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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

OCTOBER 3, 1946.

The 111th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee United Free-Will Baptist Association convened with New Prospect Church, Turner County, Ga., Thursday night before the First Sunday in October, 1946.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered Friday morning at 11 o'clock by Eld. B. Coy Watson, reading from the 28th chapter of Isaiah and the 20th verse. After this great message from the Word of God was delivered the congregation was dismissed for the noon hour.

After an hour's intermission, and enjoying the good food that was spread by the good ladies of the community, the body was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. W. J. Childree. The congregation sang the "Lily of the Valley." Prayer by Eld. A. C. McKinnon. The session was opened by the Moderator reading from the 27th chapter of the book of Psalms. Visitors were then invited to seats with us in our body. Next, called for the Corresponding Letters from the various churches. After the letters were received it was moved and carried that Eld. H. L. Knighton and Eld. A. C. McKinnon read the letters. After reading the letters it was moved and carried that they be accepted as read and all of the delegates be seated in the body, as follows:

Providence Church, Muscogee County, Ga.: Leonard Anthony
Bethany Church, Marion County, Ga.: Nora Youngblood and Etta Grimsley.

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, Ga.: Jessie Oliver, Georgia Visage, Jessie Windham, N. M. Poole, J. B. Amerson, and Ernest Parker.

New Life Church, Marion County, Ga.: Lee Daniel and wife and Sister L. S. Anthony.

St. Luke Church, Russell County, Ala.: Curtis Greer, Alvin Greer, Austin Arnold, Dora Alford, Maggie Sanders, and Arline Bradshaw.

Turners Chapel Church, Taylor County, Ga.: By Letter.

St. Johns Church, Muscogee County, Ga.: H. A. Turk and wife.

St. Mark Church, Russell County, Ala.: U. S. Ward.

St. James Church, Russell County, Ala.: Julia Carden, Kate

Hestley, Cora Hearn, Lue Camp, Fannie Whitehurst, and Doris Richburg.

Spring Hill Church, Marion County, Ga.: Ed A. Waters and Huston James.

New Prospect Church, Taylor County, Ga.: Dock Goodwin and wife, and R. F. Hinton.

Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Ga.: S. O. Jones and wife, O. M. Williams, R. N. McInvale, J. W. Cromer, W. C. McCarty and R. G. Streetman.

New Prospect Church, Turner County, Ga.: G. C. King, W. Giddens, T. D. Cook and wife, R. T. Edge and wife, G. D. Partain, T. J. Little, H. L. Harris, G. H. Farmer, J. A. Little and wife, W. J. Arnold, H. R. Rainey and Myrtice Donahon.

Trinity Church, Taylor County, Ga.: Deal Gill, Amie Gill, Bennola Watson.

Beulah Church, Taylor County, Ga.: Bertha Lawhorn.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County, Ga.: W. E. James, B. C. Brewer and wife, and G. T. Guy.

New Bethel Church, Worth County, Ga.: Lewis Massey, Janie Massey, W. T. Farmer, J. J. Fowler, J. T. Roberts and M. C. Roberts.

The next item of business was to elect a Moderator and Clerk. The body then organized by electing Eld. W. J. Childree, Moderator and Eld. B. T. Gill, Clerk.

Next called for Petitionary Letters; received none.

Called for Corresponding Messengers and received the following:

From the South Georgia Association, Eld. E. C. Morris and wife.

From the Georgia Union Association, Eld. J. B. Lankford and Bro. E. J. Baker.

From the Georgia State Association, Eld. H. L. Catrett.

From the Union Association, Eld. C. J. Harley and wife.

From the Martin Association, Eld. P. W. Cheney.

From the Little River Association, J. D. Little and wife, Eld. Everett Williams, Bro. Macon Paulk and wife.

We also had with us Eld. J. K. Hinson from the Methodist Conference.

Moved and second that the Moderator give the right hand of welcome to all of the Corresponding Messengers and that they be seated in the body.

Moved and carried, that the Moderator appoint the various Committees, which were as follows:

Committee on Preaching: J. A. Little, B. R. Dent, R. N. McInvale, C. R. Grier and H. A. Tuck.

On State of Churches and Character of the Ministry: O. M.

Williams, J. B. Amerson, H. L. Anthony, U. S. Ward and Ed A. Waters.

• On Sunday Schools: Jessie Oliver, Berta Lawhorn and Doris Richburge.

On Finance: Eld. A. C. McKinnon, H. J. James, J.W.Cromer.

On Temperance: J. G. Windham, Louise Massey and Nora Youngblood.

