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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 protem.
- 2. Call for Corresponding Letters.
- 3. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 4. Appoint Committees.
- 5. Appoint time and place of holding next session.
- 6. Call for Reports of Committees.
- 7. Program by Host Church.
- 8. Call for Miscellaneous Business.
- 9. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
- 10. Adjournment.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR OF 1957

First Union meeting at New Prospect Church, Turner County, Ga., March 30th 1957.

Second Union meeting at Providence Church, Columbus, Ga., June

29th.

Third Union meeting at Mt. Olive Church, Reynolds, Ga., Sept. 28th. League Convention meets at St. James Church, 1909 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala., 2nd Saturday in February, 10:30 A.M.

Second League Convention meets at First Church, Thomaston, Ga.,

2nd Saturday in August, 10:30 A.M.

The Deacons and Preachers meeting at Spring Hill Church, Marion County, Saturday before the Second Sunday in July.

Sunday School Convention meets at First Church, 3408 5th Ave., Columbus, Ga., first Saturday in June at 10:00 A.M.

Women's Auxiliary Convention meets at St. James Church, third

Saturday in September, 10:30 A.M.

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MINUTES OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

The 121st Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association convened with White Oak Church, Macon, Ga., Friday morning before the first Sunday in October, 1956.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. E. C. Morris, reading Judges 16:19, using as his subject "Seven Locks of Power." A wonderful message was delivered on the Powers of the Church. Dismissed

for the noon hour by Rev. W. L. Purvis.

After dinner the service was opened by singing Hymn no. 156, "I Be A Friend To Jesus." Then the body was led in prayer by Rev. H. L. Knighton. Moderator, Rev. W. J. Childree then read the 10th chapter of St. John, verses 1-10. The Moderator then spoke on "The Abundant Life in Christ," a wonderful message, and enjoyed by all.

The 121st Session was then declared open for business. First item of business was to invite visiting brethern to seat with us. Next called for corresponding letters from various churches. Letters received. Moved and carried that Moderator appoint two to read letters. Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. B. T. Gill were appointed. Moved and carried to accept Bethany Church through Bro. Lester Grimsley. Mt. Olive Sister Lizzie Robins and Sis. Annie Windham. Moved and carried to receive letters as read and that delegates be seated in body as follows:

Bethany Church, Marion County-Bro. Lester Grimsley.

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County—Sisters Lizzie Robins and Annie Windham.

St. Luke Church, Phenix City—Bro. Curtis Greer, Sisters—Ethel Greer and Christine Greer.

Trinity Church, Taylor County—Sisters Jessie Barns and Arizona W. Wadsworth.

Providence Church, Columbus, Ga.,—Bro. Sam C. Parker. New Bethel Church, Worth County—Bro. J. A. Farmer.

First Church, Thomaston, Ga.,—Bro. and Sis. Ralph Underwood, Bro. and Sis. Al Wells, Bro. W. H. Cochran, Sisters, Cora Renow, and Cora Owens.

Little Bethel Church, Macon County—Bro. W. H. Cromer and wife, Bro. R. C. Cromer and wife, and Bro. S. O. Jones.

First Church, Columbus, Ga.,—Bro. Perry Walden, Bro. and Sis. T. M. Efurd.

St. James Church, Phenix City—Bros. J. N. Bramlett, Isacc Hardin, Sisters Lois Smith, Cora Hearn and Kate Hestley.

St. Mark Church, Phenix City—Sisters Clyde Newsome and Laney

Bass.
Poulan Church, Worth County—Bros. D. L. Harris, W. H. Hurst, Sisters W. H. Hurst, Chas. Hutchinson, Margaret Harris, and Mary Ann Smith.

New Life Church, Marion County—Bro. Horace Lockhart and wife. New Prospect Church, Turner County—Bros. G. C. King, J. A. Little, Bro. Davis, Sisters Davis and Little.

White Oak Church, Macon, Ga.,—Bros. J. H. Wright, Zena Wood-

ard, T. J. Little, Sisters Willie Varnadore and Gene Garrett.

Beulah Church, Taylor County—Bro. Morris Lawhorn.

Spring Hill Church, Marion County—Bros. Huston James, W. C. Hand, Sisters Rose Grimsley and Myrtle Grier.

Harmony Church, Schley County-Bros. Curtis Grimsley, H. W.

Grimsley and wife.

Emmanuel Church, Columbus, Ga., By letter.

Turner Chapel Church, Taylor County—Bro. Robert Robinson, Sister Jewel Bone.

New Prospect Church, Taylor County—Sisters Lizzie Jones, Bessie

Hartley and Eva Trussell.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County-Sisters B. C. Brewer, Nan-

nie Lou Peacock.

Next item of business was to elect the Moderator and Clerk. H. J. Kelly and W. J. Childree were nominated for Moderator. H. J. Kelly was elected. L. S. Anthony and B. T. Gill were nominated for Clerk. B. T. Gill was elected. Moved and carried that the present Moderator and Clerk serve out this meeting. G. T. Halliman was elected Ass't. Moderator.

Next the Moderator called for Petitionary letters. None received. Next item of business was to call for Corresponding Messengers from Sister Associations and received. Rev. C. J. Harvey and wife, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Midway Association; Bro. Ethridge and wife, Georgia Union Association; Rev. E. C. Morris and wife, State Association; Bro. L. G. Baldwin, Little River Association; Rev. W. L. Purvis, Union Association. Moved and carried for Moderator to extend the right hand of fellowship to each one.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Moved and carried that Moderator appoint committees.

Committee on Preaching—Bros. T. J. Little, J. A. Farmer, Irene Underwood, J. A. Little, Sis. E. E. Bone.

Committee on State of Churches and Character of the Ministry—Bros. W. H. Cromer, H. W. Grimsley, W. H. Cochran, N. C. Grier, I. J. Harden.

Committee on Finance — Annie Windham, Sisers Al. Wells, G. C. King.

Committee on Sunday School—Bros. K. V. Shultes, L. S. Anthony, B. T. Gill.

Committee on Sabbath Observance—Bros. R. L. Robertson, Ralph Underwood, Morris Lawhorn.

Committee on Temperance—Bros. Lester Grimsley, S. O. Jones, D. L. Harris.

Committee on Suggestions—Bros. Walter Jones, Sam Parker, Charlie Cromer.

Committee on Women's Auxiliary and League Work—Sisters T. M. Efurd, Cora Renow, Bro. Curtis Grier.

Next item of business was to appoint Corresponding Messengers to our Sister Associations as follows:

Georgia Union-Rev. L. S. Anthony, Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Little River Association—Rev. K. V. Shutes and wife, Bro. G. C. King.

