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HELD WITH

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PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA

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ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS

Call to Order by Moderator

1. Open Meeting with Prayer
 2. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats
 3. Open the door of Church for the reception of members.
 4. Call for Absentees
 5. For Acknowledgement
 6. For reference or deferred business
 7. For Matters of Dealing which are in order to come before the church.
 8. Miscellaneous Business
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ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

1. Call to order by Moderator or assistant Moderator
 2. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us
 3. Call for Corresponding Letters
 4. Read Letters
 5. Call for Petition Letters
 6. Appoint various committees
 7. Miscellaneous Business
- Appoint Corresponding Messengers to Sister Association, Obituaries, How many Minutes to print, Committee reports, Select place for holding next session. Elect Officers. Vote of thanks to host church. Adjourn.
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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 pro-tem.
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 1957-1958

First Union Meeting at First Columbus Church. December 29, 1957, 3408 Fifth Ave., Columbus, Ga.

Second Union Meeting at Bethany Church, Marion County, Ga., about 2 miles west of Highway 41, from Geneva, Ga. to Buena Vista, Ga. Ten miles south of Geneva, Ga.

Third Union Meeting at St. Luke Church, June 28th, 1958, Phenix City, Ala.

League Convention meets at First Columbus Church, 2nd Saturday in February, 3408 Fifth Ave., Columbus, Georgia.

Annual League Convention, White Oaks Church in Macon, 2nd Saturday in August, 1958.

The Preachers and Deacons Meeting, at Harmony Church, on Saturday before 3rd Sunday in July, 1958.

Women's Workshop, 3rd Saturday in March, 1958 at White Oaks Church in Macon.

The Annual Women's Convention met with First Thomaston Church, Matthews Ave., 3rd Saturday in September.

Sunday School Convention will convene with Pleasant Hill Church about 15 miles South of Butler, Ga., on Highway 19, First Saturday in June 1958.

Chattahoochee Association convenes at First Columbus Church, 3408 Fifth Ave., Columbus, Ga., Friday morning before the first Sunday in October, 1958. The Introductory Sermon to be brought by Rev. W. J. Owens.

MINUTES OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

The 122nd Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Freewill Baptist Association convened with St. Mark Church, Phenix City, Alabama on Friday morning, October 4, 1957.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Walter E. Jones. Scripture Reading Rom. 6:12-21. Wonderful message enjoyed by all present. He spoke on the subject "Little Sins."

After dinner the service was opened by singing "Just Over In The Gloryland." Prayer by Bro. G. C. King. In the absence of the clerk, Bro. B. T. Gill, due to ill health, it was moved and seconded that Rev. L. S. Anthony be elected as clerk protem. Due to the death of the Moderator, Rev. H. J. Kelly, the Assistant Moderator, Bro. G. T. Holliman, took over. His scripture was St. John 15:9-17. He spoke on the theme of "Love."

The 122nd session was then declared open for business. First item of business was to invite visiting brethren to seat with us. Next item was to appoint a Finance Committee.

The Moderator appointed Bro. G. C. King, Bro. Sam Parker and Bro. Bob Dent.

Next item was to call for the Corresponding Letters. Was moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint someone to read letters. Bro. K. V. Shutes and Bro. W. J. Childree were appointed. Moved and seconded to accept. New Life Church through Bro. and Sis. Horace Lockhart; and Bethany Church through Pastor, Rev. George Knobles and

Rev. John Grimsley. Moved and carried that letters be received as read and that delegates be seated in a body as follows:

First Columbus—Sis. Ruby Kelly, Sis. Myra O'Pry, Sis. Hilda Hunt, Sis. Ruth Ellis and Bro. & Sis. Tom Euford.

St. Luke, Phenix City, Ala.—Sis. Lucille Story and Bro. & Sis. C. R. Greer.

Poulan, Worth Co.—Bro. D. L. Harris

Beulah, Taylor Co.—Sis. Vera Cromer

Trinity, Taylor Co.—Bro. E. A. Welch and Sis. Jessie Barnes.

Spring Hill, Marion Co.—Bro. A. S. McCall, Sis. Rosa Grimsley and Sis. Myrtle Greer.

Mt. Olive, Taylor Co.—Sis. Annie Windham, Bro. B. R. Dent.

Little Bethel, Macon Co.—Bro. R. G. Streetman and wife, Bro. R. H. Cromer and wife and Bro. G. C. Perry and wife

New Bethel, Worth Co.—Bro. M. C. Roberts, Bro. Tom Farmer and wife and Bro. J. A. Farmer and wife.

Pleasant, Schley Co.—Bro. W. E. James

New Life, Marion Co.—Bro. Horace Lockhart and wife and Sis. Ruby Anthony.

New Prospect, Turner Co.—Bro. & Sis. G. C. King.

New Prospect, Taylor Co.—By Letter.

St. James, Russell Co.—Bro. W. C. Bush, Bro. J. N. Bramlett and wife, Bro. G. A. Kendon, Sis. Jonny Dukes, Sis. Cora Hern and Sis. Fannie Whitehurst.

White Oak, Bibb Co.—Bro. Donal Moore, Bro. Edwin Lynn and Bro. Ellis Fowler.

Emmanuel, Muscogee—Sis. C. T. Mayes, Bro. C. T. Mays, Sis. Winifred Sheffield, Sis. Patricia Sheffield and Bro. Louis E. Sheffield, Jr.

Providence, Muscogee Co.—Sis. Thomas Dixon and Sis. Alice Leatherwood.

Turner's Chapel, Taylor Co.—Bro. John Bird and wife.

St. Mark, Russell Co.—Bro. Woodward and Sisters Skinner, Murphy, Helms and Holliman.

First Thomaston, Upson Co.—Bro. and Sis. Ralph Underwood, Bro. Hardy Hanson, Sis. Thelma Tomlin and Bro. Jessie R. Tarrer.

Harmony, Schley Co.—Bro. Roy Wilson, Sis. Christine Kirkland, Sis. Thelma Grimsley and Sis. Rosa Lee Grimsley.

Bethany, Marion Co.—Bro. John Grimsley and Bro. George Nobles.

Next the Moderator called for Petitionary Letters. Received were Sis. I. W. Long and Bro. Nathan Rentz from Atlanta, Ga., who were representatives of a new work in Atlanta, Ga. moved and seconded that Rev. L. S. Anthony be elected as assistant clerk.

Next was to call for Corresponding Messengers from Sister Associations and received were Bro. and Sis. E. C. Morris, from the State work at large; and Bro. Harvey Giddings from the Union Association.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint necessary committees.

Committee on Preaching—Sister Skinner, Sis. Kate Hestler, Bro. D. L. Harris and Sis. Annie Laura Windham, and Bro. M. C. Roberts.

Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministry—Bro.

thers Bob Dent, D. W. Moore, J. A. Farmer, Hardy Hanson and J. B. Woodruff.

REPORT ON COMMITTEES

The Committee on Suggestions—read report.

Item No. 1—Motioned and seconded to reject.

Item No. 2—Motioned and seconded to reject.

Item No. 3—Moved and seconded that 3rd item be discarded.

Item No. 4—Moved and seconded to accept.

Item No. 5—Moved and seconded to accept.

Moved and seconded to adjourn until 9:45 a. m. Saturday, September 5. Dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing, "I'll Fly Away." Prayer by Rev. W. A. Olds. Moderator's scripture Ephesians 2:1-10. The Moderator declared the session opened for business.

Motioned and seconded to go back to the former custom of letting the committees be appointed at the Association. Motion was carried.

We received the following visitors:

L. R. Curtis, Midway Association

C. R. Houston, Midway Association

W. F. McDuffie, Midway Association

Albert W. Ellingwood, Midway Association

J. W. Knighton, Assembly of God.

Motioned and seconded to receive letter from New Life Church. Appoint Corresponding Messengers.

Georgia Union Association, Rev. L. S. Anthony, Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. George Nobles.

Little River Association—Rev. G. T. Holliman, Bro. G. C. King

Martin Association—Rev. W. J. Childree and Bro. E. A. Welsh.

Midway Association—Rev. K. V. Shutes, Bro. G. C. King

South Georgia Association, Rev. L. S. Anthony

Georgia State Association, Bro. D. L. Harris, Bro. G. C. King.

National Association (will meet in St. Louis, Missouri following the 2nd Sunday in July). Mrs. C. A. Huckaby, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. G. C. King and Miss Lavada Huckaby

Motioned and seconded to send \$10.00 to the Georgia State Association, \$5.00 to the National Association.

Motioned and seconded to print 700 minutes. Motioned and seconded to pay Moderator and Clerk same fee.

Motioned and seconded to receive an offering for the Unified Program—\$21.40.

Bro. L. E. Sheffield brought the morning message. Scripture was Genesis 2:7-9. Subject was "Pure Love." After his message Bro. E. C. Morris gave a talk on the State Work and presented certificates to several honor churches.

