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ORDER OF BUSINESS OF UNION MEETINGS

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1. The body called to order by the Moderator if he is present, if not the body may select some suitable member to act as Moderator pro tem.
2. Call for Corresponding Letters.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
5. Appoint Committees.
6. 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.

MINUTES

The 116th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee United Free Will Baptist Association convened with New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Worth County, Georgia, Friday morning before the first Sunday in October, 1951. The Introductory Sermon was delivered Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock by Elder W. R. Lawhorn reading from the Gospel of St. John, 14th Chapter, beginning at the 26th Verse. A wonderful and inspiring message was delivered on the subject of Knowing We Are God's Children When We Have Love For One Another and Keep God's Commandments.

After the message the meeting was dismissed for the noon hour. Dinner was spread on the table by the ladies of the Church which was enjoyed by all. After dinner the body was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. W. J. Childree. Opening song, "Saviour, More Than Life to Me." Prayer by Eld. H. W. Giddeon. The session was opened by the Moderator reading from the 145th Psalm, Ver. 10 to 21. A wonderful message to the body was enjoyed by all after which the Moderator declared the 116th Session open for business.

The first item of business was inviting all visitors to seat with us in our body. Next called for corresponding letters from the various churches. Motion made and carried that Rev. L. S. Anthony and Rev. H. L. Knighton read letters. After the letters were read, it was moved and carried to accept the letters as read and that delegates be seated in the body as follows:

Providence Church Muscogee County: Bro. Robert Colwell and wife, Bro. Sam C. Parker and wife, Sister Arleen Elliott, Bro. T. J. Driver.

New Prospect Church, Taylor County: Sister Cora Renow, Bro. R. T. Heton, Bro. Allen Coulter.

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

New Bethel Church, Worth County: Bro. Addie Powell, Sister Nadine Fowler, Bro. W. T. Farmer, Bro. Harlsey Powell, Sister Ruth Sanderson.

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County: Bro. Lee Posey, Bro. B. R. Dent, Sister Irene Windham, Sister Annie Windham, Sister Susie Poole, Bro. J. S. Windham.

St. Luke Church, Russell County: Bro. W. S. Ward, Bro. Zander Fortune, Bro. C. R. Greer and wife.

New Prospect Church, Turner County: Bro. J. A. Little and wife, Bro. T. D. Cook and wife, Bro. W. M. Guy, Bro. G. C. King.

Turner Chapel Church, Taylor County: Bro. John Byrd and wife, Bro. Robert L. Robinson and Wife, L. L. Wainwright, Jack Posey, and Bro. H. S. Moore and wife.

St. Mark Church, Russell County: Bro. Park Davis, Bro. R. D. Carrington.

Bethany Church, Marion County: Bro. Julius Grimsley, Sister Nora Youngblood, Sister Etta Grimsley.

Trinity Church, Taylor County: Sister B. F. Waller, Sister Rosie Chapman.

Spring Hill Church, Marion County: Bro. Ed A. Waters, Bro. Sanders McCall, Bro. Monroe Grier and wife, Sister Rose Grimsley, Bro. Huston James, Sister Myrtle Grier.

St. James Church, Russell County: Sister J. R. Whitehurst, Sister Lou Camp.

Little Bethel Church, Macon County: Bro. Leonard Layfield and wife, Sister Wynelle Ray, Bro. M. L. Jones, Bro. O. M. Williams, Sister Bessie Emerson.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County: Bro. B. C. Brewer and wife, Bro. W. E. James.

St. John Church, Muscogee County: Sister Hilda Arnett, Sister Ruby Kelly, Sister Eula Mae Sellers, Bro. H. A. Tuck and wife.

The next item of business was to elect a Moderator and Clerk. The body then organized by electing Eld. W. J. Childree, Moderator, and Eld. H. J. Kelly, Clerk. Next call for Petitionary letters. Received none. Called for Corresponding Messengers and received Rev. E. C. Morris and wife from Ga. State Association, Rev. A. L. Sellers, Rev. L. S. Anthony, Rev. W. L. Harrell, Rev. H. W. Gideon, Bro. J. H. Jones, Union Association, Bro. M. M. Franks and wife, Little River Association; Rev. J. B. Harris, South Ga. Association.

Rev. V. D. Irvin, Midway Association; Rev. C. J. Harvey and wife, Midway Association; Rev. J. B. Lovering, Midway Association; Rev. K. V. Schutes, Union Association; Sister W. J. McCloud, South Ga. Association.

Moved and carried that the Moderator extend the right hand of fellowship and welcome to the Corresponding Messengers and they be seated in the body.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

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

Committee on Preaching—Bros. W. T. Farmer, Sam Parker, J. A. Little, Sisters Hilda Arnett, Irene Windham, M. C. Grier.

Committee on State of Churches and Character of the Ministry—Bros. B. R. Dent, N. C. Grier, T. J. Driver, A. G. Power, H. L. Lockhart.

Committee on Finance—Bros. G. C. King, Lee Posey, O. M. Williams.

Committee on Sunday School—Bro. Ed Waters, Sisters Annie L. Windham, Ruby Kelly.

Committee on Sabbath Observance—Bros. W. E. James, T. D. Cook, Sister Rosie Chapman.

Committee on Temperance—Sisters J. R. Whitehurst, B. F. Waller, Bro. J. C. Grimsley.

Committee on Suggestions: Revs. H. L. Knighton, B. D. Lawson, W. C. Jones.

Committee on Women's Auxiliary and League Work: Sisters Lou Camp, Ruth Murphy, Bro. J. S. Windham.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moderator appointed Corresponding Messengers to our sister associations as follows:

Georgia Union Association, Rev. H. L. Knighton.

