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NOTICE!

Changes on Pages 9 and 10 Sunday School Convention the Third Sunday in July, Rupert, Ga., School House, Highway 19.

Deacons' and Preachers' meeting the Third Saturday in July at Beulah Church.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF UNION MEETING

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 117th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association convened with New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Turner County, Ga. Friday morning before the first Sunday in October, 1952. The Introductory Sermon was delivered Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock by Elder H. J. Kelly reading from the Gospel of St. Luke 11th Chapter and 31 Verse, using for his subject, "The Greatness of Christ." A wonderful and inspiring message was brought and enjoyed by all.

After the message the meeting was dismissed for the noon hour. Dinner was spread by the Church and community and was enjoyed by all. After dinner the body was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. W. J. Childree. Opening song, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

The body was then led in prayer by Rev. A. C. McKinnon. The Moderator then read Psalm 133. A wonderful message was enjoyed by all. After which the Moderator declared the 117th Session open for business.

The first item of business was to hear a report from the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Bro. G. C. King, declaring everything in order for the Session to begin. Next item of business was to invite all visitors to seat with us. Then the Moderator called for the corresponding letters from the various churches. Moved and carried that Bro. Sam Parker and Bro. Mac Miller read the letters. After which it was moved and carried to accept letters as read and that delegates be seated in the Body as follows:

First Church, Thomaston, Ga., Bro. George Spillers, Bethany Church, Marion County, Sis. Nora Youngblood, Julious Grimsley, Etta Grimsley.

New Prospect Church, Turner County: Bro's J. A. Little, Fred Rooks, Travis Apperson, T. D. Cook, G. C. King and D. L. Harris, First Church, Columbus, Ga., Bro. Bennie Lovering, Sister's Mattie Strickland, Ruby W. Kelly and Sis. B. D. Lawson, St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., Sister's J. W. Hearn, J. R. Whitehurst.

New Bethel Church, Worth County: Bro. Jodie Hobby and wife, Bro. A. G. Powell and wife, Bro's Joe Fowler and J. J. Fowler.

St. Luke Church, Phenix City, Ala., Bro's, C. R. Greer, Alvin Grier, Gene Greer, Sis. Ethel Greer, Bro. Dallas Murphy and wife.

Turner Chapel Church, Taylor County: Bro's E. E. Bone, John Byrd, Mac Miller, Jessie Bone, Sister Sara Casey.

Trinity Church, Taylor County: Bro's B. F. Waller and Buford Watson, Sis Rosie Chapman.

Spring Hill Church, Marion County: Bro. Huston James, Bro. Monroe Grier and wife, Sis. Myrtle Grier.

St. Mark Church, Phenix City, Ala., Bro's Bass and Wilson, Sis. Pinkney, Sis. Bass, Sis. Wilson.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County: Bro Fred Brewer and wife, Sister's Fleming Brewer, Nanna Lou Peacock, Sis. B. C. Brewer, Bro W. E. James.

Little Bethel Church, Macon County: Sister A. L. Fowler, Bro. R. C. Cromer and wife, Bro. O. M. Williams, Bro Larry Williams.

Beulah Church, Taylor County, Bro's N. M. Cromer, Joseph Cromer and Sis. L. B. Shirah.

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County: Bro's B. R. Dent, Lee Posey, Johnnie Windham and Sis. Irene Windham.

New Prosepect Church, Taylor: Sister's Lizzie Jones, Eva Trusell, Bro's R. C. Hinton, Dock Goodwin, Tracy Hinton.

Providence Church, Muscogee County: Bro's Leonard Anthony, Sam C. Parker and wife.

New Life Church, Marion County: Bro. Horace Lockhart and wife, Bro. Lee Daniel and wife.

The next item of business was to elect a Moderator and Clerk. The Body then elected Eld. W. J. Childree Moderator and Eld. H. J. Kelly, Clerk. Next call for Petitionary letters. Received a letter from a newly organized Church at Thomaston, Ga. The FIRST Free Will Baptist Church of Thomaston, Ga. moved and carried that the church be received into the Association. Next item of business was to call for corresponding Messages from other Associations and received. Bro. Earnest Barker, Rev. J. D. Payne, Georgia Union Asso., Rev. H. L. Catrett, Martin Asso., Bro. M. M. Frank and wife, Rev. J. D. Little and wife, Rev. J. C. Weathers, Little River Asso., Rev. A. L. Sellars, Rev. K. V. Schutes, Union Asso., Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Liberty Asso. Florida, Rev. J. B. Harris and wife, South Ga. Asso., Rev. E. C. Morris.

Ga. State Association moved and carried that Moderator extend the right hand of fellowship and welcome to the corresponding messenger's and that 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. Sam Parker, Jessie Bone, Houston James, B. R. Dent, J. F. Rooks.

Committee on State of Churches and Character of the Ministry—Bros, E. E. Bone, Norman Gear, H. L. Anthony, R. N. Mc Anvale, Add Powell.

Committee on Finance—Bros. Lee Posey, A. A. Greer, J. J. Fowler.

Committee on Sunday School—Sister's Irene Windham, Jessie Whitehurst and Ruby W. Kelly.

Committee on Sabbath Observance—Bros. L. B. Shirer, J. A. Little, H. L. Lockhart.

Committee on Temperance, Bro. Curtis Greer, Sister's S. A. Parker, Etta Grimsley.

Committee on Suggestions—Rev. A. C. McKinnon, Bros. W. E. James, T. D. Cook.

Committee on Women's Auxiliary and League Work: Sister's Ruth Murphy, H. E. Powell, Hattie Shirer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moderator appointed Corresponding Messengers to our Sister Association as follows:

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

Little River Association: Bro. G. C. King, Rev. W. J. Childree and Rev. Coy Watson.

Midway Association: Rev. Coy Watson, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Bro. G. C. King.

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

Union Association: Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Bro. J. J. Fowler.

State Line Association: By Minutes.

