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127th. Annual Session

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Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association

— HELD WITH —

Spring Hill Church

Marion County

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Reynolds, Georgia

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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.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

NEW HOPE—Sis. Peggy Presley, Columbus, Ga.
ST. LUKE—Sis. Nellie Price, 1017 N. R. R. St., Phenix City, Ala.
ST. MARK—Sis. Betty Edwards, Rt. 4, Box 197, Phenix City, Ala.
PROVIDENCE—Sis. Peggy Sizemore 4515 Evans St., Columbus, Ga.
NEW PROSPECT—Bro. Herbert Parten, Rt. 3, Ashburn, Ga.
FIRST CHURCH THOMASTON—Bro. Herman Watson, Rt. 2, Thomaston,
BETHANY—Bro. Clyde Hendrix, Juniper, Ga.
PLEASANT HILL—Sis. Betty Ann Brewer, Rupert, Ga.
TURNER'S CHAPEL—Bro. N. C. McInvale, Butler, Ga.
SPRING HILL—Sis. Katilu Brady, Ptl., Mauk, Ga.
EMMANUEL—Edmon Newman, 1418 5th St., Columbus.
TRINITY—Sis. Josephine Welch, Mauk, Ga.
NEW LIBERTY—Bro. J. C. Kirklan, Box 107, Elaville, Ga.
LITTLE BETHEL—Bro. W. H. Cromer, Ideal, Ga.
NEW LIFE—Clara Lockhart, Box Springs, Ga.
MT. OLIVE—Woody Nelson, Reynolds, Ga.
NEW BETHEL—A. J. Cox, Rt. 1, Ashburn, Ga.
FIRST F. W. B. CHURCH—George Bush, Columbus.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder W. R. Lawhorn, Rte 2, Butler, Ga.
Elder W. J. Childree, Rte 3, Reynolds, Ga.
Elder G. T. Halliman, 1813, 10th Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Elder H. L. Knighton, 323 E. St., Thomaston, Ga.
Elder C. B. Dowdney, 5718 Ran St., Columbus, Ga.
Elder B. T. Gill, Rte. 2, Thomaston, Ga.
Elder R. B. McFadden, 1070 Rose St., Macon, Ga.
Elder Chick Sizemore, Columbus, Ga.
Elder John Grimsley, Juniper, Ga.
Elder C. H. Bass, 1008, 20th St., Phenix City, Ala.
Elder Frank Willis, Reynolds, Ga.
Elder J. B. Lumpkin, Junction City, Ga.
Elder G. W. Price, 1012 A, R. R. St., Phenix City, Ala.
Elder B. P. Hayes, 2926 Pecan St., Columbus, Ga.
Elder G. W. Baker, Sycamore, Ga.
Elder A. C. Byrd, 1323 14th. Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Elder A. S. Oswalt, Fortson, Ga.
Elder W. J. Owens, 4416 Bellwood Ave., Columbus, Ga.
Elder A. C. McKinnon, Peabody Apt., Columbus, Ga.
Elder G. W. Boyd, Omega, Ga.
Elder Clarence Mays, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.

MINUTES OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

Opening Prayer by Rev. G. W. Price. Welcome extended by Host Pastor, Rev. W. J. Childree. Introductory Message was ably delivered by Rev. R. B. McFadden. His text taken from Act 4-8-13. Subject—"What is Salvation?" The body adjourned for the noon hour.

At 1:30 P. M. the body met, sung a song. Opening prayer by Rev. Chester Huckabee, followed by the Moderator reading scripture from Hebrews 2-1-10.

After which 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 Rev. E. C. Morris and Rev. J. R. Davidson were chosen to read letters as follows:

NEW LIBERTY: J. C. Kirkland and wife, Annie Lou Streetman, Rosie Lee and Jewel Crimsley.

ST. LUKE: C. R. Greer.

NEW HOPE: Rouse Ellies, Mrs. G. L. Laney, Rev. G. L. Laney.

ST. MARK: Josephine Skinner, Sally McKissie, Mattie Byrd and Joe Edwards.

PROVIDENCE: Bro. and Sister Lee Sellers, Katie Parker, Mary Almonrode, and Margaret Sizemore and Laney Bass.

FIRST CHURCH COLUMBUS: George Bush, Ruby Kelly, Gleen Spikes and Mable Spikes.

NEW PROSPECT, Turner County: Jimmy Davis, Annie Little, H. E. Davis.

FIRST CHURCH THOMASTON: W. H. Cochran, W. E. McElheney, Carry Griggs, Hardy Hanson, Jessie Windham and Herman and Kate Watson.

BETHANY: Stella Grimsley, Annette Grimsley, Woodrow Hendrix.

PLEASANT HILL: Sis. Fred Brewer, Sis. B. C. Brewer, Sis. Harold Dillard.

TURNER'S CHAPEL: Pearly Hinton, Jewel Bone, Nannie Lou Rodgers, Rachel Wainwright, Agnes Wainwright, Calvin Scott and N. T. McInvale.

SPRING HILL: Bernice McCall, Houston James, Carolyn James, Lewis Tyler and Gussie Mitchell.

EMMANUEL: Edward Newman, Edwin Thomas and Martin Brunson.

TRINITY: E. A. Welch, Josephine Welch, and Sis. C. W. Duncan.

LITTLE BETHEL: Leonard Layfield and wife, Elizabeth Lawhorn. W. H. Cromer, Joan Cromer.

NEW LIFE: T. J. Driver, Harold Lockhart, Agnes Shellhouse, Lula Daniel.

WHITE OAKS: Alton Fleming, Ernest Collins, Donald Moore.

NEW BETHEL: J. A. Farmer and wife, Jimmy Davis and wife, and Willie J. Farmer.

MT. OLIVE: Eugene Windham, Sis. Woody Nelson, Ronald Morrell, Marylene Willis, Agnes Albritton.

PROGRESSIVE QUARTERLY MEETING: (By Letter)

Motion made and seconded to accept the letters as read and delegates seated.

Before Preceeding further, White Oaks Church asked for a letter of dismissal from this association to unite with the Gt. Union Association. It was so Granted, a letter was written for them by the Clerk. Next, called for Petitionary letters, and received one from the First Church of Columbus. On Motion this Church was received into the Body. Next, called for corresponding messengers: Rev. Chester Huckabee, West, Fla. Liberty Association. Rev. Mance Cason, representing the State Association, Rev. and Sister, J. R. Davidson, Ga. Union-Association. On motion these messengers were given the Right Hand of Fellowship by the Body. On motion: The Various Committees were appointed as follows:

PREACHING: N. T. McInvale, Irene Windham, Randall Jinks, John Grant, N. C. Greer.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTERS OF MINISTRY: Homer Moore, W. J. Farmer, Lee Sellers, W. H. Cromer, Curtis Greer.

SUGGESTIONS: Rev. W. J. Childree, J. A. Farmer, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, H. H. Watson, and J. E. Davis.

FINANCE: Rev. C. H. Bass, Sis. Lee Sellers, John Kirkland.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: Rev. G. W. Price, Earl Bone, Rev. T. J. Driver.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sis. Fred Brewer, Josephine Skinner, S. O. Jones.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Pearly Hinton, Laney Bass, Agnes Albritton.

On motion the body acted to correspond with our Sister Associations as follows: Ga. Union; Rev. H. L. Knighton. South Ga. by Minutes. Little River: by minutes. Martin: Rev. W. J. Childree. Midway: Rev. H. L. Knighton. Union: by minutes.

Next called for Obituaries. Motion was made and seconded to have 600 minutes printed and to pay moderator \$20.00 and clerk \$30.00.

The preaching committee reported: That Rev. J. R. Davidson would bring the message for the night service and Rev. G. W. Price and Rev. Mance Cason to bring the message on Saturday morning. Move and seconded to adjourn until 9:45 Saturday morning. Closing prayer, by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening prayer by Rev. C. B. Dowdney. Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. A. T. Byrd. The body paused in silence in memory of our dead, then led in prayer by Rev. J. R. Davidson. A vote was taken at this time as to the place the next association would convene. It was voted to meet with Turner's Chapel on October 4-5, 1963.

The Circular Letter was read at this time, which was prepared by Rev. Frank Willis. Moved that the letter be adopted and printed in the minutes. Rev. H. L. Knighton appointed to write the next circular letter. Rev. J. R. Davidson made a brief talk at this time to encourage more people to attend the State Association, Bible College and suggested that an offering be taken to be sent to the College, which we did, and received \$23.00 which the clerk gave to Rev. Davidson to forward on to the College. Rev. Mance Cason, our Promotional Secretary, made a talk concerning our State Work. A motion to receive the Finance Committee report and dismiss the Committee. A motion to adjourn for the preaching hour. Business to resume at 1:30 P. M. Afternoon Session opened by Congregation singing, followed by scripture reading from 14th chapter of St. John by Rev. C. H. Bass.

Rev. C. H. Bass was appointed to preach at the next session. Rev. Mance Cason, as alternate. Next item was report of committees, moved and seconded to accept the reports as read and release committees.

Bro. Bob Dent's time had expired on the Executive Committee. He asked that he not be elected back on this committee. So a rising vote of thanks, by the entire body, was extended Bro. Dent at this time for the faithful work that he had done in the past years.

Bro. Leonard Grimsley was elected to fill his vacancy. The moderator appointed delegates to the State Association at this time. They were Bro. Gene Windham, Sis. Josephine Skinner, and Sis. Marylene Willis.

Moved to send \$10.00 to State Association, \$7.00 to National Association.

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

Moved and seconded that the Executive Committee investigate the ordination of Rev. Bud Laney.

Next item of business and action of the body was election of officers:

Rev. G. W. Price—Moderator.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin—Assistant Moderator.

Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr.—Clerk.

Bro. H. H. Watson—Assistant Clerk.

On motion the body adjourned to meet with Turner's Chapel Church on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1963.

REV. FRANK WILLIS, Moderator.

BRO. E. A. WELCH, JR., Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

We the preaching Committee have requested that Rev. J. R. Davidson bring the message tonight. Rev. Mance Cason and Rev. G. W. Price to follow Saturday at 11:00.

SIS. IRENE WINDHAM.

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

REV. G. W. PRICE.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—We your committee, on Woman's Auxiliary, find several Churches in our Association do not have one now. We urge every pastor to make a special effort to get more women of their church to organize a Woman's Auxiliary.

Respectfully,

MRS. LANIE BASS, Chairman.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY—We your committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministry wish to make following report. We find all churches and ministers in order except Bro. Bud Laney. We recommend that Executive Board investigate his ordination.

SUGGESTIONS—We suggest that all Churches within our bounds strictly adhere to the rules of regulations as laid down in our minutes of the association in all church conference.

We further suggest that all church clerks in writing letters to the union meeting head their letters to the union meeting or to the quarterly meeting which ever it is for.

We further suggest that all ordained ministers be retained on the active role who have pastoral responsibilities that makes legal their absence from church attendance.

We suggest that the moderator and clerk be elected as usual at the close as each session and if a moderator is elected twice in succession, he be retired for one year before other service as moderator.

BRO. HERMAN WATSON, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:—

Balance in Treasury	\$ 20.00
Paid in from Churches	130.00
Deacons and Preachers	9.04
Union Meeting Funds	68.50

\$227.54

BESSIE SELLERS, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT:—

Woman's Auxiliary	2.00
League Convention	5.00
Donation	1.00

 \$8.00

TOTAL IN TREASURY \$235.54

EXPENSES:

Moderator's Salary	20.00
Clerk's Salary	30.00
State Association	10.00
National Association	7.00
Printing of Minutes	155.00

 \$222.00

BALANCE IN TREASURY \$13.54

E. A. WELCH, JR., Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:—

E. A. Welch, Jr., Chairman—4 years—Mauk, Ga.

H. H. Watson—1 year—Rt. 2, Thomaston, Ga.

W. V. Guy—2 years—Butler, Ga.

E. E. Bone—3 years—Butler, Ga.

Leonard Grimsley—5 years—Ellaville, Ga.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 7, 1962

We your executive board met with St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church at 3 o'clock on the above date to investigate charge brought before the body at the last association against Rev. W. J. Owens.

Upon arriving at the church and after having a lengthy discussion with the Pastor and Deacons of St. Luke Church, we found that they had no charges whatsoever against Bro. Owens. Therefore we declare him to be in full fellowship with his church and the association.

We further recommend that in the future all charges that come before the executive board be sent in by the church of which the accused is a member, because the church is the ruling body.