Little River Association: Bro. G. C. King, Rev. H. J. Kelly.
Midway Association: Bro. Sam Parker, Rev. H. L. Knighton.
Martin Association: Rev. H. J. Kelly and wife.
State Line Association: Rev. W. C. Jones.
Union Association: Rev. W. J. Childree.
Ga. State Association: Bros. Sam Parker, S. O. Jones, Earl Bone,
W. T. Williams, Lee Posey.
National Association—Bros. G. C. King, Sam Parker.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Opening Song, "I'm Going That Way".

Prayer, by Bro. G. I. Whittington. The Moderator read from the the 23rd Psalm, and gave a brief talk on it. After which the Body stood in silent prayer in memory of those that have passed on to their reward since we met last year.

Then the Body was led in prayer by Rev. J. B. Harris. Moved and carried to read Circular Letter. Moved and carried to print the Circular letter in the Minutes.

Moved and carried that all Circular Letters in the future be type written.

It was moved and carried that Bro. Sam Parker write the next circular letter to this body in 1952.

Next item of business was a move and second to have five hundred (500) copies of Minutes printed and pay clerk \$25.00 for his services. Motion carried. Next item of business was to select a place for the next session to meet. It was moved and carried to meet with New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Turner County, Ga.

Rev. H. J. Kelly to preach the Introductory Sermon. Rev. G. T. Halliman, alternate. A love offering was given to Rev. J. B. Harris which amounted to \$24.85.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Opening song, "No Tears in Heaven." Moderator then read the 8th Chapter of Roman, first 5 verses. First item of business was to elect Bro. G. C. King, Bro. O. M. Williams and Bro. Sam Parker on the Executive Committee for three years.

Next Bro. Ed A. Waters and Bro. G. C. King were elected as members of the Superannuation Board for 3 years.

Moved and carried that Sister Maxine Miller of Turner Chapel Church, be put on the Sunday School Board to represent our Association.

It was moved and carried that the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association meet only on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October. A letter was read by the Clerk from the Treasurer of the Albany, Georgia, Free Will Baptist Church, which has just been organized and an offering was taken for this church. Amount \$35.25. Moved and carried to send \$10.00 to the Georgia State Association and \$5.00 to the National Association.

Moved and carried to hear reports of Committees. The Superannuation Board Chairman made the following report. Paid out to Rev.

A. C. McKinnon, \$60.00. Balance in treasury, \$17.60. All churches were urged to support this Superannuation Fund.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF 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 the Ministry in order inasmuch as there are no complaints. Let every Christian pray for our churches and ministry. Bro. B. R. Dent, chairman.

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AND LEAGUE WORK

We, your Committee on Auxiliary and League Work feel that this is a great work and we urge all of our Churches that do not have this work to try and organize a Woman's Auxiliary and League because it will be a blessing to the Church and Community.

Sister Lou Camp, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to make the following report: The Lord says for all of His people to be Moderate and Temperate in all things. May we keep this Commandment.

Bro. J. C. Grimsley, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We, your Committee on Suggestions make the following report: We suggest that our Association meet only on Friday and Saturday beginning in 1952.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING

Friday night, Rev. J. B. Harris to preach and Rev. V. D. Irvin to follow.

Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. H. W. Giddens to preach, Rev. B. D. Lawson to follow.

Saturday afternoon, Rev. K. V. Schutes to preach at 2 p. m.

Saturday night, Rev. J. B. Harris to preach, Rev. G. W. Price to follow.

Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach, Rev. J. B. Harris to close.

Bro. W. T. Farmer, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools find that since the last Association meeting more Sunday Schools have been organized in our churches. We suggest that all of our churches that don't have Sunday Schools try to organize one.

Bro. Ed Waters, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, your Committee on Sabbath Observance, wish to make the following report. We believe that all should keep the Sabbath Day Holy and all Christians keep the Commandments of Christ.

Sister Rosie Chapman, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance wish to make the following report.

We find in Treasury \$181.51

Paid in from various Churches 84.00

Total on hand \$265.51

Bro. G. C. King, Chairman

Moved and carried to accept reports of committees and dismiss them.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

The next session will meet with New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Turner County, Ga., five miles south of Ashburn, Ga., on the Sylvester Highway, Friday morning before the first Sunday in October, 1952.

Rev. H. J. Kelly is to preach the Introductory sermon; Rev. G. T. Halliman, alternate.

Moved and carried that this body return thanks to New Bethel Church and Community for their hospitality extended to this body while in session. Moved and carried to adjourn

Rev. W. J. Childree, Moderator

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

On hand in Treasury \$134.51

Paid in from various Churches 84.00

First session of Union Meeting 16.00

Second session of Union Meeting 20.00

Third session of Union Meeting 11.00

Total in hands of Treasurer \$265.51

Paid Out of Treasury

For printing and mailing Minutes \$ 70.00

Paid Clerk 25.00

Paid Union Meeting Clerk 10.00

Georgia State Association 10.00

National Association 5.00

Total paid out of Treasury \$120.00

Balance in hand of Treasurer \$145.51

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Treasurer

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

St. John—Lemuel Walden.....3404 5th Ave., Columbus, Ga.

Pleasant Hill—J. T. Guy Rt. 3, Ellaville, Ga.

Little Bethel—Bessie Emerson Ideal, Ga.

St. James—Doris Richburg Phenix City, Ala.

Spring Hill—Monroe Grier Mauk, Ga.

Trinity—B. F. Waller Charing, Ga.

Bethany—Etta Grimsley Buena Vista, Ga.

St. Mark—Lizzie Davis Rt. 3,, Armour Ave., Columbus, Ga.

Turner Chapel—Neal Allen Jr. Rt. 2, Butler, Ga.

