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Junction City, 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 PROSPECT, Turner Co.—Bro. Hubert Parten, Rt. Asburn, Georgia
NEW LIBERTY—J. C. Kirkland, P. O. Box 107, Ellaville, Georgia
ST. MARK—Sis. Betty Edwards, Rt. 4, Box 197, Phenix City, Alabama
PROVIDENCE—Sis. Mattie Lou Pearson, 4001 St. Mary's Rd., Columbus.
FIRST ATLANTA—Sis. Agnes Frances, 917, Harris Dr., College Park, Ga.
TURNER'S CHAPEL—Bro. N. T. McInvale, Box 25, Butler, Georgia.
FIRST CHURCH THOMASTON—Bro. Herman Watson Thomaston, Ga. Rt 2
MT OLIVE—Bro. Woody Nelson, Reynolds, Georgia.
LITTLE BETHEL—Bro. W. H. Cromer, Ideal, Georgia
TRINITY—Sis. Josephine Welch, Mauk, Georgia
SPRING HILL—Sis. Katilu Brady, Buena Vista, Georgia.
BETHANY—Bro. Clyde Hendrix, Juniper, Georgia.
NEW BETHEL—Bro. Boyd Fowler, Sylvester, Georgia.
NEW PROSPECT, Taylor Co.—Bro. W. T. Williams, Reynolds, Georgia.
PLEASANT HILL—Sis. Linda Brewer, Ellaville, Georgia.
NEW LIFE—Sis. Clara Lockhart, Box Springs, Georgia.
FIRST CHURCH COLUMBUS—Bro. Geo. Bush, 4200 18th Ave. Columbus.
ST. LUKE—Sis. Nellie Price, 1012 NRR St., Phenix City, Alabama.

MINISTERIA LROLL

Elder G. W. Baker, Sycamore, Georgia.
Elder S. T. Renew, Poulan, Georgia.
Elder W. J. Childree, Reynolds, Georgia.
Elder A. C. McKinnon, 314 H Peabody Apt., Columbus, Georgia.
Elder A. T. Byrd, 1323 14th. Ave., Phenix City, Alabama.
Elder A. L. Oswalt, Fortson, Georgia.
Elder C. H. Bass, 1008 20th St., Phenix City, Alabama.
Elder J. H. Hughes, 797Scotdale Rd., Apt. 3, Decatur, Georgia.
Elder Warren Wyatt, Phenix City, Alabama.
Elder H. L. Knighton 323 E. Street, Thomaston, Georgia.
Elder J. B. Fuller, Reynolds, Georgia.
Elder L. L. Sapp, Montezuma, Georgia.
Elder W. R. Lawhorn, Butler, Georgia.
Elder R. B. McFadden 1070 Rose St., Macon, Georgia.
Elder B. T. Gill, Thomaston, Georgia, Rt. 2.
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Elder John Grimsley, Juniper, Georgia
Elder G. W. Price 1912 NRR Street, Phenix City, Alabama.
Elder B. P. Hayes, 2926 Pecan Street, Columbus, Georgia.
Elder J. B. Lumpkin, Junction City, Georgia.
Elder Daniel Gaskins, P. O. Box 4211 Columbus, Georgia.
Elder G. T. Halliman, 1913 10th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama.
Elder W. J. Owens, 422A Wilson Apt., Columbus, Georgia.
Elder John C. Sizemore, Columbus, Georgia.

MINUTES OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 128th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association met at Turner's Chapel Church at 10:30 O'clock on October 4, 1963.

Rev. Coy Watson of the Midway Association led in our morning prayer and after Congregational Singing, Rev. Harvey Giddens prayed on behalf of Sister Bass who was ill and unable to attend this session.

Due to the absence of Rev. C. H. Bass, who was to bring the introductory message his alternate Rev. Mance Cason delivered a very inspiring message. Taken from the 19th Chapter of Luke, 1st through 19th Verses.

At the noon hour the body was dismissed with a prayer by Bro. Herman Watson. Lunch was served by the Host Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

At 1:15 o'clock the body assembled and sang a song, prayer was offered by Rev. W. J. Childree. The Moderator made a brief talk, at which time the session was officially called to order.

The first item of business was to invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

The next was the call for Corresponding letters.

A Motion was made and second that Bro. Herman Watson and Rev. Chester Huckaby read letters. They were as follows:

ST. LUKE—Bro. C. R. Greer, Bro. Homer Greer, Sis. Halliman, Sis. Nell Mims.

FIRST CHURCH, Columbus—Sis. Mabel Spikes, Grace Huckaby, Doris Grant, Sis. H. J. Kelly, Sis. Johnson, Ruby Cobb.

EMMANUEL—Sis. Dowdney, Sis. Walters, Bro. Brunson.

NEW LIFE—Bro. Randall Lumpkin, Horace Lockhart and wife, Dorothy Lockhart, Agnes Shellhouse, E. E. Plymale.

PLEASANT HILL—Eda Walls, Sis. Don Brewer, Sis. B. C. Brewer, Nan Peacock.

NEW PROSPECT, Taylor Co.—Willis Windham, Florence Windham, O. M. Williams, Essie Williams.

NEW BETHEL—W. J. Farmer, Myrtis Greene, Nocia Fowler.

BETHANY—Stella Grimsley, Alma Garrett, Sis. Myron May, Clyde Hendrix.

SPRING HILL—Monroe Greer and Wife.

TRINITY—Sis. C. M. Duncan, Josephine, Sis. Jennie Waller, Bro. Buford Watson.

LITTLE BETHEL—Randall Jinks and wife, Elizabeth Lawhorn, Joan Cromer, Leonard Layfield.

MT. OLIVE—J. S. Windham, Irene Windham, Louise Nelson, Ethel Windham, Florie Windham, Frances Mullins, B. R. Dent.

FIRST CHURCH, Thomaston—W. H. Crochran, Kate Watson, Herman Watson.

FIRST ATLANTA—Rev. Jimmy Hughes.

TURNER'S CHAPEL—N. T. McInvale, Nannie Lou Rodgers, Helen Rodgers, Louis Windham, Nellie Windham, Gale Moore.

PROVIDENCE—Lee Sellers, Ressie Sellers, Betty Prestwood.

ST. MARK—Josephine Skinner, Feldia Edwards.

NEW LIBERTY—Maude McElmurray, Annie Lou Strietman, Rosie Lee Grimsley, Sara Grimsley, J. C. Kirkland and wife.

NEW PROSPECT, Turner Co.—By Pastor.

A Motion was made and second to receive the letters as read and to seat the delegates.

At this time Emmanuel Church asked for a letter of dismissal, the body voted to grant them this letter, the purpose was to unite with another association, we pray God will Bless this move.