On Suggestions: Eld. H. L. Knighton, Eld. G. W. Price and Eld. C. A. Huckaby.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appoint Corresponding Messengers to our Sister Associations as follows:

To the Little River Association: Bro. G. C. King, Eld. W. J. Childree, Eld. J. B. Lumpkin.

To the Georgia Union Association: Eld. H. L. Knighton, Eld. G. W. Price.

To the Union Association: Eld. J. B. Lumpkin.

To the Marion Association: Eld. J. B. Lumpkin and Bro. G. C. King.

To the Midway Association: Eld. H. L. Knighton.

To the Georgia State Association: H. A. Turk, B. R. Dent, S. O. Jones and Lois Saxton.

. It was moved and carried that the next session meet with St. James Free-Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala.; Eld. W. R. Lawhorn to preach the Introductory Sermon and Eld. A. C. McKinnon, alternate.

Moved and carried that the body adjourn until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Opening song, "There Is Power in the Blood." Prayer by Eld. W. C. James. Scripture lesson, reading from the 34th chapter of Psalms. Moved and carried to read the Circular Letter. When the Circular Letter was read it was moved and carried that it be printed in the Minutes. Next, it was moved and carried that Eld. H. L. Knighton write the next Circular Letter to this body. It was then moved and carried that Bro. S. O. Jones serve on the Executive Committee for three years. Moved and carried that we have Five Hundred Copies of Minutes printed and pay the Clerk \$15.00 for his services. Moved and carried that we have a page draped in memory of Sister Nannie Moore and Eld. W. B. Posey. Moved and carried that the body adjourn until Saturday afternoon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Opening song, "The Life Boat. Scripture lesson, 8th chapter of Psalms. Prayer by Eld. C. H. Moore. Moved and carried that this body give the Superannuation Board power to use all of their funds as they see fit. Moved and carried that we send \$10.00 to the Georgia State Association and \$5.00 to the National Association. Moved and carried that the First District Union Meeting be held with the Second District Union Meeting, with Bethany Church. Moved and carried to hear a report from the various Committee Reports.

REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

ON PREACHING—Friday night, Eld. H. L. Catrett to preach and Eld. B. W. Clenney to close; Saturday morning, Eld. C. A. Huckaby to preach and Eld. Ernest Williams to close; Saturday night, Eld. A. C. McKinnon to preach and Eld. G. W. Price to close; Sunday morning, Eld. W. J. Childree to preach and Eld. L. S. Anthony to close.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, that we as true followers of Christ, ought to be more temperate in all things. If we keep God's Holy Commandments we will be more temperate as we are led by the Holy Spirit in our every-day life.

ELD. J. G. WINDHAM, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to make the following report: We find our Sunday Schools in good spiritual condition and having good attendance. We think that all churches who do not have Sunday Schools should organize one at once for we find that the Sunday School teaches our young people how to take hold where we older ones leave off in Christian leadership, and we feel that it helps the older people to be leaders for the young Christians.

SISTER JESSIE OLIVER, Chairman.

ON STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

We, your Committee on State of the Churches and Character of the Ministry, wish to make the following report: We find all of the churches and ministers in order.

H. L. ANTHONY, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We, your Committee on Suggestions, wish to make the following report: We suggest that the Clerk of the Association have new forms printed and to be printed like the forms in the State Minutes. We also suggest that we carry the names of the men that hold office in our State Association as follows: On Missions: Eld. H. L. Knighton; On Christian Education, Bro. G. C. King, Sylvester, Ga.; on Superannuation Board, Bro. C. A. Parker, Route, Columbus, Ga. We also suggest that we have a Committee on Free-Will Baptist League work and on the Ladies' Auxiliary work. We suggest that we have the Introductory Sermon preached at 11 o'clock Thursday morning instead of Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

ELD. H. L. KNIGHTON, ELD. G. W. PRICE,
ELD. C. A. HUCKABY.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, the Executive Committee of the Chattahoochee Association wish to make a report to the body as follows: There has not been any business to come before our body during this Association year.

G. C. KING, Recording Secretary.

ON FINANCE

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

Amount in Treasury	\$66.06
Paid in from the Churches	94.10

Total Oct. 5, 1946	\$160.16
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ELD. A. C. MCKINNON, Chairman.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We hereby wish to make the following report:

Providence Church, Muscogee County	\$42.00
St. John Church, Muscogee County	37.38
St. James Church, Russell County, Ala.	32.75
New Prospect Church, Turner County	15.65
New Bethel Church, Worth County	12.85
Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County	8.35
St. Mark Church, Russell County, Ala.	6.25
St. Luke Church, Russell County, Ala.	5.00
Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, Ga.	6.00

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Little Bethel Church, Macon County	5.00
Free Will Offering	49.30

Total Paid in \$213.33

PAID OUT OF TREASURY

Eld. W. H. Emerson	\$50.00
Eld. H. L. Lumpkin	50.00
Eld. W. C. Jones	50.00
Eld. S. T. Renew	10.00
State Board	53.33

Total Paid Out \$213.33

BRO. G. C. KING, Treasurer.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

Motion made and carried that the next session meet with St. James Free-Will Church, Phenix City, Ala.; Eld. W. R. Lawhorn to preach the Introductory Sermon Thursday morning October 2, 1947, at 11 o'clock with Eld. A. C. McKinnon alternate. Motion made and carried that this body return thanks to this church and community for their kindness and hospitality extended to this body while in session, and every one that visited our session. May the Lord bless each one till we meet again.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

On Hand in Treasury	\$66.06
Paid in from Various Churches	94.10
First District Union Meeting	8.00
Second District Union Meeting	9.00

Total on Hand \$177.16

Paid Out of Treasury:

Paid Clerk	\$15.00
Paid Georgia State Association	10.00
Paid National Association	5.00
For Printing & Mailing Minutes	60.00

Total Paid Out \$90.00
Bal. in Hands of Treasurer \$87.16

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Providence—P. M. Preston R. 1, River Road, Columbus, Ga.
 Bethany—Etta Grimsley ---;---;----- Mauk, Ga.
 Mt. Olive—J. S. Windham Reynolds, Ga.
 New Life—Vernell Anthony Howard, Ga.
 St. Luke—Eld. C. A. Huckaby—1513—22nd St., Phenix City, Ala.
 Turner's Chapel—Florence Wainwright Butler, Ga.
 St. John—J. E. Baker 4316 Kolb Ave., Columbus, Ga.
 St. Mark—Rena L. Holliman—629—20th Street, Phenix City, Ala.
 St. James—N. H. Benefield 501—23rd St., Phenix City, Ala.
 Spring Hill—Ed A. Waters Route 1, Mauk, Ga.
 New Prospect—Dorothy Trussell Rte. 4, Reynolds, Ga.
 Little Bethel—Miss Bessie Emerson Rte. 1, Butler, Ga.
 New Prospect—G. C. King Sylvester, Ga.
 Trinity—B. F. Waller Charing, Ga.
 Beulah Church—Morris Lawhorn Route 1, Butler, Ga.
 Pleasant Hill—J. T. Guy Rte. 3, Ellaville, Ga.
 New Bethel—J. J. Fowler Route 1, Warwick, Ga.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Eld. C. H. Moore Reynolds, Ga.
 Eld. W. J. Childree Reynolds, Ga.
 Eld. Riley Windham Reynolds, Ga.
 Eld. W. R. Merritt Reynolds, Ga.
 Eld. B. Coy Watson Route 5, Box 64, Buena Vista, Ga.
 Eld. J. B. Lumpkin Howard, Ga.
 Eld. L. S. Anthony Juniper, Ga.
 Eld. O. C. Bridges Mauk, Ga.
 Eld. W. C. Jones 1811 Tenth Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
 Eld. C. A. Huckaby 1513—22nd St., Phenix City, Ala.
 Eld. G. W. Price 3003—3rd. Ave., Columbus, Ga.
 Eld. B. D. Lawson 805—24th St., Columbus, Ga.
 Eld. A. C. McKinnon 1027—30th St., Columbus, Ga.
 Eld. L. V. Prieston 1041—30th St., Columbus, Ga.
 Eld. H. J. Kelley 3412 Earline Ave., Columbus, Ga.
 Eld. A. L. Oswalt Rte. 1, Fortson, Ga.
 Eld. H. L. Knighton 1911 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
 Eld. Tom Hollaman 629—20th St., Phenix City, Ala.
 Eld. W. H. Emerson Route 1, Butler, Ga.
 Eld. S. T. Renew Route 3, Ashburn, Ga.
 Eld. B. T. Gill 458 North Main St., Thomaston, Ga.
 Eld. W. R. Lawhorn Rte. 1, Butler, Ga.
 Eld. W. H. Streetman Ellaville, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. G. W. Hobbs Cussetta, Ga.
 Rev. E. J. Spillers Route 4, Sylvester, Ga.
 Rev. J. H. Lavender Sylvester, Ga.
 Rev. John Grimsley Route, Juniper, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. J. S. Windham, Chairman, 1 Year Reynolds, Ga.
 Bro. Sam Daniel, 1 Year Mauk, Ga.
 Bro. W. E. James, 2 Years Rupert, Ga.
 Bro. S. O. Jones, 3 Years Ideal, Ga.
 Bro. G. C. King, 2 years Sylvester, Ga.
 Bro. G. C. King, Recording Secretary Sylvester, Ga.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Bro. S. O. Jones, Chairman Ideal, Ga.
 Bro. C. A. Parker Columbus, Ga.
 Bro. G. C. King, Recording Secty. & Treas. Sylvester, Ga.

DEACONS' AND PREACHERS' MEETING

The Deacons' and Preachers' Meeting convened with Mt. Olive Free-Will Baptist Church, Taylor County, Ga., July 13, 1946. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. W. J. Childree at 11 o'clock. The services were enjoyed by the entire congregation. After the benediction for the noon hour the ladies of this church spread a fine dinner on the table which every one enjoyed. After the noon hour the body was called to order by the Moderator. Opening song, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand." Prayer by Eld. W. R. Lawhorn. A Scripture lesson was read from the 17th chapter of St. John followed by a short comment by the Moderator. The Moderator then announced the session open for business. The first item of business was to elect a Moderator and a Clerk. Eld. B. T. Gill was elected Moderator and Bro. G. C. King, Clerk. Special prayer for all the boys who were still in the armed service. It was moved and carried that the Moderator appoint a Preaching Committee. the Committee was as follows: E. G. Youngblood, S. O. Jones, Z. Perkins, O. M. Williams, R. L. Edge. Report from the Deacons of each church as follows: From New Life Church, Bro. Otis Ohern; from Turners Chapel Church, Bro. Homer Moore; from Little Bethel Church, Bro. Bone; from Mt. Olive, Bro. E. M. Windham; from Trinity, Eld. B. T. Gill; from Pleasant Hill, Eld. J. B. Lumpkin; from Providence, Eld. W. R. Lawhorn; from St. James, Bro. J. R. Whitehurst; from New Prospect, Bro. G. C. King; from New Bethel, Eld. L. S. Anthony; from New Prospect, Eld. W. J. Childree. A short message was given by Bro. Jessie Windham on "Unity" which was enjoyed by every one, followed by Eld. B. Coy Watson speaking on the subject of "Fellowship." Heard report on preaching: Saturday night 8 o'clock, Eld. B. Coy Watson to preach and Eld. B. T. Gill to close; Sunday, 11 a. m., Eld. W. R. Lawhorn to preach and Eld. W. H. Emerson to close. It was then moved and car-

ried that the next session meet with Trinity Church on Saturday morning before the Fifth Sunday in August, 1947; Eld. W. H. Emerson to preach the Introductory Sermon Saturday morning at 11 o'clock; Eld. L. S. Anthony, alternate. There was a move and second that the body return thanks to the church and community for their splendid hospitality to this body while in session. The last item of business, it was moved and carried that the body adjourn to meet with Trinity Free-Will Baptist Church, Taylor County, Ga., Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in August, 1947.

ELD. B. T. GILL, Moderator,
BRO. G. C. KING, Clerk.

FIRST DISTRICT UNION MEETING

The First District Union Meeting convened with New Bethel Church, Worth County, Ga., Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in March, 1946. The Introductory Sermon was delivered Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, from St. John 4th chapter, 15-16 verse. After intermission of one and one-half hours for refreshments and enjoyment of a delicious spread. The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. R. Lawhorn. Next called for Corresponding Letters and received letters and delegates as follows: Pleasant Hill, W. E. James; New Bethel, A. G. Powell, E. D. Rains, Frank Hobby, J. D. White, Lewis Massey, Melvin Fowler; New Prospect, Turner County, G. C. King and wife, D. S. Harris, J. A. Little; Beulah, A. R. Lawhorn, Charlie Cromer, Sallie Cromer; Turners Chapel by letter; New Prospect, Taylor County, J. C. Blair; Mt. Olive Lee Posey; Little Bethel, S. O. Jones, W. N. Fowler, R. G. Streetman. Next, Rev. H. L. Knighton and Bro. G. C. King were selected to read the letters. After the letters were read and delegates seated the body then re-elected Rev. W. R. Lawhorn Moderator and Rev. W. J. Childree, Clerk. Next, invited visiting brethren to seats. The Moderator then appointed the preaching Committee as follows: Bros. Lewis Massey, R. G. Streetman, J. A. Little, Lee Posey, A. R. Lawhorn. Called for Correspondents from the Second District and the following came: Rev. L. S. Anthony and wife, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. H. J. Kelley, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Rev. B. D. Lawson and wife, Bros. C. A. Parker, J. W. Knighton and Sister Jane Kelley. Appointed Rev. W. J. Childree, Rev. C. H. Moore, and Rev. W. R. Lawhorn as Correspondents to the Second District. The body agreed to meet with Bethany Church, Marion County, Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in June, 1947; Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach the Introductory Sermon, Saturday at 11 a. m.; Rev. W. J. Childree, alternate. Called for report of Preaching Committee: Saturday night at 8 o'clock, Rev. H. L. Knighton to preach, Rev. H. J. Kelley to follow; Sunday at 10 a. m., Rev. W. J. Childree to preach; at 11 o'clock Rev. C. H. Moore, Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to follow; at 2:30 p. m. Rev. B. D. Lawson to preach, Rev. L. S. Anthony to follow. Next, Minutes adopted by the body. The body returned thanks to the church and community for their kind and generous hospitality so loyally shown us during our sojourn with them. By motion the body adjourned to meet with Bethany Church in June, 1947.