New Prospect—G. D. Parten Rt. 3, Ashburn, Ga.

St. Luke—Ruth Murphy P. O. Box 251, Phenix City, Ala.

Mt. Olive—A. G. Windham Reynolds, Ga.

New Bethel—Jodie Hobby Rt. 4, Sylvester, Ga.

New Life—Lee Daniel Mauk, Ga.

New Prospect—Allen Coulter Reynolds, Ga.
 Providence—T. J. Driver Columbus, Ga.
 Beulah—Morris Lawhorn Butler, Ga.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder H. J. Kelly Morningside Drive, Columbus, Ga.
 Elder John D. Ellis 1124 Neil Drive, Columbus, Ga.
 Elder Floyd Herring 3017 4th Ave., Columbus, Ga.
 Elder J. B. Lumpkin Howard, Ga.
 Elder H. L. Knighton 1911 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder P. E. Knighton 1610 21st St., Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder B. Coy Watson Rt. 1, Blakely, Ga.
 Elder C. H. Moore Rt. 3, Reynolds, Ga.
 Elder W. J. Childree Rt. 4, Reynolds, Ga.
 Elder A. C. McKinnon 314 H. Peabody Apts., Columbus, Ga.
 Elder W. C. Jones Rt. 2, Seale Road, Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder G. W. Price Rt. 3, Box 194, Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder G. T. Halliman 629 20th St., Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder A. L. Oswalt Rt. 1, Fortson, Ga.
 Elder B. D. Lawson 805 24th St., Columbus, Ga.
 Elder John Grimsley Rt. 1, Juniper, Ga.
 Elder W. R. Lawhorn Rt. 1, Butler, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. T. W. Casey Rt. 2, Butler, Ga.
 Rev. Ruth Murphy P. O. Box 251, Phenix City, Ala.
 Rev. E. J. Spillers Barnesville, Ga.
 Rev. G. W. Hobbs Cusseta, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Bro. S. O. Jones—1 year Ideal, Ga.
 Bro. G. C. King—3 years Sylvester, Ga.
 Bro. Ed A. Waters—3 years Mauk, Ga.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 14th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Sunday School Convention convened with Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Schley County, on the last Sunday in September, 1951. Opening song, "I Love My Saviour Too." Prayer, by Eld. W. R. Lawhorn. The President opened the session by reading the 2nd Chapter St. Luke beginning with the 41st verse and reading the remainder of the chapter, speaking on the Childhood of Jesus. A wonderful inspiring talk was enjoyed by all. The Sunday School program was then presented by the following Sunday Schools: St. John, St. James, St. Luke, Little Bethel, St. Mark. The programs were inspiring and enjoyed by all. Dinner was spread by the ladies of the Church at the noon hour which was enjoyed by everyone. The session was called to order by the president, reading the 23rd psalm. Officers were then elected for the next year: Eld. H. L. Knighton, elected president; Lemuel Walden elected

secretary and treasurer. Next item of business was to hear a report from the various Sunday Schools.

St. James, six classes, on roll 98, average attendance 50, paid out for literature \$53.20, paid for building repairs, \$166.08, incidentals, \$107.08. Total paid out, \$326.36, Supt. Otis Carden.

St. Mark, 68 on roll. Paid out for incidentals, \$151.63. Paid out for building repairs, \$71.00. Total paid out \$222.63. Total in treasury, \$68.60. Supt. F. G. Whitaker.

Turner Chapel, on roll, 75. 4 classes. Average attendance 55. Paid out for building repairs, \$60.60. Paid out for literature, \$21.55. Paid out for flowers, \$3.50. Balance in treasury, \$23.48. Homer Moore, Superintendent.

St. John, on roll, 154. Average Attendance, 70. 6 classes. Paid out for unified budget, \$55.00. Love offering, \$134.94. Paid out for fan and literature, \$122.67.

Miscellaneous, \$38.00. Total paid out, \$183.44. Balance in treasury, \$534.05. Wyatt E. Dunn, superintendent, \$64.51.

Moved and carried that Sis. Maxine Miller be recommended to the State Board to act as a member of the Sunday School Board. The next session will be held at Mt. Bethel. Youth Camp near Ashburn, Georgia.

Moved and carried to adjourn this session to meet with Mt. Bethel Youth camp on the third Sunday in June, 1952.

Dismissed by Bro. Homer Moore.

Eld. H. L. Knighton, President

Lemuel Walden, Secretary & Treasurer

THE DEACONS' AND PREACHERS' MEETING

The Deacons' and Preachers' meeting convened with Pleasant Hill Free-Will Baptist Church, Schley County, Ga., September 29, 1951. The Introductory message was delivered by Elder H. L. Knighton, reading 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter and 5th verse. A wonderful and inspiring message was enjoyed by all. Dismissed for the noon hour. Dinner was spread by the ladies of the church and community.

After dinner the Body was called to order by the Moderator, speaking on the subject of "Making Full Proof of Our Ministry."

The first item of business was to elect a Moderator and Clerk. Rev. H. J. Kelly was elected Moderator and Bro. O. M. Williams, clerk.

Churches representing from the Association were as follows:

Providence Church—Bro. Sam Parker.

Pleasant Hill Church—Bro. Fleming Brewer.

St. James Church—Bro. Walter Jones

Mt. Olive Church—Bro. B. R. Dent

St. Mark Church—Rev. B. D. Lawson

Turner Chapel Church—Bro. Homer Moore.

St. John Church—Rev. H. J. Kelly

Little Bethel Church—Bro. R. N. McInvale.

Beulah Church, Bro. G. T. Grimsley.

