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## **ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS**

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1. Open Meeting with Prayer.
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  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 Associations, 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 MEETINGS**

1. The body called to order by the Moderator if he is present, if not the body may select some suitable member to act as Moderator pro-tem.
2. Call for Corresponding Letters.
3. 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.

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## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1960

First Union Meeting at New Life Church, Marion County, near Mauk, Ga., Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1960.

Second Union Meeting at Bethany Church, Marion County, Ga., two miles west of Highway 41 lading from Geneva to Buena Vista, Ga., Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in May, 1960.

Third Union Meeting at Plesant Hill Church, Schley County, Ga., on Highway 19, Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1960.

Women's Auxiliary Convention will meet with the First Free-Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Ga., for the 1960 session on the Third Saturday in September, 1960.

League Convention meets with First Free-Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Ga., 612 44th Street., on the Second Saturday in August, 1960.

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## MINUTES OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

The 124th annual session of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association convened with New Liberty Church, Schley County, Ga., on Friday morning before the First Sunday in October, 1959.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Childree. reading from Acts 7:34. His subject, "And Now Comes a Wonderful Message" was delivered and enjoyed by all present. Rev. C. H. Bass closed with prayer. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. W. Price was acting pastor and speaking for the Church, asked everyone to go to the table and enjoy the fine food that had been prepared for all.

After dinner the service was opened for business session. Opening song, "I Am Thine Oh Lord." The body was then led in prayer by Rev. Odel Harris. Moderator, Rev. W. J. Childree, gave a fine talk on the work and declared the 124th annual session now open for business. us. Next, called for Corresponding Letters from the various churches.

First item of business was to invite visiting brethren to seats with Letters were received and moved carried. Moderator appointed two brethren to read letters, namely: Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. C. L. Clark. It was moved to receive letters as read and that delegates be seated in a body as follows:

Turners Chapel Church, Taylor County: Sis. J. B. Rogers, Sis. Earl Bone and Sis. Susie Robinson.

St. Luke Church, Phenix City, Ala.: Bro. C. R. Greer, Sis. Elba Greer and Sis. Bertha Moon.

First Church, Thomaston, Ga.: Sis. Ruby Wells, Sis. Kate Watson and Sis. Lora Shutes.

New Life Church, Marion County: Bro. Horace Lockhart and Sis. Clara Lockhart.

First Church, Columbus, Ga.: Bro. Perry Walden, Bro. B. W. L.

Lovince, Sis Eleanor Harris, Sis. Ruby Kelley, Sis. Josie Barron.

New Liberty Church, Schley County: Bro. J. C. Kirkland and wife, Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley, Bro. C. G. Lumpkin, Sis. Beare Wisham.

New Bethel Church, Worth County: Bro. M. C. Roberts and wife, Bro. W. T. Farmer and wife.

Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County: Bro. Bland Wall, Bro. Walton Hambrick, Sis. B. C. Brewer, Sis. Pearl Guy, Sis. Fred Brewer.

White Oak Church, Macon, Ga.: Bro. D. L. Griffin, Sis. W. A. Olds, Sis. T. L. Varnson and Sis. D. W. Moore.

New Prospect Church, Turner County: Bro. Herbert Partane and wife, Bro. J. E. Davis, Bro. Horace Davis and wife and Bro. Wilson.

Spring Hill Church, Marion County: Bro. J. L. O'Neal, Bro. W. C. Hand, Sis. Myrtle Greer, Sis. Rosie Grimsley and Sis. Gussie Mitchell.

St. Mark Church, Phenix City, Ala.: Bro. Woodward, Bro. G. W. Jones and Bro. D. H. Parker.

Emanuel Church, Columbus, Ga.: Bro. Leroy Grimsley, Bro. Allen Brunson, Bro. Edward and Sis. Lois Watson.

Little Bethel Church, Macon County: Bro. Leonard Layfield, Bro. Tyson Ray, Bro. G. C. Perry and wife and Bro. S. O. Jones.

Trinity Church, Taylor County: Bro. E. A. Welch and wife, Sis. Jessie Barnes, Sis. Wynelle Ray and Bro. Buford Watson.

Providence Church, Columbus, Ga.: Bro. Robert Parker, and Bro. Brown Sizemoe.

Bethany Church, Marion County: Sis. Grimsley, Sis. Alma Garrett and Sis. Ruby Grimsley.

Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County: Bro. B. R. Dent, Bro. Willis Windham and wife, Bro. Johnny Windham and wife. Sis. Barbara Arnold.

New Prospect Church, Taylor County: Sis. Bessie Hartley, Sis. W. L. Lowe and Sis. Eva Trussell.

It was moved and seconded to receive the Progressive Quarterly Meeting Delegation in the body; Mrs. C. B. Dowdney, Atlanta, Mrs. Atis Johnson, First Church, Columbus, Bro. Herman Watson, Rirst Church Thomaston, Bro. Edward Newnan, Emanuel Church, Columbus, Bro. E. L. Collins, White Oak, Church Macon and a \$25.00 conference fee.

It was moved and carried to abolish the Ordained Counsel.

Next item of business was to call for corresponding messengers from Sister Associations: Rev. C. A. Hardy, Rev. A. C. Truback from Georgia Union; Rev. J. R. Davison and wife from the Cape Fair Conference, North Carolina; Rev. E. C. Morris and wife from Georgia State Association. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to each one.

Moved and carried that the Moderator appoint necessary Committees.



### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Preaching: J. C. Kerklin, Hulin Lynn, Sis. C. A. Welch .

Committee on Finance: B. R. Dent, H. E. Lynn, Huston James, Sis. Mrtle Greer, B. T. Sizemore.

Committee on State of Churches and Character of the Ministers: J. E. Davis, E. E. Bone H. T. Lockhart and M. C. Roberts.

Committee on Sunday School: Irene Windham, Florence Windham, and Lora Shutes.

Committee on Suggestions: G. W. Price, J.B. Lumpkin, G.W. Nobles, S. C. Jones and Willis Windham.

Committee on Temperance: Leonard Grimsley, E. A. Welch, G. W. Jones.

Committee on Women's Auxiliary: C. R. Greer, Jewel Bone and Kate Watson.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing, "Standing on the Promises" Prayer by Rev. R. D. Parker. Moderator's scripture reading from Rom. 6:1-10. After comment on the scripture, the Moderator, Rev. W. J. Childree, declared the morning session open for business.

First item called for was the obituaries. The body then stood in silent prayer in memory of those who have gone on to their reward since we last met in session.

Moved and carried to have Nine Hundred (900) Minutes printed. Moved and carried to pay Moderator \$20.00; Clerk \$30.00. Moved and carried that Rev. Odel Harris write the next Circular Letter to the 1960 annual session.

Moderator appointed on the Executive Committee these brethren: M. V. Guy and H. H. Watson.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing, "Rescue the Perishing." Prayer by Rev. C. L. Clark. The Moderator, Rev. W. J. Childree, read from the fourth chapter of Ephesians. He commented on the lesson and the session was opened for business.

Rev. E. C. Morrison spoke to the body and gave out some certificates to some of the churches that won the Honor Roll. For them, Rev. Morris requested Sis. Shutes to sing a special number "Breathe on Me" which was enjoyed by all.

An offering was taken: \$7.76 for the unpaid program and \$10.99 for Bro. Willis Jones.

Moved and carried to send \$10.00 to the State Association and

\$5.00 to the National Association.

Rev. C. J. Harvey gave talk on the need of the youth camp and an offering was taken amounting to \$11.53 for the camp.

Motion and carried to appoint Corresponding Messengers, towit:

Georgia Union Association: Rev. G. W. Nobles.

Union Association: Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

Little River Association: By minister.

Martin Association: By Minister.

State Association: Bro. Mack Miller, Bro. H. E. Lynn, J. D. Fincher.

Moved and carried to give a rising vote of thanks to the Host Church and Community for their splendid hospitality and the wonderful way they had taken care of this session.

The next session will convene with the First Free-Will Baptist Church on Mathews Ave., Thomaston, Ga., Friday morning before the First Sunday in October, 1960. Rev. Odel Harris will preach the Introductory sermon at 11:00 A.M.

REV. W. J. CHILDREE, Moderator.

REV. B. T. GILL, Clerk

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### **PREACHING COMMITTEE**

Friday night, 7:30 o'clock, Rev. G. W. Price; Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock, Rev. W. A. Olds, followed by Rev. Odel Harris.

