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129TH ANNUAL SESSION

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- HELD WITH -

ST. MARK CHURCH

Phenix City, Alabama

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ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS

1. Open Meeting with Prayer.
2. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats.
3. Open the door of the 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.

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.

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.

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 our brethren because of their imperfections, neither will we report evil of any one unless we know they are guilty.

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

8th. That we will avoid all improper intercourse of all ungodliness that we will not visit places where our Christian influence will be 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 Savior'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 work, 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 other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of minutes of the Association.

7. When a new Clerk is appointed, all the books, etc., belonging to the Clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

8. When it becomes necessary, a committee of not less than 3 male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of dealing, etc., with the church.

9. The church shall hold a two-day meeting monthly, embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following the first of which shall be the regular time of Conference.

10. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline, and the rule of holy living.

11. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according to the covenant (Article 10), 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 be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

16. When the moderator calls for absentees, the clerk shall inform the church that members have been absent for three successive conferences, and the moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

17. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend this trial; provided his residence be known to the church.

18. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced he shall not be examined till the question has been put to the church: "Will you hear the testimony of this witness?"

19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.

20. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letter without a good reason shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

21. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.

22. A vote shall not be taken on any question without a move and a second and in all important questions the votes shall be taken by rising to their feet.

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

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

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

26. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and a good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

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

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

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

4. That the establishment of central or catholic government over the invisible church, or any part thereof, is a device of earthly ambitions repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of men.

5. The Gospel Churches are the only ecclesiastical bodies or tribunal authorized by the Scriptures; that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially, independent and absolute; and that if this right be surrendered to superintending jurisdiction by delegation or otherwise, the assembly ceases to be a Gospel Church.

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

fore 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 hold 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, Psal 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.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

NEW PROSPECT, Taylor County-Bro. W. T. Williams, Reynolds, Georgia

FIRST CHURCH THOMASTON-Bro. Herman Watson, Thomaston, Georgia, Rt. 2

ST. MARK-Voncile King, 1219 23rd Court, Phenix City, Ala.

FIRST CHURCH COLUMBUS-Bro. George C. Bush, 4200 18th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia

TURNER'S CHAPEL-Eli Robinson, Rt. 2, Butler, Georgia

MT. OLIVE-Woody F. Nelson, Reynolds, Georgia

PLEASANT HILL-Frank Williams, Rt. 1, Oglethorpe, Georgia

NEW LIFE-Clara Lockhart, Box Springs, Georgia

PROVIDENCE-Sis. Lois Perry, 3313 Albert, Columbus, Ga.

TRINITY-Sis. Josephine Welch, Mauk, Georgia

LITTLE BETHEL-Sis. Monroe Layfield, Ideal, Georgia

BETHANY-Clyde Hendrick, Box 91, Mauk, Georgia

NEW LIBERTY-J. C. Kirkland, P. O. Box 107, Ellaville, Ga.

ST. LUKE-Sis. Nellie Price, 1012 NRR St., Phenix City, Ala.

SPRING HILL-Sis. Katie Lou Brady, Buena Vista, Georgia

NEW PROSPECT, Turner County-Hubert H. Parten, Rte. 3, Ashburn, Ga.

NEW BETHEL-Myrtis Green, Sylvester, Ga.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder W. J. Childree, Reynolds, Georgia
Elder G. W. Price, 1012 NRR Street, Phenix City, Alabama
Elder G. T. Holliman, 1913 10th Avenue, Phenix City, Ala.
Elder B. T. Gill, Rte. 2, Thomaston, Ga.
Elder R. B. McFadden, 1070 Rose Street, Macon, Ga.
Elder J. B. Lumpkin, Junction City, Georgia
Elder John C. Sizemore, Columbus, Ga.
Elder Price Hayes, 2926 Pecan Street, Columbus, Georgia
Elder E. R. Corbett, P.O. Box 4211, Columbus, Georgia
Elder W. F. Wyatt, Phenix City, Alabama
Elder John Grimsley, Juniper, Ga.
Elder Harvery Giddens, Sylvester, Georgia
Elder W. R. Lawhorn, Rte. 1, Butler, Ga.
Elder Elzie Franks, 103 C Peabody Apts., Columbus, Ga.
Elder Warren Owens, 422 A Wilson Apt., Columbus, Ga.
Elder A. C. McKinnon, 314 H Peabody Apts., Columbus, Ga.
Elder H. L. Knighton, 323 E. Street, Thomaston, Ga.
Elder James R. Stroup, 2059 Regent St., Macon, Ga.
Elder S. T. Renew, Poulan, Georgia
Elder C. H. Bass, 1008 20th St., Phenix City, Alabama
Elder J. B. Fuller, Reynolds, Georgia

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. A. G. Windham, Reynolds, Georgia
Rev. Hubert L. Arnold, Reynolds, Georgia

MINUTES OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 129th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association met at St. Mark Church in Phenix City, Alabama at 10:30 o'clock on October 2, 1964.