Dismissed for the noon hour by Bro. C. A. Huckaby.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing, "I'll Live On". After the Moderator's remarks, prayer by W. F. McDuffie. Due to the fact that Bro. K. V. Shutes for-

got to write Circular letter. It was moved and seconded that he write the letter and give to clerk. Motioned and seconded that Bro. W. J. Owens write next Circular letter for '58 session.

Motioned and seconded to drape a page to the Rev. H. J. Kelly and Sis. Etta Grimsley, wife of a deceased minister.

Bro. Walter Jones resigned from the ordaining Council, due to the fact that he's going to another Association.

The following were elected for members of the Ordaining Council: Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rev. C. H. Bass, and Rev. B. P. Hayes.

Executive Committee: Bro. E. A. Welsh, Bro. Bob Dent and Bro. G. C. King.

Motioned and seconded to discontinue the Superannuation Board. Motioned and seconded that money in hand of Treasurer, Bro. G. C. King, be turned over to Bro. E. C. Morris.

Motioned and seconded that next session be held with First Columbus Church.

Motioned and seconded that this association grant St. James Church a letter of dismissal, in good standing, since they have joined the Alabama work.

Rev. W. J. Childree was elected Moderator for '58. Rev. K. V. Shutes, assistant. Rev. L. S. Anthony elected clerk. Rev. W. J. Owens, assistant clerk.

Motioned and seconded that we appoint a Sunday School Board. Motioned and seconded that we appoint the members from laymen. The following members were elected:

Bro. George Keith, Bro. Hardy Hanson, Ellis Frawler.

Motioned and seconded that a rising vote of thanks be extended St. Mark Church for their fine hospitality for entertaining this session.

Rev. W. J. Owens to preach the Introductory message at '58 session. Bro. W. J. Childree, alternate.

Motioned and seconded that we adjourn this session to meet with First Columbus Church on Friday morning before the first Sunday in October, 1958.

Dismissed by Rev. W. J. Owens.

Rev. G. T. Holliman, Moderator

Rev. L. S. Anthony, Asst. Clerk

PREACHING COMMITTEE

Friday Night—Bro. Harvery Giddens to preach, Bro. Jessie Bone to follow.

Saturday 11:00 A.M.: Bro. L. E. Sheffield, Bro. E. C. Morris.

Annie Windham, Chairman

We, your committee on Temperance find that there is much intemperance among our people in speech, drink, thought and deed. We recommend a more consecrated life, for God is not mocked.

Mrs. Earl Bone, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, your committee on Sabbath Observance, wish to make the following report:

We believe that the Sabbath Day is the Lord's Day and that we should keep it Holy as the Bible teaches.

St. James Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. Walter E. Jones, Pastor

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee wish to make the following report. We find thirteen (13) Churches have Sunday Schools with 1,005 total attendance, an increase of sixty-three (63) over the past year. We deplore the fact that eight (8) churches do not have Sunday Schools at all. It seem that these eight (8) churches are dragging, they should organize a Sunday School and be training the young people in a Christian way, if these Churches are to continue to exist.

We the committee wish to recommend that a Sunday School Board be appointed for this association for the purpose of establishing a program that would promote some means of enlarging our Sunday School enrollment. We further recommend that, each church of this association notify the Sunday School Committee of their enrollment two (2) weeks prior to the association meeting in order that they may have the report ready when called for. We urge our people to use our Free Will Baptist press at Ayden, N. C. and our Sunday School office at 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. for our supplies so far as they can supply us.

Are we as Free Will Baptists going to walk and ride by the lost or are we going to look for the lost and lead them to a Christian life? We as Free Will Baptists do not want to bring up the rear, so let all go to work and see how much can be done for the Lord.

Rev. Warren A. Olds, Pastor

White Oak Free Will Church

Your Sunday School Committee

**REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE
OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION**

We your committee on Woman's Auxiliary work, find that there are 22 churches affiliated with this association and only 7 of these churches have Woman's Auxiliaries, and one of them, the Mt. Olive Church, has a Ladies Aid.

The churches that have a Woman's Auxiliary organization are: First Church Columbus, Emmanuel, St. James, St. Mark, Providence First Church Thomaston, White Oaks Church, Macon. The total active membership of these seven auxiliaries is 65.

The women of these seven auxiliaries have contributed the following amount for the different causes listed:

Co-Laborer Fund	\$52.00
Easter Offering for Foreign Mission	31.46
Thanksgiving Offering for Home Mission	10.39
Christmas Offering for Nat'l. Home Mission	16.10
Cash Gifts for Orphanage	23.00
Value of Boxes to Orphanage	60.00
Cash to F. W. B. Bible College	37.50
Total Gifts to Mission sent through the W. N. A. C. Treasurer	55.11
Cash Gifts to Aged Ministers	10.00
Amount spent for Auxiliary Literature	41.65
Local Church Activities	105.62
Unified Program	12.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	26.00

State Woman's Auxiliary Work Shop	12.50
Camp Mt. Bethel Youth Camp	49.03
W. N. A. C. Student Loan Fund	15.35
Other Causes	49.03
Convention Dues	28.00
Home Mission Tent	15.00

Total for all Causes \$649.74

This money does not represent all that these women have done for the cause of Christ for the women who are faithful to work in the Woman's Auxiliary are usually the most faithful church members, and contribute regularly of their tithes and offerings through their church. This gives to us a picture of what a few faithful women can do who love the Lord and are interested in the great cause of missions. Just think what could be accomplished for this great cause if all the women of the Chattahoochee Association were engaged in this great work.

We sincerely believe that a Woman's Auxiliary is a great asset to any church, when it is properly carried on. It is just what its name signifies; a helper. Its purpose is to help the church teach and support missions.

We recommend that the churches that do not have Woman's Auxiliary organizations try to organize as early as possible. If you need help in getting organized, you may contact the District President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, or the Vice President, Mrs. Ralph Underwood. Mrs. Shutes address is: Route 5, Thomaston, Georgia. Mrs. Underwood's is: 264 R. Street, Thomaston, Georgia. Moved and seconded to adopt report.

K. V. Shutes, Pastor,
Thomaston F. W. B. Church

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

We, your committee wish to make the following report. Bro. Floyd Herring has reported to this committee asking that he be restored to full fellowship of the Providence Church. After receiving some information, we refer him back to Providence Church for further action by that church.

The State of Churches and Character of Ministers are good to the best of our knowledge and ability.

D. W. Moore

We your Suggestion Committee wish to make the following suggestions:

1. That the Moderator site the body to items 25, 26 and 29 of the Decorum. (Concerning respectful order) It has been noticed in the past that members of the body are leaving the church at all times engaged in conversations and whispering during the conference. Let us strive in the future to honor and respect our Conference more, and to do all things in order.

2. That the delegates appointed to the quarterly and yearly conferences, read their own Corresponding letter.

3. That in the future, no minister with two living wives be ordained in this Association. The Bible by which we are governed, 1st Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:6 states that an Elder should be blameless and the husband of one wife. Thus, giving no alternative. We suggest that this be acted upon in this session of the Association. Yes or no.

4. We also suggest that a place for special events such as building a new church, dedication of church, a new Sunday School or League or Auxiliary be organized as any other special event took place during the year be placed in the minute, so we can keep a record of them and others may know of these events.

5. No one to be eligible to vote except delegates to our meetings.

6. That no motion or second be accepted unless the person stands and addresses the chair and then be recognized as our decorum states.

Mt. Olive Church by Annie Windham and Pastor

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We your committee on finance make the following report:

We find from Minute Bal. in hand of treasurer	\$101.55
Report from Union Meeting Treasurer	63.00
Paid in from Churches	114.00
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	\$278.55

G. C. King, Chairman

P. S.: I received later from Woman's Auxiliary \$10.00.

L. S. Anthony, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

On hand in Treasury	\$101.55
Paid in from Churches	114.00
From Union Meeting	63.00
Total in hand of Treasurer	278.55
Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Total	\$288.55

We had \$35 more paid in from Union Meeting but we paid Union Meeting Clerk \$10.00 and gave Mrs. H. J. Kelly \$25.00 love offering from Union Meeting money.

Paid out of Treasury:

Paid Moderator	\$15.00
Paid Clerk	30.00
Georgia State Association	10.00
Mailing Minutes	12.00
Printing	110.00

Total paid out	\$182.00
Balance in hand of Treasurer	\$106.55

L. S. Anthony, Treasurer

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder W. J. Childree, Rt. 3	Reynolds, Ga.
Elder Johnnie B. Lumpkin	Junction City, Ga.
Elder T. W. Casey	Butler, Ga.
Elder Jessie Bone	Butler, Ga.
Elder L. E. Sheffield, 4226½ Beallwood Ave.	Columbus, Ga.
Elder A. T. Byrd, 2006 2nd Ave.	Phenix City, Ala.