Union Association-Bro. G. T. King.

Martin—Rev. W. J. Childree.

Midway—Rev. Walter Jones.

South Georgia—Rev. K. V. Shutes,

State line — By Minutes.

Georgia State — Bro. M. C. Miller, S. O. Jones, R. C. Cromer, Sis. Cora Hearn.

National Association — G. C. King, M. Mack, C. Miller, Ralph Underwood and wife.

Moved and carried to adjourn to meet back at 9:45 A.M. Saturday morning. Dismissed by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. W. A. Olds and followed by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song, No. 50, "The Lilly of the Valley." Prayer by Rev. W. A. Olds. Moderator then read the 132 Psalm. After comment on scripture. The Moderator Rev. W. J. Childree declared the morning session open for business.

Next item of business was to call for obituaries, received. The body then stood in silent prayer in memory of those who have gone on to their reward since we last met in session. Prayer was then offered by Rev. E. V. Skipper.

Bro. B. R. Dent resigned from the Superannuation Board. Moved and carried to accept resignation. Rev. L. S. Anthony elected in his place. Rev. W. J. Childree time expired on the ordination council and he asked not to be considered for another term. Rev. Walter Jones was elected for 5 years on the Ordination Council. Bro. Mc-Miller was re-elected for 3 years on the Executive Committee. Bro. Sam Parker offered his resignation from the Executive Committee moved and carried to accept his resignation and give him a rising vote of thanks flor his work on the committee.

Bro. Ralph Underwood was elected in his place. Moved and carried to have 700 Minutes printed this time. After some discussion it was moved and carried to have next Session at St. Mark Church, Phenix City, Ala.

Rev. Walter Jones to preach the Introductory Sermon. Alternate, Rev. W. A. Olds. Moved and carried to receive committee reports as they come in.

Moved and carried to pay clerk \$30.00 and Moderator \$15.00. Moved and carried that Rev. K. V. Shutes write next circular letter. Rev. Walter Jones was to write circular letter for this year. But he forgot to write it.

It was moved and carried that Bro. Jones write the letter and send it to the clerk. Rev. C. J. Harvey representing Camp Mt. Bethel, near Ashburn, Georgia, spoke about the camp and its need. An offering was taken for the camp which amounted to \$24.00. The body was then dismissed for the preaching hour.

At 11 a.m. Rev. K. V. Shutes delivered the morning message speaking on the Doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination. Followed by Rev. Walter Jones.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by prayer. Rev. Jessie Bone offering prayer. Body then called to order by Moderator. Rev. W. J. Childree reading Psalm 94. Rev. E. C. Morris then spoke to the body on the Georgia State unified program and gave out certificates of regination to the Church which gave an offering every month for the Unified Program, the last year. Bro. Morris then introduced to the body, Rev. and Mrs.

Lonnie Sparks our missionaries to Africa, who spoke about their call to the field and their work.

An offering was taken for the Foreign Mission Board to help the Sparks get to Africa. Amount \$57.82. Next item of business was a move and second to give White Oaks Church \$100.00 from the associations treasure for their new church building. Motion carried. Moved and carried to give a rising vote of thanks to the host church and community for their splendid hospitality and the wonderful way they had taken care of this Session. Moved and carried that we send \$10.00 to the Georgia State Association and \$5.00 to the National Association.

The next item of business was to appoint the following churches and pastor's on these committees to bring in their report at next Sessions. Sunday School Committee, White Oaks Church, Sabbath Observance, St. James Church, Committee on Temperance, Turner Chapel Church, Committee on Suggestions, Mt. Olive Church.

Womens Auxiliary Work, First Church, Thomaston, Ga., Committee on League Work, St. Luke Church. Moved and carried that the body extend a rising vote of thanks to the moderator, Rev. W. J. Childree and Clerk Rev. H. J. Kelly for their work during this Session. No other business. It was moved and carried to adjourn this Session.

The body then stood and sang the old hymn, "God be with You Till We Meet Again." Dismissed by Rev. W. J. Childree.

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Rev. Walter Jones to preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 a.m. Alternate Rev. W. A. Olds. Rev. W. J. Childree, Moderator. Rev. H. J. Kelly, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING

Friday Night 7:30 p.m. Rev. Warren Olds followed by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

Saturday Morning 11 a.m., Rev. K. V. Schutes, followed by Rev. Walter Jones. Mrs. Ralph Underwood, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We your Committee on Sabbath Observance wish to make the following report. The bible teaches sabbath observance and we as christians should do the same and serve the Lord more with all our heart, soul and mind.

Ralph Underwood, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

. We your Committee on Suggestions wish to make the following suggestions. 1. That this association appoint at this Session a church and their pastor on the committees to report at the next session and that this practice be continued each year. By doing this the Committee will have 12 months to get their report ready to be read at next session. This will save many hours at each session and give the committee time to prepare an efficient report.

2. We deplore the fact that we have been so slow to do something for our old and young ministers. Many of the churches fail to tithe and pay their ministers, what he should be paid. Many of the old Ministers are not getting anything from the state or local association to help them live. The National Board of Superannuation ask every Church where the minister is between ages 21 and 55 to pay half of a \$2,000 endowment for him and he pays half. This is paid once a year to National Board of Superannuation, Thomaston, Ga., Rt. 5 c/o Rev. K. V. Schutes if the minister desires this endowment, he may write this office for application. We ask every state to have a State Board of Superannuation and raise money as they see fit or can work out with their state Budget. The State Board will keep 75% of their money to give monthly checks to the men who have worn his life out and needs help now. And send 25% to the National office.

Georgia is now giving 14% of their Superannuation money to the National Office for which we are grateful. Some are not giving but 10%, some are giving the 25% asked by National Association. 3. We suggest that our Association elect the Moderator and Clerk at the close of the Association. 4. We suggest that the Moderator appoint the Finance Committee before the beginning of reading of the letters to receive the money as the letters states from all churches.

Rev. Walter Jones, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report. That we take the Word of God where it says "Be ye temperate in all things." It means all things, that we refrain from any intoxicating drinks in any way. In speech and eats and to walk in accord with the leadership of the spirit. We recommend that the ladies be more temperate in dress.

D. L. Harris, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AND LEAGUE WORK

We your Committee wish to report that some of our churches do not have League or Women's Auxiliaries. We would like to suggest that each church in the Association try and organize a League and Auxiliary that doesn't have one and that each pastor stress the importance of these auxiliaries in their church.