The singing was led by the Pastor of the church, Rev. W. J. Owens. Morning prayers was offered by Bro. Bob Dent, Bro. E. A. Welch, and Rev. H. L. Knighton.

Rev. Owens welcomed the body and turned the services over to the Moderator, which was Rev. G. W. Price.

After a short talk by the Moderator, he introduced to the body Rev. Coy Watson of the Midway Association who brought the message for the morning session. Rev. Watson was chosen to preach due to the absence of Rev. Daniel Gaskins. After a very inspiring message the body was dismissed for the noon hour. Lunch was served on the grounds by the Host Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Congregation began singing at 1:30 P.M. being led by Bro. Willis Windham. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mance Cason and the Moderator read the 133rd Psalms. After a few brief remarks the Moderator declared the session officially opened and ready for business.

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

Next was the call for corresponding letters.

A motion was made and seconded that Rev. W. J. Owens and Rev. Mance Cason read the letters, they are as follows:

FIRST CHURCH, Thomaston-Mrs. Kate Watson, Mrs. Bell Tucker, Mrs. Sarah Knighton, Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mr. Herman Watson.

ST. MARK-Sis. Josephine Skinner, Bro. Hebert Parker and wife, Sis. Shirley Owens, Bro. J. D. Kennedy and wife, Sis. Georgia Delaney.

TRINITY-Sis. Wanda Bell, Sis. Josephine Welch, Sis. C. M. Duncan.

NEW PROSPECT, Taylor County-Sis. O. M. Williams, Sis. Losia Windham.

SPRING HILL-Sis. Bernice McCall, Sis. Myrtle Grier, Sis. Rosa Grimsley.

ST. LUKE-Bro. Homer Greer, Sis. Ethel Greer.

PROVIDENCE-Bro. Pervis Pearson, Sis. Mattie Lou Pearson, Bro. Lester Perry, Sis. Lois Perry, Sis. Gloria Olds.

NEW LIBERTY-Bro. J. C. Kirkland and wife, Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley.

NEW LIFE-Sis. Agnes Shellhouse, Sis. Dorothy Lockhart, Bro. Grady Wigley, Sis. H. L. Lockhart.

PLEASANT HILL-Bro. Fred Brewer, Sis. B. C. Brewer,

MT. OLIVE-Bro. Hubert Arnold, Sis. Irene Windham, Bro. Jonnie Windham, Bro. Eugene Windham, Bro. B. R. Dent.

TURNER'S CHAPEL-Sis. Lokie Rodgers, Sis. Lila Pearl Winters, Sis. Nanie Lou Rodgers, Sis. Era Griggs.

BETHANY-Bro. Leroy Grimsley and Sis. Ruby Grimsley.

FIRST CHURCH, Columbus-Mr. George Bush, Mr. James Shipp, Mrs. Glen Spikes, Mr. Ray Blair, Mr. James Davidson.

LITTLE BETHEL- Bro. Leonard Layfield and wife, Bro. Randal Jinks and wife.

NEW BETHEL-By letter.

NEW PROSPECT, Turner County-By letter.

Moved and seconded to receive the letters as read and to seat the delegates.

A letter from the Victory Mission was read at this time and was welcomed by the entire body.

The next item was a call for petitionary letters.

Next was a call for corresponding letters and messengers, they were:

Rev. Mance Cason - Union Association

Rev. Coy Watson - Midway Association

Rev. J. E. Robinson - Georgia Union

Moved and seconded that the Moderator extend the right hand of Christian Fellowship to these Brethrens.

The next item was the appointing of committees, they are:

PREACHING: Sis. Josephine Skinner, Bro. John Grant, Bro. L. S. Perry, Bro. Eugene Windham, Bro. Herman Watson.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

Bro. O. M. Williams, Bro. H. L. Parker, Bro. P. J. Pearson, Bro. Bob Dent, Bro. John Kirkland.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Sis. Ethel Greer, Sis. Kennedy, Sis. Williams, Sis. Kate Watson, Sis. Gloria Olds.

SUGGESTION: