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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. Appoint 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 108th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee United Freewill Baptist Association convened with St. James Church, Russell County, Alabama, Thursday night before the First Sunday in October, 1943.

• The Introductory Sermon was delivered Friday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Emerson, reading from Numbers 32nd chapter and Hebrews 12th chapter and 18th verse. A wonderful message was delivered that everyone enjoyed.

After one hour for intermission and a fine spread of good food that everybody enjoyed, the body was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. W. R. Lawhorn. Reading from the 23rd Psalm, the Moderator then invited all visitors to seats with us in our body. The Moderator then called for the Corresponding Letters from the various churches. Next moved and carried that Rev. H. L. Knighton and Rev. W. J. Childree read the Corresponding Letters. After reading the letters it was moved and carried that they all be accepted and the delegates were seated in the body as follows:

Spring Hill Church, Marion County: Jessie Tyler, Norman Grier and J. B. Daniel.

Trinity Church, Taylor County: L. B. Shirah Jessie Waller. New Prospect, Turner County: G. C. King, J. A. Little, D. L. Harris, George Partin, Sister J. E. Davis, Sister Bertha Little.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County: W. E. James, J. T. Guy and Wife, Pearl Guy and W. M. Guy.

St. Luke Church, Russell County, Ala.: Curtis Green, Sister Carrington and Sister Harrell.

New Prospect, Taylor County: Homer Emerson.

Beulah Church, Taylor County: A. R. Lawhorn, Sister Berta Lawhorn.

St. James Church, Russell County, Ala.: D. F. Johnson, Park Davis, Sister B. D. Lawson, Sister Annie Jernagan, Sister Fanny Whitehurst, Sister Park Davis.

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County: Jessie Windham, Irene Windham, Jessie Oliver, Christen Moore, J. S. Windham, D. R. Dent and J. B. Amerson.

New Life Church, Marion County: Horace Lockhart and Wife L. E. Chapman and Wife, Felton Roberts and Wife Sallie Daniel.

Turners Chapel Church, Taylor County: H. S. Moore, J. A.

Spillers, Alfonso McCrary, Alice McCrary, Mary Bell Moore.

Bethany Church, Marion County: J. Grimsley, Woodrow Hendricks and Nora Youngblood.

Little Bethel Church, Macon County: R. N. McInvale, S. O. Jones and Wife.

St. Mark Church, Russell County, Ala.: Sister R. Watson, Leroy Jones, Rube Simmons and Earline Jones.

Providence Church, Muscogee County: Billy Parker, Leonard Anthony, Payton Preston, Vergie Preston and Will McBride.

St. Johns Church, Muscogee County: T. H. Bunn, Lori Mc-*Kinnon and Sister Edwards.

Next item of business was to elect Moderator and Clerk. The body then organized by electing Rev. W. J. Childree, Moderator and Rev. B. T. Gill, Clerk. Next called for Corresponding Messengers and received the following: Rev. Emmett McDuffey, Bro. Frank McKing and Bro. W. W. Potter from the Georgia Union Association. Motion made and carried that the Moderator extend the right hand of welcome to the Corresponding Messengers and that they be seated in the body. Next, motion made and carried that the Moderator appoint the various Committees as follows:

On Preaching: D. F. Johnson, S. O. Jones, J. B. Amerson, L. B. Shirah and J. A. Little.

Committee on State of Churches and Character of the Ministry: G. C. King, Arthur Spillers, D. R. Dent, Leonard Anthony and W. M. Guy.

Committee on Sunday Schools: Jessie Oliver, Verna Guy, Vergie Preston.

Committee on Finance: P. M. Preston, Horace Lockhart, Rube Simmons

Committee on Sabbath Observance: Berter Little, Berter Lawhorn, and M. E. Harrell.

Committee on Temperance: J. S. Windham, H. S. Moore and R. N. McInvale.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to our Sister Associations as follows:

To the Georgia Union Association: Rev. C. H. Moore and wife, Rev. W. J. Childree, Rev. H. L. Lumpkin Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

To the Little River Association: Rev. H. L. Lumpkin, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin and G. C. King.

