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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS OF UNION MEETINGS**

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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

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The 109th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee United Free-will Baptist Association convened with Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, Ga., Thursday night before the First Sunday in October, 1944.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered Friday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. H. L. Knighton, reading from the 13th chapter of St. John; subject, "Love". A glorious message was delivered that everyone enjoyed.

After one hour for intermission and a fine spread of good food that everyone enjoyed, the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. J. Childree. A song and prayer by Rev. Harris. Read the 133rd 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 Bro. G. C. King and Bro. P. E. Preston read the letters. After all letters were read it was moved and carried that they be accepted and the delegates seated in the body as follows:

Mt. Olive, Taylor County: Roy Peacock, N. T. McInvale, T. B. Lovick, Irene Windham .

New Prospect, Turner County: G. C. King, G. A. Little, D. L. Harris, T. D. Cook, Susie Cook, Berta Little, G. A. Farmer, G. D. Parten and A. M. Dover.

New Prospect, Taylor County: Homer Emerson, J.Y. Coulter.

St. Mark, Russell County, Alabama: Bro. Simmons, Earline Jones.

Pleasant Hill, Schley County: B. C. Brewer, W. E. James, Uler Brewer.

St. John's Church, Muscogee County: Joe Walker, Vergine Hayes, Fay McKinnon, Ruby Norsworthy, Vergel Satcher.

New Life Church, Marion County: Sam Daniel and wife, Randall Lumpkin and wife, Felton Roberts and wife.

Little Bethel, Macon County: E. E. Bone, R. N. McInvale, W. N. Fowler, S. O. Jones and wife.

Turners' Chapel, Taylor County: J. A. Spillers, E. J. Wainwright, Alfonso McCrary and Alice McCrary.

Trinity Church, Taylor County: L. B. Shirah and wife, Margaret Shirah and A. M. Gill.

St. James Church, Russell County, Alabama: Johnnie Duke, Lue Camp, O. N. Baker, Ellen Snell and Nell Knighton.

Beulah Church, Taylor County: Charlie Cromer, N. W. Cromer, and Morris Lawhorn.

St. Luke Church, Russell County, Alabama: Curtis Green, J. B. Woodward.

Bethany Church, Marion County: Etta Grimsley and J. Grimsley.

Spring Hill Church, Marion County: Leonard Grimsley and Rosie Grimsley.

Providence Church, Muscogee County: Leonard Anthony, P. E. Preston, Virgil Preston.

New Bethel Church, Worth County: L. L. Raines, W. J. Farmer and J. J. Fowler.

The next item of business was to elect a Moderator and Clerk. The body then organized by electing Rev. W. J. Childree as Moderator and Rev. B. T. Gill, Clerk. Next called for Petitionary Letters and received one, namely: New Bethel Church which came under watch care. Next, called for Corresponding Messengers and received as follows:

Rev. J. B. Lankford from the Georgia Union Association.

Rev. E. C. Morris and Rev. Davison from the Georgia Union Association.

Rev. Harris from the South Georgia 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: N. T. McInvale, C. R. Green, S. O. Jones, P. E. Preston and J. A. Little.

Committee on State of Churches and Character of the Ministry: R. N. McInvale, Alfonso McCrary, G. C. King, L. B. Shirah and N. R. Lumpkin.

Committee on Finance: Homer Emerson, W. N. Fowler, and E. E. Bone.

Committee on Sunday Schools: Sister Jessie Oliver, Nina Roberts, Janie Duke.

Committee on Temperance: T. D. Cook, W. E. James, and Arthur Spillers.

Committee on Suggestions: Rev. A. C. McKinnon, Rev. H. L. Lumpkin and Rev. H. L. Knighton.

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### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to our Sister Associations as follows:

To the Georgia Union Association: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. C. H. Moore and wife.

To the Union Association: Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

Moved and carried to correspond with other Associations by Minutes.



Motion and carried that the body adjourn until Saturday morning.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning the body was called to order by the Moderator. Sang, "Kneel at the Cross." Prayer by Rev. W. H. Emerson. Read scripture lesson from the 11th chapter of Deuteronomy. Next motion made and carried to pay Correspondents' expenses. No bills were presented. Next motion and carried that this Association pay the delegates appointed from our Association to other Associations. Motion and agreed to have Five Hundred Copies of Minutes printed and pay the Clerk \$15.00 for his services. Next motion and carried to have the Circular Letter read. It was then motion and carried that the Circular Letter be printed in the Minutes. Rev. W. H. Emerson was appointed to write the next Circular Letter for this Association. Next, motion and carried that the next session meet with Turners' Chapel Church. Rev. C. A. Huckabee to preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. Coy Watson, alternate. Next, motion made and carried to put Bro. J. S. Windham, Bro. Sam Daniel back on the Executive Committee. Motion made and carried to adjourn until one o'clock Saturday afternoon.