E. A. WELCH, JR., Clerk

E. E. BONE

B. R. DENT, SR.

We respectfully request that this report be read to the church at your earliest convenience.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that Bro. G. T. Holliman's name was left off the Ministerial Roll by mistake in the minutes.

We wish to correct this mistake and announce to you that Bro. Holliman is an active minister and his address is: 1813 10th Ave., Phenix City, Ala.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 10, 1962

After a lengthy discussion with many members of this church (New Hope Free Will Baptist)—it is the opinion of this board that Brother Holland should come before the church and make acknowledgements for the mistake that he has made while pastoring this church.

We also wish to state that while the church has the privilege to call any pastor that they so desire, we strongly feel that it would not be wise for Brother Laney to attempt to pastor this church at this time, due to the condition of the church.

We feel that you have a promising future here in this church and with much prayer and brotherly love, God will carry each of you home victoriously.

B. R. DENT, SR.
H. H. WATSON
E. E. BONE
W. V. GUY
E. A. WELCH, JR., Clerk

**CIRCULAR LETTER TO THE CHATTAHOOCHEE
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST****"VICTORY"**

1st Cor: 15-57

Let us first analyze Victory. Victory is to defeat, a state of joy, to rejoice over success. Here in this chapter of God's Holy Word, the Apostle Paul is praising God for a victory we can only obtain and lay hold on by accepting a spiritual power for our own leadership here in the present evil world we live in.

First we obtain this victory by an acting faith. Faith alone is not enough to give us this victory for faith without works is dead.

We could not accept God's plan for a full and free salvation until we realize we are lost and are unable to save ourself. When we needed a Saviour, God provided us with a Saviour. When we needed victory over death, God put victory in our reach; John 3-16 opens up the way for us. God's people rejoice because death had a power over man that man could not overcome, until a sacrifice at Calvary was made. Jesus paid the cost and said who-so-ever-will let them come. To them that come will God grant a victory over sin, to accept Christ is to accept life eternal.

There is a joy in service of our Lord. We rejoice because death no longer has power and domination over us. The grave no longer can hold us. Jesus shall return, the grave will lose its victory, and the

saints of God shall arise from the dead and have victory through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Success is to have and to hold. We have the hope and assurance of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord: May we have a new vision and with our elder Bro. Paul say: But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ: AMEN.

REV. FRANK WILLIS.

(FIRST UNION MEETING)

Convened with New Life Free Will Baptist Church Saturday before the Fifth Sunday of April.

Services began by Congregation Singing, Prayer and Welcome by Host Church. Morning message delivered by Rev. W. J. Owens. Enjoyed by all.

Dinner served by Host Church at noon hour. The afternoon session called together by Moderator, Devotional given by Bro. C. H. Bass, Moderator.

Call for letters, Read and Approved and Delegates seated as Follows:

PROVIDENCE—Sis. Lanie Bass, Sis. Margaret Sizemore and Sis. Peggy Sizemore. Expenses—\$3.00.

NEW LIBERTY—Bro. and Sis. J. C. Kirkland, Sis. Maude McElmurray, Sis. Annie Lou Streetman, Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley and Sis. Jewel Grimsley. Expenses—\$1.00.

NEW HOPE—Sis. Ruth Holland and Sis. Joyce Holland. Expenses—\$2.00.

SPRING HILL—Sis. Gussie Mitchell, Sis. Bernice McCall, Sis. Myrth Greer, Sis. Rosa Grimsley, Sis. Katelu Brady and Bro. Monroe Greer. Expenses—\$1.00.

TURNER'S CHAPEL—Bro. and Sis. Calvin C. Scott, Sis. Mannie Lee Rodgers, Helen Rodgers, Sis. Jewel Bone and Bro. N. L. McInvale. Expenses—\$1.00.

TRINITY—Bro. and Sis. E. A. Welch, Sis. Wanda Welch and Bro. B. T. Gill. Expenses—\$2.00.

LITTLE BETHEL—Bro. and Sis. Leonard Layfield, Sis. R. G. Streetman, Sis. Roger Ann Streetman and Sis. Elizabeth Lawhorn. Expenses—\$1.00.

BETHANY—Bro. Woodroe Hendrick, Sis. Alma Garrett and Sis. Margraute Garrett. Expenses—\$2.00.

MT. OLIVE—Bro. Eugene Windham, Bro. T. D. King, Bro. Woody Nelson, Sis. Louise Nelson, Sis. Myrtice Morrell and Sis. Louise Windham. Expenses—\$3.00.

ST. MARK—Sis. Mattie Byrd, Sis. Feldia Edwards and Sis. Betty Edwards. Expenses—\$3.00.

ST. LUKE—Sis. Ronnie Greet, Sis. Lucile Storey and Sis. Christine Greer. Expenses—\$1.00.

NEW LIFE—Sis. Clara Lockhart, Bro. T. J. Driver, Bro. Felton Ohern, Bro. Claud Flanigan and Bro. Bud McDaniel. Expenses—\$3.00.

FIRST THOMASTON—Bro. W. H. Cochran and Bro. Herman Watson. Expenses—\$3.00.

NEW BETHEL—Worth County—By Statement. Exp.—\$1.00.

EMANUEL—By Pastor. Exp.—\$2.50.

A rising vote of thanks as extended to Host Church for their hospitality. Moved and Carried to Adjourn.—Received by Letters \$29.50.

REV. C. H. BASS, Moderator

REV. B. P. HAYES, Clerk.

(SECOND UNION MEETING)

The Second Session of the Chattahoochee Union Meeting convened with Mt. Olive Church on July 28, 1962. Welcome given by Host Pastor, Rev. Frank Willis. Several songs were sung by congregation. Rev. J. B. Lumpkin brought the Introductory Sermon.

All enjoyed the lunch served by the Host Church.

The afternoon session was opened by a devotional given by Rev. C. H. Bass. Scripture Reading—2nd. Chapter of Ephesians—4th Verse. Letters and Delegates were received as follows:

BETHANY—Mrs. Alma Garrett, Margreite Garrett, and Bro. Woodrow Hendrix. \$2.00 for Minutes.

LITTLE BETHEL—Bro. Leonard Layfield and wife. Bro. G. C. Perry and wife. \$3.00.

PROVIDENCE—Sister Lanie Bass, Sis. Hardy Edwards, Bro. and Sis. Lee Sellers, Sis. Katie Parker and Sis. Peggy Sizemore. \$3.00.

