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Reynolds, Georgia

ELDER W. A. OLDS Assistant Moderator
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Thomaston Georgia, Route 2

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OFFICER FOR NEXT YEAR

Moderator Rev. Frank Willis
Vice Moderator Rev. Webster Purvis
Clerk Bro. D. W. Moore

The next session will convene with Spring Hill Church,
Marion County, Ga., Friday before the first Sunday in
October, 1962.

ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS

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.

MINUTES OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

The Introductory Sermon was delivered Friday morning by Rev. C. H. Bass, from St. John. After an able delivery, the body adjourned for the noon hour.

At 1:30 p. m. the body met. Opening song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Prayer and Scripture, the 119th Psalm, were given by Moderator. After addressing the body in a brief message, the body was declared open for business. The first item was to invite visiting brethren to seats with us. Next, called for Corresponding Letters. On motion brothers E. A. Welch and H. H. Watson were chosen to read letters as follows: Little Bethel: Leonard Layfield and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Jones New Life: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Flannagan and Clara Lockhart. St. Mark: Josephene Skinner and Heslie Edwards. First Church of Thomaston: H. H. Watson, J. W. Cochran. Trinity: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Welch, Buford Watson. New Prospect: J. E. Davis.

Turners Chapel: Jewel Bone, Cora Moore, Mannie L. Rogers, N. T. McInvale.

Emanuel: Bob Hayes, Sister Hayes, Sister Grimsley, Bro. and Sis. Thomas.

Spring Hill: N. C. Greer and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hand, Jessie Taylor and Huston James.

Providence: Sis. Lnnie Bass.

St. Luke: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Arnold, Curtis Grier, Christene Grier.

Pleasant Hill: Eula Brewer, Linda Welch, W. E. James, Harold Dillard.

White Oak: J. L. Griffin, E. L. Collins and D. W. Moore.

New Liberty: J. C. Kirkland and wife, W. H. Streetman, Jr., Rosa Lee and Jewel Grimsley.

New Bethel: Maurice Lawhorn and W. T. Farmer.

Bethany: Stella Grimsley, Maurett Garrett, Alma Garrett.

Mt. Olive: Ronald Morrell, Myrtice Morrell, Grover Hallman, B. R. Dent, Sr., Florence Windham.

New Hope: Carolyn Wiggler, Grady Wiggler, Ruth Holland and Eva Kinney.

On motion, letters were received and delegates seated. Next, called for Petitionary Letters and received one from New Hope Church, Columbus, Ga. Petition received and fellowship given. Next called for Corresponding Messengers from our Sister Associations. H. W. Golden from the Union Association; Sis. B. W. Clenney from the Martin Association; John Golden, from South-East Association of Alabama; C. R. Houston, Midway Association; E. C. Morris, State Association. Right hand of welcome was extended these correspondents. On motion the various committees were appointed as follows:

Preaching—J. L. Grimsley, N. R. Lumpkin, Ronnie Morrell, Myrtice Grier, Eula Brewer.

State of Churches and Character of The Ministry—E. E. Bone, N. C. Grier, J. A. Farmer, G. B. Hollman, D. W. Moore.

Suggestions—Rev.'s W. R. Lawhorn, J. B. Lumpkin, Bro's B. R. Dent Sr., H. W. Grimsey, A. L. Watson.

Finance—Carolyn Wiggley, L. W. Grimsley, W. E. James, N. T. McInvale.

Sabbath Observance—Rev. Frank Willis, J. E. Davis, J. W. Flannagan.

Sunday School—R. H. James, Josephine Skinner, S. O. Jones.

Womans Auxiliary—Lena Bass, James Higgans, Florence Windham.

The body adjourned until Saturday, 9:45 A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening Prayer by Rev. A. C. McKinnon. Scripture reading Ephesians 4th chapter. Next called for obituaries. The body paused in silence in memory of our dead, then led in prayer by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

On motion it was agreed to have 600 copies of the minutes printed and to pay Moderator \$20.00, Clerk \$30.00.

The circular letter by Rev. J. R. Davidson was ordered printed in the minutes. Rev. Frank Willis was appointed to write the next circular letter. Next the body was dismissed from business for the preaching hour. Business to resume at 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song, I'll Be Satisfied; Prayer, Rev. J. R. Davidson; Scripture reading, 100th Psalm.

Rev. E. C. Morris gave a brief talk on the work and progress of the denominations and expressed his thanks for the 14 years he has been in the service as Promotional Secretary and the fellowship he has enjoyed in meeting with the people with our beloved State.

On motion the body acted to correspond with our Sister Associations by minutes. On motion the body voted to send to the State Association \$10.00, to the National \$5.00, an offering was then taken in the amount of \$26.59 for Bible College, also \$6.20 for Rev. B. T. Gill. Next item of business and action of the body was election of officers. Rev. Frank Willis, moderator, Reynolds, Ga.; Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, assistant moderator, Junction City, Ga.; Rev. A. C. Truluck, Clerk; Bro. E. A. Welch, assistant clerk, Mauk Ga.

A rising vote of thanks was extended the church for the generous hospitality given during our sojourn with them.

Rev. R. B. McFaddon was appointed to preach the introductory. Rev. G. W. Nobles, alternate. On motion the body adjourned to meet

with Spring Hill Church, Friday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1962.

REV. W. J. CHILDREE, Moderator
REV. B. T. GILL, Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

On Preaching—Friday night 7:30, Rev. W. J. Childree, Rev. G. W. Price to follow. Saturday at 11:00 Rev. Adell Harris, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin to follow.

J. L. GRIMSLEY, Chm.

On Suggestions—We suggest the elected Moderator and Clerk serve two years only. We further suggest that the executive committee be elected for 5 years with 1 member expiring yearly.

CALVA BRINSON, Chm.

Sabbath Observance—We recommend that the Lord's Day be kept in sacred reverence as is taught in the Bible.

REV. FRANK WILLIS, Chm.

Woman's Auxiliary—We find that some of the Churches do not have an Auxiliary. We advise each church to organize one, as we deem it a necessary work.

LENA BASS, Chm.

FINANCE—Balance in Treasury \$14.90; Paid in from Churches \$97.00.

CAROLYN BEIZLEY, Chm.

State of Churches and Character of the Ministry—We find all of the churches and Ministers in good standing except Rev. W. J. Owens.

