4.00, to Rev. E. C. Grimsley \$4.00, to Rev. W. T. Lovick \$3.32, to Rev. J. R. Brown \$3.33; total collection for these brethren amounted to \$14.65. Motion made and carried that we pay the expense of the correspondence which was \$12.05. Motion made and carried that the body adjourn for preaching until two o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At two o'clock p. m. the body was called to order by the Moderator. Singing and prayer by Rev. H. L. Lumpkin.

REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES

PREACHING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Friday night Rev. B. C. Davis to preach and A. L. Seller to close. Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. L. V. Prearter to preach and

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J. D. Little to close. Saturday night at 8 o'clock Rev. H. F. Lawhorn to preach and Rev. W. T. Grimsley to close. Sunday morning at ten o'clock Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach and Rev. E. C. Grimsley to close. At 11 o'clock Sunday a. m., Rev. H. L. Lumpkin to preach and Rev. C. H. Moore to close.

S. WATSON, Chairman.

ON FINANCE

We, your Committee, report as follows:

On Hand in Treasury	None
Paid in from various churches	\$72.87
Total on Hand	\$72.87

D. R. PARKER, Chairman.

ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee, make the following report: We beg you all to be temperate in all things. If you are a Christian keep the Lord's Commandments and leave off the devil's work. Put on the whole armor of God and be just what the Lord wants you to be. The Lord is just and faithful to give you your every need. Be ye temperate.

E. C. GRIMSLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We your Committee, report as follows: We find only three churches have Sunday Schools. We urge that every church organize a Sunday School. We hope at the next session of this body we shall be able to report more Sunday Schools in the bounds of our Association.

SISTER BESSIE EMERSON, Chm.

ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

We, your Committee, make the following report We find all the churches and ministers in good spiritual condition. May the Lord keep us united together in the bonds of brotherly love until we meet again.

N. C. FARMER, Chairman.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

By motion the body returned thanks to the church and community for their kindness and hospitality during this session of the

Association. By motion the body adjourned to meet with St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., twelve months hence.

ELD. W. H. EMERSON, Moderator,
ELD. H. L. LUMPKIN, Assistant Moderator,
ELD. B. T. GILL, Clerk.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Eld. W. H. Emerson, Chairman ----- Butler, Ga.
R. N. McInvale ----- Ideal, Ga.
D. R. Parker ----- Juniper, Ga.
Sam Daniel ----- Mauk, Ga.
W. M. Douglas ----- Reynolds, Ga.

TIME AND PLACE OF UNION MEETINGS

The First District Union Meeting will meet with Little Bethel Church Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in March, 1936. Rev. C. H. Moore is to preach the Introductory Sermon Saturday morning at 11 o'clock; Rev. W. J. Childree, alternate.

C. H. MOORE, Moderator.

The Second District Union Meeting will meet with Spring Hill Church, Marion County, Ga., Friday night before the Second Sunday in July, 1936. Rev. H. L. Lumpkin will preach the Introductory Sermon Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m.; Rev. L. V. Preaster, Alternate.

ELDER E. C. GRIMSLEY, Moderator,
ELDER H. J. SMITH, Clerk.

PREACHERS' AND DEACONS' MEETING

The Preachers' and Deacons' Meeting will be held with New Life Church on Saturday morning before the fifth Sunday in May, 1936. The Introductory Sermon will be delivered Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by Eld. C. W. Richardson; Eld. H. L. Lumpkin as alternate.

ELDER C. H. MOORE, Moderator,
ELDER B. T. GILL, Clerk.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES

Frovidence, Sam C. Parker ----- R. F. D., Columbus, Ga.
Pleasant Hill, Grover Stephens ----- R. F. D., Ellaville, Ga.
Spring Hill, Katilee Brady ----- Mauk, Ga.
St. Johns, G. W. Price ----- 3003 Third Ave., Columbus, Ga.
Mt. Olive, J. S. Windham ----- Reynolds, Ga.
New Life, L. E. Chapman ----- Mauk, Ga.