MT. OLIVE—Bro. Eugene Windham, Bro. Woody Nelson, Sis. Doris Parker. \$3.00.

NEW LIBERTY—Bro. Ed A. Waters and wife, Sis. Maude McElmurray and Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley. \$1.00.

TURNER'S CHAPEL—Sis. Nannie Lou Rodgers and Helen Rodgers, Bro. N. T. McInvale. \$3.00.

ST. MARK—Sis. Mattie Byrd, Sis. H. T. Shiver, Sis. Beatrice Meradith. \$3.00.

TRINITY—Bro. E. A. Welch, and wife, Bro. B. T. Gill. \$3.00.

NEW LIFE—Sis. Sally Daniels, Sis. Nina Roberts, Sis. Clara Lockhart, Sis. Agnes Shellhouse and Bro. T. J. Driver. \$3.00.

NEW PROSPECT—Bro. Jimmy Davis, Bro. and Sister Horace Davis and Sis. Annie Little. \$2.00.

FIRST THOMASTON—Bro. Herman Watson. \$3.00.

ST. LUKE—Sisters: Brenda Greer, Nellie Price and Christine Greer. \$3.00.

SPRING HILL—Bro. Houston James. \$2.00.

All letters were accepted as read, a rising vote of "Thanks" to the Host Church for their splendid hospitality.

Move and carried to adjourn until next regular session.

Funds received by letter \$34.00.

REV. C. H. BASS, Moderator

BRO. E. A. WELCH, Assistant Clerk

(THIRD UNION MEETING)

The Third Chattahoochee Union meeting convened with New Prospect Church, Turner County, on September 1, 1962.

The morning services were opened with several songs and prayers. The Introductory Sermon was by Rev. W. J. Childree. Scripture 2nd. Corinthians, 1st and 7th.

Lunch was served by the Host Church. The afternoon session was opened by a sermon by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. Scripture Reading—Romans 8th. Chapter.

A motion was made and seconded that Bro. Willis and Bro. H. Watson read the corresponding letters.

Letters were read, approved and delegates seated as follows:

MT. OLIVE—Sis. Marylene Willis, Sis. Myrtice Morrell, Bro. Eugene Windham and Bro. Ronald Morrell. For Expenses, \$3.00.

FIRST THOMASTON—Bro. Herman Watson. For Expenses \$2.00.

TURNER'S CHAPEL—By Letter, For Expenses, \$3.00.

TRINITY—Bro. B. T. Gill, Bro. E. A. Welch and Sister Josephine Welch, Expenses \$3.00.

SPRING HILL—Bro. Norman Greer and wife, Bro. Houston James and Sis. Gussie Mitchell. Expenses \$2.00.

BETHANY—Sister Alma Garrett, Sister Margarite Garrett. For Expenses, \$2.00.

ST. MARK—By Letter, For Expenses \$3.00.

NEW LIBERTY—Bro. J. C. Kirkland and wife, Bro. Henry Grimsley and wife. For Expenses, \$1.00.

NEW PROSPECT—Bro. Jimmy Davis, Bro. Luther Little, Sis. Deloris Little, Annie Little, Bro. G. D. Parten, Maudie Parten, Bro. Harse Davis, Sisters Rosylin Little and Audrey Parter, Bro. Hubert Parter. For Expenses, \$2.00.

NEW LIFE—Bro. Grady Wigley and wife, Sis. Dorothy Lockhart and Agnes Shellhouse, Sis. Shirley Woodall. For Expenses, \$3.00.

LITTLE BETHEL—Bro. Morris Lewhorn, Sis. Bonnie Layfield. For Expenses, \$3.00.

PROVIDENCE—Bro. Robert Parker, and Sis. Lanie Bass. For Expenses, \$3.00.

After an enjoyable session, the Chattahoochee Meeting was set as follows:

1st. UNION MEETING— Saturday before Fifth Sunday in March, 1963

at Little Bethel, Ideal, Ga., with the introductory sermon by Rev. C. H. Bass. Alternate Bro. H. E. Willis.

2nd. UNION MEETING—Saturday before Fifth Sunday in June (29) 1963 at Trinity Church, Mauk, Ga. Introductory sermon by Rev. H. L. Knighton. Alternate Rev. R. B. McFadden.

3rd. UNION MEETING—Saturday before 3rd Sunday, August 17, 1963. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. Alternate Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

The following officers were elected for the year 1963:

Rev. C. H. Bass, Moderator.

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Assistant Moderator.

Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk.

Bro. J. C. Kirkland, Assistant Clerk.

Moved and carried to pay Moderator \$15.00 and Clerk \$10.00.

A rising vote of "Thanks" for their hospitality.

Adjourned until First Meeting in 1963.

Received by Letters: \$30.00.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1962:

Total Received by Letter	\$93.50
Paid Moderator	\$15.00
Paid Clerk	\$10.00
Balance on Hand	\$68.50

To be turned over to the Chattahoochee Association.

REV. C. H. BASS, Moderator

BRO. E. A. WELCH, (Assistant Clerk.)

PROCEEDINGS

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

Opening Song—"Won't It Be Wonderful There."

Prayer By—Edward Newman.

Morning Devotion—Rev. A. C. Trulock.

Moved and Carried to Receive Letters and Seat Delegates.

Moved and Carried to Turn Letters over to Digest Committee instead of reading them.

Appointment of Committees for next meeting. Pleasant Hill, Digest Committee; First Church of Thomaston, Finance Committee; White Oaks, Resolutions Committee.

Rev. Irvin Hyman spoke of "Winning Souls Through Visitation."

Song—"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Rev. Webster Purvis spoke on "Winning Souls Through the Sunday School."

Dismissed for Lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening Song—"Love Lifted Me."

Rev. H. L. Knighton spoke on "Soul Winning Through the League."

Business Period—Moved and carried to accept report of Digest Committee as read.

M & C to accept petition of Pleasant Hill into Quarterly Meeting.

Moved and carried to accept report of Finance Committee with the following amendments. 1.—That instead of Quarterly Meeting paying traveling expenses of Ordaining Council, the church desiring the services of Ordaining Council shall pay their expenses. 2.—When Ordaining Council has to meet for services of the Quarterly Meeting, the expenses will be paid by the Quarterly Meeting.

Moved and carried to receive report of Resolutions Committee.

Moved and carried to accept the recommendation that the churches of this Quarterly Meeting order their literature from the National Headquarters Department in Nashville, Tenn., since the National Association has its own literature program.