D. W. MOORE, Chm.

Expenses:

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| Printing and mailing of Minutes | \$155.00 |
| State Association | 10.00 |
| National Association | 5.00 |
| Total | \$170.00 |
| Balance in Treasury | \$6.40 |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| B. R. Dent Sr., Chairman | 1 Year, Reynolds, Ga. |
| H. H. Watson | 2 years, Rt. 2, Thomaston, Ga. |
| W. V. Guy | 3 years, Butler, Ga. |
| E. E. Bone | 4 years, Butler, Ga. |
| E. A. Welch | 5 years, Mauk, Ga. |

MINISTERIAL ROLL

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| Elder W. R. Lawhorn, Rte. 2, | Butler, Ga. |
| Elder W. J. Childree, Rte 3. | Reynolds, Ga. |

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| Elder B. T. Gill, Rte. 2, | Thomaston, Ga. |
| Elder R. B. McFadden, 1070 Rose St. | Macon, Ga. |
| Elder John Grimsley | Juniper, Ga. |
| Elder C. H. Bass, 1008, 20th St., | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Elder John M. Holland, 3rd. Ave. | Columbus, Ga. |
| Elder Frank Willis | Reynolds, Ga. |
| Elder W. L. Purvis, 5441 Knoles Dr. | Macon, Ga. |
| Elder G. W. Nobles, 1877, 3rd St. | Macon, Ga. |
| Elder J. L. Pittman, Rte. 2, | Lyons, Ga. |
| Elder J. B. Lumpkin, | Junction City, Ga. |
| Elder A. C. Truluck, 216 Highland Rd., | Albany, Ga. |
| Elder C. B. Dowdney, 6046 Morning Side Dr. | Columbus, Ga. |
| Elder G. W. Price, 1012 A, R. R. St. | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Elder B. P. Hayes, 2926 Pecan St. | Columbus, Ga. |
| Elder W. T. Casey, Rte. 1, | Butler, Ga. |
| Elder G. W. Baker | Sycamore, Ga. |
| Elder A. T. Byrd, 1323 14th. Ave. | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Elder A. S. Oswalt | Fortson, Ga. |
| Elder A. C. McKinnon, Peabody Apt. | Columbus, Ga. |
| Elder W. J. Owens 4416 Bellwood Ave. | Columbus, Ga. |
| Licensed Ministers | |
| Rev. T. J. Driver | Columbus, Ga. |

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

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| Little Bethel—W. H. Cromer | Ideal, Ga. |
| New Life—Clara Lockhart | Box Springs, Ga. |
| St. Mark—Betty Edwards Box 194 | Phenix City, Ala. |
| First Church—Leon Windham, 264 R. St. | Thomaston, Ga. |
| Trinity—Mrs. E. A. Welch | Mauk, Ga. |
| New Prospect—H. H. Partian, Rt. 3..... | Ashburn, Ga. |
| Turner's Chapel—Mrs. J. B. Rogers, Rte. 2 | Butler, Ga. |
| Emmanuel—Edman Newman, 1418 5th. St. | Columbus, Ga. |
| Spring Hill—Miss Kattie Lou Brady, Rte. 1 | Mauk, Ga. |
| Providence—Mrs. Peggy Sizemore, 4515 Arm St. | Columbus, Ga. |
| St. Luke—Christine Grier, 119 31st. | Phenix City, Ala. |
| Pleasant Hill—Betty Ann Brewer | Rupert, Ga. |
| White Oak—J. H. Wright, 678 Elm St. | Macon, Ga. |
| New Liberty—J. C. Kirklan, Box 107 | Ellaville, Ga. |
| Little Bethel—M. C. Roberts, Rte. 2, | Sylvester, Ga. |
| Bethany—Clyde Grimsley | Mauk, Ga. |
| Mt. Olive—Willis Windham, Rte. 3 | Reynolds, Ga. |
| New Hope—Mrs. Ruth Holland 2901, 3rd. Ave. | Columbus, Ga. |
| First Church, Atlanta—Robbin Reeves, 871 Person Ave. | Atlanta, Ga. |

CIRCULAR LETTERS TO THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

"CHRISTIANS MALADJUSTMENTS"

By J. R. Davidson

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" are familiar words to all students of the Bible. Yet, while we find democratic and communistic states at each other's throats, apparently on the brink of war, Christian groups are actually arrayed in battle one with another, although the weapons of warfare

be different. One of the inspired writers admonishes, saying, "Brethren, these things ought not so to be"; relative to double talk. It is also true that fightings among Christians give evidence of maladjustments.

James Diagnoses The Case:

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: Ye kill and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." Note James approach to the analysis of these verses, as he raises the question, "From whence come wars and fightings among you?" He follows the first with a more searching one, "Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" he enquires. Now note him in a declarative position, "Ye lust, and have not: Ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: Ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." Permit me to suggest the difficulty found in born-again souls in "esteeming the other better than himself", and, the fact that its far beyond the measures of unregenerated souls, even though church members, to apply this truth to their own hearts.

Shepherds (Ministers) of Flocks Poor Examples:

I assent that there were some contentions between Paul and Barnabas, and, between Paul and Peter, however the record (in the Bible) shows Christian principle taking precedence over petty political tactics.

Too often we, however, as Christians fail to be governed by the mind, and spirit of Christ. Tradition says that the apostle John, when quite old and feeble, even unable to stand physically in his own strength, when literally lifted by the strength of the brethren, only for him to say, "Little Children, Love one another." It is further said at these words being uttered a spirit of REVIVAL would permeate the hearts of the assembly. From this same saint's pen come the following words too, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. In John 15:17 the same apostle quotes Jesus as having said, "These things I command you, that YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

Take Note in First John 3:16-21

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart (conscience) condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God."

News which is taken most lightly in our hour is that from the mouth of Kruvshev, relative to how "PEACE-LOVING" he is. The reason no one takes him seriously is because he is always found doing the opposite to the way he talks. Can we not, herein, find a very good picture of many ministers and laymen, who preach, teach and witness

for peace among the brethren; yet their lives making definite contributions in opposite directions? There are none of us but that are interested in whether or not those about us have confidence in our profession,, yet, so often we forget the following memorable words, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

REV. J. R. DAVIDSON

SEPTEMBER 28, 1961

To the Chattahoochee Association when convened with the Emmanuel Church.

The Progressive Quarterly Meeting sends christian greetings. We inclose \$5.00 for associational fee.

REV. K. V. SHUTES, Moderator
EDWARD NEWMAN, Clerk

JANUARY 7, 1961

The Progressive Quarterly Meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Opening Song, Onward Christian Soldiers

Prayer by, Rev. Casion from Moultrie

Scripture reading by Moderator, Titus 2:11-13

Bro. W. R. Harrison spoke on "Promoting the Gospel by Prayer and Consecration."