New Prospect, E. C. King ----- Shingler, Ga.
 Turners Chapel, C. H. Moore ----- Butler, Ga.
 Beulah, Mrs. C. E. Lawhorn ----- Butler, Ga.
 St. James, W. H. Camp ----- 616 Fourth Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
 Little Bethel, F. L. Rayburn ----- Ideal, Ga.
 New Prospect, Daniel Posey ----- Reynolds, Ga.
 Trinity, B. F. Waller ----- Charing, Ga.
 Bethany, H. G. Lawrence ----- R. F. D., Juniper, Ga.
 Ideal F. W. B. Church, Mrs. G. A. Chapman ----- Ideal, Ga.
 Bethlehem, Lottie Mott ----- 1004 Oglethorpe St., Macon, Ga.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder L. V. Priester ----- Route 1, Box 20, Columbus, Ga.
 Elder A. C. McKinnon ----- 1001—37th St., Columbus, Ga.
 Elder R. H. Windham ----- Reynolds, Ga.
 Elder C. H. Moore ----- Reynolds, Ga.
 Elder W. T. Lovick ----- Reynolds, Ga.
 Elder W. J. Childree ----- Reynolds, Ga.
 Elder I. F. Guinn ----- Camden, S. C.
 Elder W. J. Lumpkin ----- Coleman, Ga.
 Elder E. C. Grimsley ----- Mauk, Ga.
 Elder H. L. Lumpkin ----- Mauk, Ga.
 Elder J. H. Little ----- Ashburn, Ga.
 Elder J. R. Brown ----- Sycamore, Ga.
 Elder W. R. Lawhorn ----- Route 1, Butler, Ga.
 Elder B. V. Lisle ----- Route 1, Columbus, Ga.
 Elder H. L. Knighton ----- 502 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder C. W. Richerson ----- 619 Ave. A, Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder B. D. Lawson ----- 1154 Curtis Street, Columbus, Ga.
 Elder H. J. Smith ----- 3010—4th Ave., Columbus, Ga.
 Elder B. T. Gill ----- 513—35th Street, Columbus, Ga.
 Elder D. E. Green ----- Ideal, Ga.
 Elder W. H. Emerson ----- R. 1, Butler, Ga.
 Elder W. T. Grimsley ----- Rupert, Ga.
 Elder H. F. Lawhorn ----- Siloame, Ga.
 Elder J. W. Hightower ----- 124 Grady St., Macon, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. T. B. Lovick ----- Reynolds, Ga.

TO THE MEMORY OF
REV. S. N. LITTLE

Brother S. N. Little departed this life April 9, 1932. He was a faithful member of the Free-Will Baptist denomination, having preached for forty-five years, during which time he organized eight Churches and two Associations.

Bro. Little was a noble preacher and a faithful Christian and to know him was to love him. He was about eighty-five years of age at the time of his departure.

'Tis so hard to break the tender cord,
When love has bound the heart;
'Tis hard, so hard, to speak the words:
"We must forever part."

Written by request,

ELDER C. H. MOORE.

TO THE MEMORY OF
REV. S. R. LAWHORN

Brother S. R. Lawhorn departed this life August the 16th, 1935. He was a member of Spring Hill Church and lived faithful to his Christian duties. He preached thirteen years. Brother Lawhorn was 57 years of age at the time of his death. He was a good husband and father and to know him was to love him.

Oh where is our Brother dear?
Gone home to a mansion fair.
No more he'll sorrow here
For he's happy in his mansion there.

But he has crossed the river,
He is with the angels now
He has laid aside earth's crosses,
And the crown is on his brow.

He is clothed in clean white linen,
And he walks the strets of gold;
Oh loved one safe forever,
Within the Saviour's fold.

God in His wisdom has recalled,
The boon His love hath given,
And though the body moulds here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

By His Pastor,

ELDER C. H. MOORE.

TO THE MEMORY OF
BROTHER MOORE

Brother Moore was; born April 13, 1856, died May the first, 1935, making his stay on earth 79 years, 1 month and 18 days. He was a member of Mount Olive Church, Taylor County, Ga. Bro. Moore leaves three sons, a daughter, several grand children and great grand children besides many relatives and friends to mourn over his departure. Bro. Moore was a good father and a true friend loved by all who knew him; true to his church and faithful to the cause. To know him was to love him.