Moved and second that New Hope Church be dropped from our Church Roll. This was by their request.

Next was to call for petitionary letters, there were none.

Next item was to call for Correspondence from other Association, they were as follows:

Rev. Daniel Gaskins - First Church Columbus.

Rev. Mance Cason - State Promotional Secretary.

Rev. Coy Watson - Midway Association.

The Moderator gave these Brethren the right hand of Christian fellowship.

The next item was the appointing of Committees.

They were as follows:

PREACHING: Bro. Homer Moore, W. E. Jones, Fielda Edwards and Rosie Lee Grisley.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

Norman Greer, Herman Watson, Horace Lockhart, Bob Dent, and Willis Windham.

SUGGESTIONS: Henry Grimsley, Hardie Edwards, Oswalt Williams, J. S. Windham, and Homer Greer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: John Kirkland, N. T. McInvale and Rev. John Grimsley.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: Rev. W. J. Childree, Mabel Spikes and Florence Windham.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Dorothy Lockhart, Nannie Lou Rodgers, and Nell Mims.

WOMANS AUXILIARY—Josephine Skinner, Clara Loochhart and Doris Grant.

On motion, the body voted to correspond with our sister associations as follows:

MIDWAY - Rev. H. L. Knighton

MARTIN - Rev. W. J. Childree

SOUTH GEORGIA - By Minutes

GEORGIA UNION - By Minutes

LITTLE RIVER - By Minutes

UNION - By Minutes

Next item was the call for the Obituaries.

The Preaching Committee made a verbal report at this time. They selected Rev. R. B. McFadden to preach tonight, Rev. G. W. Price to follow. Rev. Coy Watson to Preach on Saturday at 11 O'clock. Rev. W. J. Childree to follow.

Moved and second to receive the report of Preaching Committee and release the committee. A motion was made and second to adjourn until 9:45 o'clock on Saturday Morning. Closing prayer by Rev. Daniel Gaskins.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

After singing, the body was led in Prayer by Rev. A. C. McKinnon.

Moderator read from the 12th Chapter of 1st Corinthians, 11th through 14th Verses. Afterwards a roll call was made for the various committees. A motion was made and second to print the same amount of Minutes as last year, which was 600.

The body paused in silence in Memory of our deceased.

At this time the Moderator granted Rev. Mance Cason time to present to the body a report on our Promotional Work. He reported that the Chattahoochee Association had given \$1061.14 to the Unified Program. He also gave awards to Various Churches that had contributed to Unified Program.

Rev. H. L. Knighton presented the circular letter at this time, it was read to the body by the Clerk. A motion was made and second that the letter be printed in the Minutes.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. J. Childree to write the next Circular Letter.

Business was suspended for the preaching hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After enjoying a very delicious lunch and wonderful fellowship the body joined together again with singing and prayer by Bro. John Grant.

The Moderator read from 5 ch. Romans - Verses 1-5.

The Atlanta Church letter was read at this time.

Moved and second to receive the letter and to seat Rev. Hughes, the Pastor of the Church as a delegate.

Moved and Second that the Moderator and Clerk be paid the usual amount. Moderator \$20.00. Clerk \$30.00.

Moved and second that the next association meet with St. Mark Church to convene on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 2nd and 3rd., 1964.

Moved and second that the pages containing the Obituaries in the Minutes, be draped.

A Free Will offering was taken to help with this added expense. The amount was \$23.67.

On motion the reports were read as they came in and the Committees released.

The delegates from St. Mark Church chose Rev. Daniel Goskins to preach the Introductory at the next Association, and Rev. Jimmy Hughes as Alternate.

Bro. Herman Watson's time had expired, as an executive committee member, the body re-elected him for 5 years.

A motion was made and second that a place be added in the Minutes to show the different Auxiliaries of the Church.

The Moderator asked for Volunteers to attend the State and National Association. Bro. and Sister John Grant volunteered to attend each of these.

Moved and second to send \$10.00 to the State Association and \$7.00 to the National.

On motion the body gave a rising vote of "Thanks" to the Host Church for providing us with a most delightful and spiritual Association.

Next item of business was to elect officers for the next year. They are as follows:

Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr., - Clerk.

Bro. Herman Watson - Assistant Clerk.

Rev. G. W. Price - Moderator

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin- Assistant Moderator.

On motion the body adjourned to meet with St. Mark Church, Phenix City, Alabama on October 2 and 3, 1964.

REV. B. W. PRICE, Moderator

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We your committee, on Woman's Auxiliary, find that several churches in our Association do not have an Auxiliary. Since an Auxiliary Aids the Church in many ways such as supporting Home and Foreign Missions, our Youth Camp, Orphanage, Bible College, Needy Families in our Community, taking cottage prayer meetings to those who do not have the privilege as we do to go to church. We urge that every Pastor make a special effort to get the Women of their Church to organize an Auxiliary.

We as a committee, know that many times we can't support every phase of the work, but God will surely add his blessings in that which we are able to do.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JOSEPHINE SKINNER
MRS. CLARA LOCKHART
MRS. JOHN GRANT

STATE OF CHURCES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

We the committee on State of affairs of Churches and Ministers, we find that St. Mark Church, Phenix City, Alabama has some difficulties that has arisen in the Church. We recommend that the members of St. Mark Church come together prayerfully and in the Leadership of the Holy Spirit try to iron out these troubles. We sincerely hope that this trouble can be settled where every one will be in fellowship with brotherly love toward every one.

HERMAN WATSON
BRO. GREER
BRO. DENT
BRO. WINDHAM
BRO. LOCKHART

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Sabbath Observance find that the Sabbath Day is failed to be kept as commanded of our Lord Jesus Christ. We think it the duty of all Christian People to observe this day in sacred keeping and holy living.

CHAIRMAN W. J. CHILDREE
MRS. MABLE SPIKES
MRS. FLORENCE WINDHAM

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School submit the following report; The chief objective of the Sunday School is to carry out the command of Christ, who said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nation, . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Someone has said that, "the Sunday School is the church functioning educationally."

In this age of loose morals and a growing trend of juvenile delinquency we must step-up the efficiency of the teaching ministry (The Sunday School) of our church. Therefore, we prayerfully urge that each Sunday School offer the best teaching service possible in order that Christians may grow into mature ones, and that the unreached may be reached for Christ.

REV. H. L. KNIGHTON
MRS. NELL MIMS
MRS. DOROTHY LOCKHART
MRS. NANNIE LOU RODGERS

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We your Committee on Suggestions wish to make the following report: First we suggest that the report of two years ago limiting the Moderator to two years be abolished as it being a Violation to the Constitution and that the majority of the body shall be the source of full authority.