A free-will offering was taken which amounted to \$79.38. This money was divided and given out as follows: Rev. H. L. Lumpkin, \$26.46; Rev. W. H. Emerson, \$26.46; Rev. Harris, \$26.46. The offering was so much appreciated by each of these brethren. May the Lord bountifully bless each one of them.

At this time a letter was read from a boy in the service of our country and prayer was requested. The Moderator then called for all of the ministers to assemble around the altar and unite in a special prayer for all our boys and men in the armed services. We were indeed glad to welcome Rev. W. R. Lumpkin of the East Thomaston Baptist Church, who joined us in this special prayer.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator. opening song, "Anywhere Is Home." Read scripture lesson from the 8th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Bro. Cofield. Next, motion and carried that all of the various Committees make their reports.

### REPORT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

ON PREACHING—Friday night, Rev. E. C. Morris to preach and Rev. J. B. Lankford to close. Saturday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. C. A. Huckaby to preach and Rev. G. W. Price to close. Saturday night, Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach and Rev. Coy

B. Watson to close. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. J. Childree to preach and Rev. W. H. Emerson to close.

P. M. PRESTON, Chairman.

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#### **COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE**

We, your Committee on Temperance, find that our churches are fair on Temperance. We do recommend that we as a body try to improve ourselves as much as possible.

J. A. SPILLERS, Chairman.

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#### **COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS**

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, find that our Sunday Schools are in good condition, the attendance is good, and we are enjoying the sweet Christian fellowship together. And we find the Sunday Schools are of great help to our churches and we as your Committee urge every church that is without a Sunday School to organize one at the earliest date possible.

JESSIE OLIVER, Chairman.

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#### **COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE**

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

RUBY NORWORTHY, Chairman.

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#### **ON STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY**

We, your Committee, wish to make the following report: We find all of the churches in order. Also the character of our ministers is good. We think, also, that this session is one of the best and most spiritual we have held in many years.

R. N. McINVALE, Chairman.

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#### **COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS**

We, your Committee, recommend that the Chattahoochee Association turn more of our attention to Foreign and Home Missions. We also recommend that the Chattahoochee Association be represented at the Georgia State Association. A motion was made and carried to send three delegates to the Georgia State Association. Those on this Committee are: Bro. L. B. Shirah, Bro. G. C. King and Bro. Alfonso McCrary.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to make our report as follows:

In Treasury .....	\$ 8.96
Paid in from Various Churches .....	80.60
Sunday School .....	4.00
First District Union Meeting .....	7.00
Second District Union Meeting .....	7.00

**Paid Out of Treasury**

Paid Clerk .....	\$15.00
Paid for Printing & Mailing Minutes .....	55.00

Total Paid Out .....	\$70.00
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Bal. in Hands of Treasurer .....	\$37.56
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B. T. GILL, Treasurer.

A motion was made and carried that the body hear from Eld. E. C. Morris, Field Secretary of the Georgia State Association. We want to thank Rev. Morris for his presence with us and for his wonderful talk given to us as a body together assembled. May the Lord bless his work.

**TIME & PLACE OF NEXT SESSION**

Motion made and carried that the next session meet with Turners' Chapel Church. Rev. C. A. Huckaby to preach the Introductory Sermon Friday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. Coy B. Watson, alternate. Motion made and carried that the body return thanks to the church and community for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during this session of the Association.

Our next session will meet with Turners' Chapel Church, Taylor County, Ga., 12 months hence.

ELD. W. J. CHILDREE, Moderator,

ELD. B. T. GILL, Clerk.

**CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES**

Mt. Olive—J. S. Windham .....	Reynolds, Ga.
New Prospect—G. C. King .....	
New Prospect—Laura Emerson .....	R. 4, Reynolds, Ga.
St. Mark—Earline Jones .....	
Pleasant Hill—J. T. Guy .....	Rte. 3, Ellaville, Ga.
St. John—Ruby Norsworthy .....	
New Life—Felton Roberts .....	Mauk, Ga.
Little Bethel—Miss Bessie Emerson .....	Rte. 1, Butler, Ga.
Turner's Chapel—Florence Wainwright .....	Butler, Ga.
Trinity—B. F. Waller .....	Charing, Ga.
St. James—Mrs. G. Y. Kelly .....	208—17th Street, Columbus, Ga.