Cora Renow, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee wish to make the following report. We find thirteen churches have Sunday Schools with 942 total attendance. Eight churches have no Sunday School. We deplore the fact that all our Sunday Schools are so small and recommend that our National Sunday School Secretary be invited to hold an institution in this Association in 1957 at his convenience. Since 64% of our Christians come from the Sunday School, it is urgent that we give more attention to our youth for the church that pays no attention to her youth is on the way to the grave yard. We urge our people to use our own Free Will Baptist Press, at Ayden, N. C. and our national Sunday School office at 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. for our supplies so far as they can supply us.

There are, in the South, 25 million people out of the church and Sunday School. And it is the task of the church to reach, teach and win all this number if we carry out Act 1-8, 5-42, 8-4. Rom. 9-3. and 10-1.

There are in the United States, 165 million people, one hundred million of them are members of some faith. Catholic, Synagogus and all the more than 600 branches of Protestantism. Will we see these millions perish and not try to win them. If we do Ezekiel 33:7-9 and Heb. 9:27 will stare us in the face at the judgment.

The church that will catch a vision and win the lost will move forward. The one that fails will dry up or fusselize. Every church should have a study course in Sunday School and League work at least once a year. These study courses will give us more efficient teachers and pupils. Books for such study courses can be secured from Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C. and Sunday School Department 3801, Richland, Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. K. V. Schutes, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

We your committee wish to make the following report. It has been reported to your committee that Bro. Streetman has been received into full fellowship of the Harmony Church without a clear understanding as to his standing with the Pleasant Hill Church where he was dismissed. And after getting all the information possible, it appears to the committee that the transaction was not in accord with good church government. But since it seems that no grievance is being filed by either church involved, we your committee recommend that the matter be dropped permanently, or until either Pleasant Hill or Harmony Church shall deem it necessary to bring some definite charge relative to the matter.

W. H. Cromer, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We your committee on Finance wish to make the follo	wing re-
port.	
Paid in from Churches	\$112.00
Paid in from Union Meetings	
We find in Treasure Total in Treasury	\$395.55
G. C. King, Chair	
TREASURER'S REPORT	
On Hand in Treasury	\$194.55
Paid in from Churches	112.00
From Union Meetings	89.00
Total in hand of Treasurer	\$395.55
PAID OUT OF TREASURY	,
Printing and mailing Minutes	\$114.00
White Oaks Church	•
Paid Clerk	30.00
Paid Moderator	
Union Meeting Clerk	10.00
Union Meeting Moderator	10.00

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Georgia State Association	10
National Association	 5
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Balance in hand of Treasurer	
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CHURCHES — CLERKS — POST	OFFICES
Bethany—Etta Grimsley	Juniper,
Mt. Olive—A. G. Windham, Rte. 3	Reynolds,
St. Luke—June Hayes, 2926 Pecan St.	Columbus,
Trinity—Josephine Welch	Mauk,
Providence-B. T. Sizemore, Jr., 484 Craig Dr.	Fort Benning,
New Bethel-J. C. Farmer, Rte. 3	Sylvester,
Turner Chapel—Earl E. Bone	Butler,
First Thomaston—Jessie R. Tarrer, 93 Avenue	·
Little Bethel—W. H. Cromer	Ideal,
First Columbus-H. A. Tuck, 4415 3rd Ave	
St. James-Peggy J. Warr, 9 Avon Dr.	· ·
St. Mark-Ethel Exum, 904 Sanfort Road	
Poulan-Mrs. Chas. Hutchinson, Box 12	• •
New Life—Lee Daniel, Rt. 1	-
New Prospect-Fred Rooks, 409 Williams St	_ •
White Oak-J. H. Wright, 678 Elm St.	•
Beulah-Morris Lawhorn	•
Spring Hill-Monroe Grier	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Harmony-Christine Kidd, Rt. 1 Box 134	•
EMMANUEL-Sara Sirmons, 1169 Webster Av	e Columbus,
New Prospect—Eva Trussell	Reynolds,
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Edyth M. Guy	Butler,
MINISTERIAL ROLL	
Elder W. J. Childree, Rt. 3	Reynolds,
Elder Johnnie B. Lumpkin	Mauk,
Elder T. W. Casey	Butler,
Elder Jessie Bone	Dutton
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Elder Bessie Moody Allen, Rt. 1	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder E. V. Skipper, 427 E St.	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder John D. Ellis, 206 46th St.	Columbus, Ga.
Elder B. T. Gill, Rt. 1	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder W. J. Owens, 1835 14th St P	henix City, Ala.
Elder G. W. Price, 1615 21st St I	Phenix City, Ala.
Elder W. C. Jones, 1620 7th Ave.	henix City, Ala.
Elder B. P. Hayes, 2926 Pecan St.	. Columbus, Ga.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

Elder Walter Jones, 5 years, 1911 2nd Ave Phenix City, Ala.
Elder H. J. Kelly, Sect., 4 years, 4102 3rd Ave Columbus, Ga.
Elder G. T. Halliman, 3 years, 633 20th St Phenix City, Ala.
Elder A. C. McKinnon, 2 years, 314K Peabody Apts., Columbus, Ga.
Elder W. R. Lawhorn, Chairman, 1 year, Rt. 1 Butler, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Mack Miller, 3 years Butler,	Ga.
Bro. Bennie Lovering, 2 years, Rt. 1 Box 166B Loronzo Road,	
Columbus,	Ga.
Bro. G. C. King, Chairman, 1 year	Ga.
Bro. O. M. Williams, 1 year, Rt. 1 Ideal,	Ga.
Bro. Ralph Underwood, 1 year 264 R. St Thomaston	Ga.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Elder L. S. Anthony, 2 years, Rt. 3	Thomaston,	Ga.
Bro. G. C. King, 1 year	Sylvester,	Ga.
Bro. Ellis Fowler, 1 year, 4322 Worsham Ave	Macon,	Ga.

The Sunday School Convention of the Chattahoochee Association met with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Thomaston, Georgia, Saturday, June 2, 1956. Opening Song: "Send the Light". Prayer by Bro. Collins. Scripture selection Matthew 18:1-6. Rev. H. J. Kelly asked for Sunday School teachers to be recognized by the raising of the hand. 13 were counted.

Rev. H. J. Kelly talked about Sunday School and what it means and does for you. He stressed the point that the teachers and other members of the class should visit the members that are out. He also told about the qualifications of the teachers. Rev. Kelly asked for the programs by the different Sunday Schools.

Mount Olive Church in Taylor County, New Bethel in Worth County, White Oak in Macon and the First Church in Thomaston, all presented programs of which we all enjoyed.

Bro. Kelly read the Constitution and By-Laws. Bro. Pitts dismissed us for lunch.

At 1:40 we returned after a very nice dinner of which we all enjoyed. We opened with singing and prayer. We then had the reports from the Sunday Schools:

White Oak, Mt. Olive, First Church of Columbus, St. Mark, New Bethel, First Church of Thomaston.