To the Union Association: Rev. W. R. Lawhorn and wife. Moved and carried to correspond with other Associations by

Minutes.

Motion made and carried to pay Corresponding Messengers' expenses. Next, motion made and carried to have Five Hundred Copies of Minutes printed. Motion made and carried to pay the Clerk \$15.00 for his services. Next, motion made and carried that the body adjourn until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning the session opened by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by Rev. H. L. Lumpkin. Read lesson from the 48th Psalm. Moved and carried to have one page in these Minutes draped to Rev. W. T. Grimsley; also a page draped to I. F. Guinn, each having deceased since our last session. Next, moved and carried to take up a freewill offering for Rev. W. H. Emerson, Rev. H. L. Lumpkin. The offering and what was sent in from the churches amounted to \$36.00, giving each one of these ministers \$18.00. An offering was also taken for Bro. E. L. Corley, this offering amounting to \$36.51. May the Lord richly bless each one who gave in these offerings. We then had a special prayer by Sister Berter Lawhorn. Next, the Moderator appointed L. B. Shirah and Park Davis on the Executive Committee. Next, motion made and carried that the body adjourn until one o'clock Saturday afternoon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m., the body was called to order by the Moderator. Opening song by the Welsh Quartete from Thomaston, Ga. Scripture lesson from 8th chapter of Romans. Next, motion made and carried that the Circular Letter be read. Motion and carried that the letter be printed in Minutes. Motion made and carried that Rev. H. L. Lumpkin write the next Circular Letter. Motion made and carried that we hear reports of all the Committees.

REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

ON PREACHING—Friday night, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin to preach and Rev. W. J. Johnson to close. Saturday morning at 10 o'clock Rev. A. C. McKinnon to preach. At 11 o'clock Rev. W. J. Childree to preach and Rev. C. A. Huckaby to close. Saturday night, Rev. C. H. Moore to preach and Rev. G. L. Brooks to close. Sunday at 10 o'clock, Rev. B. T. Gill to preach. At 11:00 o'clock Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach and Rev. Emment McDuffie to close.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, find that our Sunday Schools are in good condition. The attendance is very good and in good standing. We are in good fellowship one with the other and enjoy Christian religion and find the Sunday School a great help to our churches and hope to continue our Sunday Schools; also church attendance. We just hope and pray that our Sunday Schools will continue to prosper during the coming year.

VERGIE PRESTON, Chairman.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, your Committee, make the following report: Please 1emember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy and teach others to do the same and consider the Lord in all your undertakings.

BERTER LITTLE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance find that our churches are not as Temperate as they should be. We recommend that our preachers preach more on Temperance and that the church as a whole practice Temperance in every waypossible and be led by the spirit of the Lord.

J. S. WINDHAM, Chairman.

ON STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

We find all of the churches and their entire membership are apparently in order. And after investigating the pastors of the various churches we find that some of our churches are omitting the administration of the Lord's Supper and of Foot Washing. We wish to recommend that each church follow its Church Lecorium as laid down in our Minutes with reference to all of its dealings. We also recommend that the pastor of each church read in open conference our Church Decorium once each year.

TIME & PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

Motion made and carried that each church in our Association raise a contribution for Foreign Mission work. Motion made and carried that the next session meet with Mt. Olive Church. Rev. H. L. Knighton to preach the Introductory Sermon Friday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, alternate. Motion made and carried that the body return thanks to the church and community for their kindness and hospitality extended us dur-

ing this session of the Association. Our next session will meet with Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, Ga., 12 months hence.

> ELD. W. J. CHILDREE, Moderator, ELD. B. T. GILL, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON FINANCE

We,	your	Committee	on	Finance,	beg	to	make	the	following
report:		•			, -			· .	•

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In Treasury	\$11.62
Paid in from Various Churches	66.00
Paid in by Sunday School Convention	1.00
Paid in by Second Dist. Union Meeting	7.00
Total on Hand	\$85.62
Paid Out of Treasury	
Paid Corresponding Delegates	\$11.66
Paid Clerk	15.00
Paid for Printing & Mailing Minutes	50.00
Total Paid Out	\$76.66
Bal. in Hands of Treas.	. \$8.96
B. T. GILL.	