Beulah—Morris Lawhorn ..... Rte. 1, Butler, Ga.  
 St. Luke—Tilman Green .....  
 Bethany—John Grimsley ..... Juniper, Ga.  
 Spring Hill—Boyce C. Hodge ..... R. 3, Buena Vista, Ga.  
 Providence—P. M. Preston ..... R. 1, River Road, Columbus, Ga.  
 New Bethel—J. J. Fowler ..... Warwick, Ga.

### MINISTERIAL ROLL

Eld. C. H. Moore ..... Reynolds, Ga.  
 Eld. Riley Windham ..... Reynolds, Ga.  
 Eld. W. J. Childree ..... Reynolds, Ga.  
 Eld. W. B. Posey ..... Rte., Butler, Ga.  
 Eld. W. R. Merritt ..... Reynolds, Ga.  
 Eld. B. Coy Watson ..... R. 1, Phenix City, Ala.  
 Eld. W. C. Jones ..... 1403 Church St., Phenix City, Ala.  
 Eld. A. C. McKinnon ..... 1027—32nd St., Columbus, Ga.  
 Eld. W. H. Streetman ..... 4649—13th Ave., Columbus, Ga.  
 Eld. H. L. Lumpkin ..... Mauk, Ga.  
 Eld. O. C. Bridges ..... Mauk, Ga.  
 Eld. J. B. Lumpkin ..... Howard, Ga.  
 Eld. L. S. Anthony ..... Juniper, Ga.  
 Eld. W. H. Emerson ..... Route 1, Butler, Ga.  
 Eld. B. T. Gill ..... P. O. Box 45, Thomaston, Ga.  
 Eld. C. A. Huckabey ..... 1513—22nd St., Phenix City, Ala.  
 Eld. H. L. Knighton ..... 1911 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala.  
 Eld. B. D. Lawson ..... 3412—Fifth Ave., Columbus, Ga.  
 Eld. H. J. Kelley ..... 208—17th Street, Columbus, Ga.  
 Eld. Tom Hollaman ..... 629—20th St., Phenix City, Ala.  
 Eld. W. R. Lawhorn ..... Rte. 1, Butler, Ga.  
 Eld. G. W. Price ..... 3003—3rd. Ave., Columbus, Ga.  
 Eld. A. L. Oswalt ..... River Road, Harris County, Ga.

### LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. P. E. Knighton ..... R. 1, Phenix City, Ala.  
 Rev. T. B. Lovick ..... Reynolds, Ga.  
 Rev. J. C. Sizemore ..... 4522 Halley Ave., Columbus, Ga.  
 Rev. John Grimsley ..... Route, Juniper, Ga.  
 Rev. J. H. Lauensle ..... Sylvester, Ga.  
 Rev. E. J. Spillars ..... Oakfield, Ga.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. J. S. Windham, 3 Years ..... Reynolds, Ga.  
 Bro. Sam Daniel, 3 Years ..... Mauk, Ga.  
 Bro. W. E. James, 1 Year ..... Rupert, Ga.  
 Bro. L. B. Shirah, 2 Years ..... Rupert, Ga.  
 Bro. Park Davis, 2 Years ..... Warm Springs Rd., Columbus, Ga.

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**TIME AND PLACE OF UNION MEETINGS**