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

SECOND DISTRICT UNION MEETING

The Second District Union Meeting convened with New Life Free-Will Baptist Church, Marion County, Ga., Saturday morning before the Fifth Sunday in June, 1946. The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. G. W. Price. After services the ladies served an elaborate dinner which was very much enjoyed by all present. After refreshments, the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. H. L. Knighton. First item of business was to call for Corresponding Letters from the various churches. Moved and carried that Bro. G. C. King and Rev. H. J. Kelley read the letters. After reading the letters it was moved and carried that they be received and all the delegates seated in the body as follows: St. Mark Church, W. W. Ward, J. B. Woodard; Providence Church, Leonard Anthony, Curtis Parker, D. B. Anthony; St. Luke Church, Curtis Greer, Homer Greer, Sam Arnold and wife; Spring Hill Church, Norman Grier and wife, Leonard Grimsley and wife and Ed A. Waters; St. James Church, Walter Jones; St. Johns Church, Herman Turk, Eva Turk, Ophelia Patrick; Bethany Church, Alma Hendrick, Johnnie Grimsley, Julian Grimsley; Trinity Church, Carnell Shirah and wife, B. F. Waller and wife and A. M. Gill; New Life Church, Otis Ohearn and wife, Sam Daniel and wife, Howard Watson and wife and J. B. Anthony. The body was then permanently organized by electing Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator and Rev. B. T. Gill, Clerk. Next, appointed as a Preaching Committee Bros. Sam Daniel, Curtis Parker, Ed A. Waters, J. B. Woodward and Otis Ohearn. Called for Corresponding Messengers and received as follows: Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Rev. C. H. Moore; Jessie Windham, G. C. King, W. E. James from the First District Union Meeting and Rev. W. F. McDuffey from the Midway Association. Next appointed Correspondents to the First District Union Meetings, Rev. B. D. Lawson, Rev. Coy Watson, Rev. G. T. Hallaman, Rev. B. T. Gill. Report on Preaching as follows: Saturday p. m., Rev. W. F. McDuffie; Saturday night, Rev. W. R. Lawhorn followed by Rev. L. S. Anthony; Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, Rev. C. H. Moore and Rev. W. C. Jones. Next it was moved and carried that the next session meet with Bethany Church, Marion County, Ga., Saturday morning before the Fifth Sunday in June, 1947. Rev. L. S. Anthony to preach the Introductory Sermon Saturday at 11 a. m, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, alternate. There was one dollar turned in from each Church to the Clerk for printing expenses. Bro. B. F. Waller and Bro. Buford Watson were ordained as Deacons for Trinity Freewill Baptist Church in this session. This bringing the session to a close, it was moved and carried to adjourn to meet with Bethany Free-Will Baptist Church on the 28th of June, 1947.