Appointment of Committees:

Digest Committee—Rev. Odell Harris, Sis. Harrison, Rev. E. C. Morris, Sis. J. W. Lang.

Resolution Committee— Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bro. John Grant, Bro. Herman Watson, Sis. E. E. Bone.

Finance Committee—Sis. J. R. Davidson, Rev. W. A. Olds, Bro. J. L. Varnodore, Bro. Leon Duke.

Song and Prayer service by Rev. W. A. Olds.

Worship Period: Promoting the Gospel through the Preaching and Teaching Ministries, by Rev. J. R. Davidson, Atlanta.

Dismissed in Prayer. Sis. Clenny.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song - Send the Light.

Prayer by - Bro. Edward Newman.

Song - A Child of the King.

Moved and carried to adopt the report of the Digest Committee.
Moved and carried that the committee study the 2 quarterly meeting

forms and leave out the things that we do not need and bring to the next meeting.

Promoting The Gospel Through Organization: The Church, The Quarterly Meeting and The Association, By Rev. Odell Harris, Columbus.

Promoting The Gospel Through Our State Organizational Plan, By Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton.

Promoting The Gospel Through National Associational Agencies, By Bro. Cason, Moultrie.

Special Music - Sis. Beth Harrison, Atlanta.

Moved and carried to adopt finance report as read. Moved and carried to accept resolution committee report.

APRIL 8, 1961

The Progressive Quarterly Meeting met with the First Church of Atlanta.

Opening Song - A Child of the King.

The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Musical period by the Atlanta Church.

Prayer by Rev. L. S. Anthony

Special song - I'd Rather Have Jesus.

PROGRAM

Agencies in spreading the gospel and promoting the fellowship of the saints.

Worships contribution in these programs - Rev. Anthony.

Appointment of committees:

Finance Committee—Sis. K. V. Shutes, Sis. Lois Walters, Bro. R. H. Barron.

Resolution—Bro. Donald Moore, Rev. B. P. Hayes, Sis. Robert Rents.

Digest—Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bro. Al Willis, Bro. H. A. Flemings.

Special Song — Bro. and Sis. Shutes, Bro. Hayes, Bro. Davidson.

Worship services by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening Song - Blest Be the Tie

Devotional - Sis. Clenny, 23rd Psalms

Moved and carried to adopt the report by digest committee. Sunday School place in these programs - by Bro. Donald Moore. Woman's Auxilary place in these programs by Sis. Ruby Cobb.

Special song - Sis. K. V. Shutes.

Leagues place in these programs by Rev. B. P. Hayes. Resolutions.

Moved and carried to make more copies of the Quarterly Meeting be form and sent to each pastor to study and see what is needed to add or taken from form to use form for Quarterly meeting and bring to next meeting.

Moved and carried to give Atlanta Church a standing vote of thanks for hospitality of their church. Moved and carried to accept Finance committee report. Appointment of committees for next session.

Digest Committee - Emmanuel

Resolution committee - Atlanta

Finance Committee - First Church of Columbus.

Moved and carried to grant request to renew license of Bro. Clarence Mays.

Masters Men place in these programs by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Moved and carried to meet at Emmanuel at ten o'clock in July.

Song service by Sis. Beth Harrison.

Special by Sis. Grant, Sis. Barron, and Sis. Clenny.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

REV. K. V. SHUTES, Moderator
EDWARD NEWMAN, Clerk

JULY 8, 1961

The Progressive Quarterly Meeting met with the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist of Columbus.

Opening song - Blessed Assurance

Prayer by Bro. J. R. Davidson

Devotion by Rev. B. P. Hayes - 37th Chapter Ezekiel.

Rev. J. R. Davidson spoke on the topic - Peter, the Champion Fisher of Men.

Special Music - by Bob Hayes

Prayer - Bro. Bass

Message by Rev. C. B. Dowdney

Dismissed in Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song - I Must Tell Jesus.

Prayer - Bro. Olds

Devotional by Rev. W. A. Olds

Prayer by Sis. J. R. Davidson

AFTERNOON MESSAGE

Rev. Odell Harris spoke on the topic - Paul, A Successful Fisher of Men.

Moved and carried to accept all committees as reported.

Moved and carried to extend a rising vote of thanks for hospitality of this church.

Meetings for 1962

January White Oaks Church

April Turners Chapel

July First Church of Thomaston

Election of Officers

Moderator Rev. Odell Harris

Asst. Moderator Rev. B. P. Hayes

Clerk Edward Newman

Executive Board Rev. Dowdney to replace Rev. Davidson

Moved and carried to leave Ordaining Council as it is at present.

Moved and carried to accept forms but put contribution in place of fee. Appointment of committees for January.

Digest Committee—Emmanuel

Finance Committee—First Church of Columbus

Resolution Committee—First Church of Atlanta.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

REV. K. V. SHUTES, Moderator
EDWARD NEWMAN, Clerk

UNION MEETINGS OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION**First Union Meeting**

The first Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association convened with Saint Luke Church, Phenix City, Alabama on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1961.

Services were begun by congregational singing and prayer by Bro. Curtis Greer. The morning Message was delivered by Reverend B. P. Hayes.

Dinner was served by the host Church at the noon hour.

The afternoon session began by singing "At the Cross". A message from the 23rd. Psalm was given by the Moderator, Reverend J. B. Lumpkin.

Letters were read, approved and delegates seated as follows:

Little Bethel: Sis. R. E. Streetman, Sis. Roger Ann Streetman, Bro. S. O. Jones and Bro. Leonard Layfield, For expenses - \$1.00.

Pleasant Hill: Bro. W. E. Jones. For exepenses \$2.00.

Bethany: Bro. Woodroe Hendricks, Bro. Julius Grimsley, Sis. Annette Grimsley, Sis. Myron Grimsley, Sis. Margurite Garrett and Sis. Alma Garrett. for expenses \$1.00.

New Life: Bro. N. R. Lumpkin, Bro. C. McDaniel. For expenses \$2.00.

New Prospect: Bro. G. W. Price. For expenses \$2.00.

Spring Hill: Bro. and Sis. Norman Grier, Sis. Jessica Tyler. For expenses \$1.00.

New Liberty: Bro. J. C. Kirkland and wife, Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley. For expenses \$1.00.

Trinity: Bro. E. A. Welch and Bro. Buford Watson. For expenses \$1.00.

Mount Olive: Sis. Marlene Willis, Bro. Gene Windham, Sis. Myrtice Morrell, Bro. and Sis. W. T. Williams. For expenses \$1.00.