Elder W. H. Streetman	Oglethorpe, Ga.
Elder W. R. Lawhorn, Rt. 1	Butler, Ga.
Elder W. A. Olds, 705 Shi Place	Macon, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Fendley, 327 F	Warners Robin, Ga.
Elder R. B. McFadden, 1084 Rose St.	Macon, Ga.
Elder George Nobles, Columbus Road 3149	Macon, Ga.
Elder C. H. Bass, 1008 20th Street	Phenix City, Ala.
Elder G. T. Halliman, 633 20th St.	Phenix City, Ala.
Elder A. L. Oswalt	Columbus, Ga.
Elder Walter Jones, 1911 2nd Ave.	Phenix City, Ala.
Elder P. E. Knighton, 1610 21st St.	Phenix City, Ala.
Elder A. C. McKinnon, 314 K Peabody Apt.	Columbus, Ga.
Elder K. V. Shutes, Rt. 5	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder L. S. Anthony, Rt. 3	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder Roscoe Pitts, 30 Short "E" St.	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder John Grimsley, Rt. 1	Juniper, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne	Danville, Ga.
Elder Chester A. Huckaby, 903 Dillingham St.	Phenix City, Ala.
Elder Richard Meade, 2060 Armour Ave.	Columbus, 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.	Phenix City, Ala.
Elder G. W. Price, 1615 21st St.	Phenix City, Ala.
Elder W. C. Jones, 1620 7th Ave.	Phenix City, Ala.
Elder B. P. Hayes, 2926 Pecan St.	Columbus, Ga.

CHURCHES—Clerks, Post Offices

Bethany—John Grimsley, Rt. 1	Juniper, Ga.
Mt. Olive—Eugene Windham, Rt. 3	Reynolds, Ga.
St. Luke—Nellie Price, 1615 21st St.	Phenix City, Ala.
Trinity—Josephine Welch	Mauk, Ga.
Providence—Peggy Sizemore, 482 Craig Dr.	Fort Benning, Ga.
New Bethel—M. C. Roberts, Rt. 4	Sylvester, Ga.
Turner Chapel—Mrs. J. B. Rodgers	Butler, Ga.
First Thomaston—Hardy M. Hanson, 416 Goodrich Ave.	Thomaston, Ga.
Little Bethel—W. H. Cromer	Ideal, Ga.
First Columbus—Edward Newman, 5300 Thomason Ave., Cols., Ga.	
St. James—Juanita Erickson, 2903 Summerville Rd., Phenix City, Ala.	
St. Mark—Ethel Welson, M.R. 1 Box 551	Phenix City, Ala.
Poulan—James Jennings	Sylvester, Ga.
New Life—Annette Daniel, Rt. 1	Juniper, Ga.
New Prospect—Fred Rooks, 7409 Williams St.	Ashburn, Ga.
White Oak—J. H. Wright, 678 Elm St.	Macon, Ga.
Beulah—Morris Lawhorne	Butler, Ga.
Spring Hill—A. S. McCall	Mauk, Ga.
Harmony—Christine Kirkland, P.O. Box 44	Ellaville, Ga.
Emmanuel—Sara Sirmons, 1169 Webster, Ave.	Columbus, Ga.
New Prospect, Taylor Co.—Eva Trussell	Reynolds, Ga.
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Edyth M. Gay	Butler, Ga.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

Elder A. C. McKinnon, 1 yr., 314 K Peabody Apts.	Columbus, Ga.
Elder G. T. Halliman, 2 yrs., 633 20th St.	Phenix City, Ala.

Elder Chester A. Huckaby, 3 yrs., 903 Dillingham St., Phenix City, Ala.
Elder C. H. Bass, 4 yrs., 1008 20th St. Phenix City, Ala.
Elder B. P. Hayes, 5 yrs., 2926 Pecan St. Columbus, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Mack Miller, 2 yrs. Butler, Ga.
Bro. Bennie Lovering, 1 yr., Rt. 1 Box 166 B Loranzo Rd., Cols., Ga.
Bro. G. C. King, Chairman, 5 yrs. Sylvester, Ga.
Bro. Bob Dent, 5 yrs. Reynolds, Ga.
Bro. E. A. Welch, 5 yrs. Mauk, Ga.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Hardy Hanson, Charles Keith, Ellis Frawler.

LICENSE MINISTERS

E. J. Spillars Barnesville, Ga.
W. L. Bronson, 1408 Edgerly Ave. Albany, Ga.

The Sunday School Convention of the Chattahoochee Association

Was Held June 1, 1957.

Opening song: "He Keeps Me Singing". Prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes. The Host Pastor, Rev. H. J. Kelly rendered the welcome. Bro. K. V. Shutes gave the response.

The Rev. William Michler gave a very interesting talk on the Sunday School and the work in Nashville.

The congregation joined in singing another song followed by a play on "Stewardship" presented very nicely by the Pleasant Hill Church. Another song was sung. The Rev. Jessie Bone delivered the Convention Message. It was very inspiring. The morning session ended with a song and prayer.

EVENING SESSION

We were reassembled in the auditorium after a very appetizing lunch prepared by the women of the host church.

Opening song: "He Keep Me Singing". Prayer by Rev. Michler. The Rev. H. L. Knighton gave us a talk on the Sunday School and how it helps prepare ourselves for good Christian work. He also reminded the congregation of the State Sunday School Convention.

Another song was sung. Following the song, a program was very nicely presented by the host church.

The Rev. W. A. Olds read the reports from the various Sunday Schools. Eight (8) were given. The treasury received \$15.00 as dues.

Moved and seconded we send Rev. Michler \$10.00 and a thank you note to show our appreciation for him being with us.

The President along with the pastors of the churches represented appointed the following delegates to attend the State Convention:

Helen Tomblin—Thomaston; Martha Sellers, Columbus; Dorothy Murphy, St. Luke; Sis. Irene Underwood, Thomaston; Mary Frances Kelly, Columbus.

Moved and seconded one of the delegates take the \$5.00 dues from our convention.

Moved and seconded the President contact Rev. Michler and see if he will be available for a week Study Course.

Moved and seconded we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Moved and seconded we send \$6.00 to the printers and have the By-Laws printed in the minutes.

Moved and seconded the old officers retain their position for another year.

Moved and seconded we adjourn until the next meeting held at Pleasant Hill Church the first Saturday in June, 1958.

Dues Collected	\$15.00
Total in treas. from last year	8.50

Total in treas.	\$23.50
Paid State dues	\$5.00
Give Bro. Michler a gift	10.00
Sent to printers	6.00

Total paid out	\$21.00
Assets	\$23.50
Liabilities	21.00
Total in treas.	\$ 2.50

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sellers—Sec.-Trea.
2229 Bell St.
Columbus, Ga.

MINUTES OF DEACONS AND PREACHERS MEETING

Held July 13th, 1957 at Springhill Free Will Baptist church in Marion County, Ga.

Opening Song No. 8 "I Am Thine O Lord". Prayer by Rev. Jesse Bone. Message brought by Rev. Walter E. Jones, subject: "Preach the Word" II Tim. 4:1-2. His inspiring message was enjoyed by all.

Opening for business. Opening song No. 31 "Won't It Be Wonderful There?" Opening prayer by Rev. A. T. Byrd. Elected Moderator Protem—Bro. W. C. Bush which read a Scripture. Moved and second and all voting yea to elect officers just before adjournment.

Churches and their representatives:

Pleasant Hill—Rev. Jesse Bone, Pastor, Bro. James Deacon.

New Prospect Taylor County—None

Turner's Chapel—Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Pastor.

Emmanuel—Rev. A. T. Byrd, Pastor.

Harmony—Bro. H. W. Grimsley and Bro. W. H. Streetman.

Spring Hill—Rev. R. B. McFadden, Pastor, deacons Bro. Leonard Grimsley, Bro. Norman Grier.

Beulah—Rev. George Nobles, Pastor, & Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

White Oaks—None

New Prospect Turner County—None.

New Life—Bro. Lee Daniel, Deacon and Rev. W. J. Owens, Pastor.

Poulan—None.

St. Mark—None.

Little Bethel—Rev. W. J. Owens, Pastor.

St. James—Rev. Walter E. Jones, Pastor and W. C. Bush, Deacon.

First Church in Columbus—Rev. H. J. Kelly, Pastor.

Providence—Rev. Richard Meade, Pastor.

New Bethel—None.

First in Thomaston—None.

Trinity—Bro. E. A. Welch, deacon.

St. Luke—Bro. Curt Grier, and Bro. Homer Grier, Deacons.

Mt. Olive—None.

Bethany—Rev. George Nobles, Pastor.

Bro. E. A. Welch made a wonderful talk on the "Duties of a Deacon" that was inspiring to all present.

Rev. John Grimsley spoke on the "Duties of a Minister".

There was a move made by Rev. George Nobles and seconded by Rev. H. J. Kelly that a rising vote of thanks be given to Host Church for its wonderful hospitality.

Election of Officers were as follows: Rev. B. T. Gill, elected Moderator and Rev. Jesse Bone, elected Clerk. It was voted that the next Deacon and Preacher Meeting be held with Harmony Church in Schly County, Ga.