The delegates were appointed for the state convention—Ellis Fowler, White Oak; Doyce Monroe, White Oak.

Moved and seconded the President appoint 3 delegates to represent the convention. Bro. Johnny Grant, Janelle Johnson and Mar-

tha Sellers were appointed. Moved and seconded we send \$5.00 to State Sunday School Convention.

The Convention will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus in 1957.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read again to see if there were any changes. Moved and seconded the Sunday School Convention keep meeting on the first Saturday in June at 10:00 A.M. A program committee was to be appointed to have a program for every year. Moved and seconded we set the dues to the Convention at \$3.00.

Moved and seconded we adopt the last amendment. Moved and seconded the report blanks be used in the Sunday Schools. Moved and seconded we print 100 report slips to be mailed to the superintendent of the Sunday Schools.

Moved and seconded we adopt the constitution and by-laws with the changes. Bro. Brunson was appointed as the publicity chairman.

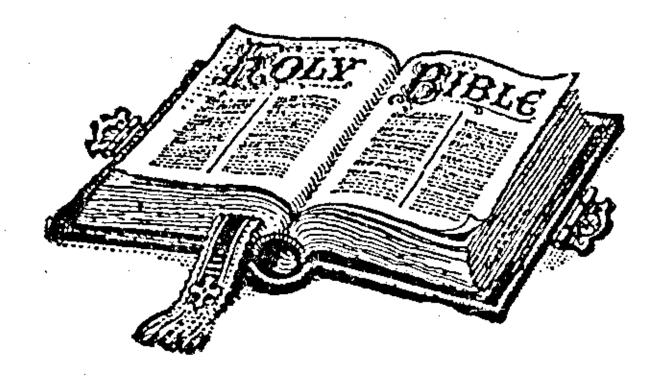
Moved and seconded we appoint a committee to get the program up from Columbus and Phenix City. Sis. Bryan—First Church of Columbus; Sis. Newsome—St. Mark; Sis. Sheffield—Emmanuel.

Officers elected for the next year are as follows: President: Bro. Kelly; Vice President: Bro. Anthony; Secretary & Treasurer—Martha Sellers; Asst. Secretary and Treasurer: Sis. Underwood; Field Worker: Bro. McHaney.

Moved and seconded we extend a rising vote of thanks to the First Church in Thomaston for their hospitality. We were adjourned until we meet on the first Saturday in June of 1957 when we meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Sellers, Secretary Rt. #2 Box 200 Forrest Road Columbus, Georgia



MINUTES OF DEACONS AND PREACHERS MEETING

Held June 30th, 1956 at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Marion County, Ga.

Opening song "The Glory Land Way". Prayer by Rev. J. R. Grimsley. Message, Rev. G. T. Hallman, subject: "What Shall we Say Then?" Scripture: Romans 6:1-14. His inspiring message was enjoyed by all.

Opening for business. Opening song "Precious Memories". Scripture Rom. 8:28-39. Elected Clerk Protem, Rev. Walter E. Jones. Moderator was Rev. G. T. Halliman. Election of officers were as follows: Moderator—Rev. G. T. Halliman, Clerk—Rev. Walter E. Jones.

Churches represented were as follows:

St. James by Rev. Walter E. Jones, Pastor and J. N. Bramlett, Deacon.

Trinity, Bro. E. A. Welch, Deacon.

Springhill, Bro. A. L. Grimsley & Bro. N. C. Grier, Deacons.

Harmony, Bro. H. W. Grimsley, Deacon & Rev. W. H. Streetman.

Bethany, Rev. John Grimsley & Bro. Lester Grimsley, Deacon.

Mt. Olive, Rev. G. T. Halliman, Pastor.

Little Bethel, Rev. G. T. Halliman, Pastor.

Bro. J. N. Bramlett gave a talk on what a deacon can do to help the Church.

Bro. H. W. Grimsley spoke a few words on what a deacon could do to help the Church.

Bro. Lester Grimsley said he felt that all the deacons could do more to help the Church.

Rev. Walter E. Jones spoke for a few minutes on the subject: "What a Minister could do to help His Church". His message was enjoyed by all.

Rising vote of thanks were given to Bethany Church for its wonderful hospitality.

Next Deacon and Preacher Meeting will be on Saturday before Second Sunday in July in 1957, at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Marion County, Ga.

Bro. E. A. Welch was appointed to speak on the subject "The Duties of a Deacon."

Rev. John Grimsley was appointed to speak on the subject "Duties of a Minister".

To preach the Introductory Message at the next Deacon and Preacher's Meeting was Rev. Walter E. Jones, his alternate is Rev. W. J. Owens.

A move to adjourn was made by Bro. H. W. Grimsley second by N. C. Grier.

Rev. G. T. Halliman, Moderator Rev. Walter Jones, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF 1956

The seventh Session of the Chattahoochee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met Saturday morning September 15th, 1956 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Ga.

Convention Theme: "We Need Trained Leaders for Such a Time as This".

Opening Song: "Search Me, Oh Lord". Opening Prayer: Rev. H. J. Kelly. Devotional, Mrs. Voncile Bryan. The session was called to order by our President, Mrs. Irene Underwood, using as her thoughts, "The Need of Consecrated Preparation in the Work of the Lord". Delegates were seated. Motion was carried to adopt the prepared program.

The following committees were appointed by the president: Registration Committee: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Cassie Moore, Mrs. Rigsby. Finance Committee: Mrs. Winifred Sheffield,, Mrs. Ruby Kelly, Mrs. Kate Hestly.

Credentials Committee: Mrs. Kate Lovering, Mrs. Varnadoe, Mrs. Lanie Bass.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Mattie Strickland, Mrs. Cora Ranow, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. Nannie Lou Rodgers, Mrs. Garrett.

The Convention was welcomed by Mrs. Ruby Kelly. In response to the welcome Mrs. Cora Ranow.

The hymn: "Send the Light" was sung by the congregation.

An inspiring message was given on "Honoring God Through Preparedness, For Such a time as This", by Mrs. Mildred Miller.

A very enlightening and inspirational message was given by Mrs. K. V. Shutes, using the life of Esther as her theme, stressing the important part that a woman can have in the work of the Lord.

At this time a free will offering was taken, amounting to \$14.58. The Convention was then dismissed for lunch with prayer by:

Rev. H. L. Knighton.

The afternoon session was opened with a song, "Standing on the Promises." Prayer, Mrs. Sara Knighton. Meditations by Mrs. Leola Rigsby, using II Chron. 15:7, giving a short talk and a reading. Giving us some very good thoughts.

Mrs. Voncile Bryan gave a message on "A Challenge to Our Youth for Such a Time as This." These things should make us realize the great importance of working with our youth.

Next Mrs. Euden Pitts brought a message on "Study Prepares us for Such a Time as This", helping us to realize that we can never study the word of God enough.

Bro. K. V. Shutes led in prayer for our missionaries. A reading was given by Mrs. Romona Long. Business period was as follows:

Committee reports were given and accepted.

Field Workers reported that a Woman's Auxiliary had been organized at Providence Church. It was moved and carried that they be accepted into the Chattahoochee Convention.

Unfinished business: There was none.

New Business: New ideas were discussed. Delegates were appointed to the State Convention as follows: Mesdames K. V. Shutes, Annie Laura Windham, Cora Hearn, Leala Bigsby, Lanie Bass, and Clyde

Newsome. Secretary and Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Nominations Committee's report for slate of officers were given as follows and were accepted:

President, Mrs. Irene Underwood

Vice-President, Mrs. Mildred Miller

Youth Sponsor, Mrs. Voncile Bryan

Study Course Chairman, Mrs. K. V. Shutes

Stewardship Prayer, Mrs. Lois Walters

Personal Service Chmn., Mrs. J. L. Varnadou

Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. Ruby Wells

Field Workers, Mrs. Jewel Bone

Mrs. Romona Long

Thomaston, Ga.

Thomaston, Ga.

Butler, Ga.

Butler, Ga.

Columbus, Ga.

Asst. Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary,

Mrs. Winifred Sheffield Columbus, Ga. (Emmanuel)

Officers were installed in an impressive candlelight ceremony by Sister Shutes.

The District Convention will meet with St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., in September of 1957.

Places and dates were set for the quarterly Workshops as follows:

October, 1956, 2nd Saturday at Thomaston, Georgia. January, 1957, 2nd Saturday at St. James, Phenix City, Ara. April, 1957, 2nd Saturday at Turner's Chapel, Butler, Ga. July, 1957, 2nd Saturday at St. Mark, Phenix City, Ala. Vote of thanks was given to host church. Moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Irene Underwood, President
Mrs. Winifred Sheffield, Rec. Secretary

THE UNION MEETINGS OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE-WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The First Union Meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church, in Upson County, Thomaston, Ga.

The first Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association convened with First Free Will Baptist Church in Thomaston, Ga., January 28th, 1956.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. H. L. Knighton. The Scripture reading was Jer. 20:9. His subject was: "The Heart that Burns with the Holy Fire." After the message the congregation was dismissed for the noon hour with refreshments being served by the community.

After dinner the body assembled and sang: "Oh! Little Town of Bethlehem". Followed with a prayer by Bro. B. T. Gill. Then the body was called to order by the Moderator, H. J. Kelly. He read the second chapter of Ephesians.

The first item of business was to call for corresponding leltters from the various churches. It was moved that Bro. William McElhenney and Bro. Walter Jones read them. The letters were received and read. Then it was moved and carried that the delegates be seated in the body as follows:

Pleasant Hill, Schley County, Ellaville, Ga.—Bro. W. E. James, Bro. Fred Brewer and wife, Sis. B. C. Brewer and Sis. Edyth Guy.

Little Bethel, Macon County, Ideal, Ga. —Bro. S. O. Jones and wife, Bro. R. C. Cromer and wife and O. M. Williams.

Mt. Olive, Taylor, County, Reynolds, Ga.—Bro. William Childree, Bro. A. G. Windham, Bro. Arthur Childree, Bro. B. R. Dent, Sis. Annie Windham and Sis. Cynthia Jones.

First Thomaston, Upson County, Thomaston, Ga.—Bro. and Sis. Ralph Underwood, Sis. Helen Tomlin and Bro. and Sis. William Mc-Elhenney.

White Oaks, Bibb County, Macon, Ga.—Bro. J. H. McGee, Sis. Earnestine Collins, Sis. Frances Williams, Sis. Linda Bryant and Sis. Grace Monroe.

Providence, Muscogee County, Columbus, Ga. —Bro. and Sister Robert Colwell, Bro. Dan Olds, Sis. Hattie Shirah and Sis. Ruth Ellis.

St. Mark, Russell County, Phenix City, Ala.—Sis. Lanie Bass and Sis. Ethel Exume.

Turner's Chapel, Taylor County, Butler, Ga.—Bro. Jack Posey and wife, Bro. John Byrd and wife and Sis. Nanie Lou Rodgers.

St. James, Russell County, Phenix City, Ala.—Bro. A. T. Byrd, Sis. Johnny Dukes, Sis. Fannie Whitehurst.

New Life, Marion County, Mauk, Ga.—Sis. Ruby Stubbs, Sis. Ruby Anthony, Sis. Erlene Foster and Sis. Kathleen Daniel.

New Prospect, Taylor County, Reynolds, Ga.—Sis. Eva Trussell. Beulah, Taylor County, Butler, Ga.—Sis. Vera Cromer and Bro. Morris Lawhorn.

New Prospect, Turner County, Ashburn, Ga.—Bro. and Sis. T. D. Cook, Bro. and Sis. Fred Rooks, Bro. G. C. King and Sis. A. C. Trueluck.

Spring Hill, Marion County, Mauk, Ga.—Bro. Norman Greer. Poland, Worth Co., Poland, Ga.—Bro. R. P. Piper and wife.

St. Luke, Russell Co., Phenix City, Ala.—Sis. Pearly Owens, Sis. Christine Greer and Sis. Bessie Sue Moody.

Trinity, Taylor Co., Mauk, Ga.—Bro. E. A. Welsh and wife and Sis. Jessie Barnes.

New Bethel, Worth Co., Sylvester, Ga.—Bro. J. J. Fowler.

The next item of business was to invite visiting brethren to seat with us. Bro. and Sis. E. C. Morris from South Georgia Association were among these. The Moderator recognized several from different denominations.

The next item of business was committees. The Preaching Committee consisted of Bros. Ralph Underwood, Fred Rooks, E. A. Welch, Sisters Marie McElhenney, E. E. Bone and Ethel Exume.

A message was brought by Rev. E. C. Morris.

The report of the Preaching Committee was: Rev. John D. Ellis to preach tonight at 7:30. Then Sunday at 11:00 A.M. by Bro. Price Hayes. Program by Host Church.

Miscellaneous business: Talk by Bro. Walter Jones on "Home Mission Work." Received an offering for \$33.50.

Talk by Sister Irene Underwood on "The Womans' Auxiliary Work."

Moved and seconded that return rising vote of thanks to the Host Church.

Moved and seconded to adjourn this session to meet with Trinity Church, Taylor Co., Mauk, Ga. April 28th, 1956.

Offering received from various churches \$27.00.

Rev. H. J. Kelly, (Moderator)

Rev. L. S. Anthony (Clerk)

2ND UNION MEETING

The second Union Meeting opened by singing "Amazing Grace." After words of Welcome by the host Pastor, the introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. W. J. Owens. The scripture reading was St. Matthew 19:20, Acts 5:1-10. Subject was, "What Lack I Yet?"

After the noon hour the body was called to order by the Moderator. Scripture reading was: St. John 15:1-10.

The second item of business was to call for corresponding letters from various churches. Was moved and seconded that Bro. W. J. Childree and Bro. G. C. King read the letters.

Harmony Church, Eva Bryant and Roy Wilson and Curtis Grim-sley.

St. Luke, Shirley Owens, Betty Sue Moody, Christine Greer and Deliliah Storey.

St. James, J. M. Bramlett, Isaiah Harden, Jr., Kate Hesley and Johnny Duke.

Pleasant Hill, Fred Brewer and wife and B. C. Brewer, Bro. W. E. James and Mrs. William Guy.

Mt. Olive, B. R. Dent, R. B. Jones, Eldridge Pane and Lizzie Robins.

Thomaston, W. H. Cochran, Middie Spillers.

White Oaks, Ray Garret and wife, Yevone Collins, Wylene Fowler, Linda Bryant and Gale Fowler.

New Prospect (Taylor Co.) Bessie Hartley.

Spring Hill, N. C. Greer, Rosie Grimsley and Huston James.

Beulah, Sis. W. R. Lawhorne, Joseph Cromer and Vera Cromer.

Turners' Chapel, Sis. E. E. Bone, Sara Posey, John Byrd, Mark Bone and Sis. J. B. Rodgers.

St. Mark, Sis. Lonie Bass.

Bethany, Lester Grimsley and wife, Julius Grimsley and Etta Grimsley.

Providence, Bro. and Sis. Robert Colwell and Sis. Ruth Ellis.

First Columbus, Vancille Broyan, Bro. Perry Walden.

Poulan, Robert Piper, J. E. Tidwell and Sis. Charlie Hutchinson and D. L. Harris.

New Life, Sam Daniel and wife, Ruby Stubbs, Norman Stubbs. Trinity, Beuford Watson and E. A. Welsh.

New Prospect (Turner Co.) Bro. and Sis. G. C. King, Bonnie Cooper, Wanda Cooper, Bro. and Sis. Fred Rooks, Sis. Wonnie Little, Susie Cook and A. C. Truelock.

Little Bethel, Bro. and Sis. W. H. Cromer, Bro. and Sis. S. O. Jones, Bro. and Sis. R. C. Cromer and Bro. and Sis. Leonard Layfield.

Was moved and seconded to seat the delegates in a body. Recognized several from different denominations.

PROGRAM BY HOST CHURCH

Bro. Jessie Bone gave a talk on League Work.

Moved and seconded that we give a rising vote of thanks to Host Church and Community for entertaining this session.

Moved and seconded to adjourn this session to meet with St. James Church, July 28th.

L. S. Anthony, Clerk.

H. J. Kelly, Moderator.

The offering was \$31.00.

3RD UNION MEETING

The Third Union Meeting opened with singing afterward, words of welcome by the host, Pastor. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. J. Owen. His scripture was James 1:1-12. The text was St. Luke 13:24.

After the noon hour the body was called to order by the moderator. Scripture reading was Hebrews 2:1-10.

The second item of business was to call for corresponding letters from various churches. Was moved and seconded that the moderator appoint someone to read the letters. Bro. Ralph Underwood and Bro. Price Hays were appoined.

St. Mark -- Sis. Sue Camp, Lanie Bass, Ethel Exum.

Bethany — Julius Grimsley.

New Prospect, Taylor Co. — by letter.

First Church of Columbus — Bro. Perry Walden and Bro. Rudolph Hilton.

New Bethel — Sis. J. E. Lawson and Bro. J. A. Farmer.

Turners' Chapel — Bro. and Sis. Robert Roberson and Sis. Earl Bone

Little Bethel — Bro. O. M. Williams.

New Prospect, Turner Co. — Bro. Arthur Little, Bro. and Sis. Richard Cooper and Bro. G. C. King.

New Life — Sis. Ruby Anthony.

Providence — Sis. Peggie Sizemore and Sis. Ruth Ellis.

Trinity — By letter.

Beulah — Sis. Vera Cromer.

Pleasant Hill — Bro. Fred Brewer and wife, Sis. B. C. Brewer and Sis. G. W. Habrick.

White Oaks — Bro. and Sis. John L. Vanadore.

First Church of Thomaston — Bro. Jessie Windham, Bro. Ralph Underwood, Sis. Cora Ranow and Bro. and Sis. Al Wells.

Poulan — Bro. and Sis. Robert Piper, Sis. Margaret Harris.

St. Luke — Sis. June Hays and Sis. Pearly Owens.

St. James—Bro. Lee Rickman, Bro. J. N. Bramlett, Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, Sis. Jonnie Dukes, Sis. Cora Hearn.

Mt. Olive — Bro. Bob Dent and Sis. Annie Laura Windham.

Harmony — Bro. Henry Gremsley and wife.

It was moved and seconded to seat the delegates in a body.

Third item was to call for Visiting brethern.

PROGRAM BY HOST CHURCH

Fourth item was to appoint a preaching committee consisting of Bro. Arthur Little, Bro. O. M. Williams, Bro. Henry Grimsley and Bro. J. M. Bramlett.

TIME AND PLACES FOR UNION MEETINGS

March 30th 1957 - 1st Session — New Prospect Church, Turner Co. with H. J. Kelly, introductory. Bro. A. T. Byrd, alternate.

2nd Session, June 29, 1957—Providence Church — Bro. Price Hays, introductory. Bro. C. H. Bass, alternate.

3rd Session, September 28, 1957 - Mt. Olive Church — Reynolds, Ga. Rev. W. J. Owen, introductory and Bro. C. H. Bass, alternate.

Sis. A. C. Trulock gave a timely talk on the importance of young People's Auxiliary.

Called for miscellaneous business. Moved and seconded that the cleck and moderator receive \$10.00 each.

Rev. H. J. Kelly was elected moderator for another year. Rev. L. S. Anthony, clerk.

Report of the Preaching Committee: Bro. Price Hays 7:30 P.M., Sat., Bro. John Grimsley, 11:00 A.M., Sun.

Motioned and seconded that the Moderator give strict orders in the beginning of next Union about people going in and out without permission from Moderator.

Motioned and seconded that we give St. James Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown during this Session.