First Thomaston: Bro. Herman Watson. For expenses \$2.00.

Saint Luke: Bro. George Jones, Bro. Curtis Greer, Sis. Lucile Storey, Bro. and Sis. Homer Greer. For expenses \$2.00.

Emmanuel: Bro. Edward Newman and Bro. Bob Hayes. For expenses \$2.50.

Saint Mark: Bro. and Sis. Jacob Edwards, Bro. and Sis. Walter Waldrup, and Bro. S. I. Ward. For expenses \$2.00.

Providence: Sis. Lanie Bass. For expenses \$2.00.

A fine program was presented by the host Church and enjoyed

The body paused in silence in memory of Reverend Willis C. Jones. by all.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the host Church for their hospitality. Moved and carried to adjourn until the next regular session.

Received by letters \$22.50

Unified Program \$12.90

REV. J. B. LUMPKIN, Moderator
REV. B. P. HAYES, Clerk

SECOND UNION MEETING

The second meeting of the Chattahoochee Union Meeting convened with Spring Hill Church on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in April, 1961.

Welcome given by Host Pastor, Reverend W. J. Childres. Several songs were sung by the congregation. Reverend B. P. Hayes brought the Introductory Sermon.

All present enjoyed the dinner served by the host Church.

The afternoon session was opened by a devotional given by the moderator, Reverend J. B. Lumpkin. Letters and delegates were received as follows:

New Liberty: Sis. Christine Kirkland, Sis. Maude McElmurray, Bro. W. H. Streetman Jr., Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley and Sister Annie Lou Streetman. For expenses \$1.00.

New Life: Bro. Sam Teel and wife, Sis. Annett Hines, Sis. Carolyn Wigley and Sis. Sylvie McDaniel. For expenses \$2.00.

Spring Hill: Bro. J. M. Grier, Sis. Myrtle Grier, Sis. Jessica Tyler, Sis. Lucile James, Sis. Rosa Grimsley, Sis. Gussie Mitchell and Sis. Katilu Brady. For expenses \$2.00.

White Oaks: Bro. Alton Fleming, Bro. T. H. Wright, Bro. D. L. Giffen and Bro. E. L. Collins. For expenses \$3.00.

Saint Luke: Bro. George Jones, Sis. Mary Arnold and Sis. Christine Greer. For expenses \$1.00.

Providence: Sis. Lanie Bass and Sis. Betty Prestwood. For expenses \$2.00.

Saint Mark: Bro. and Sis. J. L. Edwards. For expenses \$2.00.

Turner's Chapel: Bro. N. T. McInvale, Sis. Nannie Rodgers and Sis. Jewel Bone. For expenses \$1.00.

Trinity: Mrs. J. B. Rustin, Bro. Buford Watson and Bro. E. A. Welch. For expenses \$2.00

Emmanuel: Sis. J. L. Grimsley and Bro. Bob Hayes. For expenses \$2.50.

Mount Olive: Sis. Marylene Willis, Bro. and Sis. Woody Nelson, Bro. Ronald Morrell and Sis. Myrtice Morrell. For expenses \$2.00.

Little Bethel: Sis. Roger Ann Streetman, Sis. Carol Jinks, Sis. S. O. Jones and Sis. Leonard Layfield. For expenses \$1.00.

Bethany: Bro. Woodroe Hendriks, Sis. Stella Grimsley, Sis. Annette Grimsley and Sis. Margurite Garrett. For expenses \$2.00.

Pleasant Hill: By statement. For expenses \$2.00.

First Thomaston: By statement. For expenses \$2.00.

First Atlanta: By statement. For expenses \$1.00.

Received special offering for Trinity Church, Mauk, Georgia.

The session was adjourned to convene on the next Saturday before the Fifth Sunday.

Received by letters: \$28.50.

Unified Program: \$9.28.

REVEREND J. B. LUMPKIN, Moderator
REVEREND B. P. HAYES, Clerk

Third Union Meeting

The third Chattahoochee Union Meeting convened with Little Bethel Church, Ideal, Georgia on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1961. The morning services were opened with several songs and prayers. The Introductory Sermon was by Reverend Rand Lawhorne.

Dinner was served by the host Church.

The afternoon session was opened by a Devotional and Welcome from the Host Pastor.

Letters were read, approved and delegates seated as follows:

Providence: Sis. Lanie Bass, Sis. Margaret Sizemore and Sis. Peggy Sizemore. For expenses \$2.00.

New Liberty: Bro. J. C. Kirkland and Wife, Sis. Maude McElmurray, Sis. Annie Lou Streetman. For expenses \$1.00.

Saint Mark: Bro. and Sis. Shiver, Sis. Felda Edwards, For expenses \$3.00.

New Life: Sis. Clara Lockhart, Bro. Huston Shellhouse, Bro. Linwood Whitley. For expenses \$2.00.

Turner's Chapel: Sis. Jewel Bone, Sis. Nannie Lou Rodgers, Sis. Helen Rodgers and Bro. N. T. McInvale. For expenses \$1.00.

New Prospect: Bro. Hubert Parten, Sis. Audrey Parten, Bro. Jimmy Davis and Sis. Annie Little. For expenses \$2.00.

Trinity: Bro. E. A. Welch, Bro. Buford Watson, Rev. R. B. McFadden. For expenses \$2.00.

Bethany: Sis. Ruby Grimsley, Sis. Stella Grimsley, Sis. Myron Grimsley, Sis. Margurite Garrett and Bro. Clyde Grimsley. For expenses \$2.00.

Mount Olive: Sis. Myrtice Morrell, Bro. and Sis. Woody Nelson, Sis. Marylene Willis and Sis. Florence Windham. For expenses \$2.00.

White Oaks: Bro. and Sis. Moore. For expenses \$3.00.

First Thomaston: Bro. Jessie Windham and Bro. W. H. Cochran. For expenses \$2.00.

Spring Hill: Bro. Monroe Grier, Sis. Bernice McCall, Sis. Jessica Tyler, Sis. Gussie Mitchell and Sis. Katilu Brady. For expenses \$1.00.

Emmanuel: Sis. June Hayes and Bro. Edward Newman. For expenses \$2.50.

Little Bethel: Bro. R. C. Cromer and wife, Mrs. W. H. Cromer. For expenses \$1.00.

Pleasant Hill: Sis. Brewer, Mrs. Harrell Dillion, Bro. James, Sis. Dianne Smith and Sis. Guy. For expenses \$1.00.