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The First District Union Meeting convened with Little Bethel Church Friday night before the First Sunday in August, 1944. The Introductory Sermon was delivered Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. After dismissal of one and one-half hours for refreshments the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. R. Lawhorn. Second, called for Corresponding Letters and received letters and delegates from the following churches: Beulah, Bros. A. R. Lawhorn, N. M. Cromer, Charlie Cromer; Turners' Chapel, Bros. Alfonso McCrary, J. H. Dunlap, J. A. Spillars, E. J. Wainwright, Sisters Alice McCrary, and Maybell Moore; Little Bethel, Bros. Earl Bone, C. R. Simmons, W. N. Fowler; Pleasant Hill, Bros. B. C. Brewer, Fleming Brewer and J. T. Guy; Mt. Olive, Bros. Lewis Blair, B. R. Dent, Sisters Cora Blair, Elma Dent, Jessie Oliver, Georgie Visage; New Prospect, Taylor County, Robert Lowe; New Prospect, Turner County, not represented. Third, re-elected Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Moderator, and Rev. W. J. Childree, Clerk. Next invited visiting brethren to seats with us. The Moderator then appointed the Committee on Preaching as follows, Bros. J. H. Dunlap, B. R. Dent, Morris Lawhorn, J. T. King, W. N. Fowler. Next, called for Correspondence and received the following from the Second District, Revs. H. L. Knighton, C. A. Huckaby, A. L. Oswalt, W. C. Jones, B. T. Gill, H. L. Lumpkin, Bros. Randal Lumpkin, L. B. Shirah, Carnal Shirah, Sisters H. L. Knighton, B. T. Gill, and Randall Lumpkin. Appointed Correspondents to the Second District as follows, Revs. W. J. Childree, W. R. Lawhorn, and Bros. B. R. Dent, Lewis Blair. Next agreed to meet with Pleasant Hill church Friday night before the Second Sunday in July, 1945; Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach the Introductory Sermon Saturday at 11 a. m., with Rev. W. J. Childree to alternate. Committee report, Saturday night at 8 o'clock Rev. B. T. Gill to preach; Sunday at 10 a. m. Bro. A. L. Oswalt to preach and at 11 a. m. Rev. C. A. Huckaby to preach; Morris Lawhorn, chairman. Under the heading of Miscellaneous Business a collection of \$38.35 was taken for Rev. W. H. Emerson and daughter, Sister Bessie. Expressions of thanks and gratitude were expressed by each of them. Next, Minutes were read and adopted and the clerk authorized to prepare full proceedings for publication in the annual Minutes of the Association. After returning thanks to the church and community for their kind hospitality and generous entertainment accorded us during our sojourn with them. The body then adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill 12 months hence.

REV. W. R. LAWHORN, Moderator,  
REV. W. J. CHILDREE, Clerk.

**SECOND DISTRICT**—The Second District Union Meeting met with St. Luke Church, Phenix City, Ala., commencing Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1944. The Introductory Sermon was preached Saturday at 11 a. m. by Rev. H. J. Kelley. After one hour for refreshments the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. H. L. Knighton. Called for Corresponding Letters. Moved and carried that Bro. Kelley and Bro. Woodward read the letters. Moved and carried that the letters be received as read and all of the delegates seated in the body as follows: Spring Hill Church, Bro. Leonard Grimsley and wife and Norman Grier; St. Mark Church, Sister Watson, and Bro. Sizemore; St. James Church, Bro. D. F. Johnson, Sister Ellen Snell, Sister Baxley, Sister Kate Hesley; New Life Church, Randal Lumpkin and wife; St. Luke Church, Bro. Curtis Greer, Bro. Samuel Arnold, Bro. A. Arnold; Trinity Church, Bro. L. B. Shirah and Wife and Sister Amie Gill, Beulah Chapman; Providence Church,, Bro. Billy Parker and Bro. Payton Preston; Bethany Church, Sister Nora Youngblood. body was then permanently organized by electing Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator, and Rev. B. T. Gill, Clerk. Called for Corresponding Messengers; received none. The Moderator then invited all th visitors to seats with us. The Moderator appointed a Preaching Committee as follows, J. B. Woodward, Bro. J. S. Arnold, Bro. L. B. Shirah, Bro. P. M. Preston, Bro. Leonard Grimsley. Correspondents to the First District Union Meeting, Rev. A. S. Oswalt, Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. B. T. Gill, Bro. L. B. Shirah, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. Next, report on preaching as follows, Saturday night, Rev. L. S. Anthony to preach and Rev. Coy Watson to close; Sunday morning, Rev. B. T. Gill to preach and Rev. C. A. Huckaby to close. Motion and carried that the next session meet with Trinity Church, Taylor County, Saturday morning before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1945; Rev. H. L. Knighton to preach the Introductory Sermon Saturday morning at 11 o'clock C.W.T.; Rev L. S. Anthony, alternate. By motion the body adjourned to meet with Trinity Church in 1945.

REV. H. L. KNIGHTON, Moderator,  
REV. B. T. GILL, Clerk.