'Tis so hard to break the tender cord
When love has bound the heart,
'Tis hard, so hard to speak the words,
We must forever part.

His Pastor,

REV. W. R. LAWHORN.

TO THE MEMORY OF
SISTER ANNA LAWSON

Sister Lawson was born Oct. 4, 1888. She died July 9, 1935. Sister Lawson became a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church in 1905. At the time of her death she was a devoted member of St. James Church. She was the faithful wife of Elder B. D. Lawson. Her life was devoted to her Master's service as she had served as a Sunday School teacher and also as president of the Ladies Aid Society. She was loved by all who knew her and we feel sure that our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

By Her Pastor,

REV. H. L. KNIGHTON.

TO THE MEMORY OF
SISTER LOTTIE WINDHAM

Sister Windham departed this life Feb. 10, 1935. She was a member of Mount Olive Church and was a true Christian. To know Sister Lottie was to love her. She leaves a husband and four children.

A precious mother has left us,
Left us, yes, forevermore,
But again we hope to meet her,
On that bright and happy shore.

Written by,

ELDER C. H. MOORE.

TO THE MEMORY OF
SISTER ROSIE HINTON

The death angel visited the home of Sister Hinton on the 30th of December, 1934, and with the cold hand of death called her to the Great City of God. She was a member of Beulah Church and a Christian lady. Sleep on, dear Sister, we will see you in the sweet bye and bye.

Written by her pastor,

ELD. C. H. MOORE.

TO THE MEMORY OF
SISTER RUBY BRYANT

Sister Bryant departed this life about the middle of March. She was a member of Mount Olive Church and a devoted Christian lady. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband and four children besides a heart broken mother and hosts of other friends. Sleep on mother till we meet again.

Written by,

ELDER C. H. MOORE.

TO THE MEMORY OF
SISTER LILL YOUNGBLOOD

Sister Youngblood was born Feb. 8, 1868, died Sept. 28, 1935, making her stay here on earth 67 years, 7 months and 20 days. She was a member of Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, Ga. Sister Youngblood was loved by all who knew her and always had a pleasant smile for everyone she met. She was a good true mother, and was ever faithful to her children and to her church. Say not, children, that moter died; she is only sleeping. Be true and faithful and strive to meet her inside the Pearly Gates where there'll be no more parting, no more pain; where God's sunlight comforts forevermore.

Written by her pastor,

REV. W. R. LAWHORN.

TO THE MEMORY OF
SISTER MARY HORTMAN

Sister Hortman was born Oct. 25, 1858, died April 27, 1935, making her stay on earth 76 years, 6 months and 2 days. She was a member of Turners Chapel Free-Will Baptist Church, Taylor County Ga. She was true to her church until death overtook her. Sleep on, dear sister for one sweet day we will all sing redemption songs around the Great White Throne of God.

Written by her pastor,

REV. W. R. LAWHORN.

TO THE MEMORY OF
SISTER RUBY WINDHAM BRYANT

This good sister was born Feb. 25, 1900, died Feb. 27, 1935, making her stay here on earth 35 years and one day. She was a member of Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, Ga. Sister Bryant was ever loyal and true to her church, faithful to her family and neighbors and to know her was to love her. One from our midst has gone to rest in that Happy Home.

her Pastor,

REV. W. R. LAWHORN.

TO THE MEMORY OF
SISTER LOTTIE WINDHAM

Sister Windham died Feb. 2, 1935. She was a member of Mt. Olive Free-Will Baptist Church, was a true and faithful member to her church and was loved by all who knew her.

She has gone to the world above, where saints and angels meet
To realize our Saviour's love, and worship at His feet.

Written by her pastor,

ELDER W. R. LAWHORN.