Moved and carried that the next Deacons' and Preachers' meeting be held at Mt. Bethel Free-Will Baptist Youth Camp, near Ashburn, Ga., on Saturday morning before the third Sunday in June, 1952.

The Introductory sermon to be delivered by Rev. W. R. Lawhorn at 11:00 a. m.

Report from the Preaching Committee as follows:

Saturday night at 8 o'clock, Rev. H. J. Kelly to preach and Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to close.

We had many good talks from different ones from the churches on the "Duties of the Deacons and Preachers", which was enjoyed very much. Also we were glad to have visiting us, Bro. R. B. Knight, of the Missionary Baptist, who spoke to the Body on "Fellowship and Love", which we all enjoyed.

Moved and carried that the Body return thanks to the church and community for their hospitality.

Moved and carried that the Body adjourn to meet at Mt. Bethel Free-Will Baptist Youth Camp, Saturday morning before the third Sunday in June, 1952.

Rev. H. J. Kelly, "Moderator"

Bro. O. M. Williams, "Clerk"

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Second Session of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary Convention convened with St. John Free-Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., September 15, 1951.

Opening song, "Are You Washed in the Blood". Prayer by Mrs. Essie Williams. Welcome address by Mrs. Ruby Kelly. Response, by Mrs. Jewel Bone. Message on Stewardship, by the President, Mrs. H. L. Knighton.

Song, "Bring Them In"

Convention message by the Rev. J. B. Lovering of Colquitt, Ga., using as his subject, "Stewardship on Ability." Prayer by Mrs. J. B. Lovering. Recessed for dinner.

Afternoon Session

Body called to order by President, after which Mrs. N. L. Sellers spoke on "Talents". Next item of business: Reports read and accepted from St. James, Little Bethel and St. John Auxiliaries.

Report of nominating.

Committee accepted: Mrs. H. L. Knighton, president; Mrs. Kate Lovering, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Cora Hearn, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Katie Ray, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. N. L. Sellers, 4th vice-president; Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst, 5th vice-president; Mrs. Ruby Kelly, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Jewel Bone, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. H. L. Knighton, Field worker.

Moved and carried that the next session meet with St. James Free-Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala., Saturday morning before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1952.

Little Bethel Auxiliary will have charge of arranging the program.

Moved and carried to send \$5.00 to Georgia State Convention.

Next item of business was to appoint delegates to state convention as follows:

Mrs. Cora Hearn, Mrs. Ruby Kelly, Miss Wynelle Ray.

Moved and carried that convention give Rev. J. B. Lovering \$5.00 for expense. An offering for the unified budget was taken. Amount received, \$8.05.

Moved and carried that this convention extend a rising vote of thanks to St. John church for their hospitality.

Moved and carried that this session adjourn to meet with St. James church, Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1952.

Mrs. H. L. Knighton, President

Mrs. H. J. Kelly, Secretary & Treasurer.

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**THE UNION MEETINGS OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE UNITED
FREE-WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
UNION MEETINGS AT NEW BETHEL**

The First Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee United Free-Will Baptist Association convened with New Bethel Free-Will Baptist Church, Worth County, Ga., Saturday morning before the Fifth Sunday in April, 1951. The Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. J. Childree, using as his subject, "Unity of the Spirit". A wonderful message was brought, and enjoyed by all. After the message the congregation was dismissed for the noon hour. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church.

After dinner the Body was called to order by acting Moderator, Rev. H. L. Knighton.

First item of business was to elect a Moderator Pro-tem for the this session.

Rev. H. L. Knighton was elected, after which the Moderator read from the 18th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Prayer, by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. Next called for corresponding letters from various churches. Letters received. Moved and carried that Rev. C. A. Huckaby and Rev. W. J. Childree read letters. Moved and carried that the letters be received and the delegates seated in the Body as follows:

New Prospect Church, Turner County Bro. W. Giddens, Brother G. C. King, Bro. J. A. Little.

St. James Church, Russell County, Sister Fanny Whitehurst, Sis. Cora Hearn, Sis. Kate Hestley.

Mt. Olive Church—Taylor County, Bro. Jessie Windham, Bro. B. R. Dent, Bro. Eddie Windham, Sister Jessie Oliver, Sister Christian Moore.

Beulah Church, Taylor County, Sister W. R. Lawhorn, Bro. Charlie Cromer, Bro. Joseph Cromer, Bro. N. M. Cromer.

New Life Church, Marion County, Bro. L. E. Chapman, Sister Rena Watson.

New Bethel Church, Worth County, Bro. Jodie Hobby, Add Powell, H. P. Powell, Sister Ruth Sanderson, Lillian Powell.

Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Sister Beulah Jones, Bro. W. T. Williams, Bro. Jesse Bone, Sister Essie Williams.

Trinity Church, Taylor County—Sister Beulah Chapman, and Sister Rosa Chapman.

Bethany Church, Marion County—Sister Etta Grimsley, Brother Julian Grimsley, Sister Nora Youngblood.

Turner Chapel Church, Taylor County—Bro. Neal Allen, Jr., Bro. Robert L. Robinson and wife, Sister Nellie Windham.

St. Luke Church, Russell County—Bro. C. R. Greer, Sister Ethel Greer, Bro. Jim Davis.

St. John Church, Muscogee County—Sisters Ruby Kelly, Era Tuck, Mattie Strickland, Bro. Lemuel Walden and wife.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County, Bro. W. E. James, Bro. B. C. Brewer and wife.

Moved and carried to receive the delegates and they be seated in the Body. We were glad to have as visitors, Bro. W. E. George, Bro. A. J. Pitts from the Liberty Association of Florida. Also Rev. E. C. Morris of the Georgia State Association.

Moved and carried that the Moderator extend to each the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Next item of business.