New Bethel: Bro. Morris Lawhorne. For expenses \$1.00.

After an enjoyable program presented by the host Church the sessions for the ensuing year of the Chattahoochee Meetings were set as follows:

First Union Meeting: Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in April (28th), 1962 at New Life, Marion County, Georgia with the Introductory Sermon by Reverend W. J. Owens, alternate Reverend B. P. Hayes.

Second Union Meeting: Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in July (28th), 1962 at Mount Olive, Taylor County, Georgia with the Introductory Sermon by Reverend Jake Pittman, alternate Reverend J. B. Lumpkin.

Third Union Meeting: Saturday before the First Sunday in September (1st), 1962 at New Prospect, Turner County, Georgia with the Introductory Sermon by Reverend W. J. Childres, alternate Reverend C. H. Bass.

The following officers were elected for the year 1962:

Reverend C. H. Bass, Moderator

Reverend Rand Lawhorne, Asst. Moderator

Reverend B. P. Hayes, Clerk

Reverend E. A. Welch, Asst. Clerk.

Moved and carried to pay moderator \$15.00 and clerk \$10.00. Gave host Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Adjourned until first meeting in 1962.

Received by letters \$28.50

Unified Program \$13.00.

Financial Report for 1961

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| Total received by letters | \$79.50 |
| Paid Moderator | 15.00 |
| Paid Clerk | 10.00 |

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| Balance on hand of | \$54.50 |
| to be turned over to the Chattahoochee Association. | |

REV. RAND LAWHORNE, Mod. Protem
REV. B. P. HAYES, Clerk

MINISTERS & DEACONS CONFERENCE

Ministers and Deacons Conference of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association met at White Oak Church Macon, Ga., Sept. 2, 1961.

The Program of the day was as follows:

Singing led by the Rev. Frank Willis, assisted by Mrs. Willis at the piano. Song, Praise Him, Praise Him. Prayer - The Rev. J. B. Fuller. Song, Leaning on the Everlasting Arm. Introduction, by the Pastor of host church, The Rev. Webster Purvis; Message, The Rev. Frank Willis, Taken from John 14:3, If I Go, I Will Come, That Where I Am; Prayer, Bro. Man Collins; Lunch was served by the host church; The Rev. W. A. Olds Moderated the business period; Prayer, the Rev. Webster Purvis. The next session will be held at White Oak Church, Sept. 8th., 1962 at 10 A. M.

The Executive Committee has charge of the program for 1962.

ELECTED OFFICERS

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| Moderator | The Rev. Frank Willis |
| Vice Moderator | The Rev. Webster Purvis |
| Clerk | Bro. D. W. Moore |

Remarks — Let us all try to attend the next session and make this conference a success.

LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee District League Convention met on August 12, 1961, at Turner's Chapel Church for its annual session.

The meeting was called to order by the President and Wayne Fleming led the congregation in singing "Onward Christian Leaguers."

Rev. K. V. Shutes of Thomaston Church brought the morning devotional after which the welcome and response were given.

The President asked for the letters from the different churches. She then appointed the different committees. The Committees were as follows:

Nominating: Mrs. Donnie Moore, Rev. Odell Harris, Helen Rogers.

Resolutions: Mrs. Odell Harris, Fred Summers, and Helen Tomlin.

Finance: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bro. G. S. Hollman, Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Digest: Zetty Ann Brewer, Mrs. Peggy Sizemore, Wayne Fleming.

Due to the absence of the sword drill leader, the President elected Wayne Fleming to lead the sword drill in the afternoon session.

It was moved and accepted that the next meeting be held with White Oak Church in Macon.

A discussion of the report blank prepared by Rev. Odell Harris was conducted. It was moved and accepted that we accept the report blank.

Rev. J. R. Davidson brought the morning message. His text was Psalms 119. The message was enjoyed by all.

We were dismissed for lunch by prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with singing by Wayne Fleming who also honored the congregation with the singing of a solo.

The afternoon devotional was brought by Jake Pittman of the White Oak Church in Macon.

A short skit which was enjoyed by all was given by Helen Rogers of the host church. Several young people of the host church also sang a special song, "I Know Somebody's Listening."

The sword drill was held and the following contestants took part:

Linda Sizemore—Providence

Diane Bell—Thomaston

Gayle Moore—Turner's Chap.

Hubert Carter—White Oak

Diane Bell was the minister of the drill and will represent us in the State Convention.

We then entered into the business session.

There was a discussion of gifts for the sword drill contestants. It was decided that the secretary and treasurer would be responsible for the securing of the gifts for the contestants.

The reports of the committees were given and they were all approved and accepted.

An offering of \$12.65 was taken to send to the Bible College.

It was moved and accepted to give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their wonderful hospitality.

A motion and second was made that the official staff contact Ray Turnage and work out an itinerary for him to use in setting up a Standard League in every Church in the district.

The meeting was dismissed by prayer.

Mrs. Kate Lovering, President

Helen Tomlin, Secretary & Treasure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Digest Committee

Report of Digest Committee to the 1961 League Convention at Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Reynolds, Ga., August, 1961.

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| 1. Number of Leagues | 7 |
| 2. Number Enrolled | 330 |
| 3. Average Attendance | 36 |
| 4. Total Offering | \$508.56 |
| Average According to Point System | 5.95 |
| 5. Number of Preachers | 6 |
| 6. Number of visitors, besides delegates | 6 |
| 7. Number of Delegates | 29 |

Nineteen sixty one was a bigger year for our League Convention. Let us pray for a still bigger and better year in 1962.

Betty Ann Brewer
Wayne Fleming
Peggy Sizemore

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We the Resolutions Committee submit the following recommendations:

1. To encourage our Leagues to have more sword drill practice in the local churches.
2. To continue to try to interest more people in League work.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee of the District League Convention of the Chattahoochee Association make the following report:

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| We find Balance in Treasury | \$6.10 |
| Offering today from Leagues | 20.00 |

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| Total | \$26.10 |
| We recommend to State League | \$10.00 |
| For Minutes | 5.00 |
| For Nation League Board | 5.00 |

Total \$20.00

We recommend an offering for Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

J. V. Shutes
J. R. Davidson
G. S. Holloman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President—This Office will have to be filled by the Vice President due to the person who was elected refusing the Office.

Vice-President Sis. Peggy Sizemore,
24-B Cusseta Place Apartments, Columbus, Ga.