#### **DEACONS' AND PREACHERS' MEETING**

The Deacons' and Prrachers' Meeting convened with St. James Church, Russell County, Ala., Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in April, 1944. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. W R. Lawhorn; Closed by Rev. Johnnie B. Lumpkin. The service was adjourned for the noon hour. A nice dinner was spread by the ladies of the community and the food was enjoyed by everyone. After the noon hour the body was called to order by the Moderator. The opening song, "Take the Name of Jesus



with You." Prayer by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. The Moderator then read from the 4th chapter of Second Timothy.

The first matter of business was to elect a Moderator and Clerk. Rev. B. T. Gill was elected Moderator and Bro. L. B. Shirah, Clerk. Committee on Preaching, Bro. H. S. Moore, Bro. Leonard Grimsley, Bro. D. F. Johnson; Rev. H. L. Lumpkin to preach Saturday night and Rev. Johnnie B. to close; Rev. C. H. Moore to preach Sunday. Next, heard from the churches; splendid reports came from Spring Hill, Mt. Olive, Turners' Chapel New Life, St. Mark, St. James, Pleasant Hill, Trinity, Beulah, and St. Marp churches. Rev. H. L. Lumpkin made a splendid talk on the church. Rev. C. A. Huckaby made a splendid talk on "Home." Moved and carried to meet with Turners' Chapel Church, Taylor County, Ga., on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1945; Rev. H. L. Knighton to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 a. m. C.W.T., Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, alternate. Moved and carried that Bro. J. A. Spillers of Turners' Chapel Church be ordained in this meeting. Moved and carried that we appoint two to speak on a subject; Rev. C. H. Moore to speak on "Faith" Rev. G. W. Price to speak on "Obedience". Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Rev. H. L. Lumpkin and Rev. C. H. Moore were chosen to ordain Bro. Spillers. Move and agreed to adjourn.

ELD. B. T. GILL, Moderator,  
BRO. L. B. SHIRAH, Clerk.

## M I N U T E S

### SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

## Sunday School Convention

The Seventh Annual Session of the Chattahoochee United Free-will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with St. James Church Phenix City, Ala., on the Fifth Sunday in April, 1944.

There were three Sunday Schools represented with a good program. Those represented were, St. James, St. Mark and Turners Chapel Sunday Schools. These Schools put on a splendid program. Each of them won a prize of \$3.00, thereby making this a very enjoyable occasion to all present.

A good Sunday School in the churches makes a good church so let us work harder for our Sunday Schools and build them up. St. James Sunday School has paid out of Treasury \$135.40; balance on hand in Treasury, \$44.24; Rev. P. E. Knighton, Superintendent. St. Mark Sunday School has paid out for the year \$85.20; balance on hand in Treasury, \$46.56; Rev. W. C. Jones, Superintendent.

The body then organized by electing Rev. H. L. Knighton, President; Rev. B. T. Gill, Recording Secretary. Next, motion and carried that the next Convention will meet with Turners' Chapel Church, Taylor County, the Fifth Sunday in July, 1945. The President is asking that every Sunday School in the Association be represented at the next Convention with a good pro-

gram. We would like to improve on our work more each year.

After expressing thanks and appreciation to the people of the community for their splendid hospitality extended the Convention while in session at St. James Church, the Convention session adjourned to meet with Turners' Chapel Church, Taylor County, the Fifth Sunday in July, 1945.

REV. H. L. KNIGHTON, President,  
REV. B. T. GILL, Recording Secty.

## Circular Letter

Subject, "THE WONDERS OF THE LOVE OF GOD"

DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:

Having been appointed to address you through a Circular Letter, I am using as a subject, "The Wonders of the Love of God," John 3:1. "Behold, what manner of Love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew Him not."

This passage must stand beside John 3:16, as the two highest peaks in the revelation of God's Love.

Apart from the Reference to Christ's death found in John 3:16, this passage towers even higher than John 3:16.

For there are here set forth five wonders of the Love of God. Let us use them.

**THE WONDERFUL MANNER OF HIS LOVE:** Behold what manner of his Love. If any one ever knew or could ever know the love of God it was John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, the apostle of love, yet when He begins to speak in old age he finds it too great for him, too high, too wonderful; so he simply says, "Behold what manner".

**BEHOLD THE DEPTH AND TENDERNESS OF IT;** human hands will never be able to measure the depth of God's Love.

**BEHOLD THE SELF-SACRIFICE AND SUFFERING OF IT!** He gave up everything and became poor that we might be made rich.

**BEHOLD THE POWER AND BLESSING OF IT!** Power to save to the uttermost they that come unto God by Him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercessions for them. Heb. 7:25. Power to bless as He did on the day of Pentecost; if we will only humble ourselves and pray as they did.