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### **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

We, your Committee on Temperance make the following report: We are pleased with the brotherly love that is shown when the Association is not in session, but we are discouraged and not at all pleased with the unchristian attitude that prevails when the body is in session. We recommend that in the future we refrain from such outbursts and give the matters consideration before we speak.

E. A. WELCH, Chairman.

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### **COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY**

We, your committee, wish to make the following report: We find that all of the churches and ministers are in order and would suggest that churches not having a Sunday School and League Program, make special effort in the future to organize these programs in their churches.

E. E. BONE, Chairman.

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

We, your committee, on Woman's Auxiliary work, find that there were only six churches out of all this Association which were represented at the last Convention at Macon. We recommend that the churches not having a Woman's Auxiliary will try to organize one just as early as possible as this is a great part in the church work.

### COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

SIS. KATE WATSON, Chairman

We, your committee, on Sunday School, submit the following report: We have examined the written letters from the local churches represented and find that twelve churches have Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 835; and seven churches do not have Sunday Schools. Jesus, in giving the Great Commission, said, "Go ye therefore and teach." We believe the teaching ministry of the church is very important but it is being solely neglected since 55% of all converts and church members come through the Sunday Schools. Certainly, we cannot put too much emphasis on the Sunday Schools. We earnestly entreat these churches without Sunday Schools to make a special effort to organize one before another annual meeting of the Association. We also feel the need for more Sunday School teachers and workers. Therefore, we suggest that a Teacher's Training Course be held in the churches that do not have Sunday Schools and qualified teachers be secured to teach the course.

Respectfully submitted,  
SIS. IRENE WINDHAM, Chairman.

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance make the following report:

We find a balance in Treasury .....	\$182.55
Paid in from Churches .....	85.00
Union Meeting Treasurer .....	27.00
Quarterly Meeting .....	25.00
	\$319.55

B. R. DENT, Chairman.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Printing and Mailing Minutes .....	\$160.00
Georgia State Association .....	10.00
National Association .....	5.00
Moderator .....	20.00
Clerk .....	30.00
	\$225.00
Total paid out .....	\$225.00
Balance in hand of Treasurer .....	\$ 94.55

B. T. GILL, Treasurer.



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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Bro. B. R. Dent—Three Years .....	Reynolds, Ga.
Bro. E. A. Welch—Two Years .....	Mauk, Ga.
Bro. H. H. Watson—Three Years .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Bro. Bennie Loving—Four Years .....	Columbus, Ga., Rt. 1, Box 166B, Loranzo Rd.
Bro. W. V. Guy—Five Years .....	Butler, Ga.

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**MINISTERIAL ROLL**

Elder T. W. Casey .....	Rt. 2, Butler, Ga.
Elder B. P. Hayes .....	Columbus, Ga.
Elder W. C. Jones .....	1203 14th Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Elder G. W. Price .....	1105 Park Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Elder W. J. Owens .....	Reynolds, Ga.
Elder K. V. Shutes .....	323 E. St., Thomaston, Ga.
Elder Roscoe Pitts .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Elder A. C. McKinnon .....	Columbus, Ga.
Elder Odel Harris .....	612 44th Street, Columbus, Ga.
Elder J. D. Ellis .....	Baker Village, Columbus, Ga.
Elder J. B. Lumpkin .....	Junction City, Ga.
Elder Jessie Bone .....	Apt. 2550 Greenwood Ave., Raleigh, N. C.
Elder R. B. McFadden .....	1070 Rose St., Macon, Ga.
Elder J. D. Payne .....	Danville, Ga.
Elder W. A. Olds .....	705 Shi Pl., Macon, Ga.
Elder G. T. Halliman .....	1813 Tenth Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Elder A. L. Oswalt .....	Fortson, Ga.
Elder W. R. Lawhorn .....	Butler, Ga.
Elder John Grimsley .....	Juniper, Ga.
Elder B. T. Gill .....	Rt. 2, Barnesville Highway, Thomaston, Ga.
Elder W. J. Childree .....	Reynolds, Ga.
Elder G. W. Nobles .....	1871 Third St., Macon, Ga.
Elder Larry Williams .....	Ft. Valley, Ga.

### LICENSED MINISTER

Bro. J. B. Fuller ..... 2643 Rock St., Macon, Ga.

### CHURCH CLERKS & POST OFFICES

Turner Chapel ..... Mrs. J. B. Rogers, Rt. 2, Butler, Ga.  
 St. Luke ..... Rubie Price, 1105 Park Ave., Phenix City, Ala.  
 First Thomaston Church—Hardy Hanson, 416 Goodrich, Thomaston, Ga.  
 First Church ..... R. H. Barron, Jr., 5202 Wayne Dr., Columbus, Ga.  
 New Life ..... Annette Daniel, Rt. 1, Mauk, Ga.  
 New Liberty ..... J. C. Kirkland, P. O. Box 44, Ellaville, Ga.  
 New Bethel ..... M. C. Roberts, Rt. 2, Sylvester, Ga.  
 Pleasant Hill ..... Mrs. Edyth M. Guy, Butler, Ga.  
 White Oak ..... D. W. Moore, 4040 LaFayette Drive, Macon, Ga.  
 New Prospect ..... Hubert Partain, Rt. 3, Box 221, Ashburn, Ga.  
 Spring Hill ..... Monroe Greer, Mauk, Ga.  
 St. Mark ..... D. H. Parker  
 Emanuel ..... E. B. Newman, 5147 Atkins Ave., Columbus, Ga.  
 Little Bethel ..... W. H. Cromer, Ideal, Ga.  
 Trinity ..... Josephine Welch, Mauk, Ga.  
 Providence ..... Peggy Sizemore, 4515 17th St. Phenix City, Ala.  
 Bethany ..... Alma Garrett, Rt. 1, Mauk, Ga.  
 Mt. Olive ..... Eugene Windham, Reynolds, Ga.  
 New Prospect ..... Eva Trussell, Butler, Ga.

### CIRCULAR LETTER FOR CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

REV. C. H. BASS, Phenix City, Ala.

#### "Forgiveness of Sins"

Our Lord, through all ages, has called man to repentance on assurance that if man will confess his sins, they shall be forgiven.

God says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

God only asked His people to be reasonable. God is still calling on people to be reasonable. To love sin and follow sin is to be unreasonable. Why? Because sin is destructive. When sin dominates, all kinds of sinful destructive activities are engaged in, such as murders,

drunken drivers, rape, broken homes, in fact all kinds of destructive sins commotted by both young and old are taking place daily before our eyes.

Jails and reformatories are crowded to the limit and yet, we human beings will not be reasonable. We will not take time to talk to God at home in our family worship, nor at the hour of worship in church. Yet, God continues to call. "Come now, and let us reason together". God does not ask for any unreasonable service.

All sin is unreasonable. Usually when we begin to talk about sin, we think of some crime committed. But there is the sin of omission, things that we have left off or undone.

Isaiah writes again, "Look unto me and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else". (Isa. 45:22). What must a man do to be lost? Nothing!

Jesus told us, he that believes not is condemned already. "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only Begotten Son of God" (I John 3:18). So to be lost you can just sit around and refuse to look unto the Lord.

**FORGIVENESS OBTAINED:** John says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". (I John 1:19). Jesus tells us, in what is called the Lord's Prayer, how to pray for forgiveness. "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. For if we forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses". (Matt 6:12, 14, 15). So this teaches us that if we want forgiveness from the Father for our sins, we must have a forgiving spirit and be ready at all times to forgive everyone who sins against us. May we all have that forgiving spirit that the Father will forgive us of sins of Omission.

### DEACON AND PREACHERS MEETING

The Deacons and Preachers Meeting met with Mt. Olive Free-Will Baptist Church, Taylor County, August 29, 1959.

Rev. W. A. Olds, delivered the Introductory Message which was taken from the 2nd chapter of Acts, 42nd verse. His text, "The New Testament Church." This was a most inspiring message and was Welch for noon hour. Lunch was served by the host church. Called to enjoyed by all present. After services, we were dismissed by Bro. E. A. order at 1:30 p. m. by the Moderator. Read scripture from the 23rd Psalm. Rev. Gill stated that this was the 26th session of the Deacons church, Mauk, Ga., July 3, 1933.

Next item of business was enrolling churches represented, towit: Mt. Olive Church: Deacons, Bro. O. M. Williams, Bro. Bob Dent and Bro. Johnny Windham.

First Thomaston Church: Rev. K. V. Shutes, Pastor; Deacons, Bro. W. H. Cochran and Bro. M. V. McElhenny.

Trinity Church: Rev. Larry Williams, Pastor; Bro. E. A. Welch, Deacon.

Pleasant Hill Church: Bro. W. E. James, Deacon.

Little Bethel Church: Rev. W. A. Lawhorn, Pastor.

White Oaks: Rev. W. A. Olds, Pastor; Bro. Alton Flemming, Deacon.

Turners Chapel Church: Bro. Homer Moore, Deacon.

We were proud to have two visitors with us at this meeting.

Next item of business coming before the meeting was where the

next session would meet. It was asked for by First Thomaston Church and it was voted on and passed that the next session will meet with the First Thomaston Church Sept. 3, 1960. The church nominated Rev. Odel Harris of First Church, Columbus, to preach the Introductory Sermon. Bro. Charles Clark will talk on "Unity of the Church." Next, a Moderator and Clerk were elected. Bro. W. A. Olds was elected Moderator; Rev. B. T. Gill, Assistant Moderator; and Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mt. Olive church for its wonderful hospitality. a move to adjourn was made.

REV. B. T. GILL, Moderator  
BRO. E. A. WELCH, Clerk

## UNION MEETINGS OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

### First Union Meeting Met at St. Mark, Phnenix City, Ala.

The first Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association convened with St. Mark Church, Phenix City, Ala., Saturday morning before the Fifth Sunday in November, 1958. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. H. W. Giddens, alternate speaker chosen by the church. He took his scripture from Acts. 17:22-23. Bro. Gidden's message was on the theme, "All Men Ought to Repent and not Serve an Unknown God." After the message the congregation was dismissed for the noon hour. Dinner was served by the church and community.

After dinner the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jessie Bone. After a short devotional by Bro. Bone, the Moderator then declared the body in order to proceed with business.

First item of business was to call for the peroft of the Digest Committee. The report was read and received. The delegates were seated in the body as follows:

New Bethel: Bro. H. O. Castleberry and Bro. M. C. Roberts.

Pleasant Hill: Sister Harold Dillard, Sister Mamie Lou Peacock and Sister B. C. Brewer.

Emanuel: Bro. Sam Morris, Sister Ellis Morris, Sister Lois Walters, Bro. Edward Newman, Sister Winifred Sheffield.

Spring Hill: Bro. Norman Greer, Bro. Thad Lawhorne, Bro. Leonard Grimsley.

Turner's Chapel: Sister Catherine Bussey, Sister Naomi Bone, Sister Norma Jean Rodgers and Sister Mamie Rodgers.

Little Bethel: Bro. and Sis. Leonard Layfield, Bro. and Sis. G. C. Perry and Sis. R. G. Streetman.

St. Mark: Bro. Austin, Sis. Newsome, Bro. Jones, Sis. Searcy.

Mt. Olive: Bro. B. R. Dent, Bro. Oswald Williams and Bro. Eugene Windham.

New Prospect: Bro. and Sis. H. H. Rainey, Bro. Jimmy Davis, Sis Margaret Davis and Bro. Hubert Parten.

St. Luke: Sis. June Hayes and Sis. Olive Thomason.

New Life: Sis. Mary Holland.

White Oaks: Bro. Bennie Toler.

First Free-Will Church: Bro. Carter Presley, Bro. Woody Starling, Bro. Perry Walden and Sis. Annie Williams.

Trinity: Sis. Josephine Welch and Sis. Jessie Barnes.

New Liberty: Bro. J. C. Kirkland and wife, Bro. C. C. Lumpkin.

Providence: Sis Lanie Bass and Sis. Peggy Sizemore.



Received from letters, \$27.00; Unified Program, \$16.10.

Visitors were invited to seats with us. This was followed by miscellaneous business.

Accepted the resignation of Rev. Jessie Bone as Moderator of the Union Meeting. Nominations were made from the floor, nominating Bros. Tom Hallman, W. A. Olds, and W. J. Owens. Rev. Hallman and Rev. Olds declined the nomination and Rev. W. J. Owens was elected to fill out the term. Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn.

REV. JESSIE BONE, Moderator  
REV. PRICE HAYES, Clerk

**Second Union Meeting Met at First Thomaston Church, Thomaston, Ga.**

The Second Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Association convened with First Free-Will Church, Thomaston, Ga., Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in March, 1959. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Olds. Bro. Olds presented an inspiring challenge to the church. After the message, dinner was served by the host church.

After dinner the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. J. Owens. Following a short devotional, the Moderator declared the session open for business.

The first item of business was to call for Corresponding Letters from the various churches. Moved and carried that the letters be received and the delegates seated in the body as follows:

**First Free-Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, Ga.:** Bro. and Sis. Herman Watson, Bro. Jessie R. Tarrer and Bro. W. H. Cochran.

**White Oaks:** Rev. J. B. Fuller and Rev. W. A. Olds.

**Providence:** Bro. R. D. Parker, Bro. Basil Humphrey and Sister Lanie Bass.

**Little Bethel:** Bro. S. O. Jones and wife.

**Pleasant Hill:** Bro. W. E. James, Bro. W. U. Guy, Sis. Pearl Guy.

**Turner's Chapel:** Bro. Mack Miller.

**St. Luke:** Sis. June Hayes, Bro. Bob Hayes.

**New Prospect, Reynolds, Ga.:** Sis. Eva Trussell.

**New Life:** Sis. Mazie Yarbrough, Sis. Kathleen Daniel, Sis. Annette Daniel, Ted Halland.

**Trinity:** Sis. Josephine Welch, Sis. Buenals Watson, Sis. W. D. Gill.

**Mt. Olive:** Rev. W. J. Childree, Rev. W. J. Owens, Bro. R. B. Dent, Bro. Oswald Williams, Bro. Eugene Windham, Bro. Johnnie Windham, Sis. Irene Windham, Sis. Annie L. Windham, Sis. Cynthia Jones.

**Spring Hill:** Bro. and Sis. Leonard Grimsley and Bro. Houston James.

There being no further business, a rising vote of thanks was extended the host church.

Received from letters, \$14.00; Offering for Unified Program, \$21.10.



Moved and carried to adjourn.

BRO. W. J. OWENS, Moderator  
BRO. B. P. HAYES, Clerk.

### **Third Union Meeting at New Liberty, Schley County**

The Third Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association convened at Liberty Free-Will Church, Schley County Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in May, 1959. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. R. B. McFadden. His text was taken from the ninth chapter of John and his subject was "Born Blind." After the message the congregation was dismissed for the noon hour and dinner was served by the host church.

The body was called to order following the noon hour by the Moderator, Rev. W. J. Owens. After reading the first Psalm, the Moderator declared the session open for business.

The first item of business was to call for letters from the various churches. Letters received, read and delegates seated included:

**New Liberty:** Bro. J. C. Kirkland, Sis. J. C. Kirkland, Bro. Wm. Streetman, Bro. C. C. Lumpkin, Sr., Annie Lou Streetman.

**Pleasant Hill:** Sis. B. C. Brewer, Sis. Harold Dillard, Bro. Walter Hambric, Bro. William Guy, Sis. Earlene Greene and Bro. W. E. James.

**New Life:** Horace Lockhart and wife and Lee Daniel.

**Little Bethel:** Bro. and Sis. R. C. Cromer, Bro. and Sis. Randall Jinks Bro. and Sis. Leonard Layfield.

**St. Luke:** Sis. J. W. Thomason, Bro. Bob Hayes and Sis. June Hayes

**Mt. Olive:** Bro. Bob Dent, Rev. W. J. Childree, Sis. Frances Mullins Sis. Myrtle Payne and Bro. Eugene Windham.

**Bethany:** Bro. Hoke Garrett, Sis. Hoke Garrett and Sis. Ruby Grimsley.

**Turner's Chapel:** Bro. and Sis. Homer S. Moore, Sis. Nannie Lou Rodgers and Bro. J. D. Fincher.

**First Free-Will Church, Thomaston, Ga.:** Bro. and Sis. H. H. Watson, W. H. Cochran, Bro. and Sis. W. B. McElheney, Sis. J. P. Mauldin.

