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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 2, 1947.

The 112th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee United Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala., Thursday morning before the First Sunday in October, 1947.

The Introductory Sermon as was delivered Thursday morning at 11 o'clock by Eld. W. R. Lawhorn, reading from the 18th chapter of Ezekiel, beginning at the 21st verse. This was a wonderful message and one that everyone present enjoyed. The service was closed by Eld. A. C. McKinnon.

After an hour for dinner the body was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. W. J. Childree. Opening song "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Eld. E. C. Morris. The reading lesson was from Romans 7:14. After a few words from the Moderator the session was opened for business. The first item of business was to invite visitors to seats with us in our body. Next called for Corresponding Letters from the various Churches. After receiving the letters it was moved and carried that Eld. H. L. Knighton and Bro. W. C. King read the letters. After the letters were read it was moved and carried that they be accepted as read and all of the delegates be seated in the body as follows:

New Prospect Church, Taylor County, Ga.: Homer Emerson.

Spring Hill Church, Marion County, Ga.: Ed A. Waters and A. L. Grimsley.

St. Johns Church, Columbus, Ga.: Sister Rochester, Sister Kelley, Sister Patrick, Sister Turk and Sister Lankford.

New Bethel Church, Worth County, Ga.: Bro. Roberts, Bro. and Sis. Lewis Massey, Jodie Hobby and J. J. Fowler.

New Prospect Church, Turner County, Ga.: G. C. King, T. J. Little, J. A. Little and D. L. Harris.

Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Ga.: R. N. McInvale, O. M. Williams, W. E. Bussey, S. O. Jones, Sister Marilyn Bussey.

Beulah Church, Taylor County, Ga.: By Letter.

Bethany Church, Marion County, Ga.: Sister Nora Youngblood and Sister Etta Grimsley.

New Life Church, Marion County, Ga.: Horace Lockhart, L. E. Chatman and wife, Sam Daniel and wife.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County, Ga.: W. E. James, and Clemon Odom.

St. Mark Church, Russell County, Ala.: J. B. Woodard, Sis. Irene Johnson, and Sis. Gregory.

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, Ga.: M. N. Poole, Sis. Irene Windham, Sis. Susie Poole and Sis. Jessie Oliver.

St. Luke Church, Russell County, Ala.: Sis. Ruth Murphey and Curtis Grier.

Trinity Church, Taylor County, Ga.: B. F. Waller and Sis. Jessie Waller.

Providence Church, Muscogee County, Ga.: Leonard Anthony D. B. Anthony, C. A. Parker, Tommy Colwell and wife.

St. James Church, Russell County, Ala.: Henry Snell, J. R. Whithurst, Sister N. H. Benifield, Sister Lois Saxton and Walter Jones.

Turners Chapel Church, Taylor County, Ga.: Earl Posey and wife.

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

Called for Petitionery Letters: Received none.

Called for Corresponding Messengers and received:

From the South Georgia Association: Eld. E. C. Morris and Eld. C. J. Pitts.

From the Little River Association. Eld. A. L. Sellers and Bro. N. R. Frank.

From the South-Eastern Association of Alabama: Eld. John Golden and Bro. J. E. Malery.

From the Midway Association: Bro. Alvin Day.

Moved and carried that the Moderator give the right hand of Welcome to the Corresponding Messengers and that they be seated in our body.

Bro. G. C. King made a brief talk before the body concerning his visiting several Associations in each of which he was given a warm welcome. He said a sweet spirit of fellowship was manifested among the people everywhere he visited.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

It was movd and carried that the Moderator appoint the various Committees which were as follows:

Committee on Preaching: J. R. Whitehurst, O. M. Williams, T. J. Little, Jodie Hobby and M. N. Poole.

On State of Churches and Character of the Ministry: R. N. McInvale, H. L. Anthony, Sam Daniel, A. L. Grimsley, G. C. King.

On Sunday Schools: Sister Jessie Oliver, Sister Susie Poole and Sister Ophelia Patrick.

On Finance: W. C. Bussey, B. F. Waller and S. O. James.

On Sabbath Observance: C. R. Grier, Irene Johnson, C. E. Posey.

On Suggestions: Rev. A. C. McKinnon, Homer Emerson, Bussey.

On Ladies Auxiliary: Lois Saxton, Janie May Massey and Ruth Murphy.