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

Sunday School Convention

The Ninth Annual Session of the Chattahoochee United Free-Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with Mt. Olive Free-Will Baptist Church Taylor County, Ga., on the Second Sunday in July, 1946. The first program was presented by the union Sunday Schools of Mt. Olive Free-Will Baptist Church

and the Missionary Baptist Church at Taylor Mill. Name of their program, "Convention Is Here." A splendid program was given in recitals and songs. Report for the year was as follows: Total on hand 8-12-1945, \$48.72; total collection \$170.07; Gift donated, \$30.00; total received, \$248.78; paid out: Register Board \$4.86; Literature, \$24.63; Orphans Home, \$23.89; fuel, \$10.00; Christmas gifts, \$51.85; Miscellaneous expenses, \$38.74; total paid out, \$153.97; balance on hand in treasury, \$94.82. This is a fine report for the union Sunday Schools. The next program was presented by St. Johns Free-Will Baptist Church, of Columbus, Ga. The name of this program was, "Decision." This was a wonderful program put on by the Sunday School. Report for the year: On roll, 65; regular collection, \$147.74; raised for building fund, \$96.98; paid out for literature, \$27.81; paid out for incidentals, \$89.00; balance on hand in treasury, \$119.93; J. E. Baker, Superintendent. The next program was presented by St. James Free-Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala. The program was opened by Sister J. W. Hearn leading in prayer. A special song "JeJesus Loves Me," followed by other songs, including "In the Garden" "Bringing in the Sheaves," "You Never Mention Her Name to Me," "Be a Friend to Jesus," "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord." They also had a splendid string band in their program including a good recital by the class. Report of Sunday School work for St. James Church: Classes, five; on roll, 98; amount in treasury 7-1-1945, \$181.78; total collection, \$508.08; paid out for literature, \$30.81; for Christmas tree, \$19.50; Orphans Home, \$6.85; for building Sunday School rooms, \$389.35; total paid out, \$446.55; balance on hand in treasury, \$243.31. After all of the programs were rendered the Convention elected H. L. Knighton, President for the ensuing year, and Rev. B. T. Gill, Recording Secretary. Moved and Carried that the next Convention meet with Trinity Freewill Baptist Church, Taylor County, Ga., on the Fifth Sunday in August, 1947. We would like to have better cooperation from all the churches in the Association at the next Convention. We are expecting all the Sunday Schools to be present with good programs next year. A good Sunday School in the church makes a better church, a better home and a better community in which to live, so let us encourage our young people to be in a good Sunday School. May the Lord bless each church and Sunday School. Moved and carried to return our heartfelt thanks to the churches and this community for their love and hospitality shown the Sunday School Convention while in session with Mt. Olive Free-Will Baptist Church. It was moved and carried to adjourn to meet with Trinity Free-Will Baptist Church on the Fifth Sunday in August, 1947.

ELD. H. L. KNIGHTON, President,
ELD. B. T. GILL, Recording Secretary.

Circular Letter

Subject: "ASSURANCE OF IMMORTALITY"

Text II Cor. 5:1—"For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

Here we have a great certainty, or assurance. We know

there are many who claim we cannot know anything about God, or the future. They style themselves, Agnostics—Greek and English know not.

In this great certitude we have knowledge in regard to the three states of the believer: His present, immediate, and future state.

The prelude. A short song, if our earthly house.

Gen. 2-7—And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the Breath of Life and man became a living soul.

It is earthly made of the earth, nourshed by the earth. It is Temporal a tabernacle that is dissolved. How suggestive all things that are seen are temporal.

Though our bodies need much care and repairing, yet there comes a time when this will be impossible.—Doctors will be as other men.

It is often burdensome Paul said, for in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our house which is from Heaven.

Though earthly and temporal, yet it is fearfully and wonderfully made and answers the purpose for which it was designed.

The interlude, absent from the body, unclothed, naked, if so be that being of God.—The devil can paint a man but he leaves him naked he cannot breathe the breath of life into him.

But praise God when we are absent from this body we are present with God too many of us are at home in the body.

Paul said it is impossible to please God as long as we are in the flesh, we look around us at these Temporal buildings that we are living in today will soon fade away, the termites are eating the foundation from underneath it, the roof is falling in.

Then we hear a sound, it is Jesus saying in my Father's House are many Mansions, He became poor that we might be made rich.

Yet This will be a state of conscious existence, The Soul is immortal,—the dead still live,—Abraham, Rich Man, —Lazarus.

A new body is a building of God, not a tent;—It will not be the same body that is shown in the grave,—thank God, there will be no cripple in Heaven, no deformed bodies there.

It will be a God given body, A body in every thing pleasing to Him, and worthy of a Redeemed Spirit.

Heavenly, such as they also that are Heavenly,—and as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the Heavenly, will be exempted from all sin, disease, and death; it will be a body of glory, like unto His own Glorious—Body.

These bodies will be bestowed at the coming of Jesus,—what a future for the Child of God,—What Glory,—What Joy.

O death where is thy sting, Oh Grave, wheer is thy victory.

In these closing remarys may I say to you, press on weary Pilgrim, it won't be long, and may we be where we can say with the Apostle, I have fought a good fight, I have kept the Faith. And there will be a Chown awaiting us,—May God Bless each on is my prayers.