To preach the Introductory Message at Harmony Church when Deacons and Preachers Meeting will be Rev. R. B. McFadden, his alternate is Rev. Jesse Bone on Saturday morning before the Third Sunday in July.

Rev. W. A. Olds was appointed to speak on Sunday School work of our Association at next Deacon & Preachers meeting.

Sis. K. V. Shutes will speak on the Women's Auxiliary work.

A move and second vote being taken that the Clerk write Rev. W. A. Olds and Sis. K. V. Shutes of their appointments and topics.

A move and second and vote being taken to adjourn to meet with Harmony Free Will Baptist Church.

Presiding were

W. C. Bush, Moderator

Rev. Walter E. Jones, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 21, 1957

The Eighth Annual Session of the Chattahoochee District Auxiliary Convention of Georgia convened with St. James Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Alabama, September 21, 1957.

The theme for the convention was, "Consecrated Service." The scripture was I Chronicles 29:5.

The convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Ralph Underwood. The congregation was led in singing "Take My Life and Let it Be" by Mrs. K. V. Shutes. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

Mrs. Voncile Bryan of Columbus, Georgia, led us in our morning devotional thoughts.

The following committees were appointed by the president:
Registration Committee: Mrs. Cora Renow, Mrs. Gladys Spines, Mrs. Kate Hestley

Credential Committee: Mrs. Winfred Sheffield, Mrs. Kate Lovering, Mrs. Lannie Bass

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Voncile Bryan, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Thelma Tomlin

Finance Committee: Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. Earnestine Collins, Mrs. Johnie Dukes, Mrs. Carrie Griggs

Resolution Committee: Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. J. A. Richburg, Mrs. J. L. Varnadore.

A warm and friendly welcome was given by Mrs. Cora Hearn. The response was given by Mrs. Lannie Bass.

"Consecrated Youth", Mrs. Voncile Bryan, District Youth Chairman, Columbus, Georgia. Mrs. Bryan gave a very challenging message on this topic along with her report as youth chairman.

The congregation was led in singing "In My Heart There is a Melody" by Mrs. K. V. Shutes. An offering was received which amounted to \$12.15.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes introduced Mrs. Eunice Edwards, National Woman's Auxiliary Executive Secretary, who stirred our hearts with a soul-stirring message. Mrs. Edwards used as her scripture Romans 15: 16. Following her message, we were dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing, "Our Best." Prayer was offered by Rev. K. V. Shutes. Mrs. Ralph Underwood led the group in singing a number of favorite choruses.

Mrs. Lois Walters, Columbus, Georgia gave an inspirational message on "Consecrated Stewards" along with her report as Stewardship prayer Chairman. Mrs. J. L. Varnadore, Macon, Georgia gave a message on, "Consecrated Personal Service" along with her report as Personal Service Chairman.

The report of the treasurer was given by Mrs. Ruby Wells, Thomaston, Georgia followed by a message on "Consecrated Money." The treasurer's report was accepted.

The Study Chairman, Mrs. K. V. Shutes gave a message on, "Consecrated Study" followed by her report as study chairman.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards explained the Memorial Student Loan Fund which has been set-up by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

Report of Credentials' Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

Report of Registration Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

Report of Finance Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

Report of Resolution Committee was given and the resolutions were adopted one at the time.

Report of the Nominating Committee was given and officers recommended by the committee were elected by acclamation. (See Reports)

The following delegates were appointed to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. Ralph Underwood, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Lannie Bass.

There was a discussion on the Quarterly Workshops. It was decided that we would have only one Workshop in 1958 and it is to be held with White Oaks Church, Macon, Georgia the third Saturday in March.

There was a motion and second that the convention meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, Georgia for its 1958 session. The session to be held at the regular time; Third Saturday in September.

REPORTS

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee submit the following report:

We have examined the report and find the following auxiliaries eligible to seats in this convention:

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| 1. First Church, Thomaston | 5. Emmanuel, Columbus |
| 2. White Oaks, Macon | 6. St. James, Phenix City, Ala. |
| 3. First Church, Columbus | 7. Providence, Columbus |
| 4. St. Mark, Phenix City, Ala. | |

Emmanuel does not have her report, and Providence has not sent in report and dues. We have talked to the presidents of these two auxiliaries and they have promised to send their reports and dues by Oct. 15. We therefore, recommend that they be seated in this body.

REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The following executive members are present: President, Mrs. Ralph Underwood, Study Chairman, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Stewardship Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Lois Walters, Youth Chairman, Mrs. Voncile Bryan, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ruby Wells.

Local president present 3, Delegates 9, Ministers 13, Visitors 19, G. T. A. Members 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Cora Renow

Mrs. Gladys Spines

Mrs. Kate Hestley

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We recommend the following distributions:

1. That a love offering of \$10.00 be given to Mrs. Edwards.
2. That we give Rev. S. T. Shutes \$10.00 for traveling expense in getting Mrs. Edwards to convention.
3. That \$10.00 be given to the National Memorial Student Loan Fund.
4. That \$26.40 be sent to State Convention for state and national dues.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ruby Wells

Mrs. Ernestine Collins

Mrs. Johnnie Dukes

Mrs. Carrie Griggs

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee on Nominations submits the following names for nominations:

President—Mrs. K. V. Shutes

Vice-President—Mrs. Irene Underwood

Secretary & Treasurer—Mrs. Ruby Wells

Youth Chairman—Mrs. Earnestine Collins

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. E. E. Bone

Stewardship Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Kate Lovering

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Voncile Bryan

CHATTAHOOCHEE DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved:

- (1) That this convention adopt the Constitution and By-Laws as suggested by the W. N. A. C. and printed in the W. N. A. C. Manual.
- (2) That these Constitution and By-Laws be printed in our associational minutes along with the minutes of this convention and reports of chairman and committees.
- (3) That all monies for different projects and causes of the district state and national conventions be sent through our district treasurer. The money should be sent in the form of a check or money order, and should be made to the district treasurer.
- (4) That the corresponding secretary of each local auxiliary be responsible to send their slate of new officers to the secretary of this convention with addresses of same.
- (5) That each local chairman report quarterly to her corresponding chairman in the district convention the accomplishments in her department of work.
- (6) That the youth chairman of this district convention urge each local youth chairman to sponsor a Declamation Contest and an essay Contest among their G. T. A.'s and Y. P. A.'s.
- (7) That the G. T. A.'s receive a special offering in the month of February to be used for Visual Aid equipment on our mission fields as planned by the W. N. A. C., and the Y. P. A.'s in the same month to be used for the purchasing of bicycles for the mission fields.
- (8) That each auxiliary in this district convention receive a special offering in the month of October for National Superannuation.
- (9) That each auxiliary receive a special offering in the month of September for the National Woman's Auxiliary Memorial Loan Fund.
- (10) That each auxiliary in this convention receive a special offering for the Free Will Baptist Bible College Extension Program in the month of January 1958.
- (11) That this convention extend a rising vote of thanks to St. James Free Will Baptist church and pastor, and the other Free Will Baptist churches of Phenix City and Columbus for their generous hospitality to us during this convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT WOMAN AUXILIARY

Balance brought forward in Treasure	\$30.13
Taken in for State Workshop expense	\$10.00
Dishes for Youth Camp	\$42.00
Workshop Offering	\$16.68
Received from 6 Auxiliaries dues	\$28.00
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Total	\$126.86
Paid out of Treasure:	
For Tent	\$15.00
For Back Dues	\$10.40
Love Offering for Mrs. K. V. Shutes	\$ 7.00

For expense of State Workship	\$10.00
For dishes for Camp Bethel	\$27.36
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Total	\$69.76
Balance in Treasure	\$57.10
Today's Offering	\$12.12
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Total	\$69.22

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Woman's National Auxiliary convention shall be twofold: first, to cooperate with and to promote the work of our denomination as set up by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Second, to distribute missionary information and to secure earnest, sympathetic cooperation of women and young people through state woman's auxiliary conventions in supporting all missionary endeavors of the denomination.

Article III. Officers and Executive Committee

The officers shall be a president, vice president, who shall serve as enlistment chairman, recording secretary, assistant recording secretary, executive secretary-treasurer, youth auxiliary chairman, study course chairman, stewardship-prayer chairman, and personal service chairman; also promotional chairman, and literature chairman, who shall be recommended by the executive secretary-treasurer, approved by the executive committee, and elected by the W.N.A.C. These shall constitute the executive committee, seven of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article IV. Membership

This convention shall be composed of the officers of said convention together with the field secretary and president of each state convention, and the ten (10) delegates from each state which has paid in full its membership and representation fee.

Article V. Annual Meeting

The National Auxiliary Convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the National Association of Free Will Baptists subject to the approval of the executive committee of the W.N.A.C.

Article VI. Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President.—The president shall preside over all meetings, appoint such committees as may be needed, call the executive committee together when necessary, be ex officio member of all standing committees, and perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Section 2. Vice President.—The vice president shall act as presi-

dent in the president's absence or by request. She shall serve as chairman of the enlistment committee and shall help state officers in organizing and strengthening state auxiliary conventions. She shall also serve as chairman of the registration committee.