**Trinity:** Sis. Josephine Welch.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seats with us. Services were held Saturday night with the message by Rev. Roscoe Pitts.

Places for next year's Union Meetings were selected. The first session will convene at New Life, Marion County, Ga., on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1960, Jan 30). The Introductory Sermon will be preached by Rev. B. P. Hayes; alternate, Rev. B. T. Gill.

The second session of the Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Association will convene with Bethany, Church, Marion County, Ga. on (May 28, 1960) Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in May, 1960. Bro. W. J. Childree will preach the Introductory Sermon; alternated by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

The third Union Meeting is to convene with Pleasant Hill Church, Schley County, Ga., on (July 30, 1960) the Fifth Sunday in July.

Opening message by Rev. W. J. Owens; Alternate, Rev. W. R. Lawhorne.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Rev. W. J. Owens, Moderator and Rev. B. P. Hayes, Clerk.

Received from Church Letters, \$11.00. Offering for Unified Program, \$20.33 Moved and carried to pay Moderator \$15.00; Clerk, \$10.00.

Moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Moved and carried to adjourn until January 30, 1960, at which time the Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association will convene with New Life Church, Marion County, Ga.

REV. W. J. OWENS, Moderator

REV. B. P. HAYES, Clerk.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

### Proceedings of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Tenth Annual Session September 19, 1959

The 10th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Georgia convened with White Oaks Free-Will Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., Sept. 19, 1959.

Theme for the Convention was "Stewardship." The scripture was taken from I Peter 4:10.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes. The congregation was led in singing by Rev. K. V. Shutes, "To the Work." Prayer was offered by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Mrs. Bennie Lovering of Columbus, led our morning devotional thoughts. She used these scriptures as a basis for her talk: I Samuel; Matt. 16:24-25; II Kings 4:8-10.

The following committees were appointed by the President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes:

Credentials Committee: Mrs. Ernest Collins, Mrs. Ruby Wells and Mrs. Cora Ranow.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. Josie Barron and Mrs. W. A. Olds.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Peggy Sizemore, Mrs. Ray Garrett, Mrs. Ollie Johnson, Mrs. C. H. Bass and Mrs. J. P. Mauldin.

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Bennie Lovering, Mrs. Kate Watson and Mrs. J. L. Varnedore.

A warm and friendly welcome was given by Mrs. Ernest Collins. The response was given by Mrs. Cora Ranow.

The congregation joined in singing "Ready" led by Rev. K. V. Shutes. The Convention Message was given very effectively by Rev. Odell Harris of Columbus. The scripture was from I Cor. 1:4; 3:9. Rev. C. H. Bass led in prayer following the message. A love offering amounting to \$14.0 was received. The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "Footprints of Jesus." Prayer was offered by Rev. Odell Harris. The White Oaks Trio rendered special music.

A playlet, "Murky's Church Discovers God's Plan, was presented by the White Oaks Church.

The following standing chairmen gave their reports for the year: Enlistment Chairman, Mrs. H. E. Lynch; Youth Chairman, Mrs. Ralph Underwood; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Cora Ranow.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted. The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

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

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

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

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

Report of Nominating Committee read and accepted. (See Reports).

The following delegates were appointed to represent the District Convention at the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. C. H. Bass, Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. Cora Ranow, Mrs. Lynn, and Mrs. Ernest Collins.

There was a motion and second that the Convention meet with the First Free-Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Ga., for its 1960 session on the Third Saturday in September. Carried.

There was a motion and second to give a rising vote of thanks to the host church. Carried.

## REPORTS OF VARIOUS AUXILIARY COMMITTEES

### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, submit the following report: We have examined the reports from the local Auxiliaries and find the following Auxiliaries eligible to seats in this Convention:

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| 1. White Oaks, Macon, Ga.       | 4. Emanuel, Columbus, Ga.       |
| 2. First Church, Thomaston, Ga. | 5. Providence, Columbus, Ga.    |
| 3. First Church, Columbus, Ga.  | 6. Turner's Chapel, Butler, Ga. |

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. ERNEST COLLINS  
MRS. RUBY WELLS  
MRS. CORA RANOW

We, your Committee on Registration, submit the following report: We find that there are four Convention Officers present: President, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ruby Wells; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. K. V. Shutes; V-President, Mrs. H. E. Lynn; Assistant Recording Mrs. Cora Ranow.

Four local presidents are present, 10 delegates, four ministers and a number of visitors.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. H. E. LYNN  
MRS. LOUISE FLEMMING

We, the Committee on Finance, submit the following report: We find the Treasurer's books to be in order.

In the Treasury at beginning of year .....	\$ 6.37
Receipts for the year .....	386.60
Total .....	<u>\$389.97</u>
Balance in Treasury .....	36.37
Love Offering Received Today .....	14.05
Balance in Treasury .....	<u>\$ 49.42</u>

We recommend the following disbursements:

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1. Convention Dues .....	\$27.00
2. Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson Fund .....	10.00
3. Love Offering for Rev. Odell Harris .....	5.00
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	\$42.00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RUBY WELLS  
MRS. W. A. OLDS  
MRS. JOSIE BARRON

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits the following names to be nominated for Offices:

President — Mrs. K. V. Shutes.  
Vice-President — Mrs. H. J. Kelley  
Secretary & Treasurer — Mrs. Ruby Wells.  
Assistant Secretary — Mrs. Peggy Sizemore.  
Youth Chairman — Mrs. H. E. Lynn.  
Study Chairman — Mrs. Voncille Bryan.  
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman — Mrs. C. H. Bass.  
Personal Service Chairman — Mrs. Cora Ranow.  
Field Workers — Mrs. Kate Lovering, Mrs. J. L. Varnedore.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. H. BASS  
MRS. RAY GARRETT  
MRS. OLLIE JOHNSON  
MRS. PEGGY SIZEMORE

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

(1) Whereas, the President of the United States has proclaimed Oct. 7, 1959 as a National Day of Prayer, Be It Resolved That, each Auxiliary in this District observe this day of prayer.

(2) That this Convention raise at least \$100.00 on the W. N. A. C. Project of building a Mission Station in Mexico, and that the following quotas be given to the local Auxiliaries:

1. First Thomaston .....	\$25.00	4. Providence .....	10.00
2. White Oaks, Macon ....	25.00	5. Turner's Chapel .....	10.00
3. First Columbus .....	25.00	6. Emanuel .....	5.00

(3) That we secure the services of Mrs. Eunice Edwards, National Executive Secretary, for one week of study courses, and that the time and arrangements be worked out between Mrs. Edwards and the President of this Convention.

(4) That each local Auxiliary make regular contributions to the Co-Laborer Fund.

(5) That each Auxiliary make a special contribution to Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson's Fund to help get them to Brazil as Missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. KATE WATSON  
MRS. J. L. VARNEDORE  
MRS. KATE LOVERING



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**CONSTITUTION**

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**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 Convention 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 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.

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**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 President 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 missionar 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 assigned 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 stationery 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 shall 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?



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## CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE-WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION

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The Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist League Convention met August 8, 1959, at the First Free-Will Baptist Church in Thomaston for its annual session.

The meting was called to order by Rev. K. V. Shutes, who also led the congregation in singing the League song, "Onward Christian Leaguers."

Due to the absence of the President, Louise Sheffield was elected President protem.

Different Committees were appointed by the President.

Nominating: Bobby Childree, Bro. W. T. Williams, Sis. Ruby Wells, and Penlope Phillips.

Credentials: Bro. Alva Brunson, Bro. O. M. Williams, Sis. Ruby Cobb and Bro. Giffen.

Resolution: Sis. Mary Williams, Rev. K. V. Hhutes, Helen Tomlin and Bro. Collins.

After election of committees, we entered the worship service. Several songs were sung; then Rev. K. V. Shutes brought a wonderful message on Matt. 6:33, from which scripture the League motto is taken.

After the message it was brought to the attention of the Convention that there was need for a Finance Committee. The President then elected a Finance Committee consisting of Sis. Lovering, Rudeen Moore and Helen Tomlin. We were then dismissed for lunch.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by singing several songs which were led by Rev. Olds.

After the singing the host church presented a playlet entitled, "A Good War." After the play, special singing was presented by several of the young people of the host church.

The Sword Drill was led by Betty Dumas, due to the absence of the Sword Drill leader.

Intermediate Contestants: Bobby Childree and Evelyn Toler.