Secretary and Treasurer Helen Tomlin,
 423 Hiway Street, Thomaston, Ga.
 Choirster Sis. Joann Brewer,
 Pleasant Hill, Ellaville, Georgia
 Pianist Sis. Vera Moore
 Rt. 2, % Mr. Charlie Moore, Butler, Ga.
 Sword Drill Leader Wayne Fleming,
 4960 New Columbus Road, Macon, Ga.
 Rev. Odell Harris
 Helen Rogers
 Mrs. Donnie Moore

Next Meeting — White Oak Church in Macon on Saturday before
 Second Sunday in August, 1962.

CHATTAHOOCHEE DISTRICT FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee District Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention met on Saturday, June 3, 1961 at the Providence Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Ga.

The meting was opened by singing led by Rev. Odell Harris. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Bass, pastor of Providence Church.

Morning devotional was given by Rev. Frank Willis.

Welcome Address was given by Bro. Dan Olds, Providence Sunday School Superintendent.

Response was given by Bro. W. T. Williams, Mt. Olive Sunday School Superintendent.

Minutes of the last meting were read and approved.

Moved and carried that the President appoint the following committees:

FINANCE: Sis. K. V. Shutes, Bro. J. D. Fincher and
 Sis. Irene Windham.

NOMINATING: Rev. A. C. Truluck, Bro. Dan Olds, and
 Bro. Hames Hagin.

DIGEST: Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. Frank Willis and Rev.
 J. M. Holland.

Special music was furnished by Mrs. Beth Harrison from the Atlanta Sunday School.

The 11:00 message was given by Rev. J. R. Davidson. His scripture was taken from Titus 2:1-5.

Dismissed for the lunch hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by singing led by Rev. C. B. Dowdy and prayer by Rev. Odell Harris.

Topic, "Sunday School Visions Unlimited in the Sixties", was given by Brother Herman Watson, Sunday School Superintendent from Thomaston Sunday School.

Congregational singing led by Bro. C. B. Dowdney.

Topic, "Preparing Our Youth for Service Through the Sunlay School", was given by Rev. A. C. Truluck, pastor of Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Special music was given by Judy and Dianne Harris from the Columbus Sunday School.

Special music was given by Sister K. V. Shutes from the Thomaston Sunday School.

Topic, "Challenge for the Sunday School in the Sixties," was given by Rev. C. B. Dowdney of St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church.

We then went into the business session. The committees gave their reports and they were approved and accepted.

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

Report of Digest Committee to the 1961 Sunday School Convention at Providence Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., June 3, 1961.

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| Number of Sunday School | 10 |
| Number Enrolled | 817 |
| Number of Teachers | 76 |
| Average Attendance | 57 |
| Amount of Offering | \$3,978.29 |
| Average Offering per Church | 454.10 |
| Number of Officers | 33 |
| Number of Churches in Association | 10 |
| Churches representing in S. S. Conv. | 10 |

We urge our people to become more Sunday School minded and represent in the Sunday School Conventions.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Chairman
Rev. Frank Willis
Rev. J. M. Holland

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee submit the following report:

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| Balance in Treasury from 1960 | \$ 9.49 |
| Contributions Received Today | 21.00 |
| Total | \$30.49 |
| We recommend the following distribution: | |
| To Free Will Baptist Bible College | \$10.00 |
| To State Youth Camp | 10.00 |
| Contribution to State S. S. Convention | 5.00 |
| Total | \$25.00 |
| Total in Treasury | \$30.49 |
| Contributions | 25.00 |
| Balance in Treasury | \$ 5.49 |

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Chairman
Mrs. Irene Windham
Mr. J. D. Fincher

REPORT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE

We your Nominating Committee wish to submit the following nominations for officers of this Convention for the year 1962:

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| President | John A. Grant |
| Vice-President | Dan Olds |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Lazelle Brown |
| Asst. Sec.-Treas. | Beth Harrison |

We recommend this Convention meet with the Atlanta Church in 1962.

Rev. A. C. Truluck, Chairman
Dan Olds
James Hagin

Moved and carried that an offering be taken for the purpose of putting the proceedings of this session in the Minutes of the Chattahoochee District Association. Offering was \$10.53.

Moved and carried for President to appoint delegates to the State Sunday School Convention. Those appointed were as follows: Mrs. Frank Willis, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. Irene Windham, Myrtle Marrow and Bro. W. T. Windham.

Moved and carried to keep the same committee to prepare Constitution and By-Laws for the Chattahoochee District Sunday School Convention. This Committee consists of: Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. Odell Harris and Rev. C. H. Bass.

Moved and carried that the adoption of the new Sunday School Report Form be postponed until the next session, and that President appoint Committee to study form and make the necessary changes. Those appointed were: Rev. C. B. Dowdney and Bro. Dan Olds.

Moved and carried that the word **Fee** as it appears on the report form be changed to read **Constitution**.

Moved and carried that the date of the next Sunday School Convention be changed to the first Saturday in May

Moved and carried that secretary of this Convention prepare the manuscript of the proceedings of this session and that a copy be furnished Bro. Grant and that he in turn be authorized to mimeograph copies and distribute them in all the churches immediately. That a copy be furnished the Chattahoochee Association in order that these Minutes appear in the 1961 Minutes of the Association; also that Bro. Grant be asked to prepare and distribute data among the people of our churches periodically for stimulation of promotional interest of our cause thus stepping up the tempo of effectiveness in the ministry of **TEACHING THE WORD**.

Moved and carried that a rising vote of thanks be given to the host church for their hospitality and entertainment during the day.

Moved to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. C. B. Dowdney.

John A. Grant, President.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name

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

ARTICLE II. Purpose

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

Second: To distribute missionary information and to secure earnest, sympathetic cooperation of women and young people through state Woman's Auxiliary 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.

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?

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Proceedings of the Chattahoochee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Twelfth Annual Session, Sept. 16, 1961.

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Chattahoochee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Georgia convened with White Oak Church, Macon, Ga., Sept. 16, 1961.

The theme for the Convention was World-Wide Missions.

The Convention was opened with song, "Jesus Saves."

Bro. Purvis led in prayer.

Mrs. Cora Renow of Thomaston, led in the morning devotional thoughts using II Cor., 6th chapter.

Mrs. Purvis from White Oak Church gave the Welcome Address. We then had a song, "I will Sing the Wondrous Story." Response was given by Mrs. Ruby Wells.

The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. Ruby Kelley and the following Committees were appointed:

Registration Committee: Mrs. Ray Garrett.

Credentials Committee: Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. W. L. Purvis and Mrs. G. W. Howard.

