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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. Appoint time and place of holding next session.
7. Call for Reports of Committees.
8. Call for miscellaneous business.
9. Call for reading and adopting minutes.
10. Adjournment.

M I N U T E S

The 114th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee United Free-Will Baptist Association convened with Turner Chapel Free-Will Baptist Church, Taylor County, Georgia, Friday morning before the first Sunday in October 1949.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered Friday morning at 11 o'clock by Eld. Coy Watson.

A wonderful message was delivered by the Lord through Bro. Watson and was enjoyed by all. After about one hour for dinner the body was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. W. J. Childree after prayer, the session was opened by the Moderator reading from God's Holy Word and giving a brief message after which the session was declared open for business. The first item of business was the Moderator inviting all visitors to seats with us in our body and to feel welcome. Next called for corresponding letters from the various churches. Motion made and carried that Rev. H. J. Kelly and C. A. Parker read the corresponding letters. After reading the letters there was a motion made and carried that the letters be accepted as read and that all delegates be seated in the body as follows:

Trinity Church, Taylor County, Bro. B.F. Waller and wife, Sis. Jessie Waller, Sis. Ethel Rustin.

New Prospect Church, Turner County, Bro. Arthur Little and wife, Bro. G. C. King, Bro. Daniel Harris.

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, Sis. Jessie Oliver, Sis. Irene Windham, Sis. Georgie Vissage, Sis. Moore, Bro. B. R. Dent.

St. James Church, Russell County, Sis. Cora Hearn, Sis. Lou Camp, Bro. H. C. Shell.

Providence Church, Muscogee County, Brothers W. A., Sam C. and Curtis A. Parker, and H. L. Anthony.

New Life Church, Marion County, Bro. Lee Daniel, Sis. Emma Lumpkin, Bro. Davy Daniel and wife.

St. Luke Church, Russell County, Bro. Curtis Greer, Bro. Gene Greer, Sis. Dora Alford, Sis. Ruth Murphy.

New Prospect Church, Taylor County, Bro. Willie Goodman, Sis. Bessie Hartley, Sis. Etta Coulter.

Spring Hill Church, Marion County, Bro. Norman Grier and wife, Bro. A. L. Grimsley, Bro. Ed. A. Waters.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County, Bro. W. E. James, Bro. B. C. Brewer, Bro. J. T. Guy and wife, Sis. C. M. Fulford.

Bethany Church, Marion County, Sis. Etta Grimsley, Bro. Julius Grimsley, Bro. Ray Grimsley.

Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Bro. W. C. Bussey, Bro. R. C. Cromer, Bro. W. T. Williams, Bro. M. L. Layfield, Bro. O. M. Williams, Bro. S. A. Jones, Sis. Bessie Emerson.

St. Mark Church, Russell County, Sis. B. D. Lawson, Sis. Petway, Sis. H. L. Scott, Bro. J. E. Turner.

St. John Church, Muscogee County, Bro. Bennie Lavering and wife, Sis. Era Tuck.

Beulah Church, Taylor County, Bro. L. B. Shirah, Bro. Henry Grimsley, Bro. N. M. Cromer, Bro. Morris Lawhorn.

Turner Chapel Church, Taylor County, Brothers Robert Robinson, Felton Posey, Neal Allen Jr., Lewis Windham, Sister Susie Robinson.

The next item of business was to elect a moderator and a clerk. The body then organized by electing Eld. W. J. Childree as moderator, and Eld. H. J. Kelly, clerk.

Next called for petitionary letters. Received none. Called for corresponding messengers and received from the Little River Association, Rev. J. D. Little, Rev. Riley Giedon, Bro. Ben Baker, Bro. S. E. Wilson, Georgia State Association, Rev. E. C. Morris. It was moved and carried that the Moderator give the right hand of welcome and that the Corresponding Messengers be seated in our body.

Moved and carried that the Clerk be Treasurer of Association.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

It was moved and carried that the moderator appoint the various committees which were as follows:

Committee on Preaching, Felton Posey, W. C. Bussey, Irene Windham, C. A. Parker, Ed. Waters.

Committee on State of Churches and Character of the Ministry, S. C. Parker, H. S. Moore, Henry Snell, J. A. Little, Bennie Laverling.

Committee on Finance, G. C. King, B. R. Dent, C. R. Greer.

Committee on Sunday Schools, Jessie Oliver, Susie Robertson, Bessie Hartley.

Committee on Sabbath Observance, S. O. Jones, H. W. Grimsley, Mrs. H. L. Scott.

Committee on Suggestions, Mrs. Era Tuck, L. B. Shirier, R. N. McInvale.

Committee on Women's Auxiliary, Bessie Emerson, Jewel Bone, Norman Greer.

Committee on League Work, Mertle Greer, Essie Williams, Nelson Cromer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to our Sister Associations as follows:

Little River Association, Rev. Coy Watson, Rev. G. W. Price, Rev. B. D. Lawson.

Georgia Union Association, Rev. C. H. Moore and wife, Bro. G. C. King.

Martin Association, G. C. King.

Midway Association, Rev. W. J. Childree.

State Line Association, Rev. H. L. Knighton.

South Georgia Association, Rev. G. W. Price, G. C. King.

Union Association, Bro. G. C. King.