Junior Contestants: Cookie Fuller and Ronnie Kilby.

Evelyn Toler was winner of the Intermediate Drill and Ronnie Kilby was winner of the Junior Drill. These two will represent this District in the Sword Drill at the State Convention.

We then went into the business session. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and all committees gave their reports. These Committee reports were approved and accepted.

It was moved and seconded that we send the offering taken today to Ray Turnage to go on the College Kitchen Fund.

The next session of the Convention will be held at the First Church in Columbus, which is located at 612 44th Street. This meeting will be on the Second Saturday in August, 1960.

Delegates elected to go to the State Convention are: Evelyn Toler, Ronnie Kilby and Bro. D. L. Giffen.

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### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Credentials Committee reported as follows:

First Church in Thomaston — \$3.00  
 Mrs. Ruby Wells Bobby Childree  
 Helen Tomlin Dianne Bell

White Oak Church — \$3.00  
 Evelyn Toler Penelope Phillips  
 Donna Moore Norma Jean Fuller  
 Rudeen Moore

First Church in Columbus — \$3.00  
 Mrs. Ruby Cobb Mrs. Kate Lovering  
 Mrs. Otis Johnson

Mount Olive Church, Taylor Mill — \$3.00  
 Bro. O. M. Williams Sis. Mary Williams  
 Sis. O. M. Williams Bro. W. T. Williams

Emanuel, Columbus — \$3.00  
 Bro. Alva Brunson Bro. L. B. Sheffield

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

#### BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That since there were only two Leagues and ten delegates last year and ten delegates and five Leagues represented this year, that all of us make the League Work and officers objects of our prayers for this year, 1959-60.

2. That all officers who are recommended to this body be questioned as to their willingness to serve to the best of their ability, before they are elected to office.

3. That the President and Secretary of this Convention does not fail to get these minutes to the Secretary of the Chattahoochee Association to go in the next year's minutes.

REV. K. V. SHUTES, Chm.  
 E. L. COLLINS  
 MARY WILLIAMS  
 HELEN TOMLIN

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Louise Sheffield — President, 5228 Thomason Ave., Columbus  
 Penelope Phillips ..... V-Pres., Delno Dr., Macon  
 Helen Tomlin ..... Sec. & Treas., 423 Highway St., Thomaston  
 Marion Collins ..... Choister, 2577 Pine Ave., Macon  
 Glenda Moore ..... Pianist, Macon.  
 Dudley Hanson—Field Worker, 416 Goodrich, Ave., Thomaston  
 Dianne Harris ..... Sword Drill Leader

Respectfully submitted  
 PENELOPE PHILLIPS  
 W. T. WILLIAMS  
 RUBY WELLS  
 BOBBY CHILDREE

### FINANCE REPORT

Dues paid to Convention ..... \$15.00



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Balance brought forward .....	18.00
Total .....	<u>\$33.00</u>
Paid for Minutes .....	\$ 5.00
Dues to State League Convention .....	10.00
Total Paid Out .....	<u>\$15.00</u>
Bal. Left in Treasury .....	\$18.00

The Convention gave a rising vote of thanks to the Thomaston Church. We were dismissed by prayer.

LOUIS SHEFFIELD, President Protem  
HELEN TOMLIN, Secretary Protem

**Next Annual Convention:** First Church in Columbus, 612 44th St.;  
Second Saturday in August, 1960.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention of the Chattahoochee Free-will Baptist Association was held June 6, 1959, at First Thomaston Church.

Opening song: "I Would Not be Denied." Prayer by Rev. W. A. Olds. Rev. K. V. Shutes acted as President protem.

The Sunday Schools gave their reports. There were four Sunday Schools represented. The Treasurer received \$11.00 as dues. The following churches were present: First Columbus, White Oak, Mt. Olive and First Thomaston.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Convention: Thomaston, Helen Tomlin and Deborah Shutes; White Oak, Ellis Fowler and Horace Fleming; Columbus, Perry Walters and Jimmy Kreeger.

Moved and seconded that one of the delegates take the \$5.00 dues from our Convention to the State.

The congregation stood and sang "Victory in Jesus" and "He Hideth My Soul."

Rev. K. V. Shutes delivered the morning sermon. His text was taken from Luke 3:9. Another song was sung by the congregation and prayer was led by William McElhenny. We were then dismissed for lunch.

### EVENING SESSION

We re-assembled in the auditorium after a an appetizing lunch prepared by the host church. The congregation sang two songs: "The Blood That Stained the Old Rugged Cross" and "Sunshine in the Soul." Another prayer by Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

We had a discussion about the two or three Sunday Schools which were to put on a program at the next Convention. It was moved and seconded. The President will let the churches know which one will have the play.

The officers were elected from the floor. They were:

President—Mrs. K. V. Shutes 323 E. St., Thomaston

Vice President—William McElhenny, 601 4th Ave., Thomaston

Secretary and Treas.—Betty Dumas, 317 4th Ave., Thomaston

Asst. Sec. & Treas.—Annie Windham, 204 Goodrich Ave., Thomaston

It was moved and seconded to take up a love offering for the Sun-

day School Convention. Amount of offering was \$5.80. The congregation sang "Jesus Is a Wonderful Saviour."

Rev. Harris talked on Sunday School. It was very interesting to know about the Sunday School work.

It was moved and seconded that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The congregation stood and sang "Ready," and "Blest Be the Tie."

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn till next year when we meet in Columbus. Helen Harmon dismissed with prayer.

Dues Collected .....	\$11.00
Love Offering .....	5.80
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$16.80</b>

\*The amount left in Treasury at the end of 1958-59 year was not turned over to the new Secretary.

Paid State Sunday School Convention .....	\$5.00
Paid for Phone Calls .....	1.25
<b>Total paid out .....</b>	<b>\$6.25</b>
<b>Left in Treasury .....</b>	<b>\$10.55</b>

MISS BETTY DUMAS, Asst. Secty.  
317 Fourth Avenue, Thomaston, Ga.

## QUARTERLY MEETING OF CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE-WILL BAPTIST ASSOVIATION

**First Quarterly Meeting Convening at Thomaston, Ga.  
Saturday, January 17, 1959**

The First Quarterly Meeting was called to order by Rev. E. C. Morris, Moderator. Bro. Morris explained the purpose of the meeting. The following members of the State Executive Board were present: Rev. C. R. Houston, Rev. S. T. Shutes and Rev. B. W. Clenney. Rev. K. V. Shutes read National Treatise to Delegates concerning Quarterly Meetings. Bros. Harris and Olds stated reasons for wanting to organize Quarterly Meetings.

The following churches in the Chattahoochee Association were represented: Atlanta, Thomaston, Turners Chapel, Mt. Olive, Emanuel, First Church of Columbus and Pleasant Hill.

Bro. Harris stated the purpose of Quarterly Meetings today is to organize for the benefit of those who had questioned whether it was for discussion or to be organized.

It was moved and carried that the Council be seated to examine the organization. Bro. C. R. Houston was seated as Moderator. Bro. Houston state that each church was an independent body of its own. It was moved and carried that the churches be polled and find out the ones present for definite purpose. The following churches were polled: Emanuel, White Oak, First Church of Columbus, Atlanta and Thomaston.

The body recessed for worship at 11:30 A. M. Rev. E. C. Morris brought the message. Dismissed for the lunch hour at 12:30 o'clock.

The body re-assembled at 1:30 P. M. with the opening song, "I'll Be Listening." Prayer by Rev. B. W. Clenney.

The body was then declared in order by Rev. C. R. Houston,

Moderator. The Church Covenant was read by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

Called for letters from churches who wish to join in Quarterly Meeting. Letters of churches becoming members of Quarterly Meeting were read by the Secretary. Moved and carried that the letter be accepted. The five churches becoming members of the Quarterly Meeting were questioned by the Executive Board. This was followed by a prayer of consecration by Bro. S. T. Shutes.

The following officers were elected for the Quarterly Meeting: Rev. Warren A. Olds, Moderator; Rev. Odell Harris, Assistant Moderator; Nadine Barron Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. L. E. Sheffield, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer. It was moved and carried that the Secretary and Treasurer be combined.

Executive Board: Chairman, Rev. L. E. Sheffield, one year; Rev. K. V. Shutes, two years; Rev. C. B. Dowdney, three years.