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Spring Hill—J. B. Daniel
Trinity—B. F. Waller Charing, Ga.
Trinity—B. F. Waller
Pleasant Hill—J. T. Guy
St. Luke—Mrs. W. W. Welsby
New Prospect—Jewel Goodwin
New Life—Felton Roberts Mauk, Ga.
Beulah—Morris Lawhorn Rte. 1, Butler, Ga.
St. James—W. P. Jones 1808 Fourth Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Mt. Olive—J. S. Windham Reynolds, Ga.
Turner's Chapel—Florence Wainwright Butler, Ga.
Bethany—John Grimsley Juniper, Ga.
Little Bethel—Miss Bessie Emerson
St. Mark—Alvesta Brown 1217 Eighth Ave., Phenix City, Ala. Providence—P. M. Preston R. 1, River Road, Columbus, Ga.
St. John—J. E. Baker 4316 Cobb Ave., Columbus, Ga.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

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Eld. B. T. Gill	P. O. Box 45, Thomaston, Ga.
Eld. A. L. Oswalt	
Eld. W. R. Lawhorn	Rte. 1, Butler, Ga.
	Route 1, Phenix City, Ala.
	3412—Fifth Ave., Columbus, Ca.
Eld. C. A. Huckabey	1513—22nd St., Phenix City, Ala.
Eld. C. H. Moore	Reynolds, Ga.
Eld. Riley Windham	Revnolds, Ga.
Eld. W. J. Childree	Reynolds, Ga.
	Rte., Butler, Ga.
Eld. W. R. Merritt	Reynolds Ga
Eld. J. B. Lumpkin	Howard, Ca.
Eld. H. L. Lumpkin	Mauk, Ga.
Eld. O. C. Bridges	Mauk, Ga. Mauk, Ga.
Eld. W. H. Emerson	Route 1, Butler, Ga.
Eld. Coy Watson 32	24 Hanson Ave., Columbus, Ga.
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	3003-3rd. Ave., Columbus, Ga.
	1027—32nd St., Columbus, Ga.
	. 4649—13th Ave., Columbus, Ga.
LICENSED	
	MINISTERS
	Riverview Apt., Phenix City, Ala.
Eld. H. J. Kelley	526 Broad St., Columbus, Ga.
EXECUTIVE	COMMITTEE
Bro. J. S. Windham, 1 Year	
Bro. Sam Daniel, 1 Year	Mauk, Ga. Rupert, Ca.
Bro. W. E. James, 2 Years	Rupert, Ca.
Bro. L. B. Shirah, 3 Years	Rupert,' Ca.

TIME AND PLACE OF UNION MEETINGS

Bro. Dock Davis, 3 Years Warm Springs Rd. Columbus Ga

The First District Union Meeting convened with Eeulah Church on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in August, 1943. The next session will meet with Little Bethel Church on Friday night before the first Sunday in August, 1944. Rev. J. P. Lumpkin will preach the Introductory Sermon Saturday, morning at 11 o'clock; Rev. C H. Moore, Alternate.

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Moderator Dev. W. J. Childree, Clerk.

THE SECOND DISTRICT UNION MEETING met with St. Mark Church, Phenix City, Ala., commencing Friday night be-