Second we further suggest that the church being the Eccleastic Body having all power and authority and shall not be interfered with by the Council and the Consideration of any Applicant to be ordained as a Deacon or for the Ministry and Ordinations by Council other than through the Church where they be members.

J. S. WINDHAM - Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance in Treasury	8.89
Paid in from Churches	127.00
Deacons and Preachers	15.44
Union Meetings	96.00

TOTAL: \$247.33

REV. JOHN GRIMSLEY, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT:

From Finance Committee	\$247.00
Woman's Auxiliary	2.00
Special Offering	23.67

TOTAL IN TREASURY \$273.00

EXPENSES

Moderator's Salary	20.00
Clerk's Salary	30.00
State Association Fee	10.00
National Association Fee	7.00
Printing of Minutes	159.65

TOTAL EXPENSES \$226.65

BALANCE IN TREASURY: \$46.35

E. A. WELCH, JR., Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

E. A. Welch, Jr., Chairman - 3 years - Rt. 2, Mauk, Georgia
H. H. Watson, 5 Years - Rt. 2, Thomaston, Georgia
W. V. Guy, 1 year - Butler, Georgia.
E. E. Bone, 2 years - Butler, Georgia.
Leonard Grimsley, 4 years - Buena Vista, Georgia.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

PRAYING OR TRUSTING

"... As though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to god." (II Corinthians 5:20).

Saved people are surely praying people, but there are thousands of persons who pray who are not saved. The Pharisees prayed even long prayers, yet they were not saved.

Nowhere in His Word, does God ask people to pray for salvation. Nowhere is eternal life promised in answer to prayer. People in recognized relationship with God are taught to pray, as children making known their wants to a loving Father.

Sinners desiring salvation are throughout Scripture urged to trust, to believe, to have faith in the Son of God.

Paul's answer to the jailer's anxious inquiry, "What must I do to be saved?" Is not that he should pray, or beseech God to help him, but is clear and simple, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." God has not one plan for one class of sinners and a different one for another. The publican might have cried that forever and still have not so much as dared lift up his eyes to heaven had he not believed God's Word. The moment the testimony of God is believed, that "Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (I Peter 3:18), the soul enters into peace with God.

Instead of calling upon us to pray for salvation, God Himself is beseeching men through His ambassadors to be reconciled to Him. Through them Christ is pleading with sinners to trust Him.

H. L. KNIGHTON, Minister

(FIRST UNION MEETING)

The First Union Meeting was held at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church at Ideal, Ga., Macon, County, on Saturday Mach 30, 1963.

Song service began at 10:30 o'clock. Singing was led by Bro. W. T. Williams, opening prayer by Rev. J. B. Fuller, other prayers by Rev. Chester Huckabee and Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

Welcome was extended by Host Pastor Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, he also introduced the speaker of the hour which was Rev. C. H. Bass. His text was taken from Acts: 2nd Chapter 36-38th. verses. His Subject: Ye Must Be Born Again."

After a wonderful message the body was dismissed until 1:15 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing one song and having prayer the moderator turned the services over to Rev. Willie, a F.W.B. Missionary from Cuba who was

visiting us in this session. He gave a wonderful talk concerning missions and told how the first F.W.B. Church was established in Cuba.

May God bless Bro. Willie and wife in this most worthy work.

An offering was taken for Bro. Willie in the amount of \$18.43.

Rev. Mance Cason, our Promotional Secretary made a short but interesting talk concerning our Promotional Work.

The meeting was called to order at this time. The Moderator appointed Rev. Mance Cason, Rev. W. J. Childree to read the corresponding letters. They are as follows:

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Pearl Guy, Earlene Green, Bro. Peacock, Exj. —\$3.00.

SPRING HILL—By Pastor Exp.—\$2.00.

TRINITY—Sis. Wanda Welch, Josephine Welch—Exp. \$3.00.

LITTLE BETHEL—Sis. R. G. Streetman, Sis. Randal Jinks, Bro. E. C. Raburn Sr., Sis. Dorothy Cromer—Exp. \$3.00.

MT. OLIVE—Bro. Woody Nelson, Bro. Lewis Blair, Bro. Ronald Marrell, Sis. Louise Nelson, Sis. Myrtice Marrell.—Exp. \$3.00.

ST. LUKE—Bro. Homer Greer, Sis. Ethel Greer—Exp. \$3.00.

PROVIDENCE—Bro. Robert Parker, Sis. Lanie Bass—Exp. \$3.00.

BETHANY—Sis. Alma Garrett, Bro. Woodrow Kendrex—Exp. 2.00.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Sara Grimsley, Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley, Sis. Mattie Lumpkin, Sis. Jewel Grimsley, Bro. J. C. Kirkland—Exp. \$1.00

NEW PROSPECT—Bro. Luther Little, Sis. Delores Little, Sis. Fogrty, Bro. J. E. Davis, Sis. Irene Pitts—Exp. \$3.00.

ST. MARK—Exp. \$3.00.

FIRST CHURCH COLUMBUS—Mrs. Ruby Cobb, Mrs. Allie Johnson, Mrs. Ruby Kelly—Exp. \$2.00.

FIRST CHURCH THOMASTON—Jessie Windham, W. H. Cochran—Exp. \$3.00.

NEW PROSPECT (Taylor County)—Sis. Ruby Griggs, Sis. Coulter, Bro. W. T. Williams, Sis. Essie Williams—Exp. \$2.00.

NEW LIFE—Bro. N. R. Lumpkin, Bro. and Sis. Plymole—Exp. \$3.00.

TURNERS CHAPEL—Bro. H. S. Moore, Bro. E. E. Bone, Sis. Jewel Bone, Sis. Lokie Rodgers, Sis. Nannie L. Rodgers—Exp. \$3.00.

M.S.C. to accept the letters and to seat the delegates. A program was presented by young members of the Host Church, which was very inspiring.

Next item of business was to ordain Bro. Morris Lawhorn, a Deacon, to serve at Little Bethel Church. Bro. Lawhorn was extended the right hand of Christian fellowship by members of the body.

After this the session was declared closed to meet with Trinity Church for the second session.

Received by letters: \$42.00.

REV. C. H. BASS, Moderator.

BRO. E. A. WELCH, Clerk

THE SECOND UNION MEETING AT TRINITY CHURCH

The Union Meeting of the Chattahoochee Freewill Baptist Association convened with Trinity Church, Taylor County, Ga., Saturday Morning before the Fifth Sunday in June.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. H. L. Knighton, preaching an inspiring message taken from 7th Chapter Ephesians 27th verse. After which dinner was spread by the host Church.

After dinner, the body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. H. Bass.

The first order of business was to grant time to two speakers concerning our unified programs and work being carried on in the Mission Fields. The first speaker was Rev. Mance Cason. His talk was concerning the different phases of the Unified Program and how it benefits our denomination and the the things that we support.

Next on Program the Moderator appointed Rev. Chester Huckaby to introduce the next speaker. He was Rev. Mark Vandivort. Representing our National Home Mission Board. He read from 1st. Chapter Acts. His message was very inspirational, and seemed to be enjoyed by all present.

Next an offering was taken for Rev. Vandevart and the Home Missions Board the amount was \$17.58.

Next item of business was to call for corresponding letters from various Churches.

Letters received. The Moderator appointed Rev. Chester Huckaby and Bro. Herman Watson to read the letters. It was moved and carried that the letters be received and the delegates be seated as follows:

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Eula Brewer, Mrs. Geraldine Dillard, Bro. W. E. James—Exp. \$3.00.

NEW PROSPECT, Turner County—Bro. Jimmy Davis, Bro. Luther Little, Sis. Deloris Little and Margarette Davis—Exp. \$3.00.

ST. MARK—Bro. Tommy Holliman, Sis. Fielda Edwards, Sis. Josephine Skinner—Exp. \$3.00.

FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH, Columbus—Sis Ruby Kelly, Bro. Howard Huckaby—Exp. \$2.00.

PROVIDENCE, Muscogee County—Sis. Lanie Bass—Exp. \$3.00.

ST. LUKE—Bro. Richard Mason, Sis. Nell Mims—Exp. \$3.00.

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

LITTLE BETHEL—Bro. R. C. Cromer and wife, Bro. Randal Jinks and wife—Exp. \$3.00.

NEW PROSPECT, Taylor County—Bro. Willis Windham and wife—Exp. \$2.00.

SPRING HILL—Sis. Myrtle Greer, Sis. Norman Greer, Sis. Jescia Tyler, Sis. Gussie Mitchell, Sis. Katie Le Brady—Exp. \$2.00.

FIRST CHURCH, Thomaston—Bro. W. H. Cochran, Bro. Herman Watson and wife—Exp. \$3.00.

TURNER'S CHAPEL—Bro. Homer Moore, Sis. Helen Rodgers, Sis. Nannie Lou Rodgers, Sis. Lokie Rodgers—Exp. \$3.00.

TRINITY—Sis. Wanda Welch, Josephine Welch and Sis. C. M. Duncan—Exp. \$3.00.

NEW LIFE—Sis. Eva Montgomery, Sis. Clara Lockhart and Bro. Plymale, Nina Roberts, Agnes Shellhouse—Exp. \$3.00.

MT. OLIVE—Bro. Gene Windham—Exp. \$3.00.

BETHANY—Bro. John Grimsley, Sis. Alma Garrett, Sis. Ruby Grimsley and Mary Ann Grimsley—Exp. \$2.00.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that some new forms for the Union Meeting be printed and if satisfactory to adopt this form to be our official Union Meeting - Letter Form.

Motion made, second and carried to do away with all business not directly connected with the Union Meeting, until the business of the Union Meeting had been completed. Motion made, second and carried, that the corresponding letters be read and delegates seated in the morning session of the Union Meeting.

After several announcements a motion was made, second, and carried that the Union Meeting adjourn to meet with New Liberty Church, on Saturday before 3rd Sunday in August.

Funds received by letters: \$42.00.

REV. C. H. BASS, Moderator

BRO. E. A. Welch, Clerk

THIRD UNION MEETING

The Third Union Meeting opened with singing, afterwards, words of welcome by the host pastor, Rev. W. J. Childree, The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, his subject taken from 13th Chapter, Hebrews 8th. verse.

After a very inspiring message, an offering was taken for Rev. A. C. McKinnon, an aged, but well loved Minister. The amount was \$22.00.

The body was dismissed for lunch.

After the noon hour the body was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. A. C. McKinnon delivered a brief, but very inspirational message taken from 23rd Psalm.

The next item of business was the call for corresponding letters.

M.S.C. that Rev. W. J. Childree and Bro. Herman Watson read the letters.

The letters were as follows:

PLEASANT HILL: Sis. Earlene Greene, Bro. L. E. James—Exp. \$1.00

NEW PROSPECT, Turner Co.: Bro. Jimmy Davis, Rev. S. T. Renew, John Renew—Exp. \$3.00.

ST. MARK—Sis. A. T. Byrd—Exp. \$3.00.

FIRST COLUMBUS: Sis. Doris Grant, Sis. Deborah Kelly, Sis. H. J. Kelly, Sis. Mable Spikes, Bro. Glen Spikes—Exp. \$3.00.

PROVIDENCE: Sis. Lanie Bass, Doris Bass, Sis. Betty Presswood—Exp. \$3.00.

ST. LUKE—Bro. Alvin Greer, Sis. Nell Mims—Exp. \$3.00.

NEW LIBERTY: Bro. J. C. Kirkland and wife, Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley, Sara Grimsley, Maude McElmurray—Exp. \$1.00.

LITTLE BETHEL: Mrs. Randall Jinks, Mrs. Leonard Layfield, Elizabeth Lawhorn, Bonnie Layfield—Exp. \$2.00.

NEW PROSPECT, Taylor Co.: Bro. W. T. Williams, Mary Williams, Ruby Griggs, Etta Coulter—Exp. \$3.00.

SPRING HILL: Bro. Houston James, Sis. Myrtle Greer, Jessica Tyler—Exp. \$2.00.

FIRST THOMASTON: W. H. Cochran, Herman Watson—Exp. \$3.00.

TURNERS CHAPEL: Bro. and Sis. James Byrd, Lokie Rodgers, Homer Moore, Alice Coggins—Exp. \$3.00.

TRINITY: Sis. Wanda Welch, Josephine Welch—Exp. \$3.00.

NEW LIFE: Bro. Horace Lockhart and wife, Albert O'Hearn, Agnes Shellhouse, E. G. Plymale—Exp. \$3.00.

MT. OLIVE: Lewis Blair, Gene Windham, Myrtice Morrell—Exp. \$3.00.

BETHANY: Stella Grimsley, Mary Anne Grimsley, Alma Garrett, Margaret Garrett, Annett Grimsley—Exp. \$2.00.

M.S.C. that letters be accepted as read and delegates seated.

The next item of business was to invite visiting Brethrens to seats with us.

M.S.C. that clerk mail all necessary literature to the various churches at the expense of the Association.