On League Work: Rev. W. H. Emerson, Rev. C. A. Huckleby and Bro. C. A. Parker.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to our Sister Associations as follows:

Georgia Union Association: Rev. C. H. Moore.

Martin Association: Rev. W. J. Childree, Bro. G. C. King.

Midway Association: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. Coy Watson.

South Georgia Association: Rev. H. L. Knighton.

Union Association: Bro. J. J. Fowler, Bro. G. C. King.

Little River Association: Rev. S. T. Renow, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin and Bro. G. C. King.

Georgia State Association: Bro. G. C. King, S. O. Jones and C. A. Parker.

National Association: C. A. Parker

Next, moved and carried that the next session meet with Little Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, Macon County; Ga., Eld. C. A. Huckelby to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Moved and carried that the body adjourn until Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Opening song, "I Need Jesus". Prayer by Rev. W. J. Childree. Scripture lesson reading from the 28th Psalm. A few words were spoken by

the Moderator after which the session was opened for business. Moved and carried that the Circular Letter be read. After reading Circular Letter it was moved and carried that it be printed in the Minutes. Moved and carried that Rev. W. H. Emerson write the next Circular Letter to this body. The Moderator then asked the body to stand with bowed heads in silent prayer in memory of the families that had loved ones who had passed on to their Eternal Home.

It was moved and carried to have Five Hundred (500) Copies of Minutes printed and to pay Clerk \$15.00 for his services.

Moved and carried to pay out of the Treasury \$10.00 for having the Association Church Letter forms printed.

Moved and carried to send \$10.00 to the Georgia State Association and \$5.00 to the National Association.

Moved and carried that Bro. J. S. Windham and Bro. Sam Daniel serve three years each on the Executive Committee.

Moved and carried that Bro. S. O. Jones serve one year Bro. C. A. Parker, two years; and Bro. G. C. King three years on the Superannuation Board.

Moved and carried to adjourn until Friday Afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Opening song, "Standing on the Promises." Prayer by Rev. W. H. Streetman. Reading from the 35th Psalm. After a few remarks from the Moderator it was moved and carried to have Resolutions printed in Minutes of Rev. H. L. Lumpkin that were drawn up by a Committee at the Deacons' and Preachers' Meeting. Next, Bro. C. A. Parker made a report of the Superannuation Board and in this report the Board had agreed to pay Eld. W. H. Emerson \$15.00 a month out of the Board Treasury. Next, Eld. E. C. Morris brought before the body some of the phases of the State work that were to be done in our Association and took an offering to be placed in the State Budget. The offering was \$21.00.

It was moved and carried to take an offering for Sister Grimsley, Sister Lumpkin, Sister Gill. This offering amounted to \$63.15, giving to each of these ladies \$21.05.

Moved and carried that the next session meet on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, before the First Sunday in October, 1947.

Next, moved and carried that we hear reports of various Committees.

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING

Thursday night Eld. W. H. Emerson to preach and Eld. C. A. Huckleby to close. Friday morning Eld. E. C. Morris to preach and Eld. G. W. Price to close. Friday 5 p. m., Eld. John Golden to preach. Friday night Eld. Tom Hollaman to preach and Eld. L. S. Anthony to close. Saturday morning Eld. C. J. Pitts to preach at 10 o'clock and Eld. W. J. Childree to preach at 11.

O. M. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to make the following report: We recommend that all of the churches organize a Sunday School to help train the young people in the way they should go. We find only six churches that have a Sunday School. We recommend that each church organize a Sunday School.

SISTER JESSIE OLIVER, Chairman.

ON SUGGESTIONS

We, your Committee on Suggestions, wish to make the following report. We suggest that we pay the most earnest heed to our Government and Ordinances, Articles of Faith and Doctrinal Views. We recommend that our ministers instruct their churches on these views.

ELD. A. C. McKINNON, Chairman.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCES

We, your Committee, wish to make the following report: We believe in the work of God on His day. We know we should keep it holy in every way and go to church on Sunday. We should live unspotted in everything and live for Christ and help others to find the Lord's way.

C. R. KING, Chairman.

ON LADIES' AUXILIARY WORK

We, your Committee, wish to make the following report: We recommend that all churches organize a Ladies' Auxiliary work. We know that there is a great work that can be done by the ladies of our Churches. It will help the church and the community spiritually and in every way.

SISTER LOIS SAXTON, Chairman.

ON FREEWILL BAPTIST LEAGUE WORK

We prayerfully call the attention of this body to a fact which is generally known, namely, that our young people are being drawn away from our denomination due to other churches offering our children this field of work. We should become interested for we know that an idle brain among our youth is causing the the present wave of juvenile delinquency. Therefore, we urge each pastor of this Association to make every effort possible to organize a League in each Church. Mr. Henry C. Snell offers his services to any church desiring to organize a League. Address: Henry C. Snell, 4920 Armour Road, Columbus, Georgia.

C. A. PARKER, Chairman.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF 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 the ministry in order and fellowship except after due consideration we find Bro. Johnnie B. Lumpkin out of order on the grounds of his conduct in his home church and also for mistreating a Minister brother, the Rev. Wester Burkett of Alabama, and for general conduct. Therefore we recommend that his church call his credentials in and that Bro. Johnnie B. Lumpkin not be allowed to preach in any Freewill Baptist Church until he satisfies his home church and all of our sister churches as well as all of his preacher brethren in the entire Chattahoochee Association; that he has repented and will promise to keep himself in order.

G. C. King, R. N. McInvale, Sam Daniel,
H. L. Anthony, A. L. Grimsley, Committeemen.

ON FINANCE

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

Amount in Treasury	\$87.16
Paid in from the Churches	95.50

Total October 3, 1947	\$182.66
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W. C. BUSSEY, Chairman.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

It was moved and carried that the next session meet with Little Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, Macon County, Ga. Eld.

C. A. Huckeby to preach the Introductory Sermon Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Motion made and carried that this body stand and return thanks to this church and community for their kindness and hospitality extended to this body while in session and everyone who 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	\$87.16
Paid in from Various Churches	95.50
First and Second Union Meetings	6.50
Total on Hand in Treasury	\$189.16

Paid Out of Treasury

Paid for Printing & Mailing Minutes ____	\$60.00
Paid Clerk	15.00
Paid Georgia State Association	10.00
Paid National Association	5.00
Paid for Printing Associational Letters --	10.00

Paid Out of Treasury	\$100.00
Bal. in Hands of Treasurer	\$ 89.16

CHURCHES, CLERKS & POST OFFICES

Pleasant Hill—J. T. Guy	R. 3, Ellaville, Ga.
St. Mark—Rena Holloman	629—20th St., Phenix City, Ala.
Mt. Olive—J. S. Windham	Reynolds, Ga.
St. Luke—Nellie Grier --	810 Columbus Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Trinity—B. F. Waller	Charing, Ga.
Providence—P. M. Preston	Rt. 1, Reese Rd., Columbus, Ga.
St. James—Mrs. Doris Richburg—1904—9th Ave,	Phenix City, Ala.
Turners Chapel—Elie Robinson	R. 2, Butler, Ga.
New Prospect—Miss Dorothy Trussell	R. 4, Reynolds, Ga.
Spring Hill—Ed A. Waters	R. 1, Mauk, Ga.
St. John—H. A. Luck	4415 Third Ave., Columbus, Ga.
New Bethel—Frank Hobby	212 Twelfth Ave., Cordele, Ga.
New Prospect—G. C. King	Sylvester, Ga.
Little Bethel—Miss Bessie Emerson	R. 1, Butler, Ga.
Beulah—Morris Lawhorn	R. 1, Butler, Ga.
Bethany—Etta Grimsley	Mauk, Ga.
New Life—Lee Daniel	R. 2, Mauk, Ga.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Eld. W. J. Childree	Reynolds, Ga.
Eld. C. H. Moore	Reynolds, Ga.
Eld. Riley Windham	Reynolds, Ga.
Eld. W. R. Merritt	Reynolds, Ga.
Eld. B. Coy Watson	R. :, Buena Vista, Ga.
Eld. J. B. Lumpkin	Junction City, Ga.
Eld. L. S. Anthony	Juniper, Ga.
Eld. O. C. Bridges	Mauk, Ga.
Eld. W. C. Jonen	1811 Tenth Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
✓ Eld. C. A. Huckaby	1513 Twenty-Second St., Phenix City, Ala.
Eld. G. W. Price	3003 Third Ave., Columbus, Ga.
Eld. B. D. Lawson	805—24th St., Columbus, Ga.
Eld. A. C. McKinnon	1027—30th St., Columbus, Ga.
Eld. H. J. Kelly	3412 Earline Ave., Columbus, Ga.
Eld. A. L. Oswalt	R. 1, Fortson, Ga.
Eld. H. L. Knighton	1911 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Eld. Tom Holloman	629—20th St., Phenix City, Ala.
Eld. W. H. Emerson	R. 1, Butler, Ga.
Eld. S. T. Renew	R. 3, Ashburn, Ga.
Eld. W. R. Lawhorn	R. 1, Butler, Ga.
Eld. W. H. Streetman	Oglethorpe, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. G. W. Hobbs	Cusseta, Ga.
Rev. E. Spillers	Barnesville, Ga.
Rev. J. H. Lawhorn	Sylvester, Ga.
Rev. John Grimsley	Juniper, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Bro. S. O. Jones, Chairman—1 Year	Ideal, Ga.
Bro. C. A. Parker—2 Years	Columbus, Ga.
Bro. G. C. King	Recording Secretary & Treasurer,
Three Years	Sylvester, Ga.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Tenth Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Freewill Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with St. James Freewill Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala., on the Fifth Sunday in August, 1947. The first program was presented by Turners Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Taylor County, Ga. The Sunday School of this church had a wonderful program and was en-

joyed by everyone. We noticed that this Sunday School was reorganized the First Sunday in August and had 90 on roll with a 75 per cent attendance each Sunday. Paid out for literature, \$5.70; in treasury, \$9.95.

Bro. Homer Moore, Superintendent.

The next program was presented by St. Johns Freewill Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga. The title of the program of this Sunday School was "The Cross." We know that everyone enjoyed this fine program as it was put over in such a splendid manner. They have on roll 63; four classes; paid out of Treasury for the year \$358.41; balance in Treasury \$161.29.

Bro. R. L. Lankford, Superintendent.

A song program was rendered by East Alabama Quartette. The next program was rendered by St. James Freewill Baptist Church Sunday School. This School put on a nice program that was enjoyed by everyone. Regular attendance, 59; collection, \$111.84; paid out of Treasury, \$48.75.

Mrs. Ernest Griggers, Superintendent.

The next program was presented by St. James Freewill Baptist Church Sunday School. This was a short program but a splendid one. Amount in Treasury, Sept. 1, 1946, \$23.90; total collection, \$231.75; total paid out, \$732.85.

Otis Corden, Superintendent.

After the programs were over the East Alabama Quartette rendered several special songs that were thoroughly enjoyed.

Dismissed for the noon hour the ladies spread a sumptuous luncheon that everyone enjoyed. The body was called in by the President for the business session. After several songs and prayer by Bro. Curtis Parker the President read for a lesson from the 14th chapter of St. John. Rev. Watson then led in prayer. The next item of business was to elect a President and Recording Secretary. Rev. W. H. Knighton was elected President and Rev. B. T. Gill, Recording Secretary. It was moved and carried that the next Convention meet with St. Mark Freewill Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala., on the Fourth Sunday in August, 1948. The Convention then returned thanks to the church and community for their love and hospitality shown them while in session. It was then moved and carried to adjourn to meet with St. Mark Freewill Baptist Church on the Fourth Sunday in August, 1948.

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

UNION MEETING OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Second District Union Meeting convened with Bethany Freewill Baptist Church, Marion County, Ga., Saturday morning before the Fifth Sunday in June, 1947. The First District met with them.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. L. S. Anthony at 11 a. m., reading from Romans 1:16. After services the ladies served dinner which was enjoyed very much. Following the noon hour the body was called to order by the Moderator,

Rev. H. L. Knighton. The first business to dispose of was to call for Corresponding Letters from the various churches. Moved and carried that Rev. C. A. Huckaby and Rev. W. H. Emerson read the letters. After the letters were read it was moved and carried that they be received and all the delegates seated in the body as follows:

Bethany Church: Horace Lawrence, Woodroe Hendrick, Alma Hendrick, Nora Youngblood, Etta Grimsley.

St. Mark Church: Betty Rathel, Sister Griggers.

St. James Church: Cora Hearn, Jewel Duke, Kate Hestley.

Spring Hill Church: Norman Grier and wife, Ed A. Waters, and Gussie Mitchell.

St. John Church: Robert Langford, Ruby Kelley, H. A. Tuck and wife.

St. Luke Church: Eva Greer, Curtis Greer, Dora Alford and Homer Greer.

Providence Church: Leonard Anthony, P. M. Preston, W. A. Parker, D. B. Anthony.

Mt. Olive Church: Jessie Windham, R. Underwood.

Trinity Church: B. F. Waller, Jessie Waller.

New Life Church: Sam Daniel and wife, Felton Roberts, Otis Ohearn, Horace Lockhart and L. E. Chapman.

Letters from the First District Union Meeting:

Pleasant Hill Church: W. E. James, B. C. Brewer and wife, Lester Grimsley, Fleming Brewer and wife.

Little Bethel Church: W. E. Bussey, E. E. Bone, Clyde McCarty, R. N. McInvale, O. M. Williams, Rev. W. H. Emerson.

New Bethel Church: Marvin Roberts.

New Prospect Church: Dock Goodwin and wife, Allen Coulter.

Turners Chapel: Homer Moore, E. J. Wainwright, Cora Moore.

The body was then permanently organized by electing Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator and Rev. B. T. Gill, Clerk.

Moved and carried that the Moderator appoint Preaching Committee as follows: P. M. Preston, Woodroe Hendrick, Jesse Windham, W. E. James, Sister Tuck. Report on preaching as follows: Saturday night, Rev. A. C. McKinnon followed by Rev. W. C. Jones; Sunday morning, Rev. Coy Watson followed by Rev. B. T. Gill. P. M. Preston, Chairman.

After several discussions on bringing the two bodies together as one it was moved and carried that we be one body and to be called "The Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association." Moved and carried that the Union Meeting pay the Clerk \$10.00 for his services. A freewill offering was taken for the purpose of rebuilding Trinity Church, the amount of offering being \$21.50. Next, moved and carried that the next session meet with Pleasant Hill, Schley County, Ga., Saturday morning, February 28, 1948. Rev. A. C. McKinnon will preach the Introductory Sermon Saturday at 11 a. m.; Rev. Coy Watson, alternate. Offering sent in from the churches in the Second District Union Meeting, \$11.00; from the First District Union Meeting \$5.50; total amount, \$16.50. Moved and carried that Rev. B. T. Gill be Treasurer of the Union Meeting. This bringing the session to a close, it was moved and carried to adjourn to meet with Pleasant Hill Church on the 28th day of February, 1948.

ELD. H. L. KNIGHTON, Moderator.

ELD. B. T. GILL, Clerk.

DEACONS' AND PREACHERS' MEETING

The Deacons' and Preachers' Meeting convened with Saint James Freewill Baptist Church, Phenix City, Russell County, Alabama, August 30, 1947.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Lawhorn at 11 a. m. After benediction at the noon hour the ladies of the community spread a delicious dinner on the table in the church yard which was enjoyed by everyone. After the noon hour the body was called to order by the Moderator. A hymn was sung followed by reading of the 121st Psalm by the Moderator. After a short talk the session was duly opened for business.

First item of business was the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year. Eld. B. T. Gill was elected Moderator and Bro. G. C. King was elected Clerk. It was moved and carried that the Moderator appoint the Preaching Committee which was as follows: Bro. H. L. Anthony, Bro. J. H. Blackmon, Bro. J. R. Whitehurst, Bro. J. E. Turner and Bro. Jessie Windham.

Reports from various committees as follows:

St. Luke Church was represented by Eld. G. W. Price.
Beulah Church was represented by Bro. A. R. Lawhorn.
St. Mark Church was represented by Rev. G. T. Holloman.
Providence Church was represented by Bro. H. L. Anthony.
St. James Church was represented by Bro. J. R. Whitehurst.
Bethany Church was represented by Rev. G. G. Price.
St. James Church was represented by Bro. J. D. Lankford.
Mt. Olive Church was represented by Bro. Jessie Windham.
Turners Chapel Church was represented by Rev. Coy Watson.
New Life Church was represented by Rev. Coy Watson.
New Prospect Church was represented by Bro. G. C. King and wife.

Trinity Church was represented by Rev. B. T. Gill.

There were a number of splendid talks by members of the body for the good of the churches in a general way.

Moved and carried for the Moderator to appoint a Planning Committee composed of the following: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Chairman; Rev. G. W. Price, Bro. Jessie Windham, Rev. B. D. Lawson and Rev. H. J. Kelley.

A Committee on Resolutions was appointed as follows: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Chairman; Rev. B. T. Gill, Rev. W. R. Lawhorn and Rev. C. A. Huckaby.

Moved and carried to meet in the next session with Saint Mark's Church Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in August 1948, with Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. C. A. Huckaby to alternate.

There was a rising vote of thanks to St. James Church for their kind hospitality in entertaining the body after which we adjourned.

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

CIRCULAR LETTER

REPENTANCE

Luke 13:1 I tell you, nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Earnest, definite, scriptural messages on this subject are needed now possibly more than on any other subject.

The Bible has much to say about repentance. The first text of John the Baptist was "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). Jesus put it stronger, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Peter preached repentance on the day of Pentecost. Paul preached to Jews and Greeks repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 20:21). Preachers of other days delivered burning messages on this subject. Whitfield thundered out the necessity for repentance. The power of Wesley's message was repentance. The thrill of Moody's story was repentance and this is the message that made Edwards great in our land. Preachers now should tell men that they have sinned against God and call them to repentance. What is repentance? A brief answer is Repentance is being so conscious of sin and so sorry for sin that the guilty will by the help of God turn away from sin to Christ by faith. This definition suggests three essential steps.

1. IT IS CONSCIOUSNESS OF SIN. No one will repent of sin until he is painfully conscious of sin. Sin makes a mighty attack on all men and they yield and it leaves its mark. Sin has left its mark on every home and in every nation that has been established. Sin takes the child from mother's arms and drops it down to ruin and breaks her heart. Sin is against man and against God and demands repentance and atonement. God is pure and hold and has a holy and pure standard for the people of the earth. To fall beneath this standard is to sin against God.

2. IT IS SORROW FOR SIN. Before the guilty will repent of sin there must be sorrow for sin against God. This must be Godly sorrow. It is more than the sorrow that comes when man or the law knows the sin. It must be deep and painful remorse of soul that one has sinned against the pure, just, and holy heart of a loving God. There must be a broken and contrite heart before there is any genuine repentance. It must be a sorrow that will bite. This kind of sorrow will cause distress of soul. It is like a gnawing pain. It is agony of soul caused by a sense of guilt. Such sorrow will lead a soul to true repentance.

3. IT IS TURNING FROM SIN. When the soul is painfully conscious of sin and truly sorry for sin, it is then ready to turn from sin. It will realize it must turn or burn, repent or perish. God will have only a quitting repentance. That means that if a man is a profane swearer and repents, he gives up profanity forever. If a man is a drunkard and repents, he will drink no more. If a person is immoral and repents, he gives up im-

morality for all time. Repentance is not only a heart broken because of sin, but a life broken from sin. Repentance is declaring unending warfare on sin. It is the act of the prodigal when he said, "I will arise and go to my father," and he went and made all things right.

The soul turns from sin by repentance and to Christ by faith. Without faith there can be no possession of real spiritual life. Faith is essential to true repentance. This Paul emphasized when he said "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." The soul must lay hold on the promises of God and believe and accept Jesus Christ, the Saviour from sin. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life (John 3:36). Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31). With consciousness of sin and sorrow for sin, turn from sin to God and walk in holy fellow ship with him. And preachers ought to preach it powerfully. Preach it until it is practiced.

REV. H. L. KNIGHTON,
1911-2nd Avenue, Phenix City, Ala.

TO THE LOVING MEMORY OF
ELDER H. L. LUMPKIN

Brother Lumpkin was born March 9, 1878 and departed this life December 26, 1946, making his stay on earth 68 years, 9 months and 17 days. He gave his life to Christ and the ministry in early life, going far and near serving churches and carrying the Gospel to a lost and dying world; taking salvation to the lost and strength to the faithful.

Bro. Lumpkin won the love and respect of all who knew him. He suffered much affliction during the last few years of his life but bore it patiently, always ready to smile when the Saviour was mentioned. A great warrior from us has gone we must say,

But he won every battle with Jesus along the way,
Dear dad, loved one and brother,

In our hearts you had grown so dear,
It is hard to give you up even for heaven.

But we know we have no continuing city here.
When our journey is o'er and we stand on that shore,
And our robes and crowns we shall wear;
This thought comes to me from that beautiful sea,
We shall know one another up there.

When before the white throne we meet loved ones
long gone,

To the home so wondrously fair,
We will sing of love in that home above,
As we see one another up there.

Let's press on till our journey shall end,
In those mansions we read of somewhere;
Then before Christ we clasp glad hands,
And be forever together up there.

By his Pastor,

REV. COY WATSON.