Moved and carried the Moderator appoint preaching committee, which was as follows: Brothers Jodie Hobby, Lemuel Walden, S. O. Jones, Sister Youngblood and Sister Brewer.

Report of Committee on Preaching.

Saturday night, Rev. E. C. Morris, followed by Rev. John Grimsley.

Sunday morning, Rev. C. H. Moore to be followed by Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Hobby, Chairman

Money sent from various churches for printing of minutes, \$16.00.

Miscellaneous Business:

Rev. E. C. Morris spoke to the Body on the progress of the Georgia State Association Program Work, asking for the cooperation of all the pastors and churches. An offering was taken for the Unified Budget, amounting to \$11.76.

At this time a Recitation was given by Miss Sarah C. Alford, which was wonderful and enjoyed by the Body.

Moved and carried that we express our appreciation to the church and community for their hospitality to this body while in session.

Next, moved and carried to adjourn to meet with St. James Church, Saturday morning, before the fifth Sunday in July, 1951.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Clerk

SECOND UNION MEETING AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

The Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association convened with St. James Free-Will Baptist Church, Russell County, Saturday morning before the fifth Sunday in July, 1951.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Lawhorn and enjoyed by all present.

The noon hour was spent enjoying a wonderful dinner that was spread on the table by the host church and community. After dinner the Body was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. H. L. Knighton, reading the 13th chapter of First Cor.

Prayer by the Moderator. First item of business was to elect a Moderator pro-tem for this session.

Rev. H. L. Knighton was elected. Next item of business was to call for corresponding letters from the various churches. Letters received. Moved and carried that Rev. Coy Watson and Bro. Sam Parker

read letters. Moved and carried that the letters be received and read and the delegates seated in the Body as follows:

New Prospect Church, Turner County—G. C. King

Little Bethel Church, Macon County—Susie Claude Robbins, Mrs. Robbins, Jessie Bone.

Spring Hill Church, Marion County—Rosie Grimsley.

Trinity Church, Taylor County—Ethel Rushin.

Providence Church—Muscogee County—Leonard Anthony, Sam Parker.

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County—Jessie Windham, Dorothy Windham.

Bethany Church, Marion County—Julius Grimsley, Jewel Youngblood, Etta Grimsley.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County—W. E. James, Joseph Grimsley, Fred Brewer and wife.

Turner Chapel Church, Taylor County—Neal Allen, R. L. Wainwright, Nellie Gray Windham.

St. Mark Church, Russell County—Park Davis and wife, Bob Carington.

New Life Church, Marion County—Horace Lockhart and wife.

Beulah Church, Taylor County—Charlie Gromer and wife, Christine Jewel, Shelman Grimsley

St. Luke Church, Russell County—J. S. Arnold and wife.

St. James Church, Russell County—Walter Jones, J. A. Richburg, Lee Rickman, Mrs. Johnny Duke, J. R. Whitehurst, J. A. Richburg.

St. John Church, Muscogee County—Ruby Kelly, Kate Lovering, Mary Jean Walden, Mrs. Strickland.

Next called for Corresponding Messengers Rev. B. D. Irwin, Midway Association.

This body was glad to have Rev. B. D. Irvin as a visitor. Next item of business was to appoint a Preaching Committee as follows:

Lee Rickman, Bennie Lovering, I. L. Wainwright, Rosie Grimsley, Donnie Brewer, Lizzie Davis.

REPORT OF PREACHING COMMITTEE

Rev. B. D. Irvin, Saturday night, 7:30.

Rev. B. D. Lawson, Sunday morning, 11 a. m

Lee Rickman, Chairman.

Amount sent in from various churches, \$20.00.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Several delegates spoke on the work and progress of their church. Numbers of the churches having wonderful revivals. Moved and carried to take an offering for unified budget. Amount was \$26.30.

After a discussion on Superannuation in our Association it was moved and carried that all of our churches take a special offering for this cause. An offering from the body was taken for Superannuation amounting to \$22.47.

Moved and carried to extend to Host Church and Community a vote of thanks for their good spirit in taking care of this Session of the Union Meeting.

Moved and carried to adjourn to meet with Spring Hill Free

Will Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1951

Elder H. L. Knighton, Moderator

Elder H. J. Kelly, Clerk

THE THIRD UNION MEETING

AT

SPRING HILL CHURCH

The Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association, convened with Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Marion County, Georgia, Saturday morning before the second Sunday in September, 1951.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. H. J. Kelly, using for his subject, St. Mark 13-34. After the message dinner was spread by the Ladies of the Church and enjoyed by all.

After dinner the body was called to order by the Moderator reading the 23rd Psalm and making a short talk on Scripture.

First item of business was calling for Corresponding Letters from various churches. Letters received. Moved and carried that Bro. Gill and Bro. Knighton read letters. Moved and carried that the letters be received as read and the delegates seated as follows:

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County—Bob Dent and wife.

Beulah Church, Taylor County—Henry W. Grimsley and wife.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County—W. E. James.

New Life Church, Marion County—Sam Daniel and wife, L. E. Chapman.

St. James Church, Russell County—By Pastor.

Bethany Church—Marion County—Etta Grimsley

Spring Hill Church, Marion County—Monroe Grier and wife, Ed Waters, Sanders McCall, Rosie Grimsley, Houston James.

St. Luke Church, Russell County—Homer Greer.

St. John Church, Muscogee County—Lemuel Walden and wife, Mary Jean Walden, Mattie Strickland.

Providence Church, Muscogee County—Leonard Anthony, S. C. Parker, T. J. Driver.

Turner Chapel Church, Taylor County—Robert L. Robinson, H. S. Moore, Susie Robinson.