Motioned and seconded that we adjourn to meet with New Prospect Church, Ashburn, Ga., March 30, 1957.

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Moderator. Rev. L. S. Anthony, Clerk.

Total Offering \$31.00. — Paid Moderator, \$10.00 — Paid Clerk \$10.00 — Balance \$11.00.

CIRCULAR LETTER By Rev. Walter E. Jones

Theme: "Love Never Fails"

In first Corinthians 13-8 says "Charity never faileth". This Charity meaning Love. The true love is of God, for God is love. Love in its highest reach is true affection and faithful devotion of the soul toward God and man.

Love of God Enriches Life:

Life is greatly enriched when it goes out in true affection for man and faithful devotion toward God. Love will make all the relations of life sweeter, all the duties of life more delightful, all burdens of life more bearable, and the plans for our life more pleasant. The Love of God will enrich our thoughts, desires, conversations and activities of life. The Love of God was world wide says John 3-16. "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." If you want your life enriched. Accept this love which is Christ.

Love of God Enables Life:

When our lives are dominated by the true Love inspired of God, it will grow and develop and serve for Love "Beareth all things, believeth all things, and hopeth all things and endureth all things." Love enables the parents in the Lord to make the home happy. As I instruct all couples that I perform their marriage ceremony to have a happy home will be to have Christ in their utmost part of their life. Love of God enables children to grow in body, mind, and soul. Love of God enables the church to teach the Word of God, to win the lost, to worship the Lord in deed and in truth, us as Christians to minister to the needy, and to accomplish God's will in our lives here on earth.

Love of God Endures: "Love never faileth"

Other things in life may fail us, but not the Love of Christ. For it never fails. Man may let you down here in this world but remember that if you put your Trust in this Love "Christ" that he will never let you down. He says, "I give unto them Eternal Life" so long as you are trusting this Love.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" meaning Love I Corinthians 13-13. This Love is the Love that "God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5-8.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15-13.

REPORT OF ORDINATION COUNCIL

To the Chattahoochee Association Free Will Baptists. When convened with White Oaks Church, Macon Ga., on October 5th and 6th 1956. We the Ordination Council of the Chattahoochee Association wish to make the following report of our work for the Associational year. On October 14, 1955 we were asked by St. Luke Church, Phenix City, Ala., to examine Bro. Price Hayes for License to preach the Gospel. After examination Bro. Hayes was approved by the Council. Then on November the 25th we met at White Oaks Church, Macon, Ga., and ordained to the Gospel Ministry Rev. A. C. Truluck and Rev. Warren A. Olds, at the request of their churches. On January 28th 1956, we met at the First Church, Thomaston, Ga., and examined Bro. A. T. Byrd for license to preach at the request of St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala. After examination he was approved.

Then on April 28, 1956, we met at Trinity Church, Mauk, Ga., and ordained to the Gospel Ministry, Rev. Price Hayes. At the request of his church also at the request of Poulan Church. We examined Bro. Renow and after careful consideration asked him to prove himself for 6-months and then come back before the Board. Bro. Renow wanted his ordination papers reinstated.

On August 15th, 1956, the Council met at the First Church, Thomaston, Ga., on the request of two deacons of the Church, to examine Rev. E. V. Skipper whom they charged as not preaching Free Will Baptist Doctrine. After some discussion Bro. Skipper asked the Board to forgive him and it was moved and carried to forgive him. The council learned that Bro. Skipper had never been ordained by the Free Will Baptist Denomination. But had come as an ordained minister from another denomination. So it was moved and carried that this body request the First Church, Thomaston, Ga., to ask for his ordination at the next association. Which was done at their Conference on August 15 and the Church then voted to ask his ordination at Association. The Council met at St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., on Wednesday night, August 22 and ordained Rev. A. T. Byrd at the request of St. James Church.

Humbly submitted in Christ,

H. J. Kelly, Sect.

G. T. Halliman

A. C. McKinnon

W. J. Childree

W. R. Lawhorn, Chairman.

CHATTAHOOCHEE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee League Convention met August 12, 1956 at The First Church of Columbus, 3408 5th Ave., Columbus, Ga.

Opened with the congregation singing and prayer by Rev. Walter Jones. The Vice-President, Rev. George Nobles, gave the devotion; reading Matthew 27:11-26. Prayer by Bro. W. Collins.

A very inspirational play, "No Turning Back," was presented by the host church. Rev. Huey Long of Columbus, Ga. brought the message. His subject was "The Battle of A-I We Face," using Joshua 7h Chapter, 3rd verse; and 8th chapter, 4th verse, as the basic scriptures.

The Resolution Committee was explained by Rev. H. J. Kelly, and the following were appointed on committee:

Mrs. Ralph Underwood, Chairman, Janelle Johnson and Wallace Heath.

Dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by congregation singing and prayer. The President opened the Business session by reading I Timothy 4:12 and giving an inspirational talk directly to the Young People. Prayer by Rev. H. J. Kelly.

The Resolution Committee gave the following report:

- 1. Each League adopt the seven point system. Banner to be given to League with best report at District meeting; secretary is to buy banner.
- 2. Two League Conventions to be held each year on the second Saturday in February, and the second Saturday in August.
- 3. Letter brought before Convention from Rev. Ray Turnage, National League Secretary and Treasure, impressing need of more money for Chapels in Cuba.

Mrs. Ralph Underwood (Chairman)
Janelle Johnson
Wallace Heath

DIGEST COMMITTEE

The Digest Committee gave the following report:

First Church of Thomaston, Thomaston, Ga.; Delegates — Helen Tomlin, Bro. and Sis. Ralph Underwood, Jessie Windham.

White Oaks Church, Macon, Ga.; Delegates — Gail Fowler, Shirley Wood, Mary Wood, Durwood Little, Wallace Heath.

Turner Chapel Church, Butler, Ga.; Delegates — Frances Byed, Josephine Ranow, Sonny Miller.

First Church of Columbus, Columbus, Ga.; Delegates — Janelle Johnson, Sarah Danford, Martha Sellers, Billy Wayne Lovering, Rudolph Helton.

Total paid in for expenses was \$12.00.

Rudolph Helton (Chairman)
Durell Mewbourn

The following officers were elected. President, Rev. Jessie Bone; Vice-President, Bro. Ralph Underwood; Secretary, Janelle Johnson, Treasurer, Betty Jean Vann; Chorister, Durell Mewboun; Pianist, Helen Tomlin; Bible Quiz Leader, Marion Collins; Sword Drill Leader, Sonny Miller; Field Worker, Mrs. Mack Miller.

Committee appointed by the President to amend the Constitution. Rev. H. J. Kelly (Chairman), Rev. Walter Jones, Janelle Johnson.