Moved and carried to adopt rest of resolutions.

Moved and carried to accept recommendation of following for Ordaining Council—Bro. Knighton, Chairman; Bro. Purvis, and Bro. Hyman.

Moved and carried to accept the recommendation that the following be placed on the Executive Board.—Bro. Trulock, Chairman; Bro. Hayes, and Bro. Fincher.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in Prayer.

Balance	\$ 2.00
Offering	11.48
Churches Contributions	20.50
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	\$33.98

PAID OUT:—

Expense of Program	22.00
State Home Missions	5.00
Superannuation	5.00
Children's Home	5.00
State Youth Camp	5.00
Bible College	5.00
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	\$27.00

TOTAL IN TREASURY \$33.98

PAID OUT 27.00

BALANCE \$6.98

We the Finance Committee recommend that the expenses of the Executive Committee and the Ordaining Council be paid by the Quarterly Meeting.

REV. ODELL HARRIS, Moderator
EDWARD NEWMAN, Clerk

APRIL 7, 1962

The Progressive Quarterly Meeting met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia.

Theme: "The Church Preparing for Revival." Eph. 3:17-19.

MORNING SESSION

SONG—"Love Lifter Me."

PRAYER—Bro. Gill

SONG—"At The Cross."

DEVOTIONAL—Rev. B. P. Hayes—Love, The Badge of Recognition.

Scripture: St. John 13-35.

CALL FOR LETTERS AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

A.—Digest Committee—Pleasant Hill.

B.—Finance Committee—Thomaston Church.

C.—Resolutions Committee—White Oaks.

Moved and carried that Atlanta church be seated by statement, and send letter and contribution to clerk.

SPECIAL SINGING—Diane and Judy Harris.

SPEAKER; Frank Williams—"Love, The Basis of Fellowship With God and Man." Scripture I John 4:11-21.

MORNING MESSAGE—Rev. Knighton. Scripture I John 4:10
"Loves Crowning Deed."

BENEDICTION—Rev. A. C. Trulock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

SONG—"Tell It To Jesus."

PRAYER—Bro. Moore.

SPEAKER—Rev. Irvin Hyman—"Love, The Motive for Christian Service."
Scripture St. John 14: 21-24.

BUSINESS SESSION:

I. Reports of Committees

DIGEST COMMITTEE—Churches reported 6, by letter 5, Oral 1. No. of delegates 17, full time churches 5, part time 1. Total received 5, baptism 5, letter 0, other ways 0.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Total No. of members 479, No. of Sunday Schools reported 6. LEAGUE—Total No. of members 258, No. of leagues reporting 6.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY—No. of Women's Auxiliary reporting 4, Total No. of members 42. MASTER'S MEN—Total No. of members 54, Total No. of Master's Men 5. Y. P. A.—Total members 18. Total No. of Y. P. A. 1. G. T. A.—Total members 25. Total No. of G. T. A. 1.

MISCELLANEOUS—Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, of Schley County, Georgia, petitioned for membership. Frankie Williams—Pleasant

Hill and James Potter—White Oaks Church were recommended to the Ordaining Council for licenses.

DIGEST COMMITTEE—Frankie Williams, Betty Ann Brewer, Linda Welch. By Linda Welch.—Rev. A. C. Trulock, Pastor, moved and carried to accept the Digest Committee's Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:—

Balance in Treasury	\$ 6.98
Received by Letter	17.50
Love Offering	12.20

TOTAL	\$36.68
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We recommend that the following be paid:

Printing of Programs	\$2.00
Phone Calls	2.00
Bible College	10.00
Children's Home	10.00

Total Paid Out	\$24.00
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Balance In Treasury	\$12.68.
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We recommend that these reports be published in the minutes. By the delegation from Thomaston Church.—H. L. Knighton, Al Wells, Herman Watson, Cora Renow, Ruby Wells.

Moved and carried to accept finance committee's report.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—We, the resolutions committee wish to—

1. Recommend that the pastors encourage all their members to take part in each auxiliary convention, such as, Youth Rally, Sunday School, League, Master's Men, Ladie's Auxiliary, Y. P. A., G. T. A., Preachers and Deacons meetings. 2. We recommend that our quarterly conference will be held the second Saturday in each specified month. 3. We recommend that we send \$10.00 to the Association instead of \$5.00 for printing minutes.

—By Sis. Peggy Potter, Bro. E. L. Collins, Bro. J. L. Varnadore.

Moved and carried to accept the Resolutions Committee's Report.

Moved and carried for amendment to the Resolutions Committee's recommendation for changing quarterly meeting date: as follows—We meet on second Saturday, July 14, and discuss then on the changing of meeting date.

Moved and carried to give First Church a rising vote of thanks for entertaining this session.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

REV. ODELL HARRIS, Moderator
EDWARD NEWMAN, Clerk

JULY 14, 1962

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

OPENING SONG—"I'll Live For Him."

PRAYER—Bro. Horne.

SONG—"Heavenly Sunlight."

PRAYER—Sis. Ann Arnett.

Rev. H. L. Knighton nominated and voted to act as moderator.

Letters read by Bro. John Garrett and Bro. Wayne Flemings.

Moved and carried to accept letters and seat delegates—also Sis. Trulock from Pleasant Hill.

Appointing of Committees.

Digest Committee—Pleasant Hill.

Finance Committee—Thomaston.

Resolutions Committee—First Church of Columbus.

Nominating Committee—Bro. Edwards, Sis. Grant, Sis. Wells.

SPECIAL SONG—Bro. Horne, Bro. Flemings—"Rock of Ages."

AFTERNOON SESSION

SONG—"What a Friend."

PRAYER—Bro. John Grant.

SONG—"There Is Power In The Blood."

Moved and carried that Digest Committee report be accepted as read.

We, your Digest Committee submit the following report:—We find four churches represented by letter and one church by statement. We find 5 Sunday Schools, 5 Leagues, 3 Woman's Auxiliary, 3 YPA, 4 Master's Men, 2 GTA, 4 Prayer Meetings. Members received by letter 4, other 10.