fore the Fifth Sunday in May, 1943. Introductory Sermon was preached Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. G. W. Price. After an hour for refreshments the body was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. H. L. Knighton. Next called for Corresponding Letters. Then appointed Bro. D. F. Johnson and Bro. J. E. Baker to read the letters. Moved and carried, the letters be received as read and all the Delegates seated in the body as follows: Spring Hill Church, Leonard Grimsley, Norman Grier and J. B. Daniel; Providence Church, Leonard Anthony, Boyd Tomblin; St. Mark Church, Ranie Watson, Alvesta Brown, Ruby Myrick; St. Luke Church, Mary Parker, Mason Harrell, Sister Mason Harrell, Curtis Green, Sister Green; St. John's Church. J. E. Baker, J. E. Halford, D. E. Ellis; Trinity Church, L. B. Shirah and wife and Annie May Gill; New Life Church, Randon Lumpkin and wife, Felton Roberts and wife, Sam Daniel and wife and Sister L. S. Anthony; St. James Church, D. F. Johnson, Needham Bennefield, Sister D. Katie James, Kate Heisler; Bethany Church, Sister Youngblood. The body was then permanently organized by electing Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator, and Rev. B. T. Gill, Clerk. Next called for Corresponding Messengers and received: Sister Sallie Cromer from the First District Union Meeting. Invited visiting, brethren and sisters to seats with us. Appointed as a committee on preaching, Sister Myrick, Sister Brown, Leonard Grimsley, J. E. Baker, Sister Duke. Moved and carried that each church send one dollar to each session of this Union Meeting. Correspondents to the First District Union Meeting, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. E. A. Huckaby, Bro. C. B. Shirah and Rev. B. T. Gill. Next, report on Preaching: Rev. J. B. Lumpkin to preach Saturday night and Rev. W. H. Streetman to close. Sunday morning, Rev. B. T. Gill to preach and Rev. B. D. Lawson to close. Moved and carried that the next session convene with St. Luke Church, Phenix City, Ala., Saturday morning before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1944; Rev. W. J. Kelley to preach the Introductory Sermon Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, alternate. By motion the body adjourned to meet with St. Luke Church in 1944.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator, Rev. B. T. Gill, Clerk.

DEACONS & PREACHERS MEETING

The Deacons and Preachers Meeting convened with Spring Hill Church, Marion County, Ga., Saturday before the Second Sunday in July, 1943. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. A. C. McKinnon. Closed by Rev. C. H. Moore. The service was closed for the noon hour. A nice table was spread by the ladies of the community and the food was enjoyed by every-

one. After the noon hour the body was called to order by the Moderator. The first item of business was to elect a Moderator and Clerk. Rev. C. H. Moore was elected Moderator and Rev. B. T. Gill, Clerk. Next was report on preaching which was as follows: Rev. C. A. Huckaby to preach Saturday night followed by Rev. W. C. Jones. Sunday morning, Rev. H. L. Knighton to preach. Next business was to hear from the churches represented. Splendid reports came from Beulah Church, Pleasant Hill Church, New Life Church, Spring Hill Church, Trinity Church, Mt. Olive Church, St. James Church, St. Johns Church, St. Luke Church and St. Mark Church. Moved and carried to meet with St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., Saturday before the Fif h Sunday in April, 1944; Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin alternate. The Moderator then appointed Rev. W. J. Childree to speak on "The Church" and Rev. C. A. Huckaby to speak on "the Home". Moved and agreed to adjourn.

Eld. C. H. Moore, Moderator, Eld. B. T. Gill, Clerk.

MINUTES

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Sunday School Convention

The Sixth Annual Session of the Chattahoochee United Freewill Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with Spring Hill Church, Marion County, Ga., on the Second Sunday in July 1943.

Only one Sunday School represented with a program. The Sunday School from St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., put on a splendid program thereby making it a very enjoyable occasion to all present. After the program there were several good talks made on Sunday School work.

The president, Rev. H. L. Knighton, called the Sunday

Schools into a business session.

The body then organized by electing Rev. H. L. Knighton,

President and Rev. B. T. Gill, Recording Secretary.

Motion made and carried that the next session meet with St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., on the Fifth Sunday in April, 1944. We are urging that every Sunday School to meet the next Convention with a good program to render. We also want every Sunday School to make a report at the next Convention.

After expressing thanks and appreciations to the people of the community for the splendid hospitality extended the Convention while in session at this church, the Convention session adjourned to meet with St. James Church on the Fifth Sunday in April, 1944.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, President, Rev. B. T. Gill, Recording Secty.

Circular Letter

Subject: "FAITH AND HOPE".

DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:

Having been appointed to address you through a Circular Letter, I'm using as a subject, "Faith and Hope." Heb. 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of

things not seen." St. Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God."