**THE WONDERFUL BESTOWAL OF GOD'S LOVE!** The Father hath bestowed on us. It was not bestowed on angels or glorified ones. It was not brought to earth and left to be sought and found. It was broken and poured out and poured into men's souls.

**THE WONDERFUL PURPOSE OF HIS LOVE!** That we should be called the children of God. No, He would not let us go on to wreck or ruin. Love barred the way, the road. He would not only rescue us, but take up in and adopt us into His family—make us His own.

Rom. 8:17, "And if children then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we may be also glorified together." This is something for God's children to shout about!

**THE PRESENT WONDERFUL REALIZATION OF HIS LOVE!** "Beloved, now we are the children of God." No, not promised



to be, not going to be, not hoping to be at the end but we are now the children of God.

THE WONDERFUL UNBROKEN, UNBOUNDED FUTURE OF GOD'S LOVE! "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."

Now, in my closing words let me say, let us love one another as Christ hath loved us.

THE CALL OF LOVE:—A little girl had asked her father what faith meant, and he had told her to wait for his answer. One day he was doing something in a cellar. The child called out to him, "May I come down to you, father?" "Yes," he said. The little girl was going to descend, when she found that the ladder had been taken away. "I can't get down," she called out, "there is no ladder." "Jump down," Her father answered, and I will catch you." The child said, "but I can't see you, father; I can't see anything." "I can see you" was the reply; "Jump and I shall catch you. My arms are wide open now." She jumped into darkness and was safely caught.

Your Brother in Christ,

H. L. LUMPKIN.

#### IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARY ANN FREEMAN

Sister Mary Ann Freeman was born March 27, 1868, and died Jan. 23, 1944, making her stay on earth 75 years, 10 months and four days. She was a faithful member of New Prospect church for a number of years. Although she was in bad health for a long time she was patient in her suffering, ever asking the Lord for His help.

I cannot think of her as dead,  
Who will walk with me no more  
Along the path of life we've trod  
But she has only gone on before.  
Written by one who loved her,

LAURA EMERSON, Church Clerk.

#### REV. C. W. RICHARDSON

Rev. C. W. Richardson was born May 17, 1866 and died Aug. 8, 1944, making his stay on earth 78 years, 2 months and 21 days. He was a member of St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., and will be missed by all who knew him.

God wills it so, and so it is;  
The pilgrims on their way,  
Though weak and worn, more cheerful are  
Than all the rest who stay.  
And when, at last, poor man, subdued,  
Lies down to death resigned,  
May he not still be happier far,  
Than those he leaves behind!

His Pastor,

H. L. KNIGHTON.

#### W. T. DUKES

W. T. Dukes was born March 11, 1881 and died Dec. 14, 1943, making his stay on earth 62 years, 9 months and 3 days. He

was a member of St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., and was a devoted husband and father.

He has been called from pain and hurt and strife,  
From all the ills which fall to flesh and clay,  
He has been raised to and ampler life,  
Nor should we mourn too much who must stay.

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

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**IN MEMORY OF T-SGT. OSCAR H. BLOODWORTH**

T-Sgt. Oscar H. Bloodworth was born Oct. 12, 1919 and was killed in the service of his country June 8, 1943. He was a member of New Prospect Church and was loved by all who knew him. He was a good boy. But God gathers his best flower to blossom for him.

One that loved him,                      HOMER EMERSON.

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**IN MEMORY OF BRO. J. W. BELFLOWER**

Bro. Belflower was born Oct. 21, 1870 in Dooly County, Ga., was married Dec. 24, 1899 to Miss Lucy Alberta Sheperd. Bro. Belflower departed this life April 2, 1944. He served as a deacon of New Prospect Church 25 years. He is missed in the community and church as well as in the home. He was always found loyal and faithful to his loved ones and friends. He is not dead but sleeping. Bro. Belflower, to you we will say: "Good night here, but good morning up there." Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take your rest; lay down the head upon the Saviour's breast; we love thee but Jesus loved thee best. Good night. Only good night, beloved, not farewell; a little while and all his sons shall dwell, in hallowed union indivisible; good night. until we meet again before His throne, clothed in the spotless robes He gives His own, until we know even as we are known. Good night!

REV. J. B. LUMPKIN.