It was moved and carried the body express thanks for hospitality shown by the Thomaston Church during the day.

It was moved and carried that one-third of the offering which was \$23.36 be kept in the Treasury of the Quarterly Meeting and two-thirds be given to the State Unified Program and a check be written for expenses of Bro. Morris and the Executive Board. Business of the Executive Board was adjourned and services were turned over to the new Moderator. Moved and carried that the Quarterly Meeting be carried out by Parliamentary procedure.

It was voted that this Quarterly Meeting convene quarterly on Saturday before the second Sunday in January, April and July. It was voted that the next meeting convene with the First Church Columbus. It was moved and carried that a Committee be appointed to select a name for the Quarterly Meeting and be brought to the April Meeting. The following Committee was appointed: Chairman, Bro. Louis E. Sheffield, Jr., Bro. Donald Moore, Bro. John Grant, Sister Kate Watson, Sister J. W. Lang.

The meeting then adjourned.

WARREN A. OLDS, Moderator.  
NADINE BARRON, Secretary.

#### **PROGRESSIVE QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT FIRST FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS, Saturday, April 12, 1959**

The meeting was declared in order by the Moderator. Called for letters which were read by Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. Odell Harris.

The following churches sent letters: Emanuel, Thomaston, First Church of Columbus and White Oak. Moved and carried the letters be received. Moved and carried the delegates be seated. Moved and carried that Turners Chapel be accepted into Quarterly Meeting.

Moved and carried that an Allocation Committee be appointed which consists of the following: Bro. David Fincher, Turners Chapel; Bro. Lynn, White Oak; Bro. Herman Watson, Thomaston; Bro. Lemuel Walden, First Church of Columbus; Sis. Walters, Emanuel.

Moved and carried that Turners Chapel have a person to serve on naming committee to take the place of Atlanta. Bro. Charles Clarke was appointed to this place.

The body then recessed for worship. Rev. K. V. Shutes brought the message. His topic was "Stewardship of the Holy Spirit." Acts 10:1-6, 1:13, 14. offering of \$14.84 was received. Dismissed for lunch.

The body re-assembled at 1:30 P. M. Devotional by Rev. W. A. Olds. I Cor. 13. Prayer by Rev. Odell Harris. Referred to old business.



Minutes were read and approved

A report was given from the Naming Committee. The Committee suggested Central Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association or Progressive Quarterly Meeting. Moved and carried the Quarterly Meeting be named **Progressive Quarterly Meeting**. Moved and carried that the Naming Committee now be relieved.

A report was given by the Allocation Committee. The Committee suggested after expenses of the Quarterly Meeting are paid, the balance be sent to the Children's Home and given to Unified Program. Moved and carried.

The afternoon message was given by Rev. L. E. Sheffield. His message was taken from Eph. 6:10.

New business. Moved and carried the next meeting go to Emanuel Church. Moved and carried the meeting begin at 10:30 A. M.

Moved and carried that Bro. Dowdney's replacement be postponed until next meeting for Executive Committee to investigate.

The Secretary was given authority to order Quarterly Meeting forms. The meeting was then adjourned.

#### Treasurer's Report

Balance from last meeting .....	\$23.36
Paid Bro. Morris .....	15.58
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Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 7.78
Offering taken in April meeting .....	\$14.84
Received from Churches in Quarterly Meeting .....	23.00
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Total in Treasury .....	\$45.62
Paid out for Quarterly Meeting Forms .....	.73
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Balance in Treasury .....	\$44.89

REV. WARREN A. OLDS, Moderator  
NADINE BARRON, Secretary

#### Treasurer's Report

Balance from Last Meeting .....	\$44.89
Offering Taken in July Meeting .....	8.35
Received from Church in Quarterly Meeting .....	21.00
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Total in Treasury .....	\$74.24
To Unified Program .....	\$15.00
To Bible College .....	15.00
To District Association .....	25.00
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	\$55.00
Leaving Balance in Treasury .....	\$19.24

REV. WARREN A. OLDS, Moderator  
NADINE BARRON, Secretary

#### PROGRESSIVE QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT EMANUEL CHURCH

Columbus, Ga., Saturday, July 11, 1959

The meeting began with an opening song "Victory in Jesus." Prayer by Rev. B. W. Clenney. Devotional by Rev. L. E. Sheffield from

Romans 12:3. The meeting was called in order by the Moderator.

Called for letters which were read by Bro. John A Grant and Rev. L. E. Sheffield. The following churches sent letters: First Church of Columbus, White Oak, Emanuel, Thomaston, and Bro. Dowdney gave an oral report on Atlanta Church. Moved and carried that letters be accepted and delegates seated.

Minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Moved and carried Moderator appoint Nominating Committee and Allocation Committee. The following were appointed on Nominating Committee: Sis. Dowdney, Atlanta; Bro. Ellis Fowler, White Oak; Bro. L. E. Sheffield, Jr., Emanuel; Bro. Watson, Thomaston; and Bro. John A. Grant, First Church of Columbus. Those appointed on the Allocation Committee were: Rev. L. E. Sheffield, Rev. C. B. Dowdney and Rev. K. V. Shutes.

The message for the morning was brought by Rev. C. B. Dowdney.

#### Afternoon Session

Special song by Rev. B. W. Clenny, Shirley Clenny, Doris Grant and Rev. K. V. Shutes. Prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes. Devotional by the Moderator from II Tim. 2:1-4.

The Allocation Committee report was read and accepted which was to send \$25.00 to District Association for Minutes, \$15.00 to Unified Program and \$15.00 to Bible College, and the balance be left in Treasury.

The report of Nominating Committee was read and accepted which was that all officers be retained for the ensuing year and that Rev. L. E. Sheffield continue to be on the Executive Board.

The following schedule was accepted for Quarterly Meetings for the ensuing year: White Oak, Jan. 9, 1960; Turners Chapel, April 9, 1960; and Thomaston, July 9, 1960.

Moved and carried nominee's report be last of business session and immediately after adjournment of July session, new officers take over with the amendment that minutes are in order before turning over to the Clerk of the Association and then the new Clerk will take over.

Moved and carried that Petitionary Letter be prepared and presented to Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association requesting letter for membership in Association and Moderator to appoint delegates. The following delegates were appointed: Mrs. C. B. Dowdney, Atlanta; Bro. Herman Watson, Thomaston; Mrs. John A. Grant, First Church of Columbus; Bro. Edward Newman, Emanuel... Bro. E. L. Collins, White Oak. Moved and carried in event delegates could not be there, the pastor would be authorized to appoint someone else.

Moved and carried in event quarterly meeting was refused to seat in the Association, we would have called meeting on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday at First Church, Columbus. Moved and carried money not be paid to Association if Quarterly Meeting was not received in Association.

The evening message was given by Rev. Charles Clark, Ex. 20:22.

A vote of thanks was extended Emanuel Church for her hospitality.

Moved and carried all Officers and Board Members not be allowed to serve but two consecutive terms of office; either must skip a term or change office.

The meeting closed with prayer.



**REV. WILLIAM HARVEY STREETMAN**

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Born July 24, 1877, departed this life March 25, 1958, making his stay on earth 80 years, 8 months and 1 day.

In early life Bro. Streetman joined the church and entered the ministry of the Missionary Baptist denomination, having pastored churches in this and other states, during which time many have been led to the Lord who lament his departure and cherish his memory. He united his membership with the Freewill Baptist church and was ordained to the ministry of this denomination August 7, 1940 and at the time of death was an active member with New Liberty (Harmony) Church, Schley County, Georgia. As the sunset of life was approaching and the dews of eternity were fast falling, his testimony was that he was ready to go and prepared to meet his Lord and Saviour.

Faithful pilgrim rest in slumber,  
With the loved ones gone before;  
Soon to wake to join that number,  
On that bright and blissful shore.

Blessed land of joy eternal,  
Where no tears will dim the eye;  
There we'll live in joy supernal,  
Where we'll never weep or sigh.

Throughout endless ages singing,  
Loudest praise to Him belong;  
Evermore glad tributes bringing,  
As we sing the endless song.

Farewell, Bro. Streetman.

W. J. Childree,  
Pastor.

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**TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER GEORGIE VISAGE**

Born April 28, 1879, departed this life October 14, 1957, her stay on earth being 78 years, 5 months and 16 days. Sister Visage was a member of Mt Olive Church, Taylor County, Ga., faithful in attendance and active in the support of its every cause as long as health permitted.