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Cora Renow, Mrs. Peggie Sizemore, Mrs. Donald Moore and Mrs. J. L. Varnadore.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Ruby Wells and Mrs. Lona Bass.

We then had a song led by Bro. S. T. Shutes, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart.

Bro. E. C. Morris of Tifton, Ga., brought a wonderful message on "World Wide Missions." The love offering was taken for missions and it was \$16.43.

We were dismissed for lunch by Sister Ray Garrett.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with prayer by Sis. Kelly. Song, "Ready." We had prayer and another song, "Here Am I, Send Me..

Devotional was given by Sister Chenney, using Acts 16:12-15.

Special song by Mrs. Joan Marlin.

Next was report of committees. Report on Resolutions adopted.

We had a move and second to accept Finance Committee Report.

Move and second to accept Treasurer's Report.

Move and second to accept Nominating Committee Report and release the Committee.

The Officers were elected for 1962. (See report). Mrs. Kelly then appointed delegates to the State Convention. They were: Mrs. Doris Grant, Mrs. Peggie Sizemore, Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. Donald Moore and Mrs. Ruby Cobb.

We voted for the next Convention to go to First Church, Thomas-ton, Ga., on the Third Saturday in September, 1962.

Adjourned with prayer.

Mrs. Ruby Kelly, Cice-President
Mrs. Ruby Wells, Sect. & Treas.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We the Credentials Committee, submit the following report: We have examined the reports of the local Auxiliary and find the following Auxiliaries are eligible to be seated in this Convention:

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| White Oak, Macon, Ga. | First Church, Atlanta, Ga. |
| First Church, Thomaston, Ga. | Providence Church, Columbus, Ga. |
| First Church, Columbus, Ga. | |

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ruby Wells
Mrs. Eloise Purvis
Mrs. G. W. Howard

REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Ministers, 8; Visitors 14; Delegates 12;
District Officers, 5; Local Officers, 9

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ray Garrett

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report: We find the Treasurer's books in order. There was \$3.92 in Treasury at the beginning of the year. We had \$1.80 Convention dues, making a total of \$5.72 in the Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ruby Wells
Mrs. Lanie Bass

The Love Offering of \$16.43 will go to Home and Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That all the local Auxiliaries support the C-Laborers' Fund monthly.
2. That we adopt the W. N. A. C. Project for 1962 and that the President notify the Auxiliaries as soon as she finds out what the Project is.
3. That all the Auxiliaries contribute to the Dot Harvey Loan regularly; and that all money be sent through the Dist. Treasurer.
4. That each Auxiliary receive a copy of the minutes of the District Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Cora Renow
Mrs. Peggie Sizemore
Mrs. Ruby Cobb.

TREASURER'S ERPORT

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| Amount brought forward | \$ 3.92 |
| Convention Dues | 1.80 |
| Taken in and Paid Out | 399.24 |
| Balance in Treasury | 5.42 |

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ruby Wells
Sect. & Treasurer.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

President — Mrs. Cora Renow

Vice-President — Mrs. J. L. Varnadore

Secretary & Treasurer — Mrs. Ruby Wells

Assistant Secretary — Miss Betty Dumas.

Youth Chairman — Mrs. Peggie Sizemore.

Study Course Chairman — Mrs. Joan Marlow

Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Lois Walters.

Personal Service Chairman — Mrs. Lanie Bass

Field Workers — Mrs. Kate Lovering, Mrs. Ruby Cobb, Mrs. Doris Grant, Mrs. Donald Moore.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ray Garrett
Mrs. Louise McFadden
Mrs. Ruby Moore
Mrs. J. L. Varnadore
Mrs. Ruby Cobb

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GEORGE W. J. JONES

Born: December 15, 1884 -- Died September 15, 1961

Brother Jones was a devoted member of St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church. He leaves a vacant place in his church and home that no one else can fill. He had been a member of the church for sixty two years, and had not been absent from Sunday School for almost fifteen years. He leaves behind him many friends who will remember him.

REV. C. B. DOWDNEY, Pastor

IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIS JONES

Born: November 28, 1880 -- Died: October 3, 1960

The Rev. Willis Jones was a member and one of the founders of St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church. Many who found the Lord under his ministry are carrying on the work that he loved so well. Some who are preaching the gospel now were won to Christ by his inspiring messages. He will be missed by a host of friends.

REV. C. B. DOWDNEY, Pastor

IN MEMORY OF SISTER VANNIE SPILLERS

Born: January 22, 1883 -- Died: April 10, 1961

She was a faithful member of Turners Chapel Church. She was loved by her church. She was a good and faithful member as long as here health permitted. She leaves friends and loved ones, sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters to mourn her loss. She is gone but not forgotten. Written by her pastor.

W. R. LAWHORN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER EFFIE MAE WHITTAKER

On February 12, 1961, the Lord called to rest, Sister Effie Whitaker. Her stay on earth was 76 years, three months and eighteen days. She was a faithful member of St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Even through all her long suffering and pain, she had a cheerful smile for everyone.

It does our hearts good to know she is at rest with Jesus. We believe our loss is heaven's gain.

REV. CHARLES H. BASS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF J. A. LITTLE

Born: July 24, 1893 -- Died: June 15, 1961

The Lord called to His eternal reward June 15, 1961, Mr. J. A. Little, making his stay on earth 67 years, 10 months and 15 days.

He was a beloved member of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, nine children, and other relatives and friends.

He is greatly missed at church and in his community, but is missed more in his home. We know our loss is Heaven's gain. So sleep on loving husband and father until we meet again.

Now the day of toil is done, may your forever rest,

Wear the life crown you have won, with the faithful and the blest

Written by his wife and daughter,

MRS. J. A. LITTLE

MRS. WONNIE GREEN

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LEONA FIELDS

Born: February 4, 1889 -- Died: January 17, 1961

She was a faithful member of Turners Chapel Church, Taylor County. She was loved by her church and by all who knew her. She leaves many friends and loved ones to mourn her loss. Written by her pastor.

W. R. LAWHORN

OBITUARY -- MRE BERTA LHWORN

Born, November 23, 1884 -- Passed February 6, 1961, making her stay on earth 76 years 2 months, 14 days.

To know Sister Lawhorn was to Love and Admire her. She joined the Free Will Baptist Church in early life, was a true and faithful member until departed this life. She was a member of Little Bthel Church, Macon County, Georgia.

On February 6, God saw fit to send his angels to bring mother home to rest. She left, a husband, three sons, 12 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren. To mourn her passing. May devine mercies ever overshadow her faithful companions and children. Her place in the church or home cannot be filled, but we must bow to our Heavenly Father's will and seek to do his biddings.