Next a rising vote of "Thanks" was extended to Rev. Chester Huckaby for his Free Service in printing copies of a new Union meeting form. M. S. C. for Rev. Huckaby to print more union meeting forms and to be paid \$5.00 from the Association Treasury. M.S.C. to pay Clerk \$15.00 for his services and the moderator \$10.00. M. S. C. to select places for Union Meeting for the next year.

TIME AND PLACES FOR UNION MEETINGS:

First Session, new Prospect, Taylor County, March 28, 1964.

Introductory, Rev. A. C. McKinnon, Alternate Rev. Chester Huckaby.

Second Session, New Prospect, Turner County, May 20, 1964. Introductory Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Alternate Rev. W. J. Childree.

Third Session, Mt. Olive, Taylor County, August 29, 1964. Introductory, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Alternate Rev. J. B. Fuller.

Next item of business was to elect officers for the next year.

Rev. C. H. Bass was nominated but declined.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin was nominated and elected moderator for the next year.

Rev. J. B. Fuller and Rev. W. R. Lawhorn was nominated for Assis-Moderator, Rev. W. R. Lawhorn was elected.

Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr., was elected Clerk for the ensuing year. Bro. J. C. Kirkland elected Assitant Clerk.

M.S.C. a rising vote of "Thanks" be extended to host church for their splendid hospitality.

M. S. C. to adjourn to meet with New Prospect, Reynolds, Ga. on March 28, 1964.

Received by letters: \$42.00.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1963

Total Received by Letters	\$126.00
Paid Moderator	15.00
Paid Clerk	10.00
Paid Rev. Chester Huckaby	5.00

BALANCE IN TREAS.	\$ 96.00
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To be turned over to the Chatt. Association.

REV. C. H. BASS, Moderator

BRO. E. A. WELCH, Jr., Clerk

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Proceedings of the Chattahoochee District Womans Auxiliary

Convention, Fourteenth Annual Session, Sept. 14, 1963.

The fourteenth annual session of the Chattahoochee District Womans Auxiliary Convention of Georgia convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia, September 14, 1963.

Theme: We need faithful stewards for such a time as this.

Scriptures: I Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

10:00 A. M. Registration, Mrs. Mable Spikes.

10:15 A. M. Opening Hymn 18, "Jesus Calls Us".

Prayer, Rev. Louis Mouton.

Devotion, Mrs. Doris Grant.

Welcome, Mrs. Sarah Knighton.

Response, Mrs. Lanie Bass.

10:45 A. M. Report from the Credentials Committees - Mrs. Sarah Knighton and Mrs. Reber Bush.

The President then appointed the committees.

11:00 A. M. Hymn 20 "Take My Life, And Let It Be"

11:10 A. M. A wonderful message was brought by Rev. Louis H. Moulton.

11:50 A. M. Hymn 398 "Near The Cross."

The Love Offering was taken which was \$10.35.

12:00 A. M. Lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 P. M. Hymn 342 "Trust And Obey".

Prayer by Rev. C. H. Bass.

Devotional, Mrs. Chester Huckaby.

Special music by Mrs. Ruby Kelly and Daughters "I See Jesus".

2:00 P. M. Report of Standing Chairman.

2:15 P. M. Business Report.

The minutes were read and approved. The committees gave their reports - see reports. The treasurer's report was given. We had a move and second to accept it. Providence Church of Columbus, Georgia will entertain the convention in 1964. A move and a second was given to accept the Nominating Committee Report and to release the Committee. There was a move and a second to give the Columbus Church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality. Rev. Louis H. Moulton led the prayer of dedication for the District Officers.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We the credential committee submit the following report and find the following Auxiliaries eligible to be seated in this convention.

First Church, Columbus, Ga.

First Church, Thomaston, Ga.

Providence Church, Columbus, Ga.

St. Mark, Phenix City, Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. SARAH KNIGHTON
MRS. REBER BUSH

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

1 National officer; 1 State officer; 5 District officers; 9 Local officers; 14 Delegates; 3 Ministers; 7 Visitors.

Respectfully submitted
MRS. MABLE SPIKES

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the finance committee find Treasurer books in order.

Brought forward	15.47
Convention dues	1.70
Love offering to date	10.35

We recommend that we give Brother Moulton \$10.00 love offering leaving a balance of \$1752 in treasure.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. RUBY WELLS
MRS. KATE WATSON
MRS. MABLE SPIKES

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Be It Resolved

1. That the auxiliary have a News Letter and that each auxiliary report the news to Mrs. Doris Grant.

2. We recommend that no one be appointed for a office unless they are present to accept the office.

3. We recommend that we give Brother Moulton a love offering.

4. We recommend that \$200 be sent to the District Association with our reports for expense of printing the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. REBER BUSH
MRS. ANNIE WILLIAMS
MRS. MARGIE BALL

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Amount brought forward	\$15.47
Convention Dues	\$1.70
Taken in and paid out	\$219.84
Balance in the treasury	\$17.32

Respectfully submitted

MRS. RUBY WELLS, Sec. & Treas.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

President—Mrs. Doris Grant

Vice-President—Mrs. Lanie Bass.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. H. L. Knighton.

Assistant Sec. & Treas.—Mrs. Ruby Kelly.

Youth Chairman—Mrs. Reber Bush.

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Ruby Wells.

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Mable Spikes.

Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. Dan Olds.

Field Workers—Mrs. Mattie Lou Pierson, Mrs. H. L. Knighton.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. H. L. KNIGHTON, Chairman

MRS. C. H. BASS

MRS. DAN OLDS

MRS. JOHN GRANT

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 AND DEACONS MEETING

The Ministers and Deacons meeting convened with Providence Church, Columbus, Ga., on September 7, 1963 at 10:30 A. M.

Opened with Congregational singing, followed by prayer.

The Devotional was by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

The Welcome was extended by Rev. C. H. Bass, pastor of the host Church, followed by Response by Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr.

At 11 O'clock Rev. Chester Huckaby delivered a very inspiring message after which the session was dismissed for the noon hour.

At 1:30 O'clock the meeting was opened with prayer offered by Rev. Jimmy Hughes the new Pastor of the Atlanta, Church.

He was followed by Rev. A. C. Byrd who delivered a short but worthwhile message taken from 24th Chapter, Proverbs 27th verse.

It was a total of eleven ministers and fourteen Deacon's present at this meeting.

An offering was taken to help with the expense of the meeting the amount was \$15.44.

It was suggested that the name and address of the church that is to entertain the Ministers and Deacons meeting appear in the minutes so that it may be easily located.

It was suggested by Rev. Huckaby that we remind the membership of our Churches that we have a Free Will Baptist Church in Atlanta and urge our friends in that City to attend this Church when possible.

The next Ministers and Deacons meeting will meet with New Life Church on September 5, 1964 near Mauk, Ga.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Rev. H. L. Knighton—Moderator.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin—Assist. Moderator.