TO THE MEMORY OF
MRS. W. A. PARKER

Sister Sallie C. Parker was born Dec. 29, 1867 and departed this life Feb. 13, 1935. She was a faithful member of Providence church, true and ever ready to do her best for her Master. She was a great stay in my life as her pastor. Her home was blessed with five children to whom she was a real mother. Her spiritual light will ever shine upon the pathway of her children. Our church has lost an honest worker, the vicinity has lost a good neighbor and the home has lost its best friend. May Heaven's blessings rest upon the grief stricken husband and children. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Eld. H. L. Lumpkin in the presence of a host of sorrowing relatives and friends, after which the body was lowered to its last resting place beneath a mound of lovely flowers.

In the graveyard sweetly sleeping,
Where the flowers gently bloom,
Lies the body of sweet old mother,
In a silent lonely tomb.
Peaceful be thy rest dear mother,
Tis so sweet to speak thy name,
In life we loved you so dearly,
And in death we do the same.

Farewell till we meet on Canaan's happy shore.

By her pastor,

ELDER H. L. LUMPKIN.

TO THE MEMORY OF
BRO. J. J. McBRIDE

On Feb. 16, 1934 the home and vicinity was made sad as the death angel entered the home and claimed Bro. J. J. McBride and bore his spirit to higher realms of service. He was born Feb. 25, 1859. Bro. McBride was sick only a few days and he bore his pain with patience, looking to the Allwise God for relief. God stopped his suffering by calling him to come up higher.; "thou good and faithful servant thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things." He was happily married to Miss Lula Broadax Sept. 29, 1886. She still survives him. There were born to this union seven children. Bro. McBride was a faithful deacon of Providence F. W. B. Church for 38 years. In the passing of this good brother the church has lost a pillar of strength. His life will be a guiding light and will ever shine. Peaceful be thy rest dear brother. Yes, he has gone to that Bright City there to rest forever.

Written by

MRS. H. L. LUMPKIN.

TO THE MEMORY OF
MRS. HETTIE CARROLL

Sister Carroll was born Sept. 30, 1875, died Dec. 15, 1934. She was a member of Providence Church. Our hearts are in sympathy with the sorrowing loved ones and friends and may each of us remember that life should be sweet and death is sure. May we be ready to meet our loved ones on the banks of sweet deliverance.

By her pastor,

ELDER H. L. LUMPKIN.

TO THE MEMORY OF
MRS. ALICE CALWELL

On July 11th a gloom of sadness was brought into the home of Bro. W. E. Calwell as the angel of death came and bore the spirit of his loving companion, Mrs. Alice Calwell, into that beautiful city of God. She united with Providence F. W. B. church in early life and was ever true and faithful. She was born Aug, 15, 1870 and died July 11, 1934. She had been a patient sufferer of cancer for many years but bore the pain with Christian fortitude looking to the Alwise Father for relief. So God called out the fairest gem of that home, mother, to dwell in the mansion of the blest. Mrs. Alice

Windham Calwell was married Dec. 4, 1886 to Mr. W. E. Calwell to which union were born 10 children, eight sons and two daughters. Farewell, dear mother, till we meet again. Oh how I long to meet you there in that precious Golden Ayden where there will be no more separation.

Written by

MRS. H. L. LUMPKIN.

TO THE MEMORY OF
CARLTON McBRIDE

On March 7th just at the dawn of day the form of Bro. Carlton McBride was found where he had burned to death. Oh it was so sad to give him up this way but we realize God is too kind to err and too wise to make mistakes. So we bow our heads in humble submission and say "thy will be done." Bro. McBride was born in 1891 and died March 7, 1934. He was never married.

God grant that when the sun goes down,
And shadows of night draw near,
That the pearly gates may open wide
And the golden streets appear.
May the dear ones you have loved,
Its glories see and have sweet rest.

Written by

MRS. H. L. LUMPKIN.

CIRCULAR LETTER

"Therefore my beloved brethren be ye steadfast unmoveable, always abounding in the works of the Lord. For as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."—Cor. 15 5-8.

"Steadfast", firmly fixed or established. Paul here was speaking of the natural body and the spiritual body.

Speaking of the natural side of life, Paul admired a man that was firm. He, in speaking to the Church at Corinth, begs them to be well fixed because death was coming and after death the resurrection.