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**IN MEMORY OF BRO. JIM DANIEL**

Bro. Daniel was a member of New Life Free-will Church, Marion County, Ga. He was born Sept. 23, 1870, died Aug. 29, 1944, making his stay on earth 73 years, 11 months and six days. Bro. Daniel was a deacon and a faithful member of his church.

Sleep on dear loved one and take your rest;  
So much we miss you but God knew best.  
We hope to meet you beyond the skies;  
Where God still lives, and where saints never die.

Her Pastor                      REV. J. B. LUMPKIN.

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**IN MEMORY OF MRS. LOUELLA LUMPKIN**

On July 19, 1944, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. W. P. Hutcherson, taking from their midst her mother, Mrs. Louella Lumpkin. She had been in declining health for several years. All was done for her that loving hands could do but God in His infinite wisdom said, "It is enough, come up higher." Grandma was a member of New Life Church and was a faithful member as long as her health permitted. Her funeral was conducted at Mt. Hebron Church, Cuthbert, Ga., by Rev. Miller

of Columbus. Her body was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers to await the resurrection morn.

We loved her, yes we loved her, but Jesus loved her more  
So He gently called her, to heaven's golden shore.

Her Grandson and Pastor, J. B. LUMPKIN.

#### IN MEMORY OF BRO. HENRY FORD

Bro. Ford died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Will. Anthony Sept. 2, 1944. He was a faithful member of New Life Church and was loved by all who knew him.

He is gone but not forgotten,  
Never will his memory fade;  
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger,  
Around the grave where he is laid.

His Pastor, J. B. LUMPKIN.

#### IN MEMORY OF SIS. ROSIE JONES

Sis. Jones was born July 5, 1873, died Aug. 18, 1944, making her stay on earth 71 years. She loved her church and was a member of Mt. Olive church. Her place in the home and in the church will never be filled. Her voice cannot be heard and her face no more we will see in this world.

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, till we meet again.

Her Pastor, ELD. W. R. LAWHORN.

#### IN MEMORY OF BRO. G. B. WINDHAM

Bro. Windham was born Aug. 20, 1858, died Feb. 27, 1944, making his stay on earth 85 years, 6 months and 7 days. He was a member of Mt. Olive Church and was a deacon for about 35 years. He filled his place well both as a member and as a deacon and was loved by all who knew him. He is greatly missed in his church and community. It was the writer's happy privilege to know him for many years and I learned to love him more and more. He meant a lot to me. Weep not dear children and companion for Bro. Windham is not dead; he is just sleeping to await the resurrection morning.

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

His Pastor, REV. W. R. LAWHORN.

#### IN MEMORY OF SIS. ELLER M. JONES

Sis. Jones was born Nov. 22, 1877, died April 14, 1944. She was a member of Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County. She was a faithful member until her health failed. She was loved by the members of that church. Sis. Jones is not dead but she's sleeping with Jesus, waiting for the resurrection morning. Weep not, companion and children. Just be faithful to the end.

Her Pastor, REV. W. R. LAWHORN.



**IN MEMORY OF BRO. R. L. PATRICK**

Bro. Patrick was born Aug. 25, 1898, died Sept. 7, 1944. He was a member of Mt. Olive Church and attended when it was possible. We trust that he is resting in that peace which Jesus has prepared for him, and may his loved ones prepare for the coming of Christ.

His Pastor,                      **REV. W. R. LAWHORN.**

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**IN MEMORY OF SISTER INA PUCKETT**

Sister Puckett was born July 30, 1872, died Oct. 17, 1943, making her stay on earth 71 years, 2 months, and 17 days. She was a member of Mt. Olive church at the time of her departure, having joined in early life, and spent many years of service and enjoyed many happy occasions. We are made to feel that she has passed from labor to eternal reward.

When from the dust we shall arise,  
To meet our Lord and King,  
Who died that we might win the prize,  
And endless praises sing.  
With countless ages past away,  
All glory to Him be,  
Throughout the one eternal day,  
At home beyond the sea.

By Request,                      **W. J. CHILDREE.**

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**IN MEMORY OF SISTER M. A. CHILDREE**

"Aunt Macy Ann" as she was so often called, was born June 28, 1853, departed this life Nov. 6, 1943, at the age of 90 years, 4 months and 9 days. Sis. Childree was a loyal member of Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, at the time of her death. She was the first candidate to unite with the church under the administration of the composer of this memorial. It was a happy privilege indeed to receive her into the church and a very sad one to officiate in the funeral service. She was a true mother and a friend to all whom she met. Her memory remains with us and she belongs to ages. Fairwell, Auntie. May we meet again some day.