Georgia State Association, Bro. Sam Parker, Bro. G. C. King.

National Association, Bro. S. O. Jones, Bro. Sam Parker.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator after singing hymn. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Little. The Moderator read from the 10th Chapter Hebrews and gave a wonderful message. The Moderator asked the body to stand in Silent Prayer in Memory of those passed on to their reward. Then the body was led in prayer by Rev. E. C. Morris. Moved and carried to read the Circular letter; read by Rev. Coy Watson. Moved and carried to print the Circular letter in the Minutes.

It was moved and carried that Rev. G. W. Price write the next Circular letter to this body in 1950. It was moved and carried to meet with St. John Free-Will Baptist Church for the next session and Rev. C. H. Moore is to preach the Introductory Sermon. Rev. W. J. Childree, alternated. Moved and carried to put street and number of church or where church is located in Minutes. Moved and carried to accept Bro. S. O. Jones' resignation from Superannuation Board. The body extended thanks and appreciation to Bro. S. O. Jones for his work on Executive Committee.

Moved and carried that Bro. Bennie Lavering be placed on Executive Committee for three years in Bro. S. O. Jones' place. It was moved and carried to have five hundred (500) copies of Minutes printed and to pay clerk \$25.00 for his services.

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

A love offering of \$32.76 was taken for Bro. J. E. Halford. Moved and carried that the body adjourn for the 11 o'clock service.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Opening song, "I Am Thine, O Lord." Prayer by Rev. Riley Giddens. The Moderator read from the Acts of the Apostles, 20th Chapter, 17 through 28 Verses. First item of business, moved and carried that we have reports of the various committees.

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING

Friday night, Rev. G. T. Holloman to preach and Rev. E. C. Morris to close.

Saturday morning, 11 o'clock, Rev. H. J. Kelly to preach and Rev. Riley Giddens to close.

Saturday night, Rev. G. W. Price to preach and Rev. H. L. Knighton to close.

Sunday morning, Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, find our Sunday Schools in good spiritual condition and well attended. But sorry to say we find some of our churches without a Sunday School. We recommend all churches to organize a Sunday School as it is a great help to our young people.

Sis. Jessie Oliver, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We, your Committee on Suggestions, make the following report. We suggest that our pastors in the Association try to organize Sunday Schools in their churches. Also Young People's League and Women's Auxiliary. We suggest that Deacons be recognized in the Union meetings as well as in the Association.

L. B. Shirah, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, your Committee, wish to make the following report. That we all remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy and read our Bible more. Also that we be temperate in all things.

Sis. H. L. Scott, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON LADIES AUXILIARY WORK

We, your Committee, make the following report.

We find very few of our churches have the Ladies Auxiliary. We urge that every church try and if possible have this work in the church. We think it will help promote and carry on the cause of Christ and the up-building of his kingdom here on earth.

Sis. Bessie Emerson, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON FREE-WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE WORK

We, your Committee on League Work, find very few leagues in our churches. We recommend that our Pastors encourage the League work in each church. We believe this is a very important work for our young people and adults.

Sis. Essie Williams, Chairman

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

We, your Committee on State of Churches and Character of the Ministry, wish to make the following report. We find all of the churches and all of the ministers in a great state of spiritual interest.

Sam C. Parker, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, wish to make the following report. We find according to records in minutes:

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| Amount in treasury | \$125.41 |
| Paid in from various churches | 77.00 |

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| Total amount | \$202.41 |
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G. C. King, Chairman

After the Committee Reports were read business proceeded as follows:

Moved and carried that a page of the Minutes be draped for Bro. W. D. Pinkney. Moved and carried that Bro. C. A. Parker be placed back on Superannuation Board for three years. Moved and carried that Bro. S. O. Jones be put on Superannuation Board for three years.

Moved and carried that the Superannuation Board be given the same power they had in previous years of selecting those to be on Superannuation pay.

TREASURERS REPORT

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| On hand in Treasury | \$125.41 |
| Paid in from Churches | 82.00 |
| First Session of Union Meeting | 17.00 |
| Second Session of Union Meeting | 14.00 |
| Third Session of Union Meeting | 13.00 |

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| Total in hand of Treasurer | \$251.41 |
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PAID OUT OF TREASURY

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| For Printing and Mailing Minutes | \$ 65.00 |
| Paid Clerk | 25.00 |
| Paid Union Meeting Clerk | 10.00 |
| Georgia State Association | 10.00 |
| National Association | 5.00 |

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| Total paid out of treasury | \$115.00 |
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| Balance in hand of treasurer | \$136.41 |
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Rev. H. J. Kelly, Treas

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

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| New Bethel—M. C. Roberts..... | Rt. 4, Sylvester, Ga. |
| New Life—Lee Daniel | Mauk, Ga. |
| New Prospect—G. D. Parten..... | Rt. 3, Ashburn, Ga. |
| Providence—C. A. Parker..... | Rt. 2, Columbus, Ga. |
| Bethany—Etta Grimsley | Mauk, Ga. |
| St. John, Bennie Lovering | 4914 11th Ave., Columbus, Ga. |
| New Prospect—Allen Coulter | Rt. 4, Reynolds, Ga. |
| Pleasant Hill—J. T. Guy | Ellaville, Ga. |
| Trinity—B. F. Waller | Rt. 1, Charing, Ga. |
| St. James—Doris Richburg | 1604 9th Ave., Phenix City, Ala. |
| Spring Hill—Ed A. Waters | Rt. 1, Leesburg, Ga. |
| St. Luke—Nellie Greer | 810 Columbus Ave., Phenix City, Ala. |
| Mt. Olive—Hudson Poole,..... | Rt. 3, Reynolds, Ga. |
| St. Mark—Alma Coggins | 1414 10th Ave., Phenix City, Ala. |
| Turners Chapel—Neal Allen Jr. | Rt. 2, Butler, Ga. |
| Beulah—Morris Lawhorn | Rt. 1, Butler, Ga. |
| Little Bethel—Bessie Emerson | RFD 1, Ideal, Ga. |

MINISTERIAL ROLL

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| Elder C. H. Moore, Route 3 | Reynolds, Ga. |
| Elder W. J. Childree, Route 4 | Reynolds, Ga. |
| Elder W. R. Merritt, Route 3 | Reynolds, Ga. |
| Elder H. L. Knighton, 1911 2nd Ave. | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Elder P. E. Knighton, Route 1 | Phenix City, Ala. |

LICENSED MINISTERS

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| Elder Coy Watson, Route 1 | Blakeley, Ga. |
| Elder W. C. Jones, Rt. 2 , Box 45-F | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Elder C. A. Huckaby, 1513 22nd St., | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Elder G. W. Price, Gen. Del. | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Elder A. C. McKinnon, 314-H Peabody Apts. | Columbus, Ga. |
| Elder J. B. Lumpkin | Junction City, Ga. |
| Elder G. T. Hallimon, 629 20th St. | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Elder B. D. Lawson, 805 24th St. | Columbus, Ga. |
| Elder A. L. Oswalt, Route 1 | Fortson, Ga. |
| Elder H. J. Kelly, 3412 Earline Avenue | Columbus, Ga. |
| Elder W. R. Lawhorn, Route 1 | Butler, Ga. |
| Rev. J. D. Ellis, 1126 Neal Drive | Columbus, Ga. |
| Rev. G. W. Hobbs | Cusseta, Ga. |
| Rev. John Grimsley, Route 1 | Juniper, Ga. |
| Rev. Ruth Murphy, 1105, Columbus Ave. | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Rev. Nellie Ruth Greer, 810 Columbus Ave. | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Rev. Osie Lee Sanders, 912 Columbus Ave. | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Rev. J. W. Knighton | United States Navy |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| Bro. J. S. Windham, Chairman 1 year | Reynolds, Ga. |
| Bro. O. M. Williams, 2 years, Route 1 | Ideal, Ga. |
| Bro. Sam Parker, 2 years | Columbus, Ga. |
| Bro. G. C. King, 2 years | Sylvester, Ga. |
| Bro. Bennie Lovering, 3 years | Columbus, Ga. |

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

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| Bro. G. C. King, 2 years | Sylvester, Ga. |
| Bro. C. A. Parker, 3 years, Route 1 | Columbus, Ga. |
| Bro. S. O. Jones, 3 years | Ideal, Ga. |

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

The next session will meet with the St. John Free Will Baptist Church, 3408 5th Ave., Columbus, Georgia.

Rev. C. H. Moore is to preach the Introductory sermon Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. W. J. Childree, alternate, moved and carried that this body stand and return thanks to this church and community for their hospitality to this body while in session. Moved and carried to adjourn this session.

Rev. W. J. Childree, Moderator

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Sunday School Convention convened with Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Taylor County, on the fourth Sunday in August, 1949. Opening song, "The Old Gospel Ship."

Rev. H. L. Knighton gave a talk on Sunday Schools. The Sunday School programs were then presented by the following Sunday Schools: Mt. Olive, St. Mark, Turner Chapel, St. John, St. James. The programs were enjoyed by everyone. Dinner was spread at 12 o'clock which was enjoyed by all. Officers were elected for the next year as follows:

Rev. H. L. Knighton, President; Bro. J. E. Baker, Secretary.

Following is a report from various Sunday Schools:

TURNER CHAPEL: Paid out for Building and Repairs \$128.20; Literature, \$23.57; average attendance, 50.

ST. MARK: Average attendance, 45; on roll, 61 members; Paid out for Literature, \$24.08; Paid out for Miscellaneous, \$136.10. Supt. Bro. F. J. Whitaker.

ST. JAMES: We have five classes—on roll 84; In treasure, Sept., 5, 1948—\$39.13; Paid out during year, \$126.14; Balance in Treasure, \$110.93. Supt. Bro. Otis Carden.

The next session will be held at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Macon County, the 5th Sunday in October, 1950.

It was moved and carried to send someone to the churches that does not have a Sunday School to help organize one.

It was moved and carried that each Sunday School pay \$10.00 to carry on this work.

It was moved and carried that Bro. J. E. Baker be the Treasurer of this fund.

Rev. H. L. Knighton was elected as field representative of the Sunday School Convention.

It was moved and carried to adjourn this session.

Elder H. L. Knighton, President

Bro. J. E. Baker, Recording Secretary.

DEACONS AND PREACHERS MEETING

The Deacons and Preachers meeting convened with Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in August 1949. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder G. W. Price at 11 a. m., reading from Colossians 1-27, using as his subject, "Christ In Us, The Hope of Glory." The message was inspiring and enjoyed by all. After benediction by Elder H. J. Kelley, dinner was spread by the ladies of the church and was thoroughly enjoyed.

After dinner the body was called to order by acting Moderator, Elder Tom Holliman. Opening song, "Some Day."

The body was led in prayer by Elder H. L. Knighton.

The Moderator read the First Chapter of Psalms. Then announced the session open for business.

First business to come before the body was to elect a Moderator and Clerk. Elder Tom Holliman was elected Moderator and Elder H. J. Kelly, clerk.

Visitors from other associations were: Elder E. C. Morris and Elder R. H. Windham.

Moved and seconded to appoint a Preaching Committee as follows: Bro. Robert Langford, Bro. Ed. Turner, Bro. Shirer, Bro. Williams, Bro. Jessie Windham.

Committees selected: Elder A. L. Oswalt to preach that night.

Churches represented from the association were as follows: St. John, Muscogee County; St. James, St. Luke, St. Mark, all of Russell County; Mt. Olive, Taylor County; Turner Chapel, Taylor County; Buelah, Taylor County; Little Bethel, Macon County.

Motioned and seconded that we hold the Deacons and Preachers meeting on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in October, 1950. Motion carried.

Motioned and seconded that the next session meet with Little Bethel Church. Elder H. J. Kelly to preach the Introductory sermon, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Elder E. C. Morris spoke to the body on the subject of the Duties of Deacons and Preachers, reading from Acts 20th-14th, 33rd verse, bringing a very inspiring message.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator and Clerk select a speaker for the Evening hour of the next session.

Motion carried.

Thanks were given to Rev. Morris for meeting with the body.

Moved and seconded that the Body return thanks to the Church and community for their hospitality to this body while in session. Motion carried.

Moved and carried that the body adjourn to meet with Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in October, 1950.

Elder Tom Holliman, Moderator Elder H. J. Kelly, Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS

Union Meetings at Turners Chapel Church.

The Union Meetings of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association to convene with Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Taylor County, Georgia on January 29th, 1949.

The Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. H. J. Kelley.

A wonderful message was delivered by Rev. Kelley. At the close of the message, the congregation was dismissed for the noon hour.

After enjoying a good dinner, that was spread on the table by the church and community at large, the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. H. L. Knighton.

First item of business was to call for corresponding letters from various churches.

Letters received.

A move and carried that Rev. H. J. Kelley and Bro. C. A. Parker read the letters. Next moved and carried that the letters be received as read and the delegates be seated in the body as follows:

ST. JAMES CHURCH—Walter Jones, J. A. Richburg, Sister Cora Hearn, Sister Johnnie Dukes, Sister Fannie Whithurst, Sister Doris Richburg, Sister Kate Hestley, Sister Velma Blackmon, and Sister Mildred Knighton.

NEW BETHEL CHURCH—by letter.

BETHANY CHURCH—Bro. Leroy Grimsley, Sister Etter Grimsley.

BEULAH CHURCH—Bro. Charlie Cromer, Sister Cromer, and Bro. L. B. Shirah.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH—Bro. Joseph Grimsley and wife, Peace Guy, Sister Earline Greene.

ST. LUKE CHURCH—Bro. Curtis Green, Bro. Homer Greer, Sister Nellie Greer, and Sister Ruth Murphy.

ST. MARK CHURCH—Sister Lawson, and Sister Coggans.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH—Bro. H. L. Anthony, Bro. C. A. Parker.

TRINITY CHURCH—B. F. Waller and wife.

NEW LIFE CHURCH—Sam Daniel and wife, Bro. Lon Chapman, and Bro. Lester Roberts.

TURNERS CHAPEL CHURCH—Bro. Robert Robinson, Bro. Neal Allison, Sister Susie Robinson, Sister Nellie Gray Windham.

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH—Bro. R. N. McInvale, Bro. E. E. Bone, Sister Bessie Emerson, Bro. Clyde McCarter, S. O. Jones and wife.

ST. JOHN CHURCH—Sister Sellars, Sister Arnett, Bro. and Sister Lovering, Bro. Langford and Sister Tuck.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH—Bro. Jesse Windham, Bro. Hudson Poole, Bro. Eddie Windham, and Lewis Blair.

Next item of business, moved and carried the moderator appoint preaching committee as follows:

Bro. Robert Roberson, Bro. Neal Allen, Bro. Bennie Lovering, Bro. B. F. Waller, and Bro. Grimsley.

Report of committee on preaching: Saturday 3 p. m., Rev. G. W. Price; 7:30 p. m., Rev. A. C. McKinnon; Sunday 11 a. m., Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

Money sent from the various churches—\$17.00.

Next moved and carried to take an offering for foreign mission and received \$29.00.

Next item the moderator appointed a program committee—Rev. G. T. Hollaman, Rev. A. C. McKinnon, Bro. C. A. Parker.

Next the moderator asked the body to stand and return thanks to the Church and community for their love and hospitality extended to this body during their session. Next moved and carried to adjourn to meet with St. Luke Church, Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator

Rev. B. T. Gill, Clerk.

UNION MEETING AT ST. LUKE

The Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association convened with St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday morning before the Fifth Sunday in May, 1949.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Coy Watson using for a text Revelation 6:18 v. Rev. Watson delivered a wonderful message to the body at this time. The noon hour was spent in enjoying a wonderful dinner that was spread on the table by the church and community.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. H. L. Knighton. First item of business called for was corresponding letters from the various churches. Letters received. Moved and carried that Bro. G. C. King, Rev. Coy Watson read the letters. Letters read. Moved and carried that the letters be received as read and the delegates seated in the body as follows:

PROVIDENCE CHURCH—C. A. Parker, H. L. Anthony, T. L. Colwell and Sister Effie Colwell.

SPRING HILL CHURCH—Bro. Norman Greer, and Bro. Leonard Grimsley.

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH—Bro. G. C. King.

ST. MARK CHURCH—Bro. F. J. Whittaker, and W. D. Pinkney and wife.

ST. JOHN CHURCH—P. W. Davis and wife, Bro. Bennie Lovering, Sister Era Tuck and Bro. John Ellis.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH—Bro. B. C. Brewer, Bro. W. E. James, Bro. Fleming Brewer, Bro. J. T. Grimsley.

ST. LUKE CHURCH—Bro. Homer Greer, Willie Amy Williams, and Dallas Murphy and wife.

ST. JAMES CHURCH—Bro. Walter Jones, J. R. Whitehurst and wife, and Sister Kate Hestley.

BEULAH CHURCH—Bro. L. B. Shirah.

TRINITY CHURCH—Sister Ella Watson.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH—Bro. Hudson Poole, Bro. E. R. Dent.

TURNERS CHAPEL CHURCH—Bro. Neal Allen, Bro. W. E. Robinson, Bro. Lewis Windham, Bro. H. S. Moore, and Sister Margaret Robinson.

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH—O. M. Williams and Bro. S. O. Jones.

BETHANY CHURCH—Sister Nora Youngblood.

NEW LIFE CHURCH—Bro. Lon Chatman, Sister Coy Watson and daughter.

Next moved and carried that the moderator appoint a preaching committee: Bro. Homer Greer, Bro. Dallas Murphy, Bro. Homer Moore, Bro. Leonard Grimsley, and Bro. J. D. Ellis.

Next called for corresponding messenger from Midway Association: Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Bro. H. C. Hogg, a fine speaker gave a splendid and encouraging talk of some of the things he saw in the foreign country.

Next moved and carried to pay the clerk \$10.00 for his service.

Next the moderator appointed a program committee: Bro. B. T. Gill, chairman, Bro. S. O. Jones, and Bro. Homer Moore.

Next the moderator asked for an offering for general promotion work. Received \$8.00.

Next moved and carried that we hear report on preaching. Sunday night 7:30 p. m., Rev. H. J. Kelley to preach and Rev. J. B. Lovering to close Sunday morning. 11 a. m. Rev. C. A. Huckaby to preach and Sister Murphy to close. J. D. Ellis chairman of committee.

Amount sent in from the various churches \$14.00.

Next the program that was arranged by the program committee.

Prayer by Bro. Homer Moore. Song: "To The Work", by the con-

gregation. Devotional by Sister Nellie Greer of St. Luke Church. Song by congregation, "Be A Friend to Jesus".

A message by Bro. Walter Jones of St. James Church on "Unity". Song, "Anywhere is Home", by congregation.

A short message by Bro. J. D. Ellis on "Love".

Camp report by Bro. G. C. King. A good report was given by Bro. King on the work.

Next moved and carried to return thanks to the church and community for their good spirit of taking care of the body while in session. Moved and carried to adjourn to meet with Trinity Church on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1949.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator

B. L. Gill, Clerk

UNION MEETING AT TRINITY

The Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association convened with Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Taylor County, Ga., Saturday morning before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1949.

The Introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. H. L. Knighton.

After spending about one hour enjoying the fine dinner that was spread on the table by all of the ladies, the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. H. L. Knighton.

First item of business was to invite all visitors to seat with us in our body. Next to elect moderator and clerk. Rev. H. L. Knighton was elected moderator and B. T. Gill, clerk.

Next call for corresponding letters. Letters received.

Next moved and carried that the Rev. W. J. Childree and Rev. H. J. Kelley read the letters. The letters was read and it was moved and carried that all of the letters be accepted and delegates be seated in the body as follows

ST. MARK CHURCH—Sister B. D. Lawson.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH—Bro. S. C. Parker, Bro. W. A. Parker, and Bro. H. L. Anthony.

TURNERS CHAPEL CHURCH—Bro. Lewis Windham, Bro. H. S. Moore, Sister Nellie Windham, and Sister Dorothy Windham.

ST. JAMES CHURCH—Bro. J. R. Whitehurst and wife and Sister Cora Hearn.

BETHANY CHURCH—Sister Nora Youngblood, Sister Etta Grimsley, Bro. L. R. Grimsley.

BEULAH CHURCH—Bro. N. M. Cromer, Bro. Henry Grimsley, and Bro. Morris Lawhorn.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH—Bro. B. R. Dent, Bro. Jesse Windham, and Bro. Hudson Poole.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH—Bro. B. C. Brewer and wife, Bro. W. E. James, and Bro. J. T. Grimsley.

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH—Bro. R. N. McInvale, Bro. S. O. Jones, Bro. O. M. Williams, Bro. W. T. Williams, Bro. Frank Jones, Bro. Frederick Boone.

ST. JOHN CHURCH—Bro. J. E. Halford, Sis. Era Tuck, Sister Eula May Sellers, and Sister Ruby Kelley.

NEW LIFE CHURCH—Bro. Sam Daniel.

TRINITY CHURCH—Bro. B. F. Waller and wife, Sis. Jessie Waller, and Sister Ethel Rustin.

SPRING HILL CHURCH—Bro. Norman Greer and wife, Leonard Grimsley and wife.

Next Moderator appointed a preaching committee: Bro. B. F. Waller, Bro. H. S. Moore, Bro. S. O. Jones, Sister Ethel Rustin, and Sister Lawson.

Next the moderator asked the Rev. J. R. Hunt from Calvary Mission Church in Macon, if he would like to give a talk to this body. We were glad to have Rev. Hunt with us in this session of the Union Meeting and to have him to speak to this body.

Next report on Preaching:

Rev. H. J. Kelley to preach Sunday morning.

There were \$13.00 sent in from the churches to go in the treasure. It was moved and carried that all of the churches send their offering in to the Union Meeting as they see fit. All of the money that is sent in is put in the treasure to be used as the body of the association votes to use it.

Our program: Song, "Power in the Blood."

Welcome address by Bro. O. M. Williams reading the 19th Psalm.

Next a song, "In the Garden." After this song we had a wonderful message, "Give to Us" by Bro. Morris Lawhorn. Then a song, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." After this song we had a message from Hebrews 11 by Bro. Jessie Windham. The closing song of the program, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." B. T. Gill, chairman of program committee.

Time and place of holding the next session:

The first session of the Union Meeting will convene with Beulah Free-Will Baptist Church, Taylor County, Ga., near Rupert, Ga., on Saturday morning before the fifth Sunday in January, 1950.

Rev. W. J. Childree to preach the introductory sermon Saturday morning at 11 a. m.

The second session of the Union Meeting will convene with St. John Free Will Baptist Church, 3408 Fifth Avenue, Columbus, Ga., on Saturday morning before the fifth Sunday in April 1950. The Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach the introductory on Saturday morning at 11 a. m.

The third session of the Union Meeting will convene with Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church at Taylor Mill on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1950. The Rev. H. J. Kelley to preach the introductory sermon Saturday morning at 11 a. m.

The body then stood and returned thanks to the church and community for their love shone this body while in session.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator

B. T. Gill, Clerk

Scripture Text: St. Johns 13-34-35.

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you. That ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another.

If we could behold the need of love as our Lord saw it, we could easily understand why he added this new commandment to the 213 already given through the scriptures to the children of men. With the world staggering through hatred, malice, and strife, as it was in that day, the Heavens opened and let love take its flight to a sin-cursed world to take its stand by the side of fallen man to live and die for man even upon a cruel cross.

Love was made a curse that man might become a blessing. Remember the word, "Love is as strong as death," (Cant.) 8-6.

In Proverbs we're told a friend loveth at all times. Surely Jesus proved it. Even called us friends. Loved us unto death saying on the cross, "Father don't hold it against them, they don't know what they are doing."

Now the commandment comes unto you and me. Love each other as he loved us at all times, even until death. Is not the Church failing to hold a loving Saviour up before the world today? When we fail to practice the love that Jesus had for us do we love one another? Let's see in 1 Cor. 13-4-8. Love suffereth long. How long can we bear with each other and our feelings not get hurt? Love is kind. How often Church people fail to be kind. Love vaunteth (boasteth) not itself. Do we boast? Love is not puffed up. Look out Brethren, too many of us stay puffed at each other about one thing or another. Let love in and it will drive out that puffed feeling. Love seeketh not her own. "Not my will but thine be done, said the Master who is our example. Love thinketh no evil. Jesus must have had that in mind when he said "that ye also love one another." Someone has said, "you cannot help thinking of evil, "but a heart full of love does not study wrong doing. The average crimes of today—murder, stealing, robbing and the like—is planned in advance from a heart without love. Love endureth all things. Again the word says "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. And he that endures unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Brother, you will never be able to endure the trials of life and temptations of satan and false persecutions, sometimes even evil speaking from brethren without the love of God in your heart.

Love never faileth. So many Church members are failing today to live the life and let the light of Jesus shine. So many churches are failing, closing the doors, disbanding. So many homes going on the rocks all because of the lack of love.

A new commandment, "Love." Love holds husband and wife together. Love holds children and parents together. Love holds neighbors and friends together. Love holds States and Nations together, but the lack of it tears them all apart. The lack of love brings on war, crime, heartache, death, and destruction. Without love we can never walk the streets of gold. For it is a command from a God of love that we do love one another as he has loved us. And by this shall all men know that ye

are my disciples if ye have love one for another. And by this rule do you not wonder what the world's opinion of Christianity must be. Surely the sign of this age is luke-warmness, selfishness, intolerance, bitterness, and malice. It's a reproach to the Gospel, the ruin of the Church and the stumbling block for sinners. The rebuke of Christ to the First Church of Ephesians was that they had lost their first love. This condition seems to have returned to the Church of today. There is nothing more plainer in the Church today than the lack of love for the Brethren. Not just the ones that belong to our Church, but all the Brethren. Jesus prayed that they all might be one. Yes, we're one family in him. I love all my fleshly brothers and sisters. They don't always think as I do as I would like for them to, but I am always ready to help them.