Now, we see by faith the worlds were framed. Now we see the mysteries and powers and workings of things that man cannot perform and this makes us to believe that there is one true and living God and power. Through faith we plant and work that through hope of obtaining the happiness and things necessary of this life that we may be made to rejoice and enjoy living. Naturally, with loved ones and friends, having homes and food and raiment, comfort, flowers, pleasures and desires of this life. We work in faith believing we will obtain the things we hope for, yet not having obtained them we still have a craving desire for happiness, but we realize by surroundings of this life and evidence of God's Word and evidence of the Holy spirit in our mortal bodies and the substance coming into our hearts from God through Jesus Christ our Lord making us bubble over in our hearts, that the things of this life which abide only until death and are vanished, are nothing to compare to the things of the Home in Heaven and the life to come. We are hoping for a better life with a great rejoicing in our hearts, and the determination and love for our Saviour, our Redeemer and our Lord and our God of love. We have hope of seeing our loved ones who have gone on before and the prophets of old, and the world to come that fill our heart with great joy and a joy that awaits us. It just fills my heart with joy now just to think and write of that place.

Oh, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ! I just think of Paul through faith, hope and long suffering writing so earnestly and faithfully encouraging to the churches. And that same admo-

nition applies to us in this day.

Now to obtain that free, beautiful, loving, happy home which we hope for, we must work. James 2:20, "For faith without works is dead." We are to love one another and love sinners so much that we are willing to make asacrifice to win them to Christ. We are to endure contradictions, and persecutions and all other obstacles that we meet with for the Cross of Christ.

There are numbers of other thnigs I could mention if space would permit. We are to walk by faith to work out our salvation after we are saved—not before—with fear and trembling, perseverance, patience, longsuffering and obedience. toward God that we may have that hope of eternity as Paul said in Romans 12:12, "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer."

Now, in my closing words let me say the substance through Christ from God bears me witness through the evidence of the Spirit that I am His. It gives me great joy to encourage you in

this way.

My prayer is as Paul said in Romans 15:13, "Now the God of hope fill you with ALL JOY and PEACE in believing that ye may abound in HOPE through the power of the Holy Ghost."

Your Brother in Christ,

B. D. LAWSON.

TO THE MEMORY OF

Rev. W. T. Grimsley

Rev. W. T. Grimsley was born September 10, 1879, died October, 1942, making his stay on earth 63 years. He was married June 14, 1903

Bro. Grimsley united with the Freewill Baptist church while a young man.

He preached the Gospel to a dying world and we are confident that many were born into the Church of Christ under his Gospel messages.

He has now passed over on the other side of life to be with his Saviour that he loved.

We cannot express in words how much we loved Bro. Grimsley. We miss him at church and at home. His place can't be filled.

He leaves a good wife, loving children and loyal friends to mourn his passing.

We loved him as a pastor. O how humble he wanted to be in the work for the Saviour.

Sleep on, Dear Brother, till me meet again around Heaven's white throne.

REV. B. T. GILL.

TO THE MEMORY OF

Rev. Isaac Franklin Guinn

Rev. Guinn was born February 21, 1876 and departed this life June 9, 1943, making his pilgrimage on this earth 67 years, 3 months and 18 days.

Rev. Guinn was a member of Turners Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Taylor County, Georgia.

He will be missed here on this earth by those who knew and loved him, but we hope to meet him in heaven where we may live on with him forevermore.

REV. B. T. GILL.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER E. J. WATSON

Sister Watson was born May 18, 1865 and departed this life February 23, 1943. A good mother has gone from her children. We know they loved mother but Jesus loved her more. He called her from this world to be with Him. Her loed ones can meet her on yonder's shore if they live for Jesus here below.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

REV. B. T. GILL.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER RUTH MITCHELL BRADY

Sister Ruth Brady, the devoted companion of J. M. Brady, was born April 14, 1900 and departed this life January 18, 1913. Sister Brady was a member of Spring Hill Freewill Baptist Church and was ever ready to do her part in the work of the church. She was loved by all who knew her. We miss her at church; her voice is stilled and her place at home is vacant. Some future day when we meet around our Saviour's White Throne we will greet our many friends and loved ones who arrived there before us and be at home with God through His great love. May God keep and shield her dear husband and children. A sad mother and sorrowing friends are left to mourn her passing.