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

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

W. J. Childree  
Former Pastor

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**TO THE MEMORY OF BRO. B. F. WALLER**

Bro. Waller, for many years a loyal member with Trinity Church, Taylor County, Georgia and having served as clerk and deacon until declining health rendered him unable to fill the place he loved so well, was born May 30, 1892, departed this life October 23, 1957, his stay on earth being 65 years, 4 months and 24 days.

Far beyond this life of sorrow,  
When the day of toil is done;  
There will come a glad tomorrow,  
if the life crown we have won.

There we'll live through endless ages,  
Blessed land of perfect day;  
Where no angry billow rages,  
Safe at home with Him for aye.

W. J. Childree,  
Pastor.

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**TO THE MEMORY OF BRO. LUTHER VERNON PRIESTER**

On Thursday, October 31, 1957, the death angel came down after Brother Luther Vernon Priester as he walked along the street in Columbus, Ga., near his home. He died suddenly. Bro. Luther seemed to his departure was at hand as he talked with his pastor and seemed "very near the Lord."

He was born Oct. 7, 1892 and died October 31, 1957, making his stay here on this low ground of sorrow 65 years and 24 days.

Brother Priester once pastored the First Church of Columbus and several other churches in the Chattahoochee Association of Free-Will

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Baptists. He loved the Free-Will Baptist Church and often expressed a desire "to see it take its rightful place as one of the world's leading denominations." He led many souls to Christ and some of them are faithful workers in our churches today.

Farewell my Brother for a while; we will meet again in the Sweet By and By.

I cannot say, and I will not say  
That he is dead; he is just away.  
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,  
He wandered into an unknown land.  
Think of him still as the same, I say.  
He is not dead—he is just away.

By his pastor,  
Chester A. Huckaby.

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#### TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER CHRISTIAN RODGERS MOORE

Born July 30, 1886, died April 14, 1958, age 71 years, 8 months and 15 days. Sis. Moore, the devoted companion of the late Rev. C. H. Moore, united her church fellowship with Mt. Olive church in early life and remained true and loyal until her labors ended and calmly passed to her eternal reward.

Resting now from pain and sorrow,  
In the silent tomb so still;  
Waiting for a glad tomorrow,  
Over on the ancient hill.

There our pleasures will forever,  
Linger while the ages roll;  
Gathered by the flowing river,  
That fair homeland of the soul.

W. J. Childree,  
Former Pastor

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#### TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER ROSA LEE STOVALL

Sister Rosa Lee Stovall, a beloved and devoted member of St. Mark Free-Will Baptist Church was born March 15, 1882, departed this life August 1, 1958, making her stay on earth 76 years. She is survived by four sons and three daughters. We believe our loss is Heaven's gain. She is free from all sorrow and is at rest with Jesus.

And ever near us, though unseen,  
The dear immortal spirits tread;  
For all the boundless universe  
Is life—There are no dead.

Her Pastor,  
Rev. G. T. Halliman

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**IN MEMORY OF BRO. E. E. BROWN**

Bro. E. E. Brown, a beloved and devoted member of St. Mark Free-Will Baptist Church, was born November 4, 1870, departed this life on November 26, 1958, making his stay on earth 88 years. Amid his long period of much suffering he seemed to be fully resigned to his bearing and remained faithful until the end with hope of rest beyond.

His Pastor  
Rev. G. T. Halliman

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**TO THE MEMORY OF BRO. ROY WILSON**

Brother Roy Wilson was born November 21, 1905 and departed this life November 15, 1958. He was a member of New Liberty (Harmony) Church in Schley County near Tazewell, Georgia. He will be greatly missed by his church and his many friends and family.

His Pastor,  
Rev. R. B. McFadden

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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF KENNETH TERRY SHUTES**

It was the night of December 23, 1958 at six o'clock that the spirit of Kenneth Terry Shutes took its journey to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in that Home not made with hands. He died of the dreaded disease, acute leukemia.

Terry was born November 10, 1948 in Edwards Hospital, Leeds, Ala. He was saved at the age of seven and was a member of the First Free-Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, Ga. He loved the Lord and the church.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Free-Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, Ga., December 26, 1958. Rev. T. O. Terry and Rev. S. T. Shutes, both uncles of Terry's, officiated. His body was laid to rest in Floral Memory Garden, Albany, Ga.

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

Written by his father,  
Rev. K. V. Shutes

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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. MATTIE MOODY**

It was September 23, 1959 that the spirit of Sister Mattie Moody, age 87, took its flight to be with the Lord. Sister Moody had been a Christian since age 13.

She was one of the most patient sufferers I have ever met. She was charter member of the First Free-Will Baptist Church of Thomaston. Her only daughter, Ms. Bessie Moody Allen, was a minister of the gospel. Mrs. Allen preceded her mother in death about two years and six months. She left a memory in those who knew her for

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sweetness of spirit and humbleness of life.

Sister Moody died at the home of Mrs. Jack Allen and was laid to rest in Valley Grove cemetery near Thomaston. Rev. K. V. Shutes officiated at the short graveside funeral.

Written by,  
Rev. K. V. Shutes.

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#### IN MEMORY OF MRS. VIRGINIA FULLER

On January 8, 1959, the Lord called to rest, Sister Virginia Fuller. Her stay on earth was 37 years. She was a faithful member of the White Oak Free-Will Baptist Church and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She will always be remembered as such a consecrated Christian lady that even through all the suffering and pain of her lingering illness, she would always greet you with a warm, hearty smile and be cheerful right on. It does our hearts good to know that she said, "If it's God's will to call me home now, I'm ready and willing to go." We do believe that our loss is Heaven's gain.

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#### TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER FRANCES CROZIER LITTLE

Sister Frances C. Little was born in 1935 and departed this life March 27, 1959. Her stay on earth was 23 years and 7 months. Sister Little was a member of New Prospect Free-Will Baptist Church. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband and two daughters and a host of other relatives and friends.

By her sister-in-law,  
Wonnie Little.

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#### IN MEMORY OF ROBERT LEE EDGE

Robert Lee Edge, born December 9, 1874 in Chambers County, Ala. died October 12, 1957 making his stay on earth 82 years, 10 months and 3 days. He married Mary Maude Yarborough in 1904. He was a member of New Prospect Free-Will Baptist Church for 23 years and was dearly loved by everyone who knew him. He is missed at church and in his community but he is missed more in his home. So sleep on until we meet on Heaven's bright home.

By request,  
J. E. Davis

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#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF BROTHER THOMAS DUDLEY COOK

Brother Thomas Dudley Cook, born April 1, 1897, died July 26, 1958. Bro. Cook was for many years a member of New Prospect Free-Will Baptist Church, Turner County, Georgia, having served as a Deacon until his departure. He was kind and generous and by his good nature gained many friends. He will long be missed in his church and community. He leaves his wife, six children and several grand

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children, relatives and friends to mourn his passing. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

In a land that is free from sorrow,  
Where the weary rest from care;  
There will be no sad tomorrow,  
When we gather over there.

Written by request of the family,  
J. E. Davis.

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**IN MEMORY OF SISTER EMMA SPILLERS WAINWRIGHT**

Sister Wainwright was born September, 1874 and died February 3, 1958. She was a member of Turners Chapel Free-Will Baptist Church where she was faithful with her presence and means, until health failed her. She was loved by all who knew her. She left her companion and for girls to mourn for her; so weep not loved ones for she is resting now with her Saviour. To know Sister Wainwright was to love her.

I have been her pastor for a good many years and it was always a pleasure to be in her home. She always wanted to have prayer. She is missed so much but may we all be faithful until death calls us to meet with her.

He leaves our hearts all desolate  
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers  
To adorn immortal bowers

Written by her pastor,  
REV. W. R. Lawhorn

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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER MARTHA DUNCAN**

Sister Duncan was born December 30, 1878 and died September 3, 1958. She was a member of Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Ga. She was loyal to her church and is missed by the members. Rest on Sister Duncan, for you are out of all trials here. We as members hope to live to meet you in a better world.

Written by her pastor,  
Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

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**TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER LULA PERRY JORDAN**

Sister Jordan was a beloved and devoted member of Little Bethel Free-Will Baptist church. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. She was born April 1, 1885 and died April 25, 1958.