Rev. W. J. Owens—Clerk.

Bro. E. A. Welch—Assist. Clerk.

A rising vote of thanks was extended the host Church for providing us with a very pleasant day.

Move and second that the body adjourn till the next regular meeting

REV. H. L. KNIGHTON, Moderator.

LEAGUE CONVENTION

August 10, 1963

The Chattahoochee District League Convention met for its annual meeting at the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church in Taylor Mill (Reynolds) on August 10, 1963.

The meeting was opened with singing led by Bro. A. G. Windham.

Bro. Bass brought the morning devotional using for his text, Ephesians 4:32.

The welcome was presented by Rev. Fuller; the response by Sis. Bass.

Due to the absence of the elected officers, a new president and

secretary were appointed as follows: Bro. Jesse Windham, President; Helen Rodgers, Secretary.

The President asked for the letters from the different churches. He then appointed the different committees. They are as follows:

Nominating—Bro. A. G. Windham, Sister Bone.

Resolutions—Bro. Windham, Bro. Bass, Bro. Knighton.

Finance—Sis. Irene Windham, Sis. Knighton, Sis. Bone.

Bro. Knighton brought the morning message using for his text Hebrews 6:19. Before the message, a song "Because of Him" was rendered by the Mt. Olive Quartet. Both the message and the song were enjoyed by all.

We were dismissed for lunch by prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by singing, followed by a program by the Teenagers of the Church.

The sword drill was then given by Ronnie Morrell and Nikcy Swauford with the following entries:

Mt. Olive —Freddie Fuller, Glenda Mullins.

Turners Chapel —Helen Rodgers, Grace Bussey.

The winner of the drill was Freddie Fuller.

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 \$7.40 was taken to send to the Orphanage.

The different committees presented their reports. All reports were approved.

Next year's convention will be held at Turners Chapel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President—Ronnie Morrell.

Vice-President—Jesse Windham.

Sec. & Treas.—Helen Rodgers.

Alternate—Mandy Windham.

Sword Drill Leader—Gayle Moore.

Bible Quiz—Eugene Windham.

A. G. WINDHAM

JEWEL BONE

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee submit the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the secretary mail a card to each church, encouraging their support of the convention, one month prior to the convention.

2. We recommend that each leaguer make a special effort to help

churches that have no league organize one.

3. We recommend that each officer notify his assistant if they are unable to attend the convention. If the assistant cannot attend, the officer would appoint someone to take their place prior to the convention.

A. G. WINDHAM
BRO. BASS
REV. KNIGHTON

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee make the following report:

We find in Treasury	\$ 1.85
Amt. sent in from Leagues today	9.00
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TOTAL	\$10.85
We recommend to be sent to State League	\$ 5.00
For Minutes	5.00
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TOTAL	\$10.00
Offering taken for the Orphanage was	\$ 7.40

SIS. IRENE WINDHAM
SIS. KNIGHTON
SIS. JEWEL BONE

It was moved and seconded that the officers outline a program for the 1964 meeting.

The church was given a rising vote of thanks for their wonderful hospitality.

A series of Bible Quizzes were given by Sis. Bass.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Bone.

RONNIE MORRELL, President
HELEN RODGERS, Secretary

**CHATTAHOOCHEE DISTRICT FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY
SCHOOL CONVENTION**

The Chattahoochee District Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention met on Saturday, June 22, 1963, at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Ala.

The meeting was opened by singing led by Sis. Mable Spikes. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Bass .

Morning devotional was given by Bro. Hardy Hanson.

Welcome address was given by Bro. John O. Smith, St. Mark Church. Committees were appointed as follows:

FINANCE: Sis. Grace Huckaby, Rev. C. H. Bass, Bro. Sam Meredith.

NOMINATING: Rev. W. J. Owens, Bro. John O. Smith, Sis. Mable Spikes.

DIGEST: Sis. Lanie Bass, Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Bro. Hardy Hanson.
Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The 11:00 message was given by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. His scripture was taken from St. Matthews 28:19-20.

Dismissed for the lunch hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by singing led by Rev. Price Hayes. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Price.

Devotional by Rev. W. J. Owens.

Topic - "Teacher Training and Soul Winning in Sunday School." was given by Rev. Price Hayes.

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 1963 Sunday School Convention at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Alabama, June 22, 1963.

Number of Sunday Schools 8

Number Enrolled 559

Average Attendance 51

Amount of Offerings \$2,273.69

Number of Churches represented in Sunday School Convention — 8.

Respectfully Submitted,

SIS. LANIE BASS, Chairman

REV. C. A. HUCKABY

BRO. HARDY HANSON

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Terasury from 1961 \$ 2.74

Contributions received today 29.50

TOTAL **\$32.24**

Paid for Material to print programs 4.35

Balance in Treasury 27.89

Moved and carried to distribute as follows:

To Children's Home \$10.00

For printing of Associational Minutes 10.00

Total Distributions \$20.00

DistTotal in Treasury \$27.89

Distributions 20.00

Balance in Treasury \$ 7.89

SIS. GRACE HUCKABY, Chairman

REV. C. H. BASS

BRO. SAM MEREDITH

REPORT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE

We your Nominating Committee wish to submit the following nominations for officers of this convention for the year 1964.

President Hardy Hanson
Vice-President John A. Grant
Secretary-Treasurer Lazelle Brown
Asst. Sec.-Treasurer Josephine Skinner

We recommend this Convention meet with Turners' Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, Georgia, the first Saturday in May, 1964.

REV. W. J. OWENS, Chairman

BRO. JOHN O. SMITH

SIS. MABLE SPIKES

Moved and carried that we send minutes of this Sunday School Convention to be printed in the minutes of the Chattahoochee District Association.

Moved and carried the Sunday School Convention create an office for a Field Worker to help establish Sunday Schools in Churches that do not have a Sunday School. Moved and carried that Bro. John A. Grant fill this office. Bro. Hardy Hanson volunteered to help Bro. Grant in Field Work.

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 Prayer.

LAZELLE BROWN, Secretary

OBITUARIES

SISTER LULA LOVICK HALLFORD

Was born July 19, 1882 and died after a long illness July 2, 1963.

Sister Halford was the last Charter member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia. She was the widow of Deacon J. E. Halford, who for many, many years was a leader among Free Will Baptists in the Chattahoochee Association.

Sister Halford is survived by the following: one daughter, one brother, one sister, five grand children and six great grand children. She lived with her grand-daughter, who was more a daughter, Mrs. Verona Klinger who cared for her grandmother.

Mother Halford as she was known far and near for many years by many preachers, who she always welcomed into her home, she was an example of those whom our Lord Jesus referred to in St. Mathew 25:34-40.