Ga. State Association: Bro. Mac Miller and wife, Bros. Sam Parker, G. W. Spillers, Jessie Bone.

National Association: Bro. G. C. King.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Body called to order by the Moderator. Opening song "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Prayer, by Rev. H. L. Knighton. The Moderator read from the 12th Chapter of Romans. Versus, 1 to 5, after which the Moderator gave a brief talk on it. Then the Body stood in silent prayer in memory of those gone on to their reward since we last met in session. The Body was then led in Prayer by Rev. A. L. Sellers. Next item of business was a motion and carried to drape a full page in the Minutes in memory of Bro. J. E. Hallford, a charter member and Deacon of The First Church of Columbus, Ga., at his passing to the great beyond.

Moved and carried to read Circular Letter, which was read to Bro. Sam Parker. It was then moved and carried to print the Circular letter in the Minutes of the Association.

Next item of business was a motion and it was carried that Bro. G. C. King write the next Circular letter to this Body in 1953. Moved and carried to have six hundred (600) copies of Minutes printed and pay clerk \$25.00 for his services. Next item of business was to select a place for the next session to meet. It was moved and carried to meet with St. James Church 1909, 2nd Ave, Phenix City, Ala. Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach the Introductory Sermon. Rev. A. C. McKinnon alternate. Moved and carried that Bro. Bennie Lovering serve on the Executive Committee for a term of 3 years. Moved and carried that the chairman of the Executive Committee make a report to the Treasurer of the Association, for the expense of the Committee's Work, and to be paid out of Association Treasury.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Body was called to order by the Moderator Opening song, "Love Lifted Me." Moderator then read from 3rd Chapter of the Book of Collossians. Verses 1 to 15 after which Rev. E. C. Morris of the Georgia State Association talked to the Body on the progress of the State Work, and asked all Churches to cooperate with this great work of our program.

Moved and carried that Bro. B. R. Dent serve on the Superannuation Board for a term of 3 years. A rising vote of thanks was given to Bro. S. O. Jones for his faithful service on the Superannuation Board for the last few years, which he had to give up due to sickness.

Moved and carried that Rev. H. L. Knighton be elected assistant Moderator of the Association. At the Morning Worship Hour an offering was taken for the New Church at Thomaston, Ga. Amount given \$86.69. A love offering was taken for Rev. J. B. Harris and Rev. W. C. Jones which amounted to \$20.05 for each one.

Next item of business it was moved and carried that the Clerk read the report of the Suggestion Committee item by item to be voted on separately all five suggestions in the report (which will be found under committee reports, was accepted by this Body on a vote by motion.

Committee appointed to invite the Ga. State Association to meet with this Association in 1953. This committee to select the church for the State meeting. The committee is as follows:

Bro's. B. R. Dent, Mac Miller, O. M. Williams.

Then a ordaining Council of 5 members was elected by the Body as follows:

Elder W. R. Lawhorn, Elder W. J. Childree, Elder H. J. Kelly, Elder H. L. Knighton, Elder A. C. McKinnon. Moved and carried that the members of this Ordaining Counsel serve from 5 years down to 1 year, as they were first named, 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 the Committee. The Superannuation Board Chairman made the following report. Paid out to Rev. A. C. McKinnon \$75.00. Balance in Treasury \$7.60. We ask all the churches to support this work.

G. C. King, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING

Friday night, Rev. E. C. Morris, to be followed by Rev. J. D. Payne.

Saturday morning, at 11:00 A. M. Rev. J. B. Harris followed by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

Saturday night, Rev. A. L. Sellers to preach, followed by Rev. A. C. McKinnon.

Sunday morning 11:00 A. M. Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach followed by Rev. G. W. Price.

Sam Parker, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AND LEAGUE WORK

We your committee on Auxiliary and League Work, urge all the churches that does not have this work in their churches to do their best to organize one or both for we believe it is a great work and would be a Blessing to the Church and Community.

Sister, L. B. Shirah, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

We find in Treasury	\$145.51
Paid in from Churches	101.50

Total	\$247.01
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J. J. Fowler, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your Temperance Committee recommend that each member of our Churches be Temperate in all things and show more love and consideration for each other.

C. R. Greer, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We your Committee on Suggestions make the following report. 1st, we suggest that as many of our people remain over for Sunday services as can. 2nd, we suggest that this Body appoint a Committee to invite the Ga. State Association to meet with the Chattahoochee Asso. next year 1953. 3rd, we suggest that this Body elect an Ordaining Council with power to examine and act on qualifications of any one wishing to be licensed to preach, or to be ordained in our Association. 4th, we sug-

gest that all churches limit a letter of dismissal to a member to 12 months. 5th, we suggest to this Association, that the word united be omitted from our name or title.

Rev. A. C. McKinnon, 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 be in services for the Lord every day.

Bro. L. B. Shirah Chairman

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 ministry in order and heartily indorse the action of the Executive Committee in restoring Rev. W. R. Lawhorn and the loyal members of Beulah Church in fellowship. May every Christian pray for our Churches and ministers.

E. E. Bone, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your Sunday School Committee find that two new Sunday schools have been organized and two more churches planning on organizing a Sunday School and urge each church in the Association to get busy and organize a Sunday School. If they don't have one for we feel like the Sunday School is the foundation of the church.

Sis. Irene Windham, Chairman

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

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

The next session will convene with St. James Free Will Baptist Church 1909 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Ala. Friday morning before the first Sunday in October 1953 Rev. W. R. Lawhorn to preach the Introductory Sermon. Rev. A. C. McKinnon alternate.

Moved and carried that this Body return thanks to New Prospect Church and community for their wonderful hospitality extended to this Body while in session. Next, moved and carried to adjourn.