Now in reference to a man of the world: All people admire those that are dependable. A man whom you can't trust or believe, who is wayward and untruthful, you would not like to listen to anything he has to say, regardless.

Those who are born into Christ Jesus should be rooted and grounded in the faith. "Be ye steadfast, firm. Stand by that which is right; don't be ashamed for the world to know how or where you

stand, and especially the ministers. God pity a preacher that is first on one side of the fence and then on the other; unstaple, wavery, double-minded, thinking himself more than he is. A person that thinks himself more than anyone else and wants people to look up to him is following his father, the author of sin.

May the Good Lord bless those who trust Him and may this Association reach the higher heights of "steadfastness."

May our experience be like unto Paul, "fight the good fight of faith and be ready when the Lord calls."

Fraternally,

ELD. H. L. LUMPKIN.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

Preliminaries. When several believers wish to be organized into a church, they request a council from some sister church. This council or committee (commonly called an arm) examines into the Christian character, doctrine and fellowship of the applicants, and their ability to sustain a church. If the examination is satisfactory, the organization proceeds as follows:

The Bible is presented as the only rule of faith and practice. A church covenant is read and adopted. A prayer of consecration is offered. The hand of fellowship is given. The church then proceeds to elect its officers, which are a clerk, a treasurer, a pastor, and a board of directors, who constitute, with the pastor, a committee to promote order, activity, attendance, and the means of grace, benevolence, and sufficient discipline in the church. Deacons should possess sound piety, good business capacity and large benevolence. They hold office at the pleasure of the church. They assist in baptism and the Lord's Supper, have care of the poor, and conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

CONSTITUTION.

Resolved, That we form an association upon the principles laid down in the Holy Scriptures, to-wit: Associations appear from Scripture and ecclesiastical history to have been originally formed, not from any positive injunction, either from Christ or His Apostles, but from mere expediency for the purpose of concentrating the efforts of individual churches and bringing them to bear with greater energy upon the subjects designed to be accomplished by those churches. They were also considered as advisory council, and resorted to as such, but never claimed any right of lording it over God's heritage, nor was their advice considered binding on the churches. In a word, associations were wholly dependent on churches, and churches were not dependent upon associations, and notwithstanding the power

abrogated to themselves by some modern Baptist associations. we view them as being nowhere preceded by the primitive usages of any self-created bodies.

We, the delegates from our respective churches, being authorized by our churches, to agree to form ourselves into an association, to be known by the name of the Chattahoochee United Free Will Baptist Association, and we promise not to withdraw ourselves from this association without first stating our reasons to the body for such intended withdrawal.

It is proposed by the association, first to promote revivals of religion by camp and protracted meetings. Secondly, to take an active part in Home Missions. It is not intended by this association to discuss queries. It is not the design of this association to interfere in any way with the independence of churches composing it. It was not intended to establish creeds, rules of discipline, or make any law whatever to bind the churches, but to leave each church to regulate its own affairs.

We, as an association, take the Old and New Testaments as our confession of faith, as relates to the independency.

We believe that a duly organized church consists of a congregation of saints baptized upon a creditable profession of faith in Christ. Christ is the only Christian lawgiver and supreme head of the churches, and the word of God the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in concerns of religion, and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellow man.

A church has a right to adopt such measures only as are in accordance with the Word of God, and such are deemed necessary to carry into effect the great system of practice.

The church is the highest ecclesiastical tribunal on earth, from whose decision there is no appeal.

No change, alteration or amendment shall be made to this constitution until such change, alteration or amendment shall have been presented to all the churches composing this association, and when two-thirds of all the churches composing this association shall have adopted or recommended in two of their regular conferences successively such change, alteration or amendment, it shall then become a part and parcel of this constitution.

Read and adopted the above as the constitution of the Chattahoochee United Free Will Baptist Association.

CHURCH DECORUM.

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in the associational year; or, if they prefer, it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time; but if the choice be made at a special confer-

ence, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contributions made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of the minutes of the association.

7. When a new clerk is appointed, all the books, etc., belonging to the clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

8. When it becomes necessary, a committee of not less than three male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of dealing, etc., with the church.