Dear mother we shall meet in yon city

where the towers shine

Where the walls of jasper

built by workmanship divine.

Where the music of the ransomed

Rolls its harmony around,

And creation swells the chorus,

With its sweet, melodious sound.

by Her Old Pastor and dear friend,

CHESTER A. HUCKABY, SR.

In Loving Memory of Brother J. T. Roberts—

Brother Roberts was 52 years old. Brother Roberts was a member of New Bethel Church, he leaves a vacant place in his church and home a loving wife, two sons and one daughter. Our loss is his Heavenly gain. Sleep on my brother.

REV. H. W. GIDDENS

In Loving Memory of Bro. Marion M. Powell—

Brother Powell was 83, and a good man he was a member of New Bethel Church. He leaves a good wife, one son, and one daughter.

Farewell Brother Powell, till we meet.

REV. H. W. GIDDENS

In Loving Memory of Bro. G. T. Folds—

Who passed away March 1963. A member of New Prospect Church, Turner County.

Fare well Bro. Folds till we meet again.

REV. J. B. LUMPKIN

In Loving Memory of Mrs. T. A. White, Sr.—

Born May 31, 1888, passed away November 18, 1962, having lived 74 years, 5 months, 18 days.

She was a beloved and devoted member of New Prospect Free Will Baptist church, having joined there in early life. She was true and faithful to her church as long as she lived.

Our precious mother left two daughters, six sons, twenty gran-children and fourteen great grand-children to mourn her passing. To us she was the most wonderful person on earth, always ready to bear our burdens and always with a smile.

She has gone away but precious memories of her are such a comfort altho, the vacancy in our home, church and in our hearts can never be filled, we must bow to the will of our Heavenly Father.

My prayer is that we may all live so that we can meet her again in Heaven.

Written by her daughter

MRS. L. L. DRYDEN

In Memory of Sister Doxie Anna Ward—

Born July 23, 1884, died March 1, 1963. Making her stay here 78 years, 7 months and 8 days. She was a member of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church.

She leaves her husband, children and great-grandchildren to mourn her passing.

She will be missed by every one that knew her, but we know that she is making her home in heaven.

Written by Neice

BETTY HARRIS

In Loving Memory of Sister Della B. Massey—

Born January 25, 1877, died March 7, 1963. Making her stay on earth 86 years, 1 month and ten days.

She was a charter and faithful member of New Prospect Free Will Baptist church.

She leaves 6 children, several grand-children and great grand-children, many friends and loved ones to mourn her death. She lives in Heaven and is gone from us but she will never be forgotten.

Written by Granddaughter

BETTY HARRIS

SISTER ESTELLE CROMER

Born September 18, 1900, departed this life September 17, 1963, her stay on earth 62 years, 11 months and 30 days.

Sister Cromer was a beloved and much devoted member with New Liberty Church, Schley County, Georgia, regular in attendance as long as health permitted and gave testimony that she was ready to meet her Lord with blessed assurance of a Glorious beyond.

Some peaceful tomorrow beyond the last mile
of life's toilsome journey our sorrows will end.

We'll rest in His keeping, rejoice for a while.

In echoes of praise our voices shall blend.

Press on weary pilgrim, the time won't be long

Till we shall cross over to Cannon's fair land.

To join with the millions in loves sweetest song,

Forever with loved ones the angelic band.

W. JENNINGS CHIDREE, Pastor

SISTER JANNIE MAY PLYMALE

Born May 11, 1908, Died June 7, 1963.

Sister Plymale went to be with Jesus. She was a member of New Life Church.

She left behind a husband, three children, seven grandchildren and friends to mourn for her.

Sister Plymale was a great church worker, a true friend and lived a Christian Life.

Shout on Sister Plymale we will meet you some day.

In Memory of My Dear Husband—

Grady Rogers, who was born, January 17, 1892, Died June 18, 1961.

He had been a faithful member of Turner's Chapel for 48 years. He was a good husband and father. Always willing to help those in need, or sickness anyway he could be of service.

He leaves to mourn his passing, a heart broken wife, one son, two daughters, nine grandchildren, five great grandchildren.

The home is so empty without his smiling face, and pleasant good morning.

But we know God, is too good to err and to be unkind

A precious one from us has forever been taken, a voice we love is still, they say time heals all sorrows and helps us forget.

But time has only proved how much we loved him.

A heart broken wife,

LOKIE RODGERS

SISTER EPSEY LAVENDER

In Memory of Sister Lavender, borned May 27, 1872.... departed from this life August 7, 1963, her stay on this earth, 91 years, 2 months, 11 days.

She was a faithful member of New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church as long as health permitted.

But you are the one he chose for a Bud for his Bouquet
So sleep on Sister we hope to meet you some sweet day.

A sister in Christ

MRS. MAMIE LEE BRITT

In Loving Memory of Brother James T. Mixon —

Born 1903, died September 29, 1963.

Brother Mixon leaves his wife and loved ones and many friends to mourn his death. He was loved by the Church, friends and loved ones.

He is missed by all but not forgotten.

By His Pastor

REV. A. T. BYRD

SISTER ETHEL PETWAY

Born February 26, 1891 was call to rest March 31, 1963.

She was a faithful member to St. Mark Church. She was loved by everyone. She leaves a vacant place in her church and home.

She leaves many friends, daughters and grandchildren to mourn her loss but never forgotten. She is now at rest with the Lord.

REV. A. T. BYRD, Pastor

In Memory of Mrs. Josephine B. Posey —

Born August 30, 1861, died December 15, 1962. Making his stay here on earth 101 years, 4 months and 16 days. She was a member of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Taylor County, Ga.

She was widow of Elder Monroe Posey. She was faithful to her Church as long as health permitted.

Written by his Pastor,

ELDER W. R. LAWHORN

In Memory of J. Holland Cromer —

Born 1900, died August 23, 1963. Making his stay here on earth 63 years. Leaving to mourn his passing his wife, Carrie Taylor Cromer, one son, four daughters, mother, two sisters and five brothers.

He was a member of Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

He is gone but not forgotten. Hoping to meet him again some day in heaven.

Written by his Pastor,

ELDER W. R. LAWHORN

To The Memory of Sister Mary Arnold —

Sister Arnold was born December 12, 1903 and died September 12, 1963. She was faithful member of St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church, Russell County, Alabama for many, many years, and a devout Christian who labored long in the Vineyard of the Lord. She was loved by the Church, loved ones and friends.

To mourn her death she leaves a husband, son, daughter, step-son, brothers, neices, nephews, cousins and friends.

Our loss is heavens gain. Rest on Sister Arnold until we meet you in heaven.