A precious one from us has flown. A voice we loved is still, a place is vacant in our hearts, that never can be filled. They say time heals all sorrows; And helps us to forget; But time has only proven; How much we love you yet.

God gives us strength to fight it; And courage to bear the blow; but what is meant to love you, only God will ever know.

Written by,

SIRAH LAWHORN.

TO THE MEMORY OF BROTHER WILLIAM H. WINDHAM

Born December 5, 1882, passed from this life May 22, 1960, a stay on earth of 77 years, 5 months and 17 days. Brother Will, as he was generally known, was a true and devoted member with Mt. Olive Church, Taylor County, Georgia for 57 years, and had served as deacon 45 years. He endeavored to fill the duty of this high and honorable office until he was called from labor to his reward, leaving behind him a sweet memory to linger, a true life to cherish.

Calmly resting peaceful sleeper, from your labors here below;
Soon will come the gleaning reaper, to bear thee safely to that shore.
Where unending joys will ever, flood our soul with joyful praise;
Gathered by the crystal river, endless songs our voice shall raise.

WILLIAM J. CHILDREE, Former Pastor

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER E. J. WAINWRIGHT

Born: June 26, 1876 -- Died: February 20, 1961

He joined Turners Chapel Church, Taylor County, in his early manhood. He was also a deacon of the church; to work with him as a deacon was a pleasure. To know him was to love him. He was faithful to his church. He leaves 4 daughters and several grandchildren to mourn his loss. May I say to the children "Strive to meet him in the sweet beyond.

Written by his pastor,

REV. W. R. LAWHORN.

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER G. R. ROGERS

Born: May 30, 1861 -- Died: May 18, 1961

He was a member of Turners Chapel Church. He leaves a companion and broken hearted children to mourn his loss. May we strive to meet him in the world beyond. Written by his pastor.

W. R. LAWHORN

CHURCH COVENANT**Presented to the Churches of the
Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15th. That we will not, knowingly condemn the innocent or favor

the guilty and that we strive to prevent strife and factions in the church.

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

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

18th. That we will strictly pursue the case pointed out in the Gospel, should any of our brethren trespass against us. Matt. 18-15.

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Preliminaries. When several believers wish to be organized into a church, they request a council from some sister church. This council or committees (commonly called an arm) examines into the Christian character, doctrines and fellowship of the applicants and their ability to sustain a church. If the examination is satisfactory, the organization proceeds as follows:

The Bible is presented as the only rule of faith and practice. A church covenant is read and adopted. A prayer of consecration is offered. The hand of fellowship is given. The church then proceeds to elect its officers, which are a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Pastor, and a board of deacons, who constitute, with the pastor, a committee to promote order, activity, attendance, and the means of grace, benevolence, and sufficient discipline in the church. Deacons should possess sound piety, and good business capacity and large benevolence. They hold office at the pleasure of the church. They assist in baptism and the Lord's Supper, have care of the poor, and conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

CONSTITUTION

Resolved, That we form an Association upon the principles laid down in the Holy Scriptures, to-wit: Associations appear from Scripture and ecclesiastical history to have 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**.

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in the Associational year; or, if they prefer it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time; but if the choice be made at a special conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contribution made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and 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 absentees.
5. For acknowledgements.
6. For reference or deferred

business. 7. For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. 8. Miscellaneous business.

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

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

address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.

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

28. When the moderator speaks he must nominate some brother in his stead.

29. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call the speaker to order.

30. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper at least four times a year, and the expenses are to be paid by the church.

31. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any.

32. Feet washing shall be attended to as the churches see proper.

33. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

34. This Decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly meetings.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

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

2. That those rules 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 suppose meet by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up the Correspondence; but that the right and authority 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.

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 the preserving attachments of true believers to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial possessors; that a special Providence watches over their 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; Psa. 16:9.

12. That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good of human society, that magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously, honored and obeyed in all things not contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of the Conscience and Prince of the 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.

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| CHURCH | COUNTIES | Paid Evangelist | Paid Christian Education | Home Missions | Building & Repairs | Paid Incidentals | Paid Super-annuation | All Other | Paid For Foreign Missions | Youth Camp | Charities | Unified Budget | Publication | Children's Home | Church Valuation |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Little Bethel..... | Macon..... | 100.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 14.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4,000 |
| New Life..... | Marion..... | ..... | ..... | 45.58 | 1278.34 | 133.78 | ..... | 103.78 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5,000 |
| St. Mark..... | Russell..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1200.00 | 100.00 | ..... | 165.20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 60.05 | ..... | ..... | 15,000 |
| First Church..... | Upson..... | 322.06 | 53.75 | 45.55 | 101.12 | 30.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10,000 |
| Trinity..... | Taylor..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 385.00 | ..... | ..... | 6.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | 6.00 | ..... | 5,000 |
| New Prospect..... | Turner..... | 80.00 | ..... | ..... | 59.85 | 30.00 | ..... | 20.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20.00 | ..... | 9,000 |
| Turners Chapel.. | Taylor..... | 80.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 91.51 | ..... | 84.50 | 10,000 |
| Emanuel..... | Muscogee..... | 75.00 | 69.74 | ..... | 2663.38 | 113.57 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 60.00 | 21.00 | ..... | 5,000 |
| Spring Hill..... | Marion..... | 55.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 19.24 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 27.00 | ..... | ..... | 2,000 |
| Providence..... | Muscogee..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 316.00 | 124.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10,000 |
| St. Luke..... | Russell..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 138.39 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 55.00 | ..... | 45.00 | 10,000 |
| Pleasant Hill..... | Schley..... | 100.00 | 19.00 | ..... | 30.15 | 70.03 | ..... | 22.92 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 122.53 | 28.52 | ..... | 7,000 |
| New Bethel..... | Worth..... | 23.00 | ..... | 96.00 | 45.00 | ..... | ..... | 36.85 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5,000 |
| Bethany..... | Marion..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 35.92 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mt. Olive..... | Taylor..... | 406.50 | 227.00 | 168.30 | 308.08 | 319.47 | ..... | 54.40 | 12.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15,000 |
| New Hope..... | Muscogee..... | 178.00 | 58.47 | ..... | 300.00 | ..... | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6,000 |
| New Liberty..... | Schley..... | ..... | 140.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 19.83 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3,000 |
| White Oak..... | Bibb..... | 100.00 | ..... | ..... | 200.00 | 76.45 | ..... | 744.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 39.83 | 164.00 | ..... | 20,000 |