Moved and Carried for the February convention to convene with St. James Church of Phenix City, Ala., and the August convention to convene with the First Church of Thomaston, of Thomaston, Georgia.

Rev. W. A. Olds, Bible Quiz Leader, asked question with delegates from each church answering. Betty Jean Vann, Alternate Bible Sword Drill Leader, led sword drill with a Junior and Intermediate from each church competing. Winners, Vivian McLendon; Intermediate, from Columbus, Ga., and Sybil Wright; Junior, from Butler, Ga., they will represent the District Convention at the State Convention. Second place winners were Sonny Miller and Lamar Windham.

Those appointed as delegates to the State Convention were; Vivan McLendon, Sybil Wright, Sonny Miller, Lamar Windham, and Rudolph Helton.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to The First Church of Columbus for such nice hospitality.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Rev. Jessie Bone - President Janelle Johnson - Secretary Brother J. W. Cromer was born Dec. 25th 1871. Died Jan. 14, 1956. He was a member of Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Ideal. He will be greatly missed by his Church and a host of friends and his family.

Pastor,

Rev. G. T. Halliman

Sister Lurlene Jordan Bowman was born in 1924. Died June 1956. She was a member of Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. She will be greatly missed by her Church her family and her friends.

Pastor,

Rev. G. T. Halliman

Brother Bob Bailey birth unknown. Died in April 1956. He was a member of Mt. Olive. He will be greatly missed by his Church, his family and his friends.

Pastor,

Rev. G. T. Halliman

To the memory of Bro. Clarence Jackson Peacock born November the 1st, 1901. Died April the 29th, 1956 He was a member of Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Schley County Ellaville, Ga. He was a faithful member as long as he lived near the Church. He leaves to morn his death, his wife and four children and grand children and lots of relatives and friends. He is gone but not forgotten. Sleep on till we meet again in that beautiful city not made by hands.

By his Pastor,

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn,

Butler, Ga.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BROTHER RAY MORTON

Bro. Morton was born June 17, 1892. Departed this life Feb. 21, 1956. Making his stay on earth 63 years. 8 months and 4 days. Bro. Morton was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus Ga. He served his Church faithfully and at his death he was chairman of the Board of Trustees. He leaves his wife, one daughter and several grand children to morn his passing to the great beyond and will be missed by his loved ones and his church.

We believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

His Pastor,

H. J. Kelly

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SIS. EVA MAE ELLIS

Sis. Ellis was born Oct. 25, 1892. Departed this life. Nov. 30, 1955. Her stay on earth was 63 years 1 month and 5 days.

Sis. Ellis was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga. for many years and was a faithful member of her Church until her health failed. She will be missed by her loved ones and friends and Church.

May God rest her Soul. We believe she is at rest with the Lord.

Her Pastor, H. J. Kelly

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRO. JIM M. FULLER

Bro. Fuller was born Feb. 15, 1872 and departed this life June 26, 1956. Making his stay on earth 84 years, 4 months and 11 days. Bro. Fuller was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Ga. Serving his church well. He was faithful in attending services and doing whatever he could for his Lord and Church. He will be greatly missed by the Church he loved. His friends and loved ones. We believe that our loss is Heavens gain.

Rest on Bro. Fuller. We hope to meet you again in Heaven.

His Pastor, H. J. Kelly

TO THE MEMORY OF BRO. T. B. (Babe) BARTLETT

Bro. Bartlett was born May 28, 1880, departed this life April 18, 1956, age 75 years, 10 months and 21 days.

He united with Trinity Church several years ago and remained a true and loyal member until the end came, thus leaving a sweet memory that will long be cherished by all who knew him.

Faded now your mortal form
Cherished be your resting place;
May we meet on that bright morn,
And see again your vanished face.
Now at rest from toil and care,
Peaceful be your deathless sleep;
Endless joy when we get there,
And worship at our Saviours' feet.
W. J. Childree, Pastor

TO THE MEMORY OF SIS. BEULAH WATSON CHAPMAN

A beloved and much devoted member of Trinity Church, having united her fellowship when a small girl and spent many years of devotion and consecration to the cause she loved so well.

We feel that her life of faithful service now accords her a peaceful destiny with the immortal.

She was born September 10, 1874, departed this life November 21, 1955, a stay on earth of 81 years, 2 months and 11 days.

Far beyond this vail of sorrow,
In a land of perfect day;
There will be a glad tomorrow.
Where all cares will pass away.
O! The joy of that glad morning,
When we rise from slumbers sleep;
A crown of life our brow adorning,
Never more we'll sigh or weep.

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 of dismission without giving a sufficient reason and that we will endeavor, faithfully to discharge all our Christian duties.

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

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

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 warnings 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 that we will not visit places where our Christian influence will be imparted.

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. Matt. 18-15.

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 procedes 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, and good business capacityy 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 subject designed to be accomplished by those churches. They were also considered as advisory council, and resorted to as such, but never claimed any right or 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, notwithstanding the power abrogated to themselves by some modern Baptist Associations, we view them as being nowhere precedented by the primitive usage of any self-created bodies.

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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 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 whatsoever 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 confession 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 concern 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 fellowman.

A church has a right to adopt 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 tribual 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 Chatta-hoochee 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 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 3 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 remise in attending the meetings of the church according to the covenant (Article 10), it 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 the reception of members. 4. Call for absentees. 5. For acknowledgements. 6. For reference or 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 this 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 and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.
- 20. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letter 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 requires 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 central or catholic government over the invisible church, or any part thereof, is a device of earthly ambitions repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of men.
- 5. The Gospel churches are the only ecclestiastical 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 of this right be surrendered to supertending 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 if 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 an 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 whatsoever.
- 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 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 belongs 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 acquited 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 hearsay.
- 11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

- 12. That the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.
- 13. That elders and deacons must be set apart to their offices by ordination, or the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.
- 14. No preacher shall be ordained unless called to take charge of a church as pastor, or for some other good and sufficient reason.

ARTICLES OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL VIEWS

- 1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, the truth without any mixture or error for its matter; that it reveals the pinciples 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 opinion confirm.—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; Psalm 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 run 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 which 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 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, Ezk. 18:28, John 3:14, 16, Rom. 8:17.
- 6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that is the immediate duty of all who 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 obedi-

ent 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 comprehend 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 voluntarily 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 unfeighned 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 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 his distinction holds good among men both in and after death.—Matt. 25; 46; Mark 16:16.
 - 14. That the end of this world is approaching, when Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place, the religious being adjudged to everlasting happiness, and the wicked to endless punishment, and this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.—John 5:25, Matt. 25:34; 41:46.

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