Section 3. Recording Secretary.—The recording secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the convention and executive committee meetings, preserve all valuable papers and turn same over to her successor in office.

Section 4. Assistant Recording Secretary.—The assistant recording secretary shall serve as chairman of the credentials committee. In the absence of the recording secretary, the assistant recording secretary shall serve in her place.

Section 5. Executive Secretary-Treasurer.—The executive secretary-treasurer is entrusted with the general administration of the whole W.N.A.C. Plan of Work. She shall edit and supervise publications of all W.N.A.C. literature. She shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements for each W.N.A.C. publication, and also shall receive directly from the state treasurers and other donors all Co-Laborer Fund receipts, convention fees, weeks of prayer offerings, etc., and shall present a detailed written report of all these accounts to each annual meeting. She must be bonded and all books audited annually.

Under her supervision, the promotional chairman shall conduct the promotional work of the Convention, cooperate with all denominational activities, prepare and circulate whatever publicity is needed to promote the convention Plan of Work.

The literature chairman, also under the supervision of the executive secretary-treasurer, shall be responsible for the preparation of the program books. She shall prepare or secure other literature needed at the suggestion of the executive secretary-treasurer.

The executive secretary-treasurer shall be given the power to employ an office secretary to work in the W.N.A.C. office when necessary.

Section 6. Youth Auxiliary Chairman.—The youth auxiliary chairman shall have general oversight of youth organizations of the woman's National Auxiliary Convention. She shall cooperate with national and state study course chairmen and youth auxiliary chairmen in promoting missionary education of Free Will Baptist youth.

Section 7. Study Course Chairman.—The study course chairman shall suggest and plan all study courses for the year. She will select and recommend textbooks to be used. It shall be her duty to prepare suggested themes for quarterly workshops and secure the cooperation of state chairmen in promoting such workshops in their states.

Section 8. Stewardship-Prayer Chairman.—The success of all Christian endeavor depends on being good stewards, not only of money, time and talents, but the spending of much time in prayer as well. The W.N.A.C. revolves on this axle. Therefore it is the duty of the stewardship-prayer chairman to promote good stewardship in all of these things and to promote family altars and special seasons of prayer.

Section 9. Personal Service Chairman.—The personal service chairman shall encourage state personal service chairmen in assign-

ed and directed community missions which include soul-winning efforts, benevolences, orphanage work, and ministerial relief.

Section 10. Executive Committee.—The executive committee shall hold annual and semi-annual meetings for the transaction of business and shall report through the secretary at each annual session of the W.N.A.C. what has been done toward carrying out the purpose of the organization. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to maintain an oversight of the work at large, have authority to call extra sessions of the committee when necessary and act for the convention, to introduce recommendations to the convention concerning any matter deemed important to the interests of the convention and its committees, to prepare the program for the regular annual meeting of the convention, to fill any vacancies occurring between elections.

Article II. Chairmen of Standing Committees

The standing committees are composed of the national chairmen and the state chairmen of each department of work as set up by the W.N.A.C. working together as co-laborers, i.e., the national vice president is chairman of the enlistment committee which is composed of all state enlistment chairmen. The national chairmen of these committees shall plan and direct work in their departments in harmony with the W.N.A.C. Plan of Work. These committee plans shall be arranged and presented to the executive committee meeting at its regular session prior to the annual convention. Plans approved will then become recommendations to the convention.

Each chairman will secure and compile facts and reports from the state chairman concerning her committee's work which will be informative and inspirational to the national convention.

Article III. Elections

The general officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee and elected every two years by acclamation, unless there are other nominations. In case of more than one nominee for any particular office, a vote will be taken on each. All elections shall be held at the closing business session of the annual convention.

Article IV. Expenses

An appropriation toward the expenses of the general officers to all official meetings may be made from the national treasury provided it does not exceed the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15). An honorarium to the recording secretary for transcribing minutes and salaries for the W.N.A.C. executive department shall be recommended by the finance committee and approved by the national convention each year. All field promotional work is subject to the W.N.A.C. executive committee, who must approve all itineraries made by W.N.A.C. officers in the interest of W.N.A.C. work, as well as the expenses for same.

Postage and stationary shall be furnished the general officers. Other appropriations may be decided upon by the finance committee and passed upon by the convention.

Article V. Committees

Section 1. Nominating Committee.—The nominating committee shall be composed of one member from each state to be nominated from the floor and elected by the body.

Section 2. Credentials.—The assistant recording secretary shall

be chairman of the credentials committee, and other members may be appointed by the president.

Section 3. Finance.—The executive secretary-treasurer shall be chairman of the finance committee and four other members may be appointed by the president.

Section 4. Registration.—The vice president shall be chairman and two other members may be appointed by the president.

Article VI. Fees

Ten cents (10c) per active member shall be paid yearly to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention by the state conventions for membership and convention representation fees.

Article VII. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting of the National Auxiliary Convention.

Article VIII. Gifts

The Co-Laborer offerings sent monthly to W.N.A.C. executive secretary-treasurer and offerings for missions sent following each special week of prayer constitute the gift plan of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

III. Points of Emphasis

The point of emphasis that should be pointed out in this chapter is the difference in the reading of Article II of the by-laws in the above national constitution and the reading of Article II of the by-laws of both the district and the state constitutions. Essentially the same thing is said, hence there should be no conflict in interpretation.

Questions For Review

1. Discuss four things that show the importance of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention?
2. What are some of the duties of the executive secretary-treasurer?
3. How is the nominating committee formed?
4. How is the membership of the national convention formed?
5. How many delegates are allowed from each state?

FIRST UNION MEETING

The first Union Meeting met with New Prospect Church at Turner Co., Ga. March 30, 1957.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. Kelly. His scripture was Gen. 22:1-15. His subject was, "The Trial of Faith."

After dinner the body assembled and sang, "Heavenly Sunlight" followed with a prayer by Bro. Mance Cason.

Then the body was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. H. J. Kelly. He read from Hebrews 11:1-7.

The first item of business was to call for Corresponding letters from the various churches. Was moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint someone to read the letters. Bro. J. D. Ellis and Mance Cason were appointed.

St. James—Bro. J. M. Bramlett and Sis. Fannie Whitehurst.

St. Luke—By Letter.

New Prospect, Taylor Co.—Sisters Bessie Hartley and Eva Trussell.

Turners' Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Robert Roberson, Sis. Norma Jean Bone and Bro. J. B. Rodgers.

White Oak—Bro. E. D. Fowler, J. B. Fuller, E. L. Collins, H. E. Lynn.

Pleasant Hill—Bro. Fred Brewer and wife and Bro. W. E. James.

Harmony—Bro. Walter, Bro. H. W. Grimsley and wife.

Bethany—Bro. Julius Grimsley, Sis. Ruby Grimsley.

Spring Hill—Bro. Huston James, Bro. W. L. Wall, Bro. and Sis. Leonard Grimsley and Sis. Myrtle Greer.

New Life—By letter

St. Mark—By letter.

New Prospect, Turner Co.—Sis. Wanda Cooper, Sis. Myrtle Edge, Bro. J. A. Rooks, Bro. and Sis. Fred Rooks, Bro. Jimmy Davis, Bro. T. D. Cook, Bro. Arthur Lites and Bro. G. C. King.

Poulan—Bro. R. C. Lewis, Sis. James Jennings, Sis. Zac Chestnut, Sis. Charles Hutchinson.

Trinity—Bro. & Sis. E. A. Welch.

Beulah—Bro. Morris Lawhorne, Sis. Vera Chromer, Bro. Joseph Chromer.

First Thomaston—Bro. and Sis. Al Wells, Sis. Cora Ranow.

First Columbus—Bro. Rudolph Helton.

Little Bethel—Bro. and Sis. Leonard Layfield, Bro. & Sis. W. H. Cromer.

Providence—Bro. and Sis. B. T. Sizemore, Sis. Colwell, Bro. and Sis. B. T. Sizemore, Jr., Sis. Betty Prestwood and Sis. Michaels.

Mt. Olive—A report by Bro. Dean.

New Bethel—Bro. J. A. Farmers, Bro. Jodie Hobby.

Moved and seconded to seat the delegates in a body. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us. From the Little River Association—Mance Cason, Elzie Franks and Bro. & Sis. Pardin; Midway—Bro. & Sis. A. C. Watson, Bro. & Sis. C. J. Harvey; Union Assoc.—Bro. & Sis. A. C. Trulock, Bro. & Sis. M. C. Urvin.

Also several from other denominations.

The church did not want night service due to the fact that they'd just closed a spring revival.

Miscellaneous business—Talk by Bro. K. V. Shutes on the Bible College. A talk on Home Missions Work by W. E. Jones and C. J. Harvey. A talk by Bro. C. J. Harvey on Camp Work. A member of the church said they'd been building Sunday School rooms and would appreciate help from the Union Meeting. Motioned and seconded to receive an offering for these four things and divide equally. The amount was \$51.00.