Earth has lost its ray of gladness,  
Since the day you went away,  
Though our days be filled with sorrow,  
May we meet again some day.  
In a land that's free from sorrow,  
Where the weary rest from care,  
There will be no sad tomorrow,  
When we gather over there.  
Endless praise to Him be given  
While the countless ages roll,  
In a mansion up in Heaven,  
That fair homeland of the soul.

By Request,                      **W. J. CHILDREE.**

## 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 dismissal 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 Christian 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 were 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 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 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 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 voluntary 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 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.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	Received by Letter	Recd. by Statement	Restored	Recd. by Baptism	Expelled	Dism. by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	Meeting Days
Mt. Olive .....	Taylor .....	Eld. W. R. Lawhorn .....	...	6	...	5	...	1	6	168	\$10.60	\$266.89	2-4
New Prospect .....	Turner .....	Eld. J. B. Lumpkin .....	...	6	...	26	...	...	1	202	10.00	300.00	3
New Prospect .....	Taylor .....	Eld. W. J. Chidree .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	64	3.00	25.53	1
St. Mark .....	Russell .....	Eld. C. A. Huckaby .....	2	3	2	1	3	3	...	43	2.00	293.17	1-2-3-4
Pleasant Hill .....	Schley .....	Eld. J. B. Lumpkin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	5.00	143.50	2
St. Johns .....	Muscogee .....	Eld. A. C. McKinnon .....	9	3	1	22	3	2	...	85	5.00	65.00	1-2-3-4
New Life .....	Marion .....	Eld. J. B. Lumpkin .....	...	8	...	8	2	...	3	75	5.00	100.00	1
Little Bethel .....	Macon .....	Eld. W. J. Childree .....	...	1	...	3	...	1	1	164	6.00	184.25	1
Turners' Chapel .....	Taylor .....	Eld. B. Coy Watson .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	152	5.00	127.41	2-4
Trinity .....	Taylor .....	Eld. B. T. Gill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	4.00	100.00	4
St. James .....	Russell .....	Eld. H. L. Knighton .....	4	5	4	14	...	6	2	108	5.00	1485.25	1-2-3-4
Beulah .....	Taylor .....	Eld. L. M. Holloman .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	3.00	71.68	3
St. Luke .....	Russell .....	Eld. G. W. Price .....	2	3	...	1	...	3	...	45	4.00	42.00	1-2-3-4
Bethany .....	Marion .....	Eld. G. W. Price .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	3.00	51.06	3
Spring Hill .....	Marion .....	Eld. L. S. Anthony .....	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	27	2.00	29.55	2
Providence .....	Muscogee .....	Eld. W. R. Lawhorn .....	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	110	5.00	144.75	3
New Bethel .....	Worth .....	Eld. L. S. Anthony .....	...	2	...	7	...	4	...	...	5.00	125.00	4

## STATISTICAL TABLE—(Continued)

CHURCHES & COUNTIES	Paid Evangelist	Paid Missions	Paid Charity	Paid Repairs	Paid Incidentals
Mt. Olive, Taylor County .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$35.00	\$ .....	\$ .....
New Prospect, Turner County .....	80.00	.....	.....	562.50	55.60
New Prospect, Taylor County .....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....
St. Mark, Russell County—Ala. ....	103.00	11.05	30.75	251.27	.....
Pleasant Hill, Schley County .....	33.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Johns, Muscogee County .....	74.00	13.00	10.00	173.76	15.00
New Life, Marion County .....	.....	.....	25.00	50.00	.....
Little Bethel, Macon County .....	34.00	13.04	.....	200.00	5.00
Turners' Chapel, Taylor County .....	.....	15.00	.....	35.00	16.00
Trinity, Taylor County .....	24.35	5.00	20.00	.....	.....
St. James, Russell County—Ala. ....	173.30	22.40	119.39	592.13	89.69
Beulah, Taylor County .....	.....	.....	.....	170.00	.....
St. Luke, Russell County—Ala. ....	35.00	3.00	35.00	160.00	15.00
Bethany, Marion County .....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Hill, Marion County .....	16.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence, Muscogee County .....	.....	12.00	71.00	.....	12.00
New Bethel, Worth County .....	.....	.....	17.00	90.00	.....