I never talk about them or run them down. How different with the Church. All members of one family yet, when disagreement or troubles appear the first thing that is done is run away to another church or puff up and stay away and quit working and let the rest of the church family suffer for their personal grievances (Love never quits). Shall the world ever be saved, or believe that we are unless our hearts are dipped anew in God's pure love.

By Rev. Coy Watson.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM DAVID PINKNEY

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Bro. William David Pinkney was born April 21, 1882,
died September 13, 1949, making his stay on earth 67 years.
He had been a faithful worker and deacon of St. Mark's
Church for many years. He leaves his wife, three daughters,
three sons, his church, and many friends in his passing.

I cannot say, and I will not say,

That he is dead, he is just away,

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,

He has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair

It needs must be since he lingers there.

And you—O you—who the wildest yearn

For the old-time step and the glad return.

Think of him, fairing on, as dear

In the love of there as the love of here,

Think of him still as the same I say,

He is not dead—he is just away!

Rev. G. T. Hollaman, Pastor

IN MEMORY OF SISTER L. E. CHATMAN

The death angel visited the home of Sister Chatman and claimed her as its victim on October 12th, 1948. She was a member of New Life Church for 35 years and a fine Christian lady. To know Sister Chatman was to love her. Sister Chatman was born May 3, 1886, making her stay on earth 62 years.

She is gone but not forgotten,
Never will her memory fade,
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
Around the grave where she is laid.

Written by her pastor, Rev. C. H. Moore.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. J. E. FARMER

Mrs. J. E. Farmer was born October 12, 1862, joined New Bethel Church September 3, 1904 and was a faithful member till death. Died September 23, 1948.

She is missed by many, she is gone but not forgotten, so cheer up, relatives and friends, don't become discouraged. Live true and be faithful to the end.

Sister rest from pain and sorrow,
Death is over and life is won,
Upon thy slumber dawns no morrow,
Rest, thy earthly race is run,
Safely rest with Christ forever,
Soon we will be with thee above,

Written by her pastor,

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Butler, Ga.

IN MEMORY OF MR. A. S. SPILLERS

Mr. A. S. Spillers was born March 22, 1872, died April 15, 1948, making his stay on earth 76 years. He was a member of Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He was a faithful member of his church as long as health permitted. He is missed by many who knew him, loved by his family and his church and many friends.

Gone but not forgotten sleep on dear brother and father till we meet again.

Written by his pastor,

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Butler, Ga.

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER J. H. LAVENDER

Brother J. H. Lavender, born October 9, 1891, died September 10, 1949, making his stay on earth 58 years. He was a true member of New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, also a licensed minister a good many years. He was faithful and true to his church and loved by many. He will be missed by his church and loved ones. Also his community.

Sleep on dear brother till we meet on heaven's bright shore.

Written by his pastor,

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Butler, Ga.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. BELLE LIGHTFOOT

Mrs. Belle Lightfoot joined New Bethel Church 1926 and was a faithful member. I don't know what year she was born, she died December 28, 1948.

She is missed at home, she is missed at church by many. She is gone to rest where there will be no sorrow, so sleep on till you are called to face all things that you have done here on earth.

Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land so free from all sorrow and pain.

.Written by her pastor,

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Butler, Ga.

IN MEMORY OF SIS. S. G. KNIGHT

Sister Knight departed this life June 15, 1949. She was born October 24, 1885, making her stay here on earth 63 years, 4 months and 9 days. She was a member of St. John Church. We trust that our loss was Heaven's gain. Her Pastor, REV. H. J. KELLY.

IN MEMORY OF BRO. R. G. LOVICK

Brother R. G. Lovick was born August 15, 1894, died January 22, 1949, making his stay on earth 54 years, 6 months and 24 days. He was a member of St. John Church. May the Blessings of God abide with those left here. His Pastor, REV. H. J. KELLY.

IN MEMORY OF BRO. J. C. ODOM

Bro. Odom was born Aug. 25th, 1886. Died April 4, 1949. He was 63 years of age. Bro. Odom was a member of Little Bethel Church, and was a good loyal member in every way, and is missed very much by his loved ones and friends.

His toils of life are over and he will rest from all care over on the other side.

Written by his Pastor

REV. A. C. McKINNON.

IN MEMORY OF SIS. B. A. DAVIS

Sister B. A. Davis was born Sept. 25th 1868, died Nov. 29th, 1948. making her stay here on earth eighty years.

She was a member of the New Prospect Church in Turner County. She was loyal to her church, her husband and children. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her passing.

We are sure our loss is her gain.

Written by her pastor,

REV. A. C. McKINNON.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. A. S. SPILLERS

Born September 27, 1876, departed this life March 19, 1949, making her stay on earth 72 years. She was a member of Turners Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. Faithful and true to her Church as long as health permitted.

She is missed by many. Yes, we miss thee from our home,

We miss thee from thy place, We miss thy kind and loving

hand, Thy fond and earnest care. Our home is dark without Thee. We miss thee everywhere.