Her Pastor,

REV. B. T. GILL.

IN MEMORY OF BRO. J. L. CATO

Bro. Cato was born September 9, 1868 and departed this life March 29, 1943, making his stay on earth 74 years, six months and 20 days. He leaves six children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. He was a member of Bethan Church. To know him was to love him. He was loyal to his church, faithful to his family and a true Christian. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by

J. GRIMSLEY.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER DALLAS KITCHEN

Sister Kitchen was a member of New Prospect Freewill Baptist church. She was a fine Christian lady. She died Nov. 15, 1943, at the age of 39 years.

Farewell, Sister Kitchen, till we meet again.

Her Pastor,

ELD. C. H. MOORE.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER IDA PARTAN

Sister Partan was born Aug. 31, 1892 and died Dec. 7, 1943. She was 50 years, 3 months and 7 days old. She loved her church and was always at her place when her health would permit. Sister Partan will be missed in her church and in her home.

> Some day when we can meet, Around our Saviour's throne, Our many friends and loved ones meet When we arrive at home.

Farewell, Sister Partan, till we meet again.

Her Pastor,

ELD. C. H. MOORE.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER M. S. WINDHAM

Sister Windham was born Dec. 24, 1859, died Feb. 1, 1943, making her stay on earth 84 years. Sister Windham was a Christian woman being a member of Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist church and was loved by all who knew her.

> A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our church Which never can be filled

Rest on, Dear Sister, till we meet again.

Her Pastor, REV. W. R. LAWHORN.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER IDA MASSEY RABURN

Sister Raburn, the devoted companion of Bro. B. L. Raburn, was born June 1, 1880 and departed this life May 17, 1943, making her stay on earth 62 years, 11 months and 16 days. Sister Raburn was a true and loyal member of Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Ga., since early life. Her Christian influence will live on and bright will her foot-prints remain on the sands of future time. A kind and true mother has passed from labor unto her endless reward. Farewell, Sister Raburn, till we meet again.

> The mourned where sleeps the precious form Awaiting to arise,

To meet Him on the judgment morn, Where there will be no sighs.

To clasp the friendly hand that bore, The nails for you and me; On yonders everlasting shore, Beyond the crystal sea.

Her Pastor,

ELD. W. J. CHILDREE.

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER J. W. HEARN

He was born Jan. 26, 1877, died April 14, 1943, making his stay on earth 66 years, 2 months and 18 days. He was a loyal member of St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., and served as Deacon from the time the church was organized until the time of his death. He was a devoted husband and father.

Beneath the mound was laid to rest, the form we loved so dear; That's gone to number with the blessed, thy voice no more we hear.

When all the toils of life are o'er and we shall rest from care; We hope to meet on yonder shore, our many loved ones there O blissful day when we shall rise to greet the King we love! He'll never know any more good-byes in that fair land above.

By His Pastor, REV. H. L. KNIGHTON.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LUCY BRYANT

Sister Bryant was born April 12, 1893 and died April 28, 1943, making her stay on earth 50 years and 16 days. She was a faithful member of St. James Church for a number of years. She was also a good and faithful wif— to her husband, Will Bryant. Although she was sick for several years, she was pat tient in her suffering, always testifying that she was prepared to meet her God.

> I cannot think of them as dead, Who walk with me no more; Along the path of life's tread— They have but gone before.

> > Her Pastor, REV. H. L. KNIGHTON.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LEONA WATSON

. Sister Watson was born Dec. 4, 1897, died Sept. 22, 1943, joined the Freewill Baptist Church at Beulah Church in 1913, and was a faithful member as much as it was convenient for her. She was a loving companion and true, faithful mother. She endeavored to make her home a home of happiness. Truly a precious one from us has gone but is not forgotten. The vacant place in her home cannot be filled, but praise God's Holy name we can meet her in a Home not made with hands.