A RESOLUTION TO THE MEMORY OF

ELDER H. L. LUMPKIN

To the Churches Composing the Chattahoochee
Freewill Baptist Association:

We make this Resolution of Honor to the Memory of our beloved brother in Christ, Elder H. L. Lumpkin who departed this life to go to that Home awaiting him over there, the Home we heard him sing about so many times here in our church.

Elder Lumpkin served as pastor of our church and as Moderator of our Association for many years. He was a great blessing to numerous souls along the way of life to lead them to higher and holier living. We believe that many souls were led to Christ under the power of the Gospel ministry which he preached. We are confident that some of the greatest workers of the present day in our church were led to the Lord by the blessed Gospel preached and lived by this Godly minister.

We do not know the exact year that Bro. Lumpkin was ordained into the ministry. However we recall his testimony to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ on numerous occasions, and his singing that dear old gospel hymn that his mother used to sing to him, "Amazing Grace." When his mother was on her death bed she called him to the bedside and requested that he promise to meet her in heaven. And we are assured that he has now gone to be with mother in heaven.

He is gone but not forgotten,
Never will his memory fade,
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger,
Around the grave where he is laid.
Some day when we all can meet
Around our Saviour's throne,
Our many friends and loved ones,
Meet when we arrive at home.
Farewell, Dear Brother, til we meet again.

By the Resolutions Committee:

REV. C. A. HUCKABY,
REV. W. R. LAWHORN,
REV. H. L. KNIGHTON,
REV. B. T. GILL.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER IDA ELIZABETH CARTER

Sister Carter was born Jan. 8, 1890 and departed this life Jan. 24, 1947, making her stay on earth 57 years and 16 days. She was a member of Turners Chapel Church. Farewell companion, mother and sister until we meet on yonder's shore where suffering and death will come no more.

We will see the King's face in that wonderful place,
And His glory forever we'll share,
Then forgetting the war and the sorrows below,
We shall meet one another up there.

By Her Pastor, REV. COY WATSON.

TO THE MEMORY OF BRO. LEWIS LEMUEL LOCKHART

Bro. Lockhart was born March 24, 1891 and departed this life February 28, 1947, making his stay on earth 55 years, 11 months and 4 days he was a member of New Life Church for the last several years of his life and was loyal to his church as long as health would permit. The last time he attended his church he gave a wonderful testimony in which he said, "I know mother is in haven and some day I am going to meet her there." We feel that he has gone to meet her.

Though he left loved ones and brethren,
Here with a broken heart,
We hope to meet him again up yonder,
Where we will never part.

By His Pastor, REV. COY WATSON.

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER LEE CRANE

Sister Crane was born Aug. 9, 1872, departed this life Aug 17, 1947, making her stay on earth 75 years and 8 days. She was a member of Turners Chapel Church and is missed by all who knew her.

Farewell, loved ones,
We hope to meet you in heaven fair,
The home where changes never come,
No sin nor sorrow, toil of care.
Yes, in that bright and blessed home
We feel sure that you are there.
A land where sin can never come,
And temptations never annoy,
Where happiness will ever dwell,
And that without alloy.

By Her Pastor, REV. COY WATSON.

TO THE MEMORY OF BRO. ARCHIE SHELLEY

Brother Selley was born Feb. 4, 1892, departed this life July 15, 1947, making his stay on earth 55 years, 5 months and 11

days. He had been a deacon of Turners Chapel church for a number of years. Bro. Shelley will be missed by his wife, children, church and friends.

O, what a mighty change,
 Shall Jesus' followers know,
 When o'er the happy plains they range,
 Free from pain and woe.
 When all our griefs are past,
 When all our sorrows end,
 We've gained a peaceful rest at last,
 With Jesus Christ our Friend.

By His Pastor, REV. COY WATSON.

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER SUSAN McINVALLE

Sister McInvale was a devoted member of Mt. Olive Church at the time of her departure, having united her membership several years ago. Sister Susan was of a very pleasant disposition thus leaving a sweet memory to linger in the heart of her many friends and acquaintances. She was born Aug. 28, 1907, departed this life Aug. 7, 1947, making her stay on earth 39 years, 11 months and 10 days.

Your form has vanished from our view,
 Your memory lingers still;
 To earth and friends you bid adieu,
 In Heaven your place to fill.
 While countless ages pass away,
 His praise forever sing;
 Through one eternal happy day,
 With Christ our Lord and King.
 Farewell, Sister Susan, till we meet again.
 Her Pastor, REV. W. J. CHILDREE.