Now you're resting free from pain

Oft you suffered here below,

Some sweet day we'll meet again

On that eternal shore;

O joyful thought, we'll never part

Until ever there to be;

Come soothe our broken weary hearts,

Till safe at home beyond the sea.

To The Memory of Sister Gertrude Yarbough —

Sister Gertrude Yarbough, a beloved member of the First Free Will Baptist Church Thomaston, Ga., was born March 20, 1890 departed October 3, 1962, making her stay on earth 72 years.

We believe our loss is Heaven's gain. She is free from all sorrow and is at rest with Jesus.

I cannot say, and I will not say

That she is dead; she is just away.

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,

She wandered into an unknown land.

Think of her still as the same, I say.

She is not dead - she is just away.

Her Pastor,

H. L. KNIGHTON, Minister

In Memory of Brother Frank Jones —

Born November 24, 1933, died February 9, 1963.

He was married to Miss Flora McDonald, September 4, 1958. Making his stay here on earth thirty years, three months and fifteen days.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, parents Mr. and Mrs. Jones, five sisters and six brothers.

He was a member of Little Bethel Church.

We trust our loss is Heavens gain.

Written by his Pastor,

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

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

7. That the authority of the churches is designed for the perpetuation of the true religion of the gospel, and for the preservation of a true and orderly body of Christians on earth, that it is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but that it does not extend to persons, property or the conscience of men in any manner whatever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel; that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite of such membership is an assumption of authority on the part of the church and a departure from the Gospel plan.

9. That the officers of a church are elders and deacons; that the elders are also called bishops or pastors; and all the elders are equal in rank, though they perform different functions—since some may be bishops, or pastors of particular churches, while others may be simply elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further; that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the church—such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders; that as a member of the church, he is of more than any other members, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help, especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of hearsay.

11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.

13. That elders and deacons must be set apart to their offices by ordination, or the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

14. No preacher shall be ordained unless called to take charge of a church as pastor, or for some other good sufficient reason.

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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTORS	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Rec'd by Statement	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	Meeting Days	Enrollments			
													Sunday School	League	Ladies Auxl.	Prayer Meetings
First Church	Upson	H. L. Knighton	7	1	3	0	0	1	98	10.00	3900.00	Full Time	81	44	13	25
New Prospect	Turner	J. B. Lumpkin	0	6	3	2	0	4	57	5.00	475.00	1st & 3rd	25			
Turner's Chapel ..	Taylor	Warren Wyatt	0	3	0	0	0	1	125	10.00	1200.00	Full Time	60	50	12	15
New Life	Marion	J. B. Lumpkin	4	3	4	0	0	1	92	6.00	454.74	2nd & 4th				
Mt. Olive	Taylor	J. B. Fuller	15	10	10	0	0	1	189	10.00	2340.00	Full Time	127	60		25
Bethany	Marion	G. W. Price	1	0	0	0	0	0	35	3.00	123.40	1st. Sun.				
Pleasant Hill	Schley	B. P. Hayes	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	5.00	945.28	1st & 3rd				
New Bethel	Worth	Harvey Giddens	0	1	0	1	0	3	91	5.00	352.15	2nd & 4th				20
New Liberty	Schley	W. J. Childres	0	0	1	2	0	1	30	3.00	161.00	3rd Sun.				
Little Bethel	Macon	W. R. Lawhorn	10	0	0	0	0	3	117	10.00	650.00	1st & 3rd	35			18
Spring Hill	Marion	W. J. Childree	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	3.00	390.00	2nd & 4th.				
Trinity	Taylor	R. B. McFadden	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	10.00	218.94	4th Sun.				
Emmanuel	Muscogee	C. B. Dowdney	1	11	0	0	0	0	43	5.00	920.00	Full Time	31	23		
Providence	Muscogee	C. H. Bass	9	8	4	3	0	0	43	5.00	1588.28	Full Time	87	54	8	25
St. Luke	Russell	G. T. Halliman	0	7	2	0	0	1	32	5.00	223.08	Full Time	20	20		15
First Church	DeKalb	Jimmy Hughes	3	3	6	0	0	0	30	10.00	2160.00	Full Time	25			7
New Prospect	Taylor	G. W. Price	0	7	0	0	0	1	43	10.00	393.57	2nd-3rd-4th	34			22
First Columbus ..	Muscogee	Daniel Gaskins	8	20	45	0	0	1	79	5.00	2795.60	Full Time	55	35		
St. Mark	Russell	W. J. Owens	2	6	11	0	0	2	120	7.00	1144.00	Full Time	50	27	9	25

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	Paid Evangelist	Pd. Christian Edu-	Home Missions	Building & Repairs	Pd. Incidentals	Pd. Superannuations	All Others	Foreign Missions	Charities	Unified Budget	Publications	Children's Home	Church Valuation
St. Mark	Russell	97.00	245.28	18.35	1294.86	179.98	65.00	261.15	38.13	26.40	.....	.....	6.50	16000
First Church	Upson	256.00	.....	185.00	772.82	.....	.....	1481.56	279.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8000
New Prospect	Turner	50.00	.....	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60.00	55.00	10000
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	275.00	126.88	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	177.94	.....	.....	10000
New Life	Marion	41.03	.....	62.38	10.00	.....	.....	75.74	.....	.....	.....	15.00	.....	5000
Mt. Olive	Taylor	90.00	47.44	70.00	1393.44	.....	.....	736.93	.....	.....	60.00	148.66	.....	18000
Bethany	Marion .....	.....	.....	.....	141.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00	.....	1500
Pleasant Hill	Schley	100.00	.....	.....	24.72	172.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	134.23	6.20	.....	8000
New Bethel	Worth	46.77	.....	.....	240.77	.....	.....	112.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7000
New Liberty	Schley	36.00	.....	.....	75.28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....	.....
Little Bethel	Macon	100.00	.....	.....	2000.00	77.01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6000
Spring Hill	Marion	15.00	.....	.....	49.74	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10000
Trinity	Taylor	70.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.50	9.00	.....	3000
Emmanuel	Muscogee	190.00	410.77	35.00	683.06	.....	.....	692.10	30.00	.....	60.00	10.15	.....	.....
Providence	Muscogee	65.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102.88	.....	.....	.....	104.50	.....	10000
St. Luke	Russell	26.00	.....	.....	.....	49.99	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5000
First Church	DeKalb	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	40.00	.....	.....
New Prospect	Taylor	124.42	.....	.....	357.77	30.64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.29	.....	7000
First Columbus	Muscogee	180.90	380.00	35.22	.....	.....	140.00	2545.19	.....	.....	267.25	340.14	.....	.....