9. The church shall hold a two days meeting monthly, embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of conference.

10. 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 spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rule of holy living.

11. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according to the covenant (Article 10), shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

12. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows:
1. Prayer (unless divine service has just been conducted and generally then). 2. Invite visiting brethren to seats. 3. Open the door for the reception of members. 4. Call for absentees. 5. For acknowledgements. 6. For references or deferred business. 7. For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. 8. Miscellaneous business.

13. Visiting brethren, as helps called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.

14. Any orderly member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in membership, may be received into the

church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

15. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid, and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

16. When the moderator calls for absentees, the clerk shall inform the church that members have been absent for three successive conferences, and the moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

17. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing, to attend his trial; provided his residence be known to the church.

18. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced, he shall not be examined till the question has been put to the church: "Will you hear the testimony of this witness?"

19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.

20. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly, or continue to hold their letters without a good reason, shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

21. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.

22. A vote shall not be taken on any question without a move and a second, and in all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising on their feet.

23. No other motion shall be considered while a previous motion and second is before the conference.

24. It shall be considered disorderly for a member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member upon his request, may be excused by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

25. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.

26. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.

27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of any one be unreasonably long.

28. When the moderator speaks he must nominate some brother in his stead.

29. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it be

necessary to call the speaker to order.

30. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper at least four times a year, and the expenses are to be paid by the church.

31. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any

32. Feet washing shall be attended to as the church sees proper.

33. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

34. This decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly meetings.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES.

1. We believe that a Gospel Church, or a church of Christ, is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.

2. That those rules require churches to preserve the form of government and the ordinances of the first Christian churches and to be composed of baptized believers in Christ.

3. That the visible church as the aggregate or whole-number of Gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in heaven, and of such Christians on earth as are not attached to the visible church, according to the Gospel rules.

4. That the establishment of a central or catholic government over the visible church, or any part thereof, is a devise of earthly ambition repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of men.

5. The Gospel churches are the only ecclesiastical bodies or tribunals authorized by the Scriptures; that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially, independent and absolute; and that if this right be surrendered to a superintending jurisdiction by delegation or otherwise, the assembly ceases to be a Gospel church.

6. That churches may nevertheless, we suppose, meet by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up the correspondence; but that the rights and authority of churches being inalienable, or in no wise compromised or hindered by entering into an association, and therefore an association has no authority over churches or individuals, their only power being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity; to promote mutual intercourse, and a concentration of voluntary effort, and to give that advice to churches which might with equal authority be given by any individual.

7. That the authority of the churches is designed for the perpetuation of the true religion of the Gospel, and for the

preservation of a true and orderly body of Christians on earth; that it is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but that it does not extend to persons, property or the consciences of men in any manner whatever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel; that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite of such membership is an assumption of authority on the part of the church and a departure from the Gospel plan.

9. That the officers of a church are elders and deacons; that the elders are also called bishops or pastors; and all the elders are equal in rank, though they may perform different functions—since some may be the bishops or pastors of particular churches, while others may be simply elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further; that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the church—such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders; that as a member of the church, he is no more than any other member, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he was a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help, especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.

11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.

13. That elders and deacons must be set apart to their office by ordination, or the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

14. No preacher shall be ordained unless called to take charge of a church as pastor, or for some other good and sufficient reason.

ARTICLES OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL VIEWS

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, the truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore it shall remain with us to the end of time the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard to which all human conduct and opinions conform.—Rev. 13:14; John 5:39.

2. That there is one true and living God, whose name is

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Jehovah, the maker and urler of haven and earth, inexpressible glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed in the personal distinction of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.—Ex. 6:3; Psa. 33:18.

3. That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which men are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly devoid of holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and their own sinful passions, and therefore are under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.—Gen. 1:27, 2:7, 3:6, 19, 23.

4. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon himself our nature, yet without sin, honored the law by His own personal obedience, and made atonement for sin by his death; being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection in every way qualified to be suitable, compassionate and all sufficient Saviour.—Eph. 2:5, 5:8, Rom. 7:11.