Next item of business was to elect Moderator and Clerk. Rev. G. W. Price asked the body not to consider him for Moderator as he was not able to be at all the Union Meetings. Rev. H. L. Knighton was elected as Moderator. Rev. H. J. Kelly was elected to serve as clerk.

Next item of business was to invite visitors to sit with us.

Preaching Committee appointed as follows: Ed Waters, Sam Daniel, Sam Parker, Lemuel Walden, and W. E. James.

Committee report received.

Rev. John Grimsley to preach Saturday night. Sunday morning a visiting minister, if none, message by Pastor.

Ed Waters, Chairman

Moved and carried that the Union Meetings be held on Saturday before the 5th Sunday.

The first session of the Union Meeting will convene with Tur-

ner Chapel Church, Taylor County, on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in March, 1952.

Rev. H. J. Kelly to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The Second Session of the Union Meeting will convene with Bethany Church, Marion County, on Saturday morning before the 5th Sunday in June, 1952. Rev. W. J. Childree to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The Third Session of the Union Meeting will convene with St. John Church, Muscogee County, on Saturday morning before the 5th Sunday in August, 1952. Rev. H. L. Knighton to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Money sent in from various churches for Printing Minutes was \$11.00.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A number of good talks were made for the good of our churches and union meetings. A Program Committee, appointed for first session of Union Meeting as follows: Homer Moore, Bob Dent.

Moved and carried to return thanks to the Church and Community for their Hospitality to the body while in session.

Moved and carried to adjourn to meet with Turner Chapel Church on Saturday morning before the 5th Sunday in March 1952.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Theme, "Advancement in Christ," Col. 2-6. Introduction.

Walk does not mean sit but advancement.

We are not to stop in Christ; but go on in him more forward.

One reason so many have fallen by the way, they sit satisfied with what God has done for them, thinking nothing of the welfare of others.

For us to advance, we must be helping the other fellow to progress with us.

How did we receive him to know how to advance in him, it will be necessary for us to know when and how we started, and to know whether we have advanced or not.

We received him joyfully. Our very souls were overflowed with joy magnified him with the fruits of lips and he went home with us a welcome guest.

We thought we would never turn back or grieve him in the least.

Like Peter when he said to his Lord, though they all be offended, I will go all the way with you.

We looked out in the future and thought what a great worker we would be for the Master

Great missions of success we could see by the eye of faith.

But the question now is: Do we still have that Eye of Faith?"

Every one who receives the Saviour has a certain sacrifice to make some greater than others, stopped one's old ways, let the wicked man forsake his ways.

Lay all on the altar for God a living sacrifice to work for Him in the saving of souls and promotion of the church, made many promises to God.

Everything He suggested to us through the spirit, we were so blessed and hid away in Him, we would say, yes Lord, I will, but have we not only did, we lay down old practices, but new ones were put in their place.

Some which was very awkward, praying was an unusual custom, but we took it up. Paying tithes was unusual, but now one-tenth must go to God. Some reason for man's advancement. There are reasons for all things. When a pig is not growing there is some reason for it. He is not getting sufficient food or diseased or mistreated. So as it is with a Christian. They must have spiritual food as well as sticking to the profession of their faith, failing in prayer.

Without prayer it is certain we will never advance in Christ.

But many have failed at one time. They could be heard in the house praying and returning thanks at the table, but never heard unless some one calls on them at Church.

Breaking Vows

When we fail to keep our vows to God, it shoves us further from Him. Many have vowed they would do certain things and failed instead of an advancement in Christ. It is an advance in faith. Thinking up what we hold down it is a thing that hinders our advancement.

Our Tempers

At first we were able to control our temper. Speak good and kind to all and at times. But later lost control.

"Envy and Hatred Against Others"

We first loved everybody, but that old envy-spirits crept in and we began to notice the other fellow's mistakes, and as we tried to pick out the mote in his eye, the beam enlarged in our own.

Talking too much is a great hindrance to most every Christian. You can talk about someone and hardly notice it. This is not only injurious to the one you are talking about, but is making a leak in your own vessel and your victory will soon disappear. Paying tithes began when you started but later needed it for something else and used it, thinking I will pay it back later to the Lord, but you got so far behind you decided the only way out was to quit so these you stopped and began to move backward.

Many other things that could be mentioned.

When you see your mistakes it is then time to accept a remedy, a repentance to God.

When one has disobeyed God, broke his commandments there is but one way to be restored to fellowship with Him. And it is through repentance and confession to the church.

When one has sinned and brought reproach and if he does not make it, he will die in debt to them.

In conclusion, to pursue the course of the Bible it means repent and lay off and dig down until you strike the Holy Fire, then live Holy.

When you begin otherwise, it means you go over the same ground.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. G. T. Halliman.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER ALICE L. PRICE

Sister Price departed this life May the 4th, 1951. She was born

August 6th, 1872, making her stay on earth 79 years, 8 months and 28 days. She was a faithful member of St. John Free-Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga. Sister Price leaves a host of friends to mourn her passing. She was a fine Christian mother. Heaven's gain is our loss. Sleep on dear friend in Christ till we meet again.

Her Pastor,

REV. H. J. KELLY

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MARY LEILA WALL

Sister Wall was born August the 26th, 1887 and died April 16, 1951, making her stay on earth 63 years, 7 months and 21 days. Sister Wall was a member of St. John Free-Will Baptist Church and was faithful as long as her health permitted. She will be greatly missed by her friends and loved ones. The toils of life are over and she will rest from all cares with Jesus her Saviour.

Her Pastor,

Rev. H. J. Kelly

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM CLYDE McCARTY

William Clyde McCarty who was born November 9, 1896 in Macon County, Ideal, Ga., died Sept. 26, 1951, making his stay on earth 54 years, 10 months and 15 days. He was a member of Little Bethel Free-Will Baptist Church 30 years. May the good Lord bless and comfort those loved ones left here.