Sunday School Enrollment	380
League	265
Master's Men	41
YPA	34
GTA	28
Total Offerings	\$4463.99
Paid Pastors	1650.00
Evangelistic Work	380.00
Literature	282.70
Miscellaneous	1479 03
Unified Program	240.22
Home Missions	19.12
Superannuation	47.18
Education	140.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3998.24

FRANCES TRULOCK

Moved and carried to accept Finance Committee report.	
Balance brought forward	\$12.68
Received from churches	17.50
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TOTAL	\$30.18

Paid Out

Printing of Programs	\$2.00
Chattahoochee Association	10.00
National League Board	10.00
Childrens Home	5.00
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TOTAL PAID OUT	\$27.00
Balance in Treasury	\$3.18

Moved and carried to accept Resolutions Committee report.

1. Be resolved that the pastor impress upon their members, the importance of attending the Quarterly Meetings. Mrs. Mildred Boutwell.

Moved and carried that we meet on Saturday before 4th Sunday instead of Saturday before the 2nd Sunday.

Moved and carried that meetings be held as follows: January, Pleasant Hill, April, Atlanta, July, Emmanuel.

Moved and carried to accept Nominating Committee report as read.

Moderator—Rev. Odell Harris.

Assistant Moderator—Bro. Herman Waston.

Clerk—Bro. John A. Grant.

Assistant Clerk—Bro. Wayne Flemming.

Respectfully submitted—Mrs. Rubye Wells, Mrs. John Grant, Mr. Luther Edwards.

Moved and carried that nomination cease and officers be declared elected.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

REV. H. L. KNIGHTON, Pro. Tem Moderator.
EDWARD NEWMAN, Clerk.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT**Proceedings of the Chattahoochee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Thirteenth Annual Session, Sept. 15, 1962.**

The thirteenth annual session of the Chattahoochee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Georgia convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Thomaston, Georgia, September 15, 1962.

The theme for the convention was Unity.

The convention was opened with song "We Are Marching To Zion."

Bro. C. H. Bass led in Prayer.

The President called the meeting to order and Sister Willis led in the morning devotional using Eps. 4:1-7.

Mrs. Ruby Wells from the First Church of Thomaston gave the welcome address. Response was given by Mrs. Doris Grant.

The following Committees were appointed by the President:

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Earnestine Collins, Mrs. Ruby Kelly.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. Ray Garrett, Mrs. Lannie Bass.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Ivell Hanson, Mrs. Ruby Cobb, Mrs. Ruby Wells.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Mrs. Frank Willis, Mrs. Earnestine Collins, Mrs. Doris Grant.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mrs. Sellers, Mrs. Skimmers, Mrs. Donald Moore, Mrs. Sarah Knighton, Mrs. Leon Windham.

We then had a song by the congregation, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

A Special Song was given by Rev. Horne and Wayne Flemmings, with Mrs. Wayne Flemmings at the Piano.

The morning message given by Bro. Mance Cason.

The Pastors were recognized.

The Love Offering was taken which was \$17.00.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with a song by Wayne Flemmings and Rev. Horne,—“Every Hour and Every Day.”

The congregation sang “To The Work.” Prayer was led by Bro. Frank Willis.

Special song by Mrs. Joan Marlow,—“Satisfied With Jesus.”

Opened for the business part of the meeting.

The minutes were read and approved. The reports of the committees.

The Treasurer's Report was given and a move and second to accept it.

The First Church of Columbus will entertain the convention in 1963.

A move and a second was given to accept the Nominating Committee Report and to release the Committee. The Standing Report was given. There was no old or new business. There was a move and a second

too give Thomaston Church a vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

We closed with prayer of consecration for the District Auxiliary Officers. Mrs. Willis led the prayer. The closing prayer was led by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Auxiliary 6 — Ministers 6 — Visitors 18 — Delegates 22
Local Officers 10 — District Officers 7 — State Officers 1

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. EARNESTINE COLLINS,
MRS. RUBY KELLY.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

White Oak, Macon, Ga.	Mt. Olive, Reynolds, Ga.
First Church, Thomaston, Ga.	St. Mark, Phenix City, Ala.
First Church, Columbus, Ga. — Providence, Columbus, Ga.	

Respectfully Submitted,
MRS. RUBY WELLS,
MRS. JEAN GARRETT,
MRS. LANNIE BASS.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the finance Committee find the Treasury books in order. There was \$542. in the treasury at the beginning of the year. The Convention dues were \$305., making a total of \$847., in the treasury.

Love Offering for today was \$17.00 making a total of \$25.47.

We recorded that we gave \$10.00 to Bro. Cason as a Love Offering. That left us with a balance in treasury of \$15.47.

Respectfully, Submitted,
MRS. RUBY WELLS,
MRS. RUBY COBB,
MRS. IVELL HANSON.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED: 1. That we adopt the W. N. A. C. Project for 1963 and that the President notify the Auxiliaries as soon as she finds out what the project is.

2. That all the Auxiliary contribute \$10.00 to our District Treasury. To be applied on the wheels for the Wilkerson Fund.

3. That \$2.00 be sent to the District Association with our reports for expense of printing the minutes.

4. That all local reports be sent to the District Secretary and Treas-

urer at least 10 days before our Convention to enable her to have a more accurate report.

Respectfully Submitted,
MRS. MARYLENE WILLIS,
MRS. DORIS GRANT,
MRS. EARNESTINE COLLINS.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Amount brought forward	\$5.42
Convention Dues	\$3.05
Taken in and paid out	\$252.30
Balance in the Treasury	\$8.42
Offering for today	\$17.00
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	\$25.42

Respectfully Submitted,
MRS. RUBY WELLS, Sec. & Treas.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

PRESIDENT—Mrs. Cora Renow
VICE-PRESIDENT—Mrs. Rugsy Kelly
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Ruby Wells
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Frank Willis
YOUTH CHAIRMAN—Mrs. Rossie Sellers
STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN—Mrs. Joan Marlow
STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN—Mrs. Josephine Skimmer
PERSONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN—Mrs. Lanie Bass.

Respectfully Submitted,
MRS. SELLERS
MRS. SKIMMER
MRS. DONALD MOORE
MISS ANNIE WINDHAM.

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.

MINISTERS & DEACONS CONFERENCE

Minister and Deacon Meeting convened at White Oak Church, Macon, Ga., Sept. 8, 1962 at 10:30 A. M.

Welcome by the Moderator, Rev. Frank Willis, was extended to all that were present. Morning devotion was conducted by Rev. Russell Horne, pastor of the host church, using scripture, the 20th Verse of the 5th Chapter of Acts.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. C. H. Bass from the 4th chapter of John, first through 6th verse, "Comprising." Meeting was dismissed at 12:00 for lunch which was prepared by the host church.