5. That the Gospel blessings which Christ in his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification. That this justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, upon principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of anything we do, but solely through his own righteousness and atonement, and that brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God.—Rom. 8:30, Ezek. 18:28; John 3:14, 16, Rom. 8:17.

6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to receive them by a cordial and obedient faith and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner upon earth, but his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Loord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.—Mark 16:16, John 17:20; Isa. 20.

7. That in order to be saved we must be regenerated, or obedient to the Gospel; and that its evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God.—John 3:3-8, Matt. 3:8-10.

8. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners, it being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, that it comprehends all means with the end; that it is a glorious display of God's goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, unchangeable; born again; that regeneration consists of giving a holy disposition to the mind and is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, producing volun-

tary that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

9. That the preserving attachments of true believers to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial possessors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.—Eph. 1:1-2.

10. That the law of God is the eternal, unchangeable rule of his Government; that it is holy, just and good; that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from his love of sin; to deliver him through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one design of the Gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.—Matt. 5:13, Luke 10:13-20, 14:17.

11. That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath; that it should be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation; by the direct observance of all means of grace, both public and private, and preparation for that rest which remains for the children of God.—Ex. 19:8, Heb. 4:9, Thess. 1:7, Psa. 16:9.

12. That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society, that magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously, honored and obeyed in all things not contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings on earth.—Ex. 23:7, Acts 23:5, Tim. 5:17.

13. That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as are justified by faith in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God are truly righteous in his esteem, while such as continue in impenitence and in unbelief, are in his sight wicked and under this curse, and this distinction holds good among men both in and after death.—Matt. 25:46; Mark 16:16.

14. That the end of this world is approaching, when Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place, the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness, and the wicked to endless punishment, and this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.—John 5:25, Matt. 25:34:41:46.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	Recd. by Let.	Recd. by Stmt.	Restored	By Baptism	Expelled	Dism. by Let.	Died	Total Members	Paid Minutes	Paid Pastors	Meeting Days
Providence -----	Muscogee -----	Rev. H. L. Lumpkin -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	100	\$3.00	\$67.70	4
Pleasant Hill -----	Schley -----	Rev. C. H. Moore -----	--	--	--	2	--	1	--	27	3.00	-----	1
Spring Hill -----	Marion -----	Rev. C. H. Moore -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	31	4.00	33.40	2
St. John -----	Muscogee -----	Rev. L. V. Prister -----	1	--	--	31	1	1	--	206	-----	50.00	1-2-3-4
Mt. Olive -----	Taylor -----	Rev. W. R. Lawhorn -----	--	8	--	8	3	4	3	115	6.00	-----	2
Turners Chapel -----	Taylor -----	Rev. W. J. Childree -----	2	--	--	5	--	--	1	135	6.00	29.12	4
New Life -----	Marion -----	Rev. C. H. Moore -----	1	--	--	11	--	--	--	70	4.00	36.10	3
New Prospect -----	Turner -----	Rev. W. R. Lawhorn -----	2	2	--	--	--	2	--	158	6.00	90.00	3
Beulah -----	Taylor -----	Rev. W. J. Childree -----	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	21	3.00	-----	3
St. James -----	Russell -----	Rev. H. L. Knighton -----	7	10	--	8	1	1	1	150	5.00	43.75	1-2-3-4
Little Bethel -----	Macon -----	Rev. W. R. Lawhorn -----	--	--	--	6	--	3	2	120	10.00	54.35	1
New Prospect -----	Taylor -----	Rev. W. J. Childree -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	49	2.00	16.38	3
Trinity -----	Taylor -----	Rev. C. H. Moore -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	3.00	14.88	4
Bethany -----	Marion -----	Rev. W. H. Emerson -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	43	4.00	42.73	4
Ideal F. W. B. Church	Macon -----	Rev. W. J. Childree -----	--	--	--	--	2	1	1	26	3.00	45.17	2
Bethlehem -----	Bibb -----	Rev. J. W. Hightower -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	38	3.00	-----	1-2-3-4