H. L. Lumpkin.

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TO THE MEMORY OF

Rev. William B. Posey

The subject of this sketch was born Dec. 23, 1877, departed this life July 26, 1946, making his stay on earth 68 years, 7 months and 3 days.

Rev. Posey entered the field of the ministry in early life and pastored several churches in this (Taylor) and adjoining counties, but for several years he had not been actively engaged in the work of his profession. During our last conversation together he related his desire to forsake all things else and enter the Master's work as a missionary, a duty he felt like our Saviour had called him to perform.

Bro. Posey was twice married, leaving to survive him his companion, several children and grand children, besides other relatives and friends.

Farewell, Bro. Posey.

O pilgrim rest from toil and care,
Where sorrows never come,
There endless praise with Him to share,
With angels around the throne.

REV. W. J. CHILDREE.

TO THE MEMORY OF
Sister Nannie Moore

Sister Moore was born Nov. 30, 1868, died Nov. 8, 1945, making her stay on earth 76 years, 11 months and 9 days.

She was a member of Turners Chapel Church for the last 50 year, having united when the church was organized in 1895; and was a faithful worker in her church as long as health would permit.

Sis. Moore had been in declining health for the last 12 years of her life. Surely death has not been a defeat with her but a victory.

She leaves loved ones, church and friends to grieve the loss that is heaven's gain. Farewell, loved one and mother until we meet again. We miss you dear mother,

How much God only knows,
But it seemed good unto Him to take you,
And leave us here below.
Your sorrow and suffering now are over,
And your life crown has been won,
May we all meet you in heaven
And hear the Master say "well done."

We often think of you, Mother,
While here on earth we roam,
Yet we know you're with Jesus,
In yonder's Heavenly home.

We know you're free from trouble,
From sorrow and from pain,
Oh what a consolation,
That we shall meet again.
Her Pastor,

REV. COY WATSON.

IN MEMORY OF BRO. J. B. MOORE

Bro. Moore was born Sept. 27, 1913, died Nov. 25, 1945, making his stay on earth 32 years, 1 month and 29 days. He gave his baptism only a short time before God called him from our life to Jesus and united with Turners Chapel church and was midst. Bro. Moore was loved by all who knew him. He leaves his wife and four children, mother, father, brother and sisters, church and friends to grieve his passing. Surely our loss is heaven's gain.

And he will be with Jesus when he comes again. May God comfort with the comforter from on high, and loved ones be reunited in the sweet by and by.

His Pastor,

REV. COY WATSON.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER FANNIE CHRISTOPHER

Sister Christopher was born Jan. 30, 1862, died July 27, 1946, making her stay on earth 84 years, 5 months and 27 days. Sister Christopher had been a member of New Life Church for a number of years and is missed in her home, in her church and by her many friends.

Death by sin came into the world,
And passed upon all
As it pleases God, whether young or old,
Unto us He sends the call.

Yes it's hard when loved ones,
This debt have to pay,
Yet we know God is too wise to make error,
Anywhere along the way.

Yes, it's wonderful to think of heaven,
Of it's joys and beauties beyond compare;
Let's pray that one day we may enter,
As our loving mothers will be there.

Her Pastor,

REV. COY WATSON.

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER LIZZIE FOSTER

Sister Lizzie Foster was born Nov. 2, 1875, died July 21, 1946, making her stay on earth 70 years, 9 months and 19 days. Sister Foster was a member of New Life Church for a number of years and will be greatly missed in her home and church.

The pain of death has passed,
And life's warfare is o'er,
We hope to meet you, Sister,
On that bright Celestial Shore.

Her Pastor,

REV. COY WATSON.

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER EMILY PHILLIPS PERRY

Sister Perry, the devoted companion of the late George D. Perry, was born July 23, 1864, departed this life May 23, 1946 making her stay on earth 81 years and 10 months. Sister Perry

was a devoted member of Little Bethel Church for many years, true and loyal to promote its progress and the great cause for which our Saviour died. She was kind and cheerful to those with whom she came in contact, patient in her many years of physical weakness.

In our years of lonely weeping,
Since our loved one went away;
In the silent tomb you're sleeping,
Waiting for the final day.

When our Lord descends from Heaven,
Bidding all the saints arise;
Endless praise will then be given,
To the king of earth and skies.

Farewell, Sister Posey.

Her Pastor, REV. W. J. CHILDREE.