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER ELLEN YOUNGBLOOD

Sister Youngblood was born Dec. 4, 1854, departed this life June 20, 1947, thus making her stay on earth 92 years, 6 months, and 16 days. Sister Ellen was one of the first members of Mt. Olive Church, having united her membership soon after the church was organized. She was blessed to reap a ripe old age reminding us of the Psalmist, David, "With long life will I satisfy thee and shew thee my salvation."

Long you've sailed life's pathless ocean,
 To reach that peaceful shore;
 Often tossed by great commotion,
 To join those gone before.
 Where we'll live and reign forever,
 Nevermore to say farewell;
 Join the saints beyond the river,
 In peace with them to dwell.
 Farewell, Sister Ellen.

Her Pastor, REV. W. J. CHILDREE.

IN MEMORY OF BRO. & SIS. HENRY HARTLEY

Brother and Sister Hartley were faithful members of New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church as long as health permitted them to attend. They both passed away last year. They were always glad for anyone to visit them and pray with them. We miss them in the church and in the community. Farewell, till we meet again.

Written by their pastor, **REV. L. S. ANTHONY.**

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER LOU KIRKSEY

The subject of this sketch was born Oct. 12, 1858, was called by death March 23, 1947, her time on earth being 88 years, 5 months and 11 days. "Aunt Lou," as she was called by her many acquaintances, was a member of Mt. Olive Church for many years. She was already to help the needy and attentive to the sic. To these causes she rendered much of her time and service until her health failed. We feel sure of her eternal rest with the redeemed.

Though many sorrows you have borne,
Along life's rugged way;
What joy 'twill be on that glad morn,
To hear our Master say:
Come faithful one now rest from care,
Your days of toil are o'er,
We hope to meet you over there;
On Canaan's peaceful shore.
Farewell, Aunt Lou.

Her Pastor, **REV. W. J. CHILDREE.**

IN MEMORY OF BRO. DAVE E. ELLIS

Bro. Ellis was born Sept. 12, 1886, passed away May 26, 1947, making his stay on earth 60 years, 8 months and 14 days. Bro. Ellis was faithful to his church. How we miss his smile and encouraging words. But he has gone to be with Jesus and some glad day with God's help we will meet again. He is missed by his church, family, and loved ones.

Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last.

His Pastor, **REV. H. J. KELLY.**

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.

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 Let.	Died	Total Membership	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	Meeting Days
Providence	Muscogee	Eld. W. R. Lawhorn .....	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	43	\$5.00	\$ 350.00	1-3
Bethany	Marion	Eld. A. C. McKinnon .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	30	3.50	-----	3
Mt. Olive	Taylor	Eld. B. Coy Watson .....	...	...	...	7	...	2	3	169	6.00	185.90	2-4
New Life	Marion	Eld. B. Coy Watson .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	92	5.00	140.45	3
St. Luke	Russell	Eld. G. W. Price	4	...	...	3	...	...	...	33	5.00	352.80	1-2-3-4
Turners Chapel	Taylor	Eld. W. R. Lawhorn .....	...	...	...	2	...	2	3	140	5.00	107.88	2-4
St. John	Muscogee	Eld. H. J. Kelley	6	4	...	4	...	1	1	69	5.00	987.93	1-2-3-4
St. Mark	Russell	Eld. G. T. Halloman	11	2	...	...	...	2	...	50	5.00	268.48	1-2-3-4
St. James	Russell	Eld. H. L. Knighton	4	1	...	6	...	7	...	122	10.00	1900.00	1-2-3-4
Spring Hill	Marion	Eld. L. S. Anthony .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	3.00	60.00	2
New Prospect	Taylor	Eld. W. R. Lawhorn .....	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	67	3.00	49.73	1
Little Bethel	Marion	Eld. A. C. McKinnon .....	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	155	10.00	250.00	1
New Prospect	Turner .....	.....	...	...	9	3	...	4	...	234	10.00	406.50	3
Trinity	Taylor	Eld. W. H. Emerson .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	5.00	24.50	4
Beulah	Taylor	Eld. B. Coy Watson .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	3.00	86.01	3
Pleasant Hill	Schley	Eld. J. B. Lumpkin	77	5.00	240.25	1
New Bethel	Worth	Eld. L. S. Anthony	2	...	4	5	...	4	2	150	5.00	200.87	4

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