Rev. W. J. Childree, Moderator

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

On hand in Treasury	\$145.51
Paid in from various Churches	101.50
First Session of Union Meeting	17.00
Second Session of Union Meeting	14.00
Third Session of Union Meeting	16.00

Total in hands of Treasurer \$294.01

Paid Out of Treasury

For Printing and Mailing Minutes	\$ 85.00
Paid Clerk	25.00
Paid union Meeting Clerk	10.00
Ga. State Association	10.00
National Association	5.00

Total paid out of Treasury \$135.00

Balance in Hand of Treasury\$159.01

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Treasurer

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND POST OFFICES

New Life—Lee Daniel Rt. 2, Mauk, Ga.
 Providence—T. J. Driver Tolbotton Rd., Columbus, Ga.
 New Prospect—Eva Trussell Reynolds, Ga.
 Mt. Olive—A. G. Windham Reynolds, Ga.
 Beulah—Joseph Cromer Rt. 4, Buena Vista, Ga.
 Little Bethel—Bessie Emerson Rt. 1, Ideal, Ga.
 Pleasant Hill—J. T. Guy Ellaville, Ga.
 St. Mark, Clarence Jones 11th Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
 Spring Hill—Monroe Grier Mauk, Ga.
 Trinity—B. F. Waller Charing, Ga.
 Turner Chapel—Neal Allen Jr. Rt. 2, Butler, Ga.
 St. Luke—Ruth Murphy 901 Park Ave, Phenix City, Ala.
 New Bethel, Jodie Hobby, Rt. 4 Sylvester, Ga.
 St James, Fay Knighton, 1911 - 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Ala.
 New Prospect, G. D. Parten, Route 3 Ashburn, Ga.
 First, Columbus, Lemuel Walden 3404 - 5th Ave. Columbus, Ga.
 Bethany, Etta Grimsley Juniper, Ga.
 First, Thomaston, Jessie Farrar, 113 G. Loop Thomaston, Ga.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder L. S. Anthony, 134 S. St. Thomaston, Ga.
 Elder E. V. Skipper, 427-E St Thomaston, Ga.
 Elder Bessie Moody, Rte. 1 Thomaston, Ga.
 Elder John Grimsley Juniper, Ga.
 Elder H. J. Kelly, 1004 12th Ave.. Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder John D. Ellis, 1126 Neil Drive Columbus, Ga.
 Elder A. C. McKinnon, 314 H., Peabody Apts. Columbus, Ga.
 Elder B. D. Lawson, 805 24th St. Columbus, Ga.
 Elder Floyd Herring, 3017 4th Ave. Columbus, Ga.
 Elder L. E. Sheffield, 4730 Sedgfield Ave. Columbus, Ga.
 Elder H. L. Knighten, 1911 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder J. E. Wilks, Box 143 Hazelhurst, Ga.
 Elder W. C. Jones, Rt. 2, Box 86 Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder G. W. Price, Rt. 2, Box 283 1-2 Craig St. Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder T. W. Casey, RFD 2 Butler, Ga.
 Elder G. T. Holliman, 633 20th St. Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder A. L. Oswalt, RFD 1 Fortson, Ga.
 Elder J. B. Lumpkin Howard, Ga.
 Elder W. R. Lawhorn, Rt. 1 Butler, Ga.
 Elder C. H. Moore, Rt. 3 Reynolds, Ga.
 Elder W. J. Childree, Rt. 4 Reynolds, Ga.
 Elder B. Coy Watson, Rt. 1 Blakely, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Ruth Murphy, Box 251, 901 Park Ave. Phenix City, Ala.
 Rev. E. J. Spillers Barnesville, Ga.
 Rev. Durwood Long, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

Elder W. R. Lawhorn, 5 years, Rt. 1 Butler, Ga.
 Elder W. J. Childree, 4 years, Rt. 4 Reynolds, Ga.

Elder H. J. Kelly, 3 years, 1004 12th Ave. Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder H. L. Knighton, 2 years, 1911 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Ala.
 Elder A. C. McKinnon, 1 year, 314-H Peabody Apts. Columbus, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. J. S. Windham, 1 year Reynolds, Ga.
 Bro. G. C. King, Chairman, 2 years Sylvester, Ga.
 Bro. O. M. Williams, 2 years, Rt. 1 Ideal, Ga.
 Bro. Sam Parker, 2 years, Buena Vista Rd. Columbus, Ga.
 Bro. Bennie Lovering, 3 years, 4920 11th Ave. Columbus, Ga.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Bro. G. C. King, 2 years Sylvester, Ga.
 Bro. Ed. A. Waters, 2 years Mauk, Ga.
 Bro. B. R. Dent, 3 years Reynolds, Ga.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Sunday School Convention convened with Camp Mt. Bethel, Turner County, Ga., on the third Sunday in June, 1952. The session was opened with a song, "Are You Washed In The Blood?" Prayer by Elder Tom Holliman. The President opened the session by reading the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians, making an inspiring talk which was enjoyed by all.

The Sunday School program was then presented by the following Sunday Schools:

Little Bethel, First Church, Columbus, St. James.

The programs were inspiring and enjoyed. We then heard a wonderful sermon preached by Elder J. W. Knighton. Dinner was then spread by the ladies of the various churches of the Chattahoochee Association at the noon hour which was enjoyed by everyone.

The session was then called to order by the President. The first item of business was to elect officers for the next year.

It was moved and carried that Elder H. L. Knighton be president for the next year. Moved and carried that Lemuel Walden be the secretary and treasurer for the next year.

The second item of business was to hear from each Sunday School. St. Mark, Phenix City, Ala.

Greetings to the Sunday School Convention which convenes at Mt. Bethel. We have on roll 68 average attendance 50. We have four classes. Paid out for literature, \$25.05; children's home, \$61.50; Incid. \$189.12. Total paid out \$275.67. Supt., F. J. Whitaker. Secretary, Barbara Whitaker.

First Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Muscogee County, Columbus, Ga. desires to report the following:

We now have six organized classes. A total enrollment of 122. Our average attendance about 63 per cent. Paid out for unified program, \$40.00; paid out for superannuation program \$23.00; Love Offering, \$69.77; Literature, \$33.33; Miscellaneous, \$140.89; our total paid out \$308.97; Balance in treasury of this date \$103.42.

Yours in Christ, We remain the Sunday School Board of the Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia.

Wyatt E. Dunn, Supt.

Mary Jean Walden, Secretary

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Camp Mt. Bethel. Moved and carried that the next session will be held at Beulah Church, Taylor

County. Moved and carried we adjourn this session until we meet with Beulah Church on the third Sunday in June 1953.

ELDER H. L. KNIGHTON, President

LEMUEL WALDEN, Secretary & Treas.

THE DEACONS AND PREACHERS MEETING

JUNE 14, 1952, AT MT. BETHEL CAMP

The Deacons and Preachers met at Camp Mt. Bethel on the 3rd Saturday in June 1952 with Rev. J. W. Knighton bringing the Introductory Sermon after which dinner was served, after which the body was called to order by our Moderator, Rev. H. J. Kelly, who read Ephesians 6-10. Subject, Be Strong in the Lord.

Next the body elected Rev. H. J. Kelly, Moderator, for the ensuing year and G. C. King, clerk.

Beulah Church was represented by Bro. L. B. Shirah and wife and Bro. Morris Lawhorne and wife.

New Prospect, of Taylor Co., by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

St. James by Bro. Walter Jones, Bro. C. D. Jones

First Church of Columbus by Rev. H. J. Kelly and Sister Kelly and three girls and three boys.

We had with us Bro. Ernest Barker of the Georgia Union Association, who made a good talk, also Rev. J. D. Payne, also from the Georgia Union Association, who made a good talk.

Rev. C. J. Harvey, from Midway Association, who made a good talk and gave a good report on the Midway Association.

Rev. A. L. Sellers from the Union Association, who made a good talk, also Rev. J. W. Knighton who is in General Evangelistic work, made a good talk of encouragement.

Rev. P. E. Knighton made a good talk in behalf of the Camp and what the Camp stands for. After several talks the body voted to hold our next meeting of Deacons and Preachers with Beulah Church, Taylor County, and Rev. Tommie Casey to preach the Introductory Sermon.

There was a motion carried to extend to Mt. Bethel Camp a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and then adjourned to meet with Beulah Church, Taylor Co., on Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1953.

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Moderator G. C. King, Clerk

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Minutes of the Third Session of the Chattahoochee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Chattahoochee Association, which convened with St. James Auxiliary, St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., September 20th, 1952.

The Theme of the Convention was 'Prayer.' Opening song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Devotional, Rev. H. L. Knighton. Welcome address by the President, Mrs. H. L. Knighton. Response was given by Mrs. R. G. Streetman, Ideal, Ga. The topics were given as follows.

First: "Enter Into Thy Closet," by Miss Wynell Ray.

Second: "Ask What Ye Will," by Mrs. H. J. Kelly.

Third: "Pray Without Ceasing," by Mrs. E. E. Bone.

Fourth: "Prayer Availeth Much," by Mrs. Bennie Lovering.

Special song, "He Prayed."

Rev. H. J. Kelly, pastor of the First Freewill Baptist Church of Columbus, Ga., brought the Convention Message. His sermon was based

on the Convention Theme, "Prayer."

Song: "I Would Not Be Denied." Rev. Kelly gave the benediction for the morning session. After lunch the session was called to order by the President, Mrs. H. L. Knighton.

Opening Song, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer." Prayer by Mrs. Knighton. Moved and carried to accept report of Nominating Committee, which was composed of Mrs. E. E. Bone, Mrs. Cora Hearn, Mrs. Kate Lovering, Mrs. Cecil Hicks, and Mrs. Irene Johnson.

Those elected to serve the year of 1953 are as follows:

Mrs. H. L. Knighton, President; Mrs. Bennie Lovering, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Cora Hearn, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Katie Ray, 3rd Vice President; Mrs. Simpson Wainwright, 4th Vice President; Mrs. Irene Johnson, 5th Vice President; Mrs. Cecil Hicks, Field Worker with Mrs. E. E. Bone to assist her in her section of the Association.

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

Reports were read and adopted from Little Bethel Auxiliary, Turner Chapel Auxiliary, St. James Auxiliary and First Auxiliary.

Moved and carried to seat all delegates. Several suggestions were given on how to improve the District Auxiliary. Rev. H. J. Kelly gave a report on the National Auxiliary which met at Shawnee, Okla. last July. Moved and carried we invite Mrs. K. V. Shutes, of Camilla, Ga., to bring the Convention Message at next meeting and to pay her expenses. Moved and carried to send 20 cents per member to the Georgia State Convention. Moved and carried to meet at 10:30 o'clock instead of 10:00 o'clock at next meeting which will convene with Turner Chapel, Taylor County, Butler, Ga., third Saturday in September, 1953.

Moved and carried to give St. James Church a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality shown the Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasury, brought forward	\$ 3.00
Convention dues	25.00
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Balance	\$28.00
Paid to Georgia State Convention	14.80
Paid money order fee25
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	\$15.05
In Treasury	\$28.00
Paid out	15.05
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Balance in Treasury	\$12.95

Benediction, Bro. E. E. Bone, Butler, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. J. Kelly, Sec'y and Treas.

THE UNION MEETING OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

UNION MEETING AT TURNER CHAPEL CHURCH

The first Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association convened with Turner Chapel Church, Taylor County, Georgia, Saturday morning before the fifth Sunday in March, 1952. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. H. J. Kelly, using for his text Phil. 3-14, using as a subject: "Eight High Points to

Drive For." After the message the congregation was dismissed for the noon hour. Dinner was served by the church. After dinner the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. H. L. Knighton. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Jones, after which the Moderator read from the book of Romans, 6th Chapter, and made a brief talk.