Written by his pastor,

REV. H. J. KELLY

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER A. R. LAWHORN

Brother A. R. Lawhorn was born December 27th, 1872 and died August 15th, 1951. He was a member of Beulah Church and a deacon for a good number of years and a regular attendant as long as health would permit him to go.

Sleep on dear Brother on Heavens bright shore

We hope to meet you at heaven's door

Written by his former pastor,

REV. C. H. MOORE

IN MEMORY OF SISTER KIZZIE BRYAN

Sister Kizzie Bryan was born the 23rd day of September 1871 and died May 15, 1951. She was 71 years old and was a member of Mt. Olive Church. She died like she wanted to die—in the Lord.

Sleep on dear Sister in a land that is free from sorrow

Where the weary rest from care.

There will be no sad tomorrows

When we gather over there.

Written by her Pastor,

REV. C. H. MOORE

IN MEMORY OF BRO. ROBERT HARTMAN

Brother Robert Hartman was born —, 1873 and died August 29, 1951. Bro. Hartman was a member of Mt. Olive Church. He was a brother that loved his church and the cause of Christ.

If we had all the world to give

We would give it yet and more,

To hear your voice and see your smile

And greet you at the door.

Written by his pastor,
REV. C. H. MOORE

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER WALTER DENT

Brother Walter Dent was born April 3, 1922 and died May 30, 1951. Brother Walter was a member of Mt. Olive Church, and was a Christian boy. To know Bro. Walter Dent was to love him. He will be missed in his church and in his home. There is a vacant chair. We long to comfort his loving father and mother when we say our evening prayer.

Written by his pastor,
REV. C. H. MOORE

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MARY YOUNGBLOOD

Sister Mary Youngblood was born July 30, 1881 and died March 31, 1951. Sister Youngblood was a member of the Mt. Olive Church and lived close to the Lord.

Sleep on Sister, we hope to meet you at the gate after the Lord says is enough.

Written by her Pastor,
REV. C. H. MOORE

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER LUCY ALBERTA SHEPHERD
BELFLOWER**

We, the Free-Will Baptist Church at New Prospect do mourn the passing of her.

Sister Belflower was born February 3, 1880, Macon County, Ga. Died September 27, 1951.

On December 24, 1899, she married J. W. Belflower of Ashburn, Georgia. To this union was born four daughters, one of which together with her husband had preceded her in death. She became a Christian while quite a young girl and had been a member with us for about 50 years.

As a girl we declare that she was obedient and as a wife and mother she was a Christian. She served her Lord, her family and friends as such and to her memory and good name we add blessings for this life of service and faithfulness. She was humble toward family and friends and truly under her tongue was the law of kindness to all.

We feel since she lived faithfully a devoted wife, mother and Christian that she died triumphant.

Our sincerest sympathies are offered to the bereaved loved ones of this good woman.

BY G. C. KING

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER ED TURNER

Brother Ed Turner was born October 1, 1898, and died November 13, 1950. Bro. Turner was a faithful member of St. Mark's Free-Will Baptist Church.

His passing is the Lord's gain but our loss.

One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward,

Never doubted clouds would break.

Never dreamed, though right were worst wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,

Sleep to wake.

REV. G. T. HALLIMAN

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER LURA WINEFORD WELCH

Sister Lura Wineford Welch was born May 13, 1919, died January 30, 1951. Her stay on earth being 41 years, 8 months and 17 days. Sister Lura was a member of Trinity Church, Taylor County, Georgia at the time of her departure. She was loved and highly esteemed by all that knew her.

How few the years and short the time,
Our years on earth may be;
Till we shall meet the one sublime,
And rest in Him from sorrow free.

By her pastor,
W. J. Childree

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER ELLA HARVEY GOFF

Sister Goff was a beloved member of New Bethel Church, Worth County, Georgia at the time of her departure. She was born February 27, 1908, departed this life May 21, 1951, making her stay on earth 43 years, 2 months and 24 days. Sister Goff was a good woman, and was loved by all who knew her. Her memory will long be fondly cherished.

O blissful day when we shall wake,
Arise from all alarm;
And Christ our weary soul will take,
Securely in His arms.

Then ever more His praise we'll sing,
While countless ages roll;
In that fair land of endless spring,
The homeland of the soul.

By her pastor,
W. J. CHILDREE

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER SALLIE WELCH

Sister Sallie Welch was born November 6, 1874, departed this life December 17, 1950, making her stay on earth 76 years, 1 month and 11 days. Sister Welch was a true and faithful member at Trinity Church, Taylor County, Georgia. Her life was a Christian example. Long will her memory live in the heart of those who knew her and bright will her foot prints remain on the sands of future time.

Long you've sailed the pathless ocean,
To reach that blissful shore;
Often tossed in life's commotion,
To live forever more.
Fairwell Sister Welch

By her pastor,
W. J. CHILDREE

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER MINNIE HARDEN

Sister Minnie Harden was born February 11, 1893, departed this life June 16, 1951. Her stay on earth was 58 years, 4 months and 5 days. Sister Harden was a member of New Bethel Church, Worth County, Georgia at the time of her death.

Ties are broken, memory lives,
As the days go by;
Then a life of service gives,
Hope we'll meet you in the sky.

By her pastor,

W. J. CHILDREE

TO THE MEMORY OF BROTHER J. B. WHITE

Brother J. B. White was born November 7, 1871, died March 26, 1951, a stay on earth of 79 years, 4 months and 19 days. Brother White joined New Bethel Church in 1928 and with that body remained until his departure.