We feel that her faithful services now accords her a peaceful rest, so rest on Dear Sister. She leaves a large family of children to mourn her departure but weep not children for God will be with you. Just be faithful and true until God calls for you far beyonds this veil of

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sorrow, in a land of perfect day. There will be a glad tomorrow where all tears will pass away.

Oh the joy of that glad morning,  
When we rise from slumber sleep,  
A crown of life our brow adorning  
Never more we will sigh or weep.

Written by one who knew her and learned to love her as a Christian,

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

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#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER BEULAH WILSON

Sister Wilson was born September 4, 1886 and died July 30, 1958. She was a member of Turner's Chapel Free-Will Church and was a faithful member of her church as long as health permitted. She leaves a number of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. Rest on Dear Sister, till we meet again in the Beautiful City above.

Written by her pastor,  
Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

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#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER ELLA TINCE WATSON

Sister Watson was born May 13, 1878, passed from this life June 4, 1959, at the age of 81 years and 22 days. Sister Watson was a true and loyal member of Trinity Church at the time of her death, having spent about 55 years in faithful service, ever sowing seeds of love and kindness that will blossom in the life of those she often met and accord her a resting place with the immortal.

Memories' scenes of other days,  
So often pass our view;  
We meet to sing our Saviour's praise,  
Our love in Him renew.

And on that far-off distant shore,  
Where crystal waters flow;  
We'll meet again to part no more,  
And farewells will be o'er.

W. J. Childree,  
A former pastor.

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#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. EMMA V. LUMPKIN

It was on the morning of July 9, 1959 at 1:00 A. M. that the spirit of Mrs. Emma V. Lumpkin, widow of the late Rev. H. L. Lump-

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kin, took its flight to the Heavenly Home. Sister Lumpkin died of a heart attack on her 78th birthday.

She was a member of the New Life Free-Will Baptist Church about fifty years. Her body was laid to rest in Pine Level Methodist cemetery near Mauk, Ga. Funeral services were conducted by one of her preacher sons, Rev. W. R. Lumpkin and Rev. K. V. Shutes of Thomaston, Ga.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, viz: Mrs. Herman Watson, Mrs. Emmie Lou Montgomery, Mrs. Frances Hanson; three sons: W. R., J. B., and Randall Lumpkin. Two of these sons are ministers. She also leaves a number of grand-children, great grand-children, relatives and friends.

Sister Lumpkin was the faithful wife of the late Rev. H. L. Lumpkin for 48 years, who was a Free-Will Baptist minister for 49 years before the Lord called him home to his eternal reward.

Written by  
Rev. K. V. Shutes

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#### TO THE MEMORY OF SISTER MINNIE WINDHAM

Born August 3, 1876; departed this life January 22, 1958; making her stay on earth 81 years, 5 months and 19 days. Sister Windham, a true and loyal member with Mt. Olive Church for many years, rendered a life of service in love and devotion that will long be cherished by those who knew her, and bright will her footprints remain on the sands of future time.

Oh the joy of some tomorrow,  
When we lay life's burdens down;  
In a land that's free from sorrow,  
There receive the golden crown.

Throughout endless ages singing,  
Loudest praise to Him prolong;  
Heavenly echoes will be ringing,  
As we sing the endless song.

By Request  
W. J. Childree.

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## CONSTITUTION

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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 originally been formed, not from any positive injunction, either from Christ or His Apostles, but from mere expediency for the purpose of concentrating the efforts of individual churches and bringing them to bear with greater energy upon the subject designed to be accomplished by those churches. They were also considered as advisory council, and resorted to as such, but never claimed any right or lording it over God's heritage, nor was their advice considered binding on the churches. In a word, associations were wholly dependent on churches, and churches were not dependent upon associations, notwithstanding the power abrogated to themselves by some modern Baptist Associations, we view them as being nowhere 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** 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 successively such changes, the alteration or amendments shall then become a part and parcel of this Constitution.

Read and adopted the above as the Constitution of the **Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association**.

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## CHURCH DECORUM

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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 otherwriting 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 he 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), he 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 ab-

sentees. 5. For acknowledgements. 6. For reference or deferred business. 7. For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. 8. Miscellaneous business.

13. Visiting brethren as helps called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.

14. Any orderly member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in membership, may be received into the church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or by 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 to their feet.

23. No other motion shall be considered while a previous motion and second is before the conference.

24. It shall be considered disorderly for a member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member upon his request, may be excused by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

25. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.

26. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calm-



ness and a good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.

27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of 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.

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## GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that a Gospel Church, or a church of Christ is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.

2. That those rules require churches to preserve the form of government and the ordinances of the first Christian churches and to be composed of baptized believers in Christ.

3. That the visible church as the aggregate or whole number of Gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in heaven, and of such Christians on earth as are not attached to the visible church, according to the Gospel rules.

4. That the establishment of 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 if this right be surrendered to superintending jurisdiction by delegation or otherwise, the assembly ceases to be a Gospel Church.

6. That churches may nevertheless, we suppost meet by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up the Correspondence; but that the right and authority of churches being inalienable, or in no wise compromised or hindered



by entering into an association, and therefore an association has no authority over churches or individuals, their only power being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity; to promote mutual intercourse, and a concentration of voluntary effort, and to give that advice to churches which might equal authority be given by an individual.

7. That the authority of the churches is designed for the perpetuation of the true religion of the gospel, and for the preservation of a true and orderly body of Christians on earth, that it is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but that it does not extend to persons, property or the conscience 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 belong to the authority of the church—such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders; that as a member of the church, he is of more than any other members, 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.

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## 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 good 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, 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, to 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 is every way qualified to be suitable, compassionate and all sufficient Saviour. Eph. 2:5, 5:8, Rom. 7:11.

5. That the Gospel blessing which Christ in his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification. That this justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, upon principles of righteousness, that is bestowed not in consideration of anything we do but solely through his own righteousness and atonement, and that brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God.—Rom. 8:30, Ezk. 18:28, John 3:14, 16, Rom. 8:17.

6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it 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 on 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 saves 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 thee preserving attachments of true believers to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial possessors; that a special Providence watches over their wealth, 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; Psalms 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 King 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

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTORS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Received by Statement	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	Meeting Days
Turners Chapel .....	Taylor .....	Charles Clark .....	4	1	2	.....	.....	.....	169	.....	\$ 420.00	2nd & 4th Sun
St. John .....	Russell .....	J. M. Holland .....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	3.00	140.00	Full Time
First Church .....	Upson .....	K. V. Shutes .....	7	3	2	.....	.....	.....	100	10.00	3120.00	Full Time
New Life .....	Marion .....	Gilbert Ellowood .....	2	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	3.00	226.00	.....
First Church .....	Muscogee .....	Orlie Harris .....	5	14	6	.....	.....	.....	113	10.00	3640.00	Full Time
New Liberty .....	Schley .....	W. J. Childree .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	3.00	189.74	3rd Sunday
New Bethel .....	Worth .....	H. W. Giddens .....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	102	5.00	636.24	2nd & 4th Sun
Pleasant Hill .....	Schley .....	A. C. Trulock .....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	73	5.00	646.89	1st & 2nd Sun.
White Oak .....	Bibb .....	W. A. Olds .....	9	.....	6	.....	.....	1	140	10.00	4160.00	Full Time
New Prospect .....	Turner .....	G. W. Price .....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	177	.....	451.97	1st & 3rd Sun.
Spring Hill .....	Marion .....	W. J. Childree .....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	25	6.00	205.15	2nd & 4th Sun
St. Mark .....	Russell .....	G. T. Hallaman .....	6	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	5.00	660.00	Full Time
Emanuel .....	Muscogee .....	.....	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	24	5.00	669.50	Full Time
Little Bethel .....	Macon .....	W. R. Lawhorn .....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	103	6.00	650.00	1st & 3rd Sun.
Trinity .....	Taylor .....	R. B. McFaddin .....	1	1	6	.....	.....	1	17	3.00	213.62	4th Sun.
Providence .....	Muscogee .....	C. H. Bass .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	5.00	225.00	Full Time
Bethany .....	Marion .....	G. W. Nobles .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	1st. Sunday
Mt. Olive .....	Taylor .....	W. J. Owen .....	6	1	2	.....	.....	2	164	5.00	1802.17	Full Time
New Prospect .....	Taylor .....	E. W. Skipper .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	1st Sun.



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