Evening message was delivered by Rev. H. L. Knighton, using scripture taken from the first chapter of John, 40th through 42nd verse, on our responsibility and desire to win lost souls for Christ.

Testimonies Meeting was conducted by Rev. Frank Willis which was inspiring and enjoyed by everyone.

The next meeting will convene at Providence Church at 10:30 A. M., Sept. 7, 1963.

It was moved and carried that an offering be taken in each session and forwarded to the association to help pay expenses of printing minutes. Offering of \$9.04 was received.

The Rev. Tom Hamilton and Rev. John Pettman were visitors.

A total of seven churches were present. The following officers elected for the ensuing year were: Moderator, Rev. Frank Willis, Assistant Moderator, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Clerk, Donald W. Moore, and Assistant Clerk Bro. Randall Lumpkin.

Each church is urged to participate in next minister and deacon meeting.

Moved and seconded to adjourned until next regular meeting.

REV. FRANK WILLIS, Moderator

LEAGUE CONVENTION

BRO. DONALD W. MOORE, Clerk

The Chattahoochee District League Convention met for its annual meeting at the White Oak Free Will Baptist Church in Macon on August 11, 1962.

The meeting was opened with singing led by Wayne Fleming.

Bro. Bass brought the morning devotional using for his scripture Matt. 19: 13-26.

Rev. Russell Horne presented the welcome for the host church. Sis. Bass gave the response to the welcome.

The President called for all the letters from the different churches. She then appointed the different committees.

Nominating:—Mrs. Moore, Bro. Bass, Bro. Horne.

Resolutions:—Sis. Willis, Sis. Morrell, Sis. Varnadore.

Finance:—Bro. Willis, Bro. Fleming, Sis. Windham.

Digest:—Sis. Garrett, Sis. Fleming, Sis. Spires.

Mount Olive will be the host for next year's convention.

Bro. Willis brought the morning message. Before the message, Bro. Fleming and Bro. Horne brought a message in song. Bro. Willis' text was Philippians 3: 11-18. The message was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Russell Horne dismissed us for lunch by prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with singing led by Bro. Wayne Fleming.

The program was then turned over to the host church who presented a program about "Frances Faultfinder" with Glenda Fleming as the patient and Wayne Fleming as the doctor. Bro. Fleming and Bro. Horne rendered several songs, which were enjoyed by all, after the program.

The sword Drill was then held with the following contestants.

JUNIORS: Thomaston—Lynn McElhenney.

Providence—Margaret Sizemore.

INTERMEDIATES: Thomaston—Carole McElhenney.

White Oak—Jean Fleming.

The winner of the junior drill was Margaret Sizemore and the winner of the intermediate drill was Jean Fleming. These winners will represent us in the State Drill.

We then entered into the business session. The minutes of the last meeting were read. They were accepted and approved as read.

An offering of \$5.05 was taken to send to the Orphanage.

The different committees presented their reports. All the reports were approved and accepted.

Sis. Bass was elected Bible Quiz Leader for next year by the body.

The Church was given a rising vote of thanks for their wonderful hospitality. Bro. Willis dismissed us with prayer.

SIS. PEGGY SIZEMORE, President

HELEN TOMLIN, Secretary & Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIGEST

We the Digest Committee submit the following report:

1.—Number of Leagues	5
2.—Number Enrolled	316
3.—Average Attendance	41
4.—Total Offering	\$983.03
5.—Number Preachers	3
6.—Number of Visitors Besides Delegates	16
7.—Number Delegates	13

JEAN GARRETT

GLENDA FLEMING

MAGGIE FLEMING

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We the Resolutions Committee submit the following recommendations

1.—We recommend that the secretary mail the Pastor of each church a card in July so he can inform his congregation of the date and place to help create more interest in our convention. The expense to be taken from the treasury.

2.—We recommend that the Program Committee arrange Bible quizzes for the young people, and the chair appoint the Bible Quiz Leader in this session.

3.—We recommend that we make a special effort to invite the churches that do not have a League to attend our Convention.

4.—We recommend that the host church have a program in the afternoon session.

MARYLENE WILLIS
SARAH VARNADORE
MYRTICE MORRELL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

We find in Treasury	\$2.33
Amount sent in from Leagues Today	14.00

TOTAL	\$16.33
We recommend to be sent to the State League	\$5.00
For Minutes	5.00

TOTAL	\$10.00
Offering taken for the Orphanage was	\$5.05

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President—Sis. Peggy Sizemore, 4515 Evans St., Columbus, Ga.

Vice-President—Sis. Frank Willis.

Secretary and Treasurer—Helen Tomlin, 423 Hiway St., Thomaston.

Choirster—Bro. Wayne Fleming, 4960 New Columbus Rd., Macon.

Pianist—Sis. Glenda Fleming, 4960 New Columbus Rd., Macon.

Sword Drill Leader—Bro. Ronald Morrell, Reynolds, Ga., Route 3.

BRO. BASS

BRO. RUSSELL HORNE

SIS. DONALD MOORE

Next Meeting—Mount Olive Church on Saturday before the Second Sunday in August, 1963.

OBITUARIES

In Remembrance of Mrs. W. T. Raburn, born September 4, 1878. Died July 31, 1962.

She was a member of Little Bethel Church since early childhood. She was faithful to her church as long as health permitted. To know Sister Raburn was to love her. She leaves five hildren, nine grand-children, twenty great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

On the thirty-first day of July 1962, God saw fit to send his angels to bring Mother home to rest. May the divine mercies of the Almighty God overshadow her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her place in the church or home cannot be filled, but we must bow to our Heavenly Fathers' 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 her Pastor,
W. R. LAWHORN

In Memory of our Beloved Dead

	Born	Died
Bro. Mason E. Harrell	Aug. 7, 1891	July 7, 1962
Sis. Pearly Owens	May 24, 1892	Oct. 7, 1961
Sis. Julie Mae Smith	Nov. 1914	May 9, 1962
Sis. Lula Greer	May 4, 1863	July 31, 1962

Bro. Harrell was a devoted deacon of St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church as long as his health permitted.

We mourn the passing of these sacred Christians and hope to meet them in Heaven.

They leave relatives and friends to mourn their passing.

They are missed in church, home, and community, both by loved ones and friends.