First item of business was to call for Corresponding Letters from various churches. Letters received. Moved and carried that Bro. Clarence Jones and Bro. G. C. King read letters. Moved and carried that the letters be received and the delegates seated in the body as follows:

ST. JAMES CHURCH, Russell County—Sis. Cora Hearn, Sis. Kate Hestley.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH, Taylor County—Bro. B. R. Dent and wife; Bro. Eddie Windham, Bro. Lee Posey, Sis. Ethel Windham, Sis. Irene Windham, Sis. Susie Poole, Sis. Christian Moore, Sis. Pearly Youngblood.

TURNER CHAPEL CHURCH, Taylor County—Bro. Jack Posey and wife, Bros. Mack Miller, Dan Windham, Sis. Lelia Robinson.

THE FIRST CHURCH, Columbus, Ga. — Sis. Era Tuck, Sis. Ruby Kelly, Sis. Lois Walters, Sis. Lillie Erwin, Bro. Lemuel Walden.

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH, Macon County—Sis. Lizzie Robins, Sis. Beulah Jones, Bros. W. T. Williams, Jessie Bone, and Sis. Essie Williams.

NEW BETHEL CHURCH, Worth County—Bro. H. P. Powell, Jodie Hobby and wife, Bro. A. G. Powell and wife.

TRINITY CHURCH—Taylor County—Bros. Buford Watson, B. F. Waller, Sis. Tince Watson, Sis. Jennie Waller, and Sis. Beulah Chapman.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, Schley County—Bro. B. C. Brewer and wife.

ST. MARK CHURCH, Russell County—Bros. Curtis Jones, Clarence Jones, Sis. Lazelle Skinner, Sis. Pitway, Sis. Pinkney, Sis. Jones, Sis. Holliman.

BETHANY CHURCH, Marion County—Bro. Woodroe Hendrick, Sis. Nora Youngblood, Sis. Etta Grimsley.

BEULAH CHURCH—Taylor County—Bros. Henry Grimsley and wife, L. B. Shirah, Nelson Cromer.

ST. LUKE CHURCH—Russell County—Bros. Gene Greer, Dallas Murphy and wife, Sis. Curtis Greer.

NEW RESPECT CHURCH, Turner County—Bro. G. C. King and wife.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, Marion County—Bro. Sam Daniel and wife, Sis. Lucy Daniels, Sis. Mirna Roberts.

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH, Taylor County—Sis. Cora Renow, Sis. Eva Trussell, Sis. Estell Wainwright.

Next item of Business was to invite visitors to seat with us.

The Moderator appointed a Preaching Committee as follows: Bro. Sam Daniels, Bro. Lemuel Walden, Bro. Jodie Hobby, Bro. Mac Miller, Bro. Jack Posey. Report of Committee on Preaching. Saturday night Rev. Ruth Murphy followed by Rev. Coy Watson. Sunday, 11:00 A. M., Rev. Charlie Moore followed by Rev. W. R. Lawhorn. No written report turned in to clerk from Committee. Money sent from various churches for printing of Minutes \$17.00.

Miscellaneous business, Rev. John Ellis and Rev. John Grimsley

was appointed by Moderator to arrange Program at next Union meeting to be held at Bethany Church. A free will offering was taken for the Building Fund of Turner Chapel Church. Amount \$37.60. This body was glad to have Rev. A. C. McKinnon back with us after being absent on account of sickness. Rev. H. J. Kelly, pastor of St. John Church informed this body that the name of St. John Church had been changed to "The First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Ga."

Moved and carried to adjourn this session to meet with Bethany Church, Marion County on Saturday morning before the 5th Sunday in June 1952.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator Rev. H. J. Kelly, Clerk

SECOND UNION MEETING AT BETHANY CHURCH

The Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association convened with Bethany Church, Marion County, Ga., Saturday morning before the fifth Sunday in June, 1952. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Childree, Moderator of the Association. Reading from the 12th Chapter of the Book of Hebrews and Rev. 1st Chapter, using the 3rd verse for the subject. "The time is at hand."

The message was enjoyed by all.

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 from the 6th chapter of the Book of Gal. The body was led in prayer by the Rev. J. W. Knighton. First item of business was to call for corresponding letters from the various churches. Letters received.

Moved and carried that the Revs. W. J. Childree and J. W. Knighton read letters. Moved and carried that the letters be received and the delegates seated in the body as follows:

New Bethel Church, Worth County—Bro. J. J. Fowler, Bro. J. A. Farmer, Sister May Farmer.

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County—Bro. Eddie Windham, Bro. B. R. Dent.

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

Turner Chapel Church, Taylor County—Bro. Fredrick Bone, Sister E. E. Bone, Bro. E. E. Bone.

St. James Church, Phenix City—Sister J. R. Whitehurst, Sister Kate Hestley, Sister Cora Hearn.

Trinity Church, Taylor County, Bro. B. F. Waller.

Spring Hill Church, Marion County—Sister Rose Grimsley, Sister Myrtle Grier.

First Church, Columbus, Ga.—Sister Mary Bell Lawson, Sister Lois Walters, Sister Era Tuck, Sister Lillie Erwin, Sister Ruby Kelly.

New Life Church, Marion County — Bro. Lee Daniel and wife Sister Coy Watson.

Beulah Church, Taylor County—Bro. Joseph Cromer, Sister Thelma Grimsley, Bro. N. M. Cromer.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County—Sister B. C. Brewer, Bro. W. E. James, Sister Fred Brewer.

New Prospect Church, Taylor County—Sister Cora Renow, Sister Eva Trussell.

St. Luke Church, Phenix City—Represented by pastor, Rev. T. W. Casey.

The next item of business was to call for Corresponding Messengers, Rev. L. S. Anthony, Union Association.

Visitors present were: Rev. J. W. Knighton, Rev. O. B. Pattilo, Bro. G. R. Lane.

Next item of business was to appoint a preaching committee as follows: Sister Youngblood, Sister Renow, Sister Era Tuck, Bro. J. J. Fowler, Bro. Chapman.