Motioned and seconded to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. Motioned and seconded to adjourn and to meet with Providence Church on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in June.

Offering from this Union was \$38.00.

L. S. Anthony, Clerk

H. J. Kelly, Moderator

SECOND UNION MEETING

The second Union Meeting opened with a song led by Bro. Gill.

After words of welcome by the host pastor, the introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. Price Hayes. The scripture reading was Titus 2:1-15. His text was 13th verse and his subject was "Blessed Hope".

Then the alternate, Bro. Bass, closed with I John and 1st chapter.

After the noon hour the body assembled and sang "I Want to Know More About my Lord." Then prayer by Bro. L. E. Sheffield.

Then the body was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. H. J. Kelly. His scripture was Phillipians 4:4-8 and his theme was "Rejoicing in the Lord."

Called for letters from the various churches. It was motioned and seconded that the Moderator appoint someone to read the letters. Bro. Walter Jones and Bro. Jessie Bone were appointed.

St. James—Bro. W. C. Bush, Sis. Irene Johnson, Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, Bro. Johnny Dukes, Kate Hestley.

First Columbus—Bro. Whitehurst.

Turners' Chapel—Sis. Jewel Bone.

Spring Hill—Bro. Huston James, Walter Wall, Sis. Rosia Grimsley and Sis. Myrtle Greer.

Trinity—Bro. E. A. Welsh.

Providence—Bro. & Sis. B. E. Spires, Sis. Prestwood, Sis. Michael and Sis. Ellis.

Mt. Olive—By letter.

St. Mark—Sis. Lonnie Bass.

St. Luke—Sis. Lucille Story, Sis. Shirley Owens, Sis. Delilah Story, and Sis. Mellie Price.

White Oak—Bro. H. E. Winn, Bro. Ernest Collins and Bro. Emmett Rigby.

New Life—By pastor.

Bethany—Sisters Ruby and Etta Grimsley.

First Thomaston—Bro. George Spillers and W. H. Cochran.

Harmony—By Letter.

Emmanuel—Bro. L. E. Sheffield.

Beulah—Bro. Morris Lawhorn, Sis. W. R. Lawhorne and Sis. Vera Chromer.

Poulan—Bro. D. L. Harris, Sis. Margaret Harris and Bro. and Sis. W. L. Bronson.

Little Bethel—Bro. Larry Williams, Bro. W. H. Chromer, Bro. S. O. Jones and Bro. O. M. Williams.

New Prospect, Turner Co.—Bro. G. C. King.

The letters were read and it was motioned and seconded to seat the delegates in a body. Recognized several from different denominations. Bro. and Sis. Ellingwood from the Midway Assoc. were among the visitors.

The preaching committee were: Sis. Ellis, Bro. Williams, Bro. King, Bro. Lynn and Bro. Spires.

The program was by the host church.

The preaching committee reported Bro. W. J. Owens to preach, followed by Bro. Meads. Motioned and seconded that a letter concerning the camp be read by Bro. Morris. Motioned and seconded that an offering be received for camp. Motioned and seconded that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the host church for their hospitality. Motioned and seconded that we adjourn to convene with Mt. Olive Church 5th Sunday in September. Offering was \$32.00.

L. S. Anthony, Clerk

H. J. Kelly, Moderator

THIRD UNION MEETING

The 3rd Union met with Mt. Olive Church, Reynolds, Ga. Sept. 28th, 1957. Opened by singing, "The Blood that Stained the Old Rugged Cross." Prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes. Afterwards a welcome by the host pastor. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. J. Owens. His scripture was I John 3:1-9. Text was Romans 8:14.

After the noon hour, the body assembled for singing. Prayer by Bro. Hardy Hanson. Due to the death of our Moderator, Bro. H. J. Kelly, Bro. Jessie Bone was elected Moderator Protem for this session.

The first item of business was to call for corresponding letters. Bro. Walter Jones and Bro. W. J. Owens were appointed to read letters.

White Oak—Brothers Alton Fleming and Ernest Collins.

Mt. Olive—Bro. B. R. Dent, Thurman Windham, A. G. Windham, Eugene Windham, and Sis. Annie Windham, Sis. Cynthia Jones and Irene Windham.

St. Mark—Bro. and Sis. Luke Skinner, Sis. Millie Halliman, Sis. Lonnie Bass, Sis. Alice Holliman, and iSs. Connie Christian.

St. Luke—Sis. B. P. Hayes.

Spring Hill—Bro. A. S. McCall, Bro. Huston James, Bro. Walter Walls.

St. James—Bro. J. N. Bramlett and wife, Bro. Mack Richardson, Bro. H. A. Hendon and wife, Sis. Margurate Scarbrough, Sis. Lena Waller.

Pleasant Hill—Sis. Fred Brewer, Bro. W. E. James, Sis. B. C. Brewer and Sis. Ida Wall.

First Thomaston—Brothers Jessie Windham, Hardy Hanson, William Cochran and Sis. Irene Underwood.

Beulah—Bro. Charlie Chromer and Bro. W. R. Lawhorne.

Trinity—Bro. E. A. Welsh.

Turners' Chapel—Bro. H. S. Moore and Sis. Nannie Lou Rogers.

Little Bethel—Bro. W. H. Cromer, Bro. Leonard Layfield and wife & Bro. W. T. Williams.

First Columbus—Bro. George Keith, Ralph Cruch and Carter Presley.

Emmanuel—Sis. Patsy Sheffield.

New Life—Annette Daniel.

Harmony—Brothers W. H. Streetman and Bro. N. N. Cromer.

Providence—Bro. and Sis. B. T. Sizemore, Sis. Goldie Colwell.

New Prospect, Taylor Co.—Sis. Bessie Hartley.

New Prospect, Turner Co.—Bro. & Sis. G. C. King.

Bethany—By Pastor, George Nobles.

Moved and seconded to seat the delegates in a body. Next to invite visiting brethren to seat with us. Bro. Ellingwood from the Midway Association also some from other denominations.

No preaching committee.

The 1st Union will meet with First Columbus, Dec. 29th, 1957. Bro. Jessie Bone for Introductory. His alternate, Bro. Walter Jones.

The 2nd Union with Bethany. Introductory—Rev. L. E. Sheffield, alternate—Bro. Jessie Bone.

The 3rd Union with St. Luke. Introductory Rev. W. J. Childree, alternate Rev. A. C. McKinnon.

Miscellaneous business—A talk by Rev. K. V. Shutes about the Bible College. Motioned and seconded to receive an offering for the improvent program. Offering \$31.97.

Motioned and seconded to send \$25.00 to Sis. H. J. Kelly from Union Meeting funds. Clerk \$10.00.

Election of officers for coming year:

Clerk — Rev. L. S. Anthony

Assistant Clerk — Rev. Price Hayes

Moderator — Rev. Jessie Bone

Assistant Moderator — Rev. George Nobles

Moved and seconded to give a rising vote of thanks to host church.

Motioned and seconded that this body stand in silent prayer for Bro. H. J. Kelly and others who have passed on.

Motioned and seconded to adjourn this session to be with First Columbus Church, Dec. 29, 1957.

Rev. Jessie Bone (Moderator Protem)

Rev. L. S. Anthony (Clerk)

CIRCULAR LETTER FOR CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

K. V. Shutes, Thomaston, Georgia

Lifting up Christ—John 12:32

Many people like to lift up their own family, friends, politicians, musicians and athletes, but our great task as christians is to lift up Christ.

First, we must lift Him up as Saviour. "For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which is lost." (Luke 19:10) "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21)

He could save a murderer and blasphemer like Paul; a harlot like the woman mentioned in the fourth chapter of St. John, and the one in the eighth chapter of the same book; a drunkard like Sam Jones and Jerry McCaully. He as saved men and women of all walks of life from all manners of sin." "He is the same yesterday, today and forever."

Second, we want to lift Him up as one who satisfies. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." (Isaiah 26:3) "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (St. John 14:27) Jesus is the satisfying Saviour. He gives peace to the troubled heart and mind.

Thirdly, let us lift Him up as the Good Shepherd. "The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am know of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep." (St. John 10:10-15) The good shepherd knows the way and leads the way. He leads the sheep instead of driving them.

If this association moves on, the shepherds will have to lead the

people out of the ruts of indifference, lack of vision, stinginess, and spiritual lethargy. I know many associations over the states that have done more for the cause of Christ in twenty-five years than this one has done in one hundred and twenty-two years.

Fourthly, let us lift Him up as the Victorious One. "I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore." (Rev. 1:18) "But thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 15:57) Jesus Christ conquered death, hell and the grave and lives today to help all of us conquer ourselves, our enemies, and to lead us from conquest to victory in all our struggles with Satan.