They are gone but not forgotten,

Death is over and life is won,

They rest with Christ forever,

And soon we shall be with them in Heaven.

Written by the Former Pastor,
REV. G. W. PRICE

In Memory of Our Beloved Brother Otis O'Hearn—

Born Jan. 26, 1894, was called to rest on Oct. 13, 1961. Brother O'Hearn was a devoted and respected member of New Life Church for approximately 25 years. He left his family and friends to mourn, but some sweet day we will meet him on the other side to sing Gods Praise for evermore.

REV. J. B. LUMPKIN

In Memory of Sister Bell Coggins—

Born in Clanton, Ala., died July 28, 1962. She was a faithful member of the St. Mark Church. She was loved by her church. She was a faithful member as long as her health permitted. She leaves friends and loved ones, daughters, sons, brothers, sisters, grand-children and great grand-children to mourn her loss.

REV. A. T. BYRD

In Memory of Sister Carry Burnside:—

Born Nov. 3, 1910, died March 9, 1960. She was a member of St. Mark Church. She leaves a vacant place in her church and home that no one else can fill. She leaves many friends, and husband, daughter, brothers and sisters, who will remember her.

REV. A. T. BYRD

Mrs. N. C. Cromer:—

Born October 7, 1884, died May 9, 1962. In remembrance of Sister Cromer who parted this life on May 9, 1962. She was a member of Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Ga. To mourn her past, she leaves six children, eleven grand-children and eight great grand-children a host of relatives and friends. She was faithful to her church as long as health permitted. To know Sister Cromer was to love her.

Of all the love on earth possessed,
One friend toward another
No word yet has ever expressed,
The love of a sainted Mother.

She cared for you when you were sad
A word of cheer to make you glad
None more like your own
dear Mother.

Written by her Pastor,
W. R. LAWHORN

In Loving Memory of Walter E. Suddeth:—

Born June 2, 1908. Died June 21, 1962. Brother Suddeth was a member of Turner's Chapel Church some twenty-five years. He is missed by the church and friends and loved ones.

Written by His Pastor,
REV. WARREN J. OWENS

In Loving Memory of Sister Susie S. Robinson:—

Born April 6, 1911, died February 16, 1962. She was a faithful member of Turner's Chapel Church. She was loved by the church. She leaves many friends and loved ones to mourn her death. She is gone but not forgotten.

Written by Her Pastor,
REV. WARREN J. OWENS

In Memory of Broher Tom Farmer:—

Born Sept. 5, 1881, died Jan. 13, 1962. Making his stay on earth 81 years, four months and three days. Bro. Farmer leaves his wife, three sons, and two daughters. He was a faithful member of New Bethel Church, and to know him was to know a good man.

Arise, Arise O Soul and Sing the Lord of Life has come again. When all the world is bloom beneath his kiss of love and light.

By His Pastor,
REV. H. W. GIDDENS

In Loving Memory of Sister Wyleen Farmer Scarborough:—

Born July 2, 1930, died May 28, 1962. Making her stay on earth 31 years, ten months and 26 days. Sister Wyleen was a member of New Bethel Church. She leaves her husband Charles, and five children. She was a loving wife and a real mother. A precious one from us has flown, a voice we love is still. They say time heals all sorrows and helps us forget, but time has only proved how much we love you yet.

By Her Pastor,
REV. H. W. GIDDENS

In Memory of Bro. W. H. Yearty:—

Born Oct. 2, 1907, died Aug. 13, 1962. Making his stay on earth 54 years, nine months, and eleven days. Bro. Yearty was a member of New Bethel Church. He leaves his loving wife, one son and one daughter. Bro. Yearty had many many friends, but surely heaven gain.

By His Pastor,
REV. H. W. GIDDENS

Bro. Clarence Clifton Lumpkin:—

Born June 30, 1884, departed this life February 16, 1962, a stay on earth of 77 years, 7 months and 17 days.

Brother Lumpkin was a true and much devoted member with New Liberty Church, Schley County, Georgia, and a true and faithful deacon at the time of his death. Having rendered such service in the field of his official duty, we feel now that this accords him a peaceful destiny with the Immortal.

In a land that's free from sorrow
May your soul forever rest.
Till we meet some glad tomorrow
With the faithful and the blest.

Though our days be filled with sadness
As we face the setting sun,
Soon we'll meet in joyful gladness,
When our work on earth is done.

WILLIAM J. CHILDREE, Pastor

In Remembrance of Sister Delia W. Gill:—

Born Oct. 19, 1868, died Jan. 4, 1962, making her stay with us 93 years, 2 months, and 16 days. She was a dedicated member of Trinity Church for many, many years. A devout Christian, the wife of Rev. W. D. Gill, who labored long in the Vineyard of the Lord. She was the mother of our beloved Bro. B. T. Gill and several other Christian sons and a daughter. She forever will be missed by her friends and loved ones, but we feel that she is making her home in Heaven.

O tell to the weeper who lingers below,
Tis well with the sleeper at last;
Bless life giving fountain washed whiter than snow;
Now all of earths trials are past.

At rest now forever, I'll ever live on,
While ages unending I'll sing,
Of love that has guided me safely at home.
Our Saviour, Redeemer and King.

By Her Former Pastor,
REV. W. J. CHILDREE

In Loving Memory of Brother Joe T. Fowler:—

Born June 6, 1902, died Oct. 17, 1962. Making this stay on earth 59 years, 3 months and 13 days. Brother Fowler was a member of New Bethel Church. He leaves his wife, two sons and three daughters.

By His Pastor,
REV. H. W. GIDDENS

Sister Lula Hobbs Raburn Jones:—

Was born March 27, 1877, departed this life October 29, 1961; her stay on earth 84 years, 7 months and 2 days.

Sister Jones was a member with Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Georgia, for many years, having united her fellowship with this body in early life and remained true and faithful until death.

'O beautiful river the on-flowing tide,
Its clear crystal waters forever will flow.
There Saints of all ages shall meet to abide,
Rejoice in His Kingdom of love to bestow.

No sad separation and time fills no page,
Evergreen flowers eternal will bloom.
What Glory forever, no billows will rage
When joyful we wake and rise from the tomb.

WILLIAM J. CHILDREE
Former Pastor

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

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

1st. That we will remain united together in Church capacity and that we will not demand a letter of dismissal 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 restored 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 fellowman.

A church has a right to adopt measures only as are in accordance with the Word of God, and such as 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 supposit 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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