Report of Preaching Committee—Rev. Coy Watson.

Saturday Night—Rev. John Ellis

Sunday Morning—Era Tuck, Chairman

Amount sent in from various church, \$14.00.

Miscellaneous Business.

An offering was taken for the Building Fund of New Prospect Church, Taylor County. Amount received \$20.00.

A program was put on by Bethany Church. Subject, "The Gospel and Unity." Speakers were Rev. John Grimsley and Rev. John Ellis.

It was enjoyed by all present.

A committee was appointed to arrange a program for the next Union Meeting. Bro. Bennie Lovering, Sister Era Tuck were appointed.

Moved and carried that we express our appreciation to the church by a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality shown this body while in session. Next, moved and carried to adjourn to meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Saturday morning before the fifth Sunday in August, 1952.

REV. H. L. KNIGHTON, Moderator REV. H. J. KELLY, Clerk

THE THIRD UNION MEETING AT FIRST CHURCH OF COLUMBUS

The Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association convened with the First Church of Columbus, Ga., Saturday morning before the 5th Sunday in August, 1952.

The Introductory message was preached by the Rev. H. L. Knighton, using for his subject, Rev. 3rd Chapter, verses 14-22, speaking on "The Kind of Church We Should Have." A wonderful inspiring message was brought on this subject, which was enjoyed by all.

The body was dismissed for dinner, which was served by the Host church and friends. After dinner the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. S. O. Jones. A short devotional was led by Rev. Huey Long, reading from the 12th chapter of Romans 1 through 5 verse. Then a Layman program was put on as follows:

Bro. Walton Jones of St. James Church spoke on "Love," reading 1st John. 3rd Chapter. Next on the program was special songs by the Kelly children and Mrs. Joyce Long, Miss Mabel Kelly. Then Bro. A. C. Trueluck of the First Church spoke on "Fellowship", reading the 18th Chapter of 1st Samuel. The program was fine and enjoyed by every one. First item of business was calling for corresponding letters from various churches. Letters were received. Moved and carried that Bro. Huey Long and Bro. A. C. Trueluck read letters. Moved and carried that the letters be received as read and the Delegates seated in the

body as follows:

MT. OLIVE CHURCH, Taylor County—Bro. Jessie Windham, Bro. B. R. Dent, and Sis. Annie Windham.

TRINITY CHURCH, Taylor County—Sis. Ethel Rustin.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH, Muscogee County—By Pastor Floyd Herring.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, Schley County—By Pastor W. R. Lawhorn.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, Marion County—Bro. Horace Lockhart, and wife.

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH, Taylor County—Sis. Eva Trussell, Bro. Tracey Hinton, Bro. and Sis. Oscar Bloodsworth, Sis. J. Y. Coulter, Sis. Lizzie Jones.

BETHANY CHURCH, Marion County—Bro. Woodroe Hendrick, Sis. Nora and Jewel Youngblood.

SPRING HILL CHURCH, Marion County, Bro. Houston James, Sis. Myrtle Grier.

BEULAH CHURCH, Taylor County—Sis. L. B. Shirah, Sis. Thelma Grimsley, Bro. N. M. Cromer.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, Phenix City—Bro. Walter Jones, Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, Sis. Irene Johnson, Bro. and Sis. Cecil Hicks, Sis. J. W. Hearn, Sis. Lottie Windham.

FIRST CHURCH, Columbus, Ga.—Bro. A. C. Trueluck and wife, Bro. J. C. McLendon, Sis. Lois Walters, Sis. Myra O'Pry, Sis. Mabel Kelly.

NEW BETHEL CHURCH, Worth County—Bro. Charles Ethridge, Bro. J. A. Farmer, Bro. Melvin Fowler.

ST. LUKE CHURCH, Phenix City—Sis. Arnold, Bro. Owens and wife, Bro. Fortune.

TURNER CHAPEL CHURCH, Taylor County—Bro. H. S. Moore, Bro. T. W. Casey, Bro. Jack Posey and wife.

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH, Macon County—Bro. M. L. Jones, Sis. Essie Williams, Bros. W. T. and Larry Williams.

After a statement by Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, he then made a motion that the body not accept Beulah Church letter nor seat the delegates and was seconded. After some discussion an amendment was made to the motion that the letter be received and the delegates seated in the Body. But the charges against Bro. Lawhorn in the letter be taken out. It was voted on by the body and the amendment passed. We were glad to have visiting this body Rev. L. S. Anthony from the Union Association and Rev. Huey Long of the State Line Association. Next item of business was to elect a Moderator and Clerk for the Union meetings. Rev. H. J. Kelly was elected Moderator and Rev. John D. Ellis Clerk. Moved and carried that the present officers of the Union meetings stay in office for this session. A Preaching Committee was appointed by the Moderatar as follows: Bro. A. C. Trueluck, Sis. Mabel Kelly, Bro. S. O. Jones, Bro. L. B. Shirer, Bro. J. J. Fowler. Committee report received.

Rev. L. S. Anthony to preach Saturday night followed by Rev. Durwood Long. Sunday morning, Rev. G. W. Price, Sis. Mabel Kelly, chairman.

Next item of business was to select the places for the next Union meetings. The first session will meet with New Prospect Church, Taylor County, between Butler and Reynolds, Ga., on Saturday morning before the fifth Sunday in November, 1952. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

The second session of the Union Meeting will convene with St. James Church, 1909 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala., Saturday morning before the 5th Sunday in March, 1953. The Introductory message to be preached by the Rev. John D. Ellis. The third session of the Union Meeting will convene with Little Bethel Church, Macon County, two miles east of Ideal, Ga. on Saturday morning before the 5th Sunday in May, 1953. The Introductory Sermon to be delivered by the Rev. H. J. Kelly.