If we will follow the Good Shepherd, we will see more souls saved; more Sunday Schools, Free Will Baptist Leagues, Woman's Auxiliaries, and prayer meetings in operation in our churches. We will be lifting Christ up to a lost and dying world.

I challenge all of us to really lift Christ up in our daily living, and do our very best for Him during the year 1958.

REPORT OF ORDINATION COUNCIL

To the Chattahoochee Association Free Will Baptist. When convened with St. Mark Church, in Phenix City, Ala. on October 4th and 5th 1957, we, the Ordination Council, submit the following report. On July 12, 1957, four of the members of the council met at St. James Free Will Baptist to make the examination of Bro. Richard Meade for ordination of a Gospel Minister. The qualification were approved by the Council and set the date for his ordination on July 23, 1957. At this time Bro. H. J. Kelly was chosen to preach the Ordination Message in as much as the Lord had called him on to his reward on Saturday before this time came to be. Bro. Walter E. Jones was chosen to preach the Ordination Message which he did when the Council met at Providence Church on July 23, 1957 to Ordain Bro. Richard Meade. Rev. Walter was appointed clerk protem, Rev. A. C. McKinnon, appointed Chairman Rev. A. T. Byrd was appointed by Bro. Halliman to take his place. The qualifications of a Minister were given by Rev. Walter Jones. The charge of duties and questions were asked by Rev. A. C. McKinnon. Then there was the Laying on of Hands while Prayer of Consecration was offered up by Rev. A. T. Byrd.

Humbly submitted in Christ,

Walter E. Jones, Clerk Protem in absence of H. J. Kelly

G. T. Halliman

A. C. McKinnon

W. R. Lawhorn

LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee District League Convention met August 10, 1957, at the First Church in Thomaston for its annual meeting.

The theme for the day was "A Place in My Church."

The Convention was called to order by the president Rev. Jesse Bone, singing "To The Work."

Our opening prayer was offered by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

The different Committees were appointed by the president.

Nominating: Bro. Hardy Hanson, Glenda Moore and Josie Barron.
Credentials: Vivian McLendon, Chairman; Lamar Windham and William Heath.

Resolution: Sis. John Ellis, Chairman; Hugh Howell and Helen Tomlin.

The devotions was given by Miss Dossie Wall of Ellaville.

A welcome was given by Lamar Windham. The response was given by Sis. John Ellis of Columbus.

Our National League song "Onward Christian Leaguers" was led by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

The Convention was assembled into different classes for study on the manuals consisting of: Adult League taught by Rev. K. V. Shutes, Intermediate League, taught by Mrs. Ralph Underwood, and the Junior League, taught by Mrs. Voncille Bryan. After the class period we assembled back in the church for the morning message, brought by Rev. Charles Clark of Cordele. The scripture was taken from Amos 6:1. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation sang "Keep Your Chin Up Dear Leaguers." Prayer was offered by Rev. Jessie Bone.

The congregation was led in several special League songs by Mrs. Irene Underwood. These songs were prepared for the League Work by Rev. C. F. Bowen. "My League," "Serving the King," "Count On Me."

Again we had afternoon classes, the same as the morning session.

The Sword Drill was led by the Sword Drill Leader Marion Collins.

Intermediate Contestants: Vivian McLendon, Helen Harmon, Glenda Moore.

Junior Contestants: Dianne Barron, Evelyn Toler and Billy Harmon.

Glenda Moore won the Intermediate Drill and Evelyn Toler won the Junior Drill. These two will represent this District in the Sword Drill at the State Convention.

In the business session it was moved and seconded that the Pres., V. Pres., and Sect. serve as a committee to write new by-laws for this Convention, if the old ones cannot be obtained.

It was decided to have a Semi-Annual Convention, which will meet with First Church in Columbus on the 2nd Sat. in Feb. And our Annual Convention will meet with White Oaks Church in Macon on the 2nd Sat. in August.

Delegates to State Convention: Mrs. Ralph Underwood, Vivian McLendon, Jackie Sellers, Yvonne Collins and Marion Collins.

The Sect. and Treas. were not present and did not send any report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The Credentials Committee reported as follows:

First Church in Thomaston—\$3.00.

Larry Pitts

Helen Tomlin

Lamar Windham

Hardy Hanson

First Church in Columbus—\$3.00.

Jackie Sellers

Mrs. John Ellis

Vivian McLendon

Mrs. Voncille Bryan

Bro. Keith

White Oaks Church, Macon—\$3.00.

Wallace Heath

Hugh Howell

William Heath

Yvonne Collins

Glenda Moore

Turner's Chapel—\$3.00.

Sis. Earl Bone

Norma Jean Bone

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We your Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

1. That each league adopt the seven point system and send in report to league convention according to the blank found in the back of your league Quarterly.

Mrs. John Ellis, Chairman

Hugh Howell

Helen Tomlin

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Jesse Bone—President, Butler, Ga.

Bobby Patter—V. President, Macon, Ga.

Ralph Underwood—Sect. and Treas., 264 R St., Thomaston, Ga.

Chorister—Martha Sellers, Columbus, Ga.

Pianist—Helen Tomlin, 423 Hiway St., Thomaston, Ga.

Sword Drill Leader—Marion Collins, 859 Hazel St., Macon Ga.

Field Worker—Hardy Hanson, 416 Goodrich Ave., Thomaston, Ga

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Hardy Hanson

Glenda Moore

Mrs. Josie Barron

FINANCE REPORT

Dues paid to Convention \$12.00

Money turned over to Treasurer by Bobby Potter

as left in Treasury from 1955 20.00

Total \$32.00

The Convention gave a rising vote of thanks to Thomaston Church.

We were adjourned in prayer.

Jesse Bone, President

Jackie Sellers, Sect. Protem

Semi-Annual League Convention—First Church in Columbus, 2nd Sat. in Feb.

Annual League Convention—White Oaks in Macon, 2nd Sat. in August.

REVEREND H. J. KELLY

Early Saturday morning, July 20, 1957, the labors of Life on this earth came to a peaceful end with our highly esteemed and beloved brother in the gospel ministry, H. J. Kelly, of Columbus, Georgia. He evidently went to sleep on Friday night never to awake again in this mortal life. Brother Kelly was considered a middleaged man. He had been preaching about fifteen years. He was called to the First Church of Columbus at the beginning of his ministry and served it to the end of his life. Great progress was made in the Church while under his care. The membership more than doubled itself, and many improvements were made. Being a man of vision, Brother Kelly led his people in support of the denominational enterprises, together with a progressive local program. He also served in many denominational offices in his local association and also in the state. He was moderator of his local association and chairman of the state superannuation board at his death, besides being on other boards and committees.

May divine mercies ever overshadow his faithful companion and lovely children. His place will be hard to fill in the church and the denomination, but we must bow to our Heavenly Father's will and seek to do His bidding.

"A precious one from us has flown;
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our hearts,
That never can be filled.

They say time heals all sorrows;
And helps us to forget;
But time has only proven;
How much we love you yet.

God give us strength to fight it;
And courage to bear the blow;
But what it meant to lose you,
Only God will ever know."

—by Rev. E. C. Morris

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SIS. ETTA GRIMSLEY

Sis. Grimsley, a beloved and devoted member of the Bethany Church, was born January 17th, 1887, departed this life September 15th, 1957. Her stay on earth 70 years, 8 months and 15 days. She had been a member of the Free Will Baptist 55 years. The widow of the late Elder Thomas Grimsley. She served her church as clerk for many years. Sis. Grimsley's life was her testimony. She was loved by her church, home and community. She left behind her a sacred influence that won't ever die. Our loss is heaven's gain.

By Request,
Rev. G. W. Price

OBITUARY—MRS. BESSIE MOODY ALLEN

Mrs. Bessie Moody Allen was born in Murry County, Tennessee, May 6, 1892. She began preaching at the early age of 20, and was pastor-evangelist until about fourteen years ago when her health gave way. She had been practically a shut-in for these 14 years.

She pastored a number of churches, but most of her work was in the evangelistic field. She was a great revivalist.

She graduated from Bible School in Disart, Missouri and was a real Bible preacher.

Most of her ministry was with the congregational church, but she was a charter member of the Thomaston First Free Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, Ga.

It was my privilege to visit her often after I became her pastor last September. Her sufferings were severe, but I never heard her utter a pessimistic note until a few days before she died. She said, "I have suffered so long and so much until I don't care how soon the Lord takes me home." About a week later she died in her sleep at the home of Rev. Roscoe Pitts.

She went to be with the Lord March 14, 1957 about 4:00 A.M. She leaves one son, H. J. Allen, Steenville, Newfoundland, and her mother, Mrs. Martha R. Moody, Thomaston, Ga.

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Allen, March 16, at Pasley's Funeral Home, Thomaston, Georgia. Rev. L. S. Anthony, Rev. Roscoe Pitts and Rev. K. V. Shutes officiated.

There are many noble Christians in this section of the state who were won to Christ by Mrs. Allen.