> Sister-in-Law, MRS. W. R. LAWHORN. Her

CHURCH COVENANT

Presented to the Churches of the Chattahoochee United Free-Will Baptist Association

We, the United Free-Will Baptist, Church of Christ hereby

Covenant and agree:

1st. That we will remain united together in Church capacity and that we will not demand a letter or dismission without giving a sufficient reason and that we will endeavor, faithfully to discharge all our Christian duties.

2nd. That we will labor together to remain free from all violations to the Bible doctrines, ordinances, and faith once

delivered to the Saints.

3rd. That we will live mutually in fellowship and not

estrange ourselves from any of the brethren.

4th. That we will respect each other's liberty of conscience, patiently bear each other's burdens, strengthen the weak, warn the wavering and instruct the young and the ignorant.

5th. That we will watch over each other for good and give our brethren timely warning if we see them exposed to danger or

about to be led astray.

6th. That we will not expose or ridicule our brethren because of their imperfections, neither will we report evil of any one unless we know they are guilty.

7th. That our daily conversation shall be edifying and such

that is becoming for the Saints.

8th. That we will avoid all improper intercourse of all ungodliness and that we will not visit places where our Chris-

tian influence will be impaired.

9th. That we will attend all meetings of the church for the preaching of the Gospel, the administration of the ordinances, the church conferences and all religious meetings, unless we have a sufficient reason for absence.

10th. That we will assist in supporting our pastor, in relieving the needy, and in defraying the expenses of our

churches according to our several abilities.

11th. That we will in all cases and under all circumstances endeavor to walk according to our Saviour's Golden Rule: "Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You".

12th. That we will exercise our spiritual gifts as well as we are able for the instruction and edification of our brethren and sisters.

16th. That we will strive to cultivate deep and uniform piety in our hearts and encourage the same all around us.

14th. That we strictly administer the government of the church, laboring always to promote its purity and holy influence

15th. That we will not, knowingly condemn the innocent or favor the guilty and that we will strive to prevent strife and factions in the church.

16th. That if any among us shall be guilty of gross sins he shall be excluded from our fellowship. An acknowledgement convincing the church that he has repented will restore him back to the fellowship of the church.

17th. If an officer or deacon be guilty of such sins, he shall not hold his office, at the pleasure of the church, any longer. If he convinces the church that he has sorrowfully repented of these sins the church may then restore him to his former position.

18th. That we will strictly pursue the case pointed out in

the Gospel, should any of our brethren trespass against us. 19th. That we will not delay to acknowledge our improper conduct to the church in conference, should we go astray.

20th. That we will go immediately to any member of the church against whom we may hear unfavorable reports and inform him of the same without bringing it up in conference unless necessary.

21st. That we will abstain from all sinful conformities to the world. That we will refrain from all evil amusements of the

world.

22nd. That we will not traffic in ourselves, nor furnish to others, intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and that we will not sustain such in the church.

23rd. Written and adopted at the 1937 session of the Chattahoochee United Free-Will Baptist Association by Rev. W. H. Emerson.

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 depend ent upon associations, and notwithstanding the power abro-ated to themselves by some modern Baptist Associations, we view them as being nowhere precedented by the primitive usage 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 Testament 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 theword 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 neces-

sary 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 conference 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 conference, 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 remise 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 reception of members. 4. Call for absentees. 5. For acknowledgements. 6. For references of 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 sec-

onds, 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 bear the testimony of this witness."

19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowl-

edgement 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 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 votes 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 is

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 churches see 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 rightent and authority of churches being inaleniable, 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 bishops or pastors of particular churches, while others may be simply elders, having no pas-

torial 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 were a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisoryhelp 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 offices 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 Jehovah, the maker and ruler of heaven 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 redemp-

tion,—Ex. 6:3; Psa. 33:18.

3. That man was created in a state of boliness 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. 18:23 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 Lord 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; Mat. 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 valuntary that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his fee 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 the 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 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; Thes. 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 his 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.

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