Written by her Pastor REV. W. R. LAWHORN
Butler, Ga.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIE CROMBIE

Bro. Willie Crombie was born October 10th, 1897—Died December 10, 1948. Bro. Crombie made his stay on earth fifty one years and two months. Bro. Crombie was a member of Little Bethel Church. He left loved ones to mourn his passing. He had many friends.

Written by his Pastor, REV. A. C. McKINNON

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 of 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 acknowledgment 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 commit-

tee 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.

The 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 church 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 mail 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 help 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 member 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 acknowledgement 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, from 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 comprised or hendered 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 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 hap-

py 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, sacrifices 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 religious being adjudged to everlasting happiness, and the wicked to endless punishment, and this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.—John 5:25; Matt. 25:34; 41:46.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | COUNTIES | PASTORS | Received by Letter | Received by Stmt. | Restored | Received by Baptism | Expelled | Dismissed by Letter | Died | Total Membership | Paid Minutes | Paid Pastor | Meeting Days |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|-------|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| New Life..... | Marion..... | Eld. C. H. Moore..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | 1 | 64 | \$3.00 | \$134.70 | 3 |
| New Prospect.... | Turner..... | Eld. G. T. Holloman..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 | 1 | 215 | 5.00 | 200.00 | 3 |
| Providence..... | Muscogee..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 35 | 5.00 | 306.75 | 1-3 |
| Bethany..... | Marion..... | Eld. B. Coy Watson..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 31 | 3.00 | 76.83 | 1 |
| New Bethel..... | Worth..... | Eld. W. R. Lawhorn..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | 2 |
| St. John..... | Muscogee..... | Eld. H. J. Kelly..... | 1 | 6 | ..... | 2 | ..... | 6 | 2 | 97 | 7.00 | 788.71 | 1-2-3-4-5 |
| New Prospect.... | Taylor..... | Eld. W. J. Childree..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | 2 | 50 | 4.00 | 48.59 | 1 |
| Pleasant Hill.... | Schley..... | Eld. A. C. McKinnon..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | 72 | 5.00 | 219.50 | 2 |
| St. James..... | Russell..... | Eld. H. L. Knighton..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | 2 | 1 | 87 | 10.00 | 1925.00 | 1-2-3-4-5 |
| Trinity..... | Taylor..... | Eld. W. J. Childree..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 17 | 5.00 | 106.20 | 4 |
| Spring Hill..... | Marion..... | Eld. G. W. Price..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 27 | 2.00 | ..... | 2 |
| Little Bethel.... | Macon..... | Eld. A. C. McKinnon..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | 5 | 2 | 145 | 6.00 | 286.60 | 1 |
| St. Luke..... | Russell..... | Eld. A. C. McKinnon..... | 1 | 2 | ..... | 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 34 | 3.00 | 176.13 | 1-2-3-4-5 |
| Mt. Olive..... | Taylor..... | Eld. C. H. Moore..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 4 | 1 | ..... | 161 | 5.00 | 227.60 | 2 |
| Turners Chapel.. | Taylor..... | Eld. W. R. Lawhorn..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 161 | 5.00 | 156.16 | 4 |
| Beulah..... | Taylor..... | Eld. B. Coy Watson..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 | 3.00 | 153.51 | 3 |
| St. Mark..... | Russell..... | Eld. G. T. Holliman..... | 7 | 1 | ..... | 3 | ..... | 2 | 1 | 57 | 5.00 | 476.26 | 1-2-3-4-5 |

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | COUNTIES | Paid Evangelist | Home Mission | Paid Christian Education | Building and Repairs | Paid Incidentals | Superannuation | On Other Purposes | For Foreign Missions |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| New Bethel..... | Worth..... | \$..... | \$..... | \$..... | \$..... | \$..... | \$..... | \$..... | \$..... |
| New Life..... | Marion..... | | | | | | | | |
| New Prospect..... | Turner..... | 35.75 | | | | | | | 14.54 |
| Providence..... | Muscogee..... | 10.00 | | | | 130.75 | | | |
| Bethany..... | Marion..... | | | | | | | | |
| St. John..... | Muscogee..... | 148.10 | 10.00 | 11.00 | 3100.28 | 346.61 | 15.00 | 106.23 | 46.88 |
| New Prospect..... | Taylor..... | | | | 2.00 | | | | |
| Pleasant Hill..... | Schley..... | 54.75 | 6.00 | | | | | | |
| Trinity..... | Taylor..... | | | | 172.60 | 32.50 | 5.00 | | |
| St. James..... | Russell..... | 68.38 | 13.60 | 267.77 | 651.48 | 243.37 | | 280.80 | |
| Spring Hill..... | Marion..... | | | | | | | | |
| St. Luke..... | Russell..... | 25.00 | | | | | | 371.89 | |
| Mt. Olive..... | Taylor..... | 40.00 | | | 83.30 | | | | |
| St. Mark..... | Russell..... | 58.00 | | 13.00 | 532.50 | 94.00 | 6.15 | 249.50 | 6.00 |
| Turners Chapel..... | Taylor..... | 35.00 | | | 143.20 | 39.25 | | 33.37 | |
| Little Bethel..... | Macon..... | 70.00 | | | | 29.32 | | 33.18 | |
| Beulah..... | Taylor..... | | | | 27.65 | 6.00 | | | |