A Committee was appointed to arrange a Layman's program for the first session of the Union Meeting at New Prospect Church, Taylor County, as follows:

Bro. Tracy Hinton, Sis. Eva Trussell. Moved and carried to return thanks to the Church and Community for their fine way in taking care of this session and their wonderful hospitality to this body. Amount of money sent in from the various churches for expense of printing Minutes was \$16.00. Moved and carried to adjourn to meet with New Prospect Church, Taylor County, the Saturday before the 5th Sunday in November, 1952.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator Rev. H. J. Kelly, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

THEME: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

What are we doing today for our blessed savior Jesus, are we living for him? He died on Calvary's Cross that we might be saved, if we only believe and obey Jesus' boundless love for humanity both in this life and the life to come. In Jesus' own words, he has promised us a mansion not prepared with hands, should be repent and believe. God is love and he loves his own; he is the same yesterday, today and always. We know that when we do not keep God's commandments that it just hurts our blessed Saviour. God has kept his promises, have we kept ours? My prayer this day is, "Let us begin to love our fellowman, our neighbor, as God has commanded us to do."

When we, each of us, live for Jesus and abide by his teachings, we will have love in our hearts for men and too, we will have peace and happiness on earth. I humbly pray that God will give us leaders in our churches that will teach God's word as it is in our Holy Bible. God grant that we may have leaders filled with the holy spirit and be sincere with God and our fellow man. If we will seek him, believe and submit all upon God's altar, we may be assured of his ever abiding presence with all mankind.

In conclusion, let us begin life anew—if we are not living for Jesus as we should—and prove to him and the world that we love him because he first loved us.

May Heaven's richest blessings be with us all,

Yours in Christ,

Sam C. Parker

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JAMES E. HALLFORD

Bro. James E. Hallford was born August 24, 1876. Died November 27, 1951, making his stay on earth 75 years, 3 months and 3 days. Bro. Hallford was a charter member and Deacon of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., since it was organized in 1916, and named St. John. He was faithful to his church and his duties as a Deacon. He will be greatly missed by the church he loved. But we believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. Bro. Hallford leaves his wife, one son, and one daughter, and a host of friends to mourn his passing to the great beyond.

"He is gone but not forgotten,

Death is over and life is won.

He will rest with Christ forever,

And soon we will be with him above."

Written by his Pastor,

REV. H. J. KELLY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER ANNIE NEWTON

Sister Annie Newton was born April 21, 1867, died June 7, 1952, making her stay on earth 85 years, 1 month and 17 days. She will be missed by her friends and loved ones.

Sis. Newton was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus and was faithful in attending while health permitted. She leaves one son.

Written by her Pastor,
REV. H. J. KELLY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF J. H. (BUD) ARNETT

Bro. J. H. Arnett was born Jan. 7, 1907, died May 9th, 1952, making his stay on earth 45 years, 4 months, and 2 days. Bro. Arnett was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus and was well liked by his many friends. He leaves his wife and four daughters. May the good Lord of Heaven comfort and protect them. May the light of God's love shine in their life.

His Pastor,
REV. H. J. KELLY

IN MEMORY OF M. N. POOLE

The death angel visited the home of Brother M. N. Poole on March 12th, 1952 and took him home to Heaven. He was a member of Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church. He was a Deacon for a number of years.

He was born August 22nd, 1881. He was 71 year of age. To know Brother Poole was to love him. We hope to meet you some sweet day.

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

IN MEMORY OF SISTER JESSIE OLIVER

She died November 12, 1951. She was born March 10, 1881. She was 71 years old. A member of Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church. To know Sister Oliver was to love her. She was faithful to her church and lived a Christian life.

A seat is vacant in her home and in the church.

We hope to meet you at the gates when they swing open.

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

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER T. G. JONES

He was a member of Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church. He was faithful to go to his church when able. He died March 4th, 1952. Was born February 27, 1873. He was 79 years old.

Sleep on, Brother Jones, until Jesus comes.

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

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MINNIE PEACOCK

She died March 28, 1952. She was born October 16, 1881, making her stay on earth 71 years. She was a member of Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church. To know her was to love her.

She is gone and we shall miss her, there is a vacant chair,

We will long to comfort her loved ones when we sing our evening prayer.

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

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MOLLIE C. DOUGLAS

She was a member of Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church. She died October 10, 1951 and was born March 11, 1888. She was 63 years old.

She is gone but not forgotten, she was a good wife and a good mother, she leaves a husband and six daughters and two sons.

Written by her Pastor,

REV. C. H. MOORE

IN MEMORY OF JOHNNIE MARVIN STUBBS

He was a member of New Life Church. He was born July 16, 1916, died April 18, 1952.

Farewell, Johnnie, till we meet at Heaven's portals and then we shall be welcomed home and sit down at the feet of Jesus.

Written by his Pastor

REV. C. H. MOORE

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER HARVEY STUBBS

On October 28, 1951, the death angel visited the home of Brother Harvey Stubbs and took him home to live with Jesus. He was born September 20, 1884. He was a member of New Life Church.

As he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, we say sleep on. We hope to meet you at the Beautiful Gate.

Written by his Pastor,

REV. C. H. MOORE

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER BREWER

Brother Bennett C. Brewer, born April 1, 1886, departed this life June 19, 1952, making his stay here on earth 66 years, 2 months, and 18 days. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

He was faithful and loyal to his Church and his place is much missed at church and in his home and community at large.

He is free from all sorrow,
Where the weary rest from care,
There will be no sad tomorrows,
When we gather over there,
Sleep on till we meet again,
On Heaven's bright shore.

Written by his Pastor,

REV. W. R. LAWHORN,

Butler, Ga.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MILLER

Mrs. Julia Bell Miller, born March 19, 1889, died April 7, 1952. Age 63 years and 18 days. She was a member of Turner's Chapel Church, Free Will Baptist Church and was a faithful member as long as health was good, and was loved by her membership and by all who knew her.