K. V. Shutes

MRS. LILLIE B. DANFORD

Age 52 years, 11 months and 22 days. Born April 30, 1904, died April 22, 1957. She was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia.

"My Jesus, as thou wilt:
O may thy will be mine!
Into thy hand of love,
I would my all resign."

MR. B. W. FRAZIER

Age 54, Died January 9, 1957.

"Abide with me! fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens—Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!"

MRS. DELLA CLEM STARLING

Born February 21, 1871. Age 85 years 9 months and 15 days.

"Shall we meet beyond the river,
Where the surges cease to roll?
Where, in all the bright forever,
Sorrow ne'er shall press the soul,
Shall we meet with Christ our Saviour,
When he comes to claim his own?
Shall we know his blessed favor,
And sit down upon his throne?"

**OBITUARY LETTER—IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED
DEAD**

Date of Birth—Death

Sis. Sally Hobbs—September 2nd, 1875 — December 28, 1956
Sis. Ethel Fleda Tutten—Oct. 17, 1901 — June 29, 1957.
Bro. John W. Deason—Nov. 28, 1898 — April 22, 1957.
Bro. Jesse C. Burks—August 31, 1885 — July 18, 1957.
Bro. Isaac J. Harden, Jr.—August 31, 1926 — July 17, 1957.

Bro. Harden was one of the most faithful Deacons of St. James Free Will Baptist Church. He was faithful to his church and to the duties of a deacon.

In view of these whom God in His providence saw fit to call from this world of sorrow. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain" Phil. 1:21. We feel that this is true to these..

"They are gone but not forgotten,
Death is over and life is won.
They will rest with Christ forever,
And soon we will be with them above."

Written by their Pastor,
Rev. Walter E. Jones

IN MEMORY OF OUR FATHER, MR. C. H. CULPEPPER

On February 28, 1957 the death angel visited the home of brother C. H. Culpepper and carried him to that bright and happy shore to live forever more. His stay on earth was 83 years and 39 days. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. To know him was to love him. He leaves 3 daughters and 1 son and 22 grandchildren.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.

Written by his daughters
Mrs. Joe Little &
Mrs. Edison Wilson

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER EMORY MAHAFFERY

Brother Emory Mahaffery, born December 30, 1889, and died on October 27, 1956. He was a faithful member of Mt. Olview Free Will Baptist Church as long as his health would permit. Brother Mahaffery will be greatly missed by his loved one all of his friends. We believe our lost is heavens gain.

Rev. G. T. Halliman

IN MEMORY OF SISTER JOSIE LONICK

Sister Josie Lonick was born June 27, 1872 and died March 5, 1957. Sister Lonick was a member of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. She will be greatly missed by her friends and loved ones.

Rev. G. T. Halliman

IN SISTER CHRISTINE MORRELL'S MEMORY

Sister Christine Morrell was born July 27, 1900. She died January 27th, 1957. Sister Christine Morrell was a member of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church and was loved by all. Sister Morrell will be missed greatly by her friends and loved ones.

Rev. G. T. Halliman

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER J. L. WHITAKER

Brother J. L. Whitaker was born August 2, 1883, he passed away February 2, 1957. Brother J. L. Whitaker was a faithful member of St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church. He will be missed by all his friends and loved ones.

"There is no death. The stars go down,
To rise upon some fairer shore:
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more."

Rev. G. T. Halliman

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER S. S. MOORE

Born November 1, 1902, died December 16, 1956. He was a member of Turners' Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He was very faithful to his church and was loved by all who knew him. He is missed in that community. He had lots of friends and loved ones who miss him so much.

Your years on earth were but few to gain our Master's prize to meet him in the skies.

Written by his Pastor,

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn

IN MEMORY OF MRS. DELLA SUDDETH

Born December 16, 1874. Died June 25, 1957.

She was a member of Turners' Chapel Church, Taylor County, Ga.

She was loyal to her church and home. She is missed by all who knew her in her church and in her home.

A precious from us has gone

A voice we loved is still

A place in our church which never can be filled

Sleep on till we meet again.

Written by her Pastor,

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER EUGENE RODGERS

Born May 20, 1899. Died July 24, 1957. Brother Rodgers was a member of Turners' Chapel Church for many years and was true and faithful in many ways. He is missed by all who knew him. To know him was to love him. He is gone but not forgotten. Sleep on till we meet again on that peaceful shore, there to part no more.

Written by his Pastor,

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn

TO THE MEMORY OF BROTHER JACK WAINWRIGHT

Born April 2, 1929. Died September 12, 1957. Jack was a member of Turners' Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He leaves a loving wife to mourn his loss. His suffering was great but he bore it all with patience. He is missed at church and in his community, but he is missed more in his home. So sleep on and on till we meet on heaven's bright home.

Written by one that loved him,

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, his Pastor

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BROTHER JIM WHITAKER

Bro. Whitaker was born August 2nd, 1882. Departed this life February 2nd, 1957. Making his stay on earth 73 years and 6 months. He was a true and faithful member of St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Alabama. Bro. Whitaker leaves his wife, 1 son, 5 daughters and several grandchildren, lots of relatives and friends to mourn his passing, but we believe our loss is heaven's gain.

His Pastor, C. H. Bass.

EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO CHURCHES 1957

New Prospect (Turners' C.) Built new Sunday School rooms.

Around March 1st Elder Bessie Moody Allen passed away.

July Elder H. J. Kelly passed away.

4th Sunday in September, First Thomaston Church dedicated Church property debt free.

First Columbus Church called Rev. C. A. Huckaby as pastor in September.

Mt. Olive built new Sunday School rooms and called Rev. W. J. Owens as pastor.

St. Mark called in September, Rev. G. T. Halliman as pastor.

Little Bethel called Rev. John D. Ellis as pastor.

New Prospect (Taylor Co.) called Rev. James Goodroe as pastor.

St. Mark moved into new property at the beginning of year.

Clerk Notice: I hope that another year a better report can be made.

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 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 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 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, and 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 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 obrogated 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 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 fellow-man.

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 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 success-

ively 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 Chatthoochee 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 remiss 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 acknowl-

edgements. 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 mo-

tion without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone 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 ecclesiastical bodies or tribunal 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 cases 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 right 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 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 suffi-

cient 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 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 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 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 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 principles by which God will judge us, and there 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 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 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 up 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 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 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 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 the 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Statement	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	Meeting Days
Pleasant Hill.....	Schley.....	Jessie Bone.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	\$5.00	\$ 337.23	1st Sun.
New Prospect.....	Taylor.....	James Goodroe.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	4.00	135.00	1st Sun.
Turner Chapel.....	Taylor.....	W. R. Lawhorne.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	87	5.00	420.00	2-4 Sun.
Emmanuel.....	Muscogee.....	L. E. Sheffield.....	.....	2	.....	13	2	.....	10	3.00	255.00	Full Time
Harmony.....	Schley.....	W. J. Childree.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	3.00	178.22	3rd Sun.
Spring Hill.....	Marion.....	G. W. Price.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	3.00	248.15	2-4 Sun.
Beulah.....	Taylor.....	George Nobles.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	3.00	90.75	3rd Sun.
White Oak.....	Bibb.....	W. A. Olds.....	25	14	.....	4	.....	.....	118	5.00	1,250.00	Full Time
New Prospect.....	Turner.....	M. E. Irwin.....	.....	1	.....	12	.....	1	195	6.00	364.50	1st & 3rd Sun.
New Life.....	Marion.....	Jessie Bone.....	3	.....	.....	1	1	1	42	4.00	215.00	2nd Sun.
Poulan.....	Worth.....	A. C. Trulock.....	.....	2	1	.....	1	1	33	3.00	270.00	2-4 Sun.
St. Mark.....	Russell.....	G. T. Halliman.....	7	7	.....	8	.....	1	66	10.00	624.00	Full Time
Little Bethel.....	Macon.....	John D. Ellis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	555.00	1-3 Sun.
St. James.....	Russell.....	W. E. Jones.....	10	4	7	5	.....	5	205	5.00	2,600.00	Full Time
First Columbus.....	Muscogee.....	C. A. Huckaby.....	16	12	6	6	.....	4	185	10.00	3,120.00	Full Time
New Bethel.....	Worth.....	H. V. Giddings.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	105	5.00	502.08	2-4 Sun.
Providence.....	Muscogee.....	R. R. Meade.....	8	2	3	6	.....	1	47	5.00	1,044.86	Full Time
First Thomaston.....	Upson.....	K. V. Shutes.....	21	2	6	1	.....	1	115	10.00	2,650.00	Full Time
Trinity.....	Taylor.....	W. J. Childree.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	3.00	146.40	4th Sun.
St. Luke.....	Russell.....	B. P. Hayes.....	.....	.....	4	4	2	.....	43	5.00	85.00	Full Time
Mt. Olive.....	Taylor.....	W. J. Owens.....	6	2	1	2	157	5.00	118.74	Full Time
Bethany.....	Marion.....	George Nobles.....	1	30	3.00	80.00	1st Sun.

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