Just beyond the silent river,
Lies a land of perfect day;
Where the saints will live forever,
And our cares will pass away.

By his pastor,

W. J. CHILDREE

TO THE MEMORY OF BROTHER THOMAS W. HILL

Brother Hill was 78 years of age at the time of death. Birth and date not given. He was a faithful member of New Bethel Church, Worth County, Georgia for many years.

When our days shall know their number,
And the soul has took its flight;
When the saints in peaceful slumber,
Where there comes no shades of night.

By his pastor,

W. J. CHILDREE

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER LORIENA NEWELLS

Sister Newells was a member of New Bethel Church, Worth County, Georgia, having united her membership in 1943. She was born September 2, 1901, died September 15, 1951. Her stay on earth being 50 years and 13 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.

By her pastor,

W. J. CHILDREE

CHURCH COVENANT

Presented to the Churches of the

Chattahoochee United Free-Will Baptist Association

We, the United Free-Will Baptist, Church of Christ hereby Covenant and agree:

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

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

3rd. That we will live mutually in fellowship and not estrange ourselves from any of the brethren.

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

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

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

7th. That our daily conversation shall be edifying and such that is becoming for the Saints.

8th. That we will avoid all improper intercourse of all ungodliness and that we will not visit places where our Christian influence will be impaired.

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

10th. That we will assist in supporting our pastor, in relieving the needy, and in defraying the expenses of our churches according to our several abilities.

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

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

13th. That we will strive to cultivate deep and uniform piety in our hearts and encourage the same all around us.

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

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

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

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

18th. That we will strictly pursue the case pointed out in the Gospel, should any of our brethren trespass against us.

19th. That we will not delay to acknowledge our improper conduct to the church in conference, should we go astray.

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

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

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

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

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Preliminaries. When several believers wish to be organized into a church, they request a council from some sister church. This council or committee (commonly called an arm) examines into the Christian character, doctrines 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 contribution 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-day 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 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 a 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 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.

ARTICLE 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 cor-

dial 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 save 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 rise the dead from their graves to final retri-

bution; 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	Rec'd. by Statement	Rec'd. by Baptism	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	Meeting Days
Beulah.....	Taylor.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	\$5.00	\$ 86.45	3
Little Bethel.....	Macon.....	Eld. J. D. Ellis.....	3	..	20	1	..	..	164	6.00	350.00	1
Turner Chapel.....	Taylor.....	Eld. W. R. Lawhorn.....	4	..	11	..	..	1	175	5.00	164.00	2-4
St. Marks.....	Russell.....	Eld. G. T. Hallimon.....	4	..	4	4	4	1	48	5.00	681.68	1-2-3-4-5
Mt. Olive.....	Taylor.....	Eld. C. H. Moore.....	1	..	5	..	4	4	158	5.00	245.86	2
Pleasant Hill.....	Schley.....	Eld. W. R. Lawhorn.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	5.00	205.50	1
New Prospect.....	Turner.....	Eld. H. W. Giddens.....	2	1	7	..	1	..	217	5.00	300.00	1-3
Bethany.....	Marion.....	Eld. J. D. Ellis.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	30	..	..	4
St. John.....	Muscogee.....	Eld. H. J. Kelly.....	7	1	24	..	7	2	132	8.00	2600.00	1-2-3-4-5
St. Luke.....	Russell.....	Eld. A. C. McKinnon.....	..	3	9	12	2	1	37	4.00	147.00	1-2-3-4-5
Spring Hill.....	Marion.....	Eld. G. W. Price.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	3.00	77.75	2
Trinity.....	Taylor.....	Eld. W. J. Childree.....	..	..	..	..	2	2	15	5.00	115.00	4
Providence.....	Muscogee.....	Eld. V. D. Irvin.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	34	5.00	139.00	1-2-3-4-5
New Life.....	Marion.....	Eld. C. H. Moore.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	41	3.00	144.61	3
New Bethel.....	Worth.....	Eld. W. J. Childree.....	..	..	1	..	1	5	127	5.00	248.50	2
New Prospect.....	Taylor.....	Eld. L. S. Anthony.....	62	4.00	55.75	4
St. James.....	Russell.....	Eld. H. L. Knighton.....	3	2	2	..	102	10.00	1889.00	1-2-3-4-5

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CHURCHES	COUNTIES	Paid Evangelist	Home Missions	Paid Christian Education	Building and Repairs	Paid Incidentals	Paid Superannuation	All other Purposes	Paid for Foreign Missions	For Publication	Mt. Bethel Youth Camp
New Bethel.....	Worth.....	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$.....	\$ 98.44	\$ 9.00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
New Life.....	Marion.....										
St. James.....	Russell.....	431.40	44.17	178.68	1456.85	394.99	29.46	153.00	44.17	53.20	
New Prospect.....	Turner.....	116.00		100.00		22.00	15.00	105.00			
Providence.....	Muscogee.....										
St. Mark.....	Russell.....	86.51				1012.58	19.95				
Pleasant Hill.....	Schley.....	60.00						6.00		5.00	
Trinity.....	Taylor.....										
St. Luke.....	Russell.....	25.00			24.90			500.70		35.00	
Mt. Olive.....	Taylor.....	98.00						42.85		5.00	
Bethany.....	Marion.....										
New Prospect.....	Taylor.....					65.00				4.00	
Spring Hill.....	Marion.....					85.00	10.00				
Beulah.....	Taylor.....							12.00			
Little Bethel.....	Macon.....	70.00		23.15	74.00		30.00	294.20		50.00	
Turner Chapel.....	Taylor.....	43.00				59.80					
St. John.....	Muscogee.....	485.25	75.77	236.41	3.00	143.00	50.56	113.68	93.92	86.62	101.07