Sleep on dear sister, on heaven's bright shore,
We hope to meet you at heaven's door,

Written by her Pastor,

REV. W. R. LAWHORN,

Butler, Ga.

IN MEMORY OF BRO B. V. LISLE

Born November 2, 1901, died August 11, 1952. He leaves a wife, two sons, and a daughter and several grandchildren. He was a member

of St. James Church in Phenix City, Ala. He was one time for several years pastor of this Church. He left this testimony that there was a crown of righteousness awaiting him. He was sick for several years prior to his death, but where he's gone there is no sickness.

Written by his Pastor,
REV. H. L. KNIGHTON

IN MEMORY OF BRO. J. H. BLACKMON

Born January 4, 1884, died October 27, 1951. He leaves to mourn his passing a devoted wife, one son, and three daughters and several grandchildren. Bro. Blackmon was a faithful member of St. James Church in Phenix City, Ala. He served on the board of deacons for several years before his death.

He also was a member of the board of trustees at the time of his death. He was always faithful to every duty of these offices. He suffered much in his sickness before the Lord saw fit to take him, but he is gone where there is no suffering. Our loss is his gain.

Written by his Pastor,
REV. H. L. KNIGHTON

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER N. H. BENFIELD

He was born June 18, 1882, died June 26, 1952. He leaves to mourn his passing a very devoted wife. He was for many years a member of St. James Church in Phenix City, Ala. In recent years because of ill health he was unable to attend regularly but before then was faithful to the Church. Our prayers and deepest sympathy go to this wife who is left alone to fight the battle of life but we know that God will always be with her and take care of her until she meets that husband where there are no more tears.

Written by his Pastor,
REV. H. L. KNIGHTON

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER MINDIE WATSON GAY

Sister Gay was born May 27, 1882 died June 16, 1952, a stay on earth of 70 years, 1 month and 11 days. She united her fellowship with New Bethel Church, Worth County, Georgia, August 17, 1896. When a girl of 14 years of age she remained a true and faithful member to the end. Her life of 56 years of service in our Master's vineyard is fondly cherished by those who were permitted to know her. This, a commital to the memory of she who now belongs to the ages..

As you are now once was I,
Remember me as you pass by;
As I am now soon you will be
Prepare for death and follow me.

From you I've took my earthly flight,
To mansions in the sky,
Where there will be no shades of night,
And never say goodbye.

W. J. CHILDREE, Pastor.

TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER MYRTICE REYNOLDS MEDDERS

Sister Medders was a beloved member of New Bethel Church, Worth County, Georgia, at the time of her departure, having united

with that body August 7, 1912 and rendered a life of faithful service as a true mother, a devoted companion and loyal to her Master to the end. This bears us evidence that she now has a peaceful destiny with the immortals. She was born April 21, 1882, departed this life December 30, 1951, her stay on earth being 69 years, 8 months, and 9 days.

Earth's cherished flowers fade away,
On earth to bloom no more;
We hope to meet again some day,
When trials here are o'er.

There clasp the vanished hand again,
In tokens of His love;
Rejoice in Him who once was slain,
In boundless realms above.

W. J. CHILDREE, Pastor.

CHURCH COVENANT

Presented to the Churches of the
Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association

We, the 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 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 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 deacons, 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 conferences 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 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 hear the testimony of this witness?"

19. The evidence in every case of dealing 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 discussion 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 device 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 saint's 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 blessing 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; Matt. 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 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 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 judgement 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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CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	Received by Letter	Received by Statement	Received by Baptism	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	Meeting Days
Beulah.....	Taylor.....	.....	1	1	..	1	..	..	24	\$3.00	\$ 147.51	3
Little Bethel.....	Macon.....	Eld. J. D. Ellis.....	..	..	1	4	9	1	148	6.00	417.95	1-3
St. James.....	Russell.....	Eld. H. L. Knighton.....	6	1	3	..	2	3	101	10.00	2,171.00	1-2-3-4-5
Mt. Olive.....	Taylor.....	Eld. G. T. Halliman.....	..	..	5	..	4	4	154	5.00	327.41	2-4
First Columbus.....	Muscogee.....	Eld. H. J. Kelly.....	10	7	13	5	3	3	152	10.00	2,645.00	1-2-3-4-5
Turner Chapel.....	Taylor.....	Eld. W. R. Lawhorn.....	7	..	9	..	..	..	191	5.00	265.00	2-4
Pleasant Hill.....	Schley.....	Eld. W. R. Lawhorn.....	..	..	..	..	1	1	69	5.00	300.00	1
New Prospect.....	Turner.....	Eld. H. W. Giddens.....	..	3	12	..	7	1	225	5.00	323.54	1-3
Bethany.....	Marion.....	Eld. Floyd Herring.....	1	..	1	..	..	..	32	3.00	75.56	4
St. Luke.....	Russell.....	Eld. T. W. Casey.....	3	5	5	9	2	..	56	5.00	500.00	1-2-3-4-5
St. Mark.....	Russell.....	Eld. L. E. Sheffield.....	6	..	14	..	4	..	64	10.00	778.90	1-2-3-4-5
Spring Hill.....	Marion.....	Eld. Floyd Herring.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	30	3.00	80.00	2
Trinity.....	Taylor.....	Eld. W. J. Childree.....	..	1	..	..	..	1	15	4.00	135.15	4
Providence.....	Muscogee.....	Eld. Floyd Herring.....	2	..	1	..	..	..	52	5.00	650.75	1-2-3-4-5
New Life.....	Marion.....	Eld. C. H. Moore.....	..	..	4	..	..	2	41	3.00	167.50	3
New Prospect.....	Taylor.....	Eld. E. V. Skipper.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	55	5.00	116.49	2-4
New Bethel.....	Worth.....	Eld. W. J. Childree.....	1	..	2	2	123	10.00	309.60	2
First Thomaston.....	Upton.....	Eld. L. S. Anthony.....	11	..	1	12	4.50	1-2-3-4-5

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