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER ELLEN WINTERS STRINGFIELD

Sister Stringfield was born Nov. 13, 1869, departed this life March 9, 1946, making her stay on earth 76 years, 3 months and 26 days. Sister Stringfield was a member of New Prospect Church, Taylor County at the time of her departure, having united her membership in that church several years ago under the pastorate of the composer of this sketch. We are glad to be informed that her last testimony was the hope and consolation of a life beyond the grave.

Life is but a journey run, soon we fly away;
Endless joy will be begun, then we'll live for aye;
Service to our Master be, while we travel on;
Then at home beyond the sea He will claim His own.

Farewell, Sister Ellen.

Her Pastor, REV. 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 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 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.

13th. 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; Psalms 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
Providence -----	Muscogee -----	Eld. W. R. Lawhorn -----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	110	\$5.00	\$341.75	1-3
Bethany -----	Marion -----	Eld. G. W. Price -----	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	30	4.00	-----	3
Mt. Olive -----	Taylor -----	Eld. W. J. Childree -----	6	---	---	3	---	5	2	167	6.00	367.76	2-4
New Life -----	Marion -----	Eld. B. Coy Watson -----	---	---	---	2	---	---	2	92	5.00	132.45	1
St. Luke -----	Russell -----	Eld. G. W. Price -----	---	3	---	16	4	1	24	5.00	56.00	1-2-3-4	
Turners Chapel -----	Taylor -----	Eld. B. Coy Watson -----	---	1	---	5	---	3	2	146	5.00	160.24	2-4
St. John -----	Muscogee -----	Eld. H. J. Kelley -----	10	2	1	---	---	---	---	70	5.00	672.87	1-2-3-4
St. Mark -----	Russell -----	Eld. G. T. Holliman -----	9	2	2	1	2	4	---	60	5.00	100.80	1-2-3-4
St. James -----	Russell -----	Eld. H. L. Knighton -----	2	5	---	13	---	12	---	132	10.00	1800.00	1-2-3-4
Spring Hill ---	Marion -----	Eld. G. W. Price -----	---	---	2	2	---	---	---	26	3.00	43.05	2
New Prospect ...	Taylor -----	Eld. W. J. Childree -----	3	---	---	1	---	---	1	68	4.00	57.57	1
Little Bethel	Macon -----	Eld. A. McKinnon -----	---	---	---	7	7	2	4	156	6.00	237.85	1
New Prospect ...	Turner -----	Eld. J. B. Lumpkin -----	1	13	---	5	1	3	1	227	10.00	401.43	3
Trinity -----	Taylor -----	Eld. B. T. Gill -----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	30	6.00	75.00	4
Beulah -----	Taylor -----	Eld. B. Coy Watson -----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	3.00	62.63	3
Pleasant Hill -	Schley -----	Eld. J. B. Lumpkin -----	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	77	5.00	223.60	1
New Bethel -----	Worth -----	Eld. L. S. Anthony -----	---	---	---	3	2	2	1	140	7.10	557.05	4

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES	Paid Evangelist	Paid Missions	Paid Charity	Paid Repairs	Paid Incidentals	Sun. School Expense	Superannuation
Providence Church, Muscogee County -----	\$ 20.00	\$35.00	\$78.25	-----	-----	-----	\$42.00
Bethany Church, Marion County -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County -----	50.00	-----	150.00	39.00	-----	-----	6.00
New Life Church, Marion County -----	20.00	-----	-----	36.60	-----	-----	-----
St. Luke Church, Russell County, Ala. -----	20.00	-----	185.00	100.00	22.95	12.40	10.00
Turners Chapel Church, Taylor County -----	29.32	-----	28.25	-----	26.75	-----	-----
St. Johns Church, Muscogee County -----	80.00	70.68	51.80	18.00	85.00	90.00	37.63
St. Mark Church, Russell County, Ala. -----	62.00	25.00	16.00	36.00	23.60	37.50	6.25
St. James Church, Russell County, Ala. -----	264.79	74.36	127.40	530.09	49.50	52.81	32.75
Spring Hill Church, Marion County -----	15.00	-----	-----	40.55	-----	14.20	-----
New Prospect Church, Taylor County -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Little Bethel Church, Macon County -----	36.00	-----	-----	-----	43.09	-----	5.00
New Prospect Church, Turner County -----	119.40	-----	36.00	285.00	78.40	-----	15.65
Trinity Church, Taylor County -----	-----	-----	20.00	-----	35.00	-----	-----
Beulah Church, Taylor County -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County -----	51.70	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8.35
New Bethel Church, Worth County -----	126.05	-----	79.82	12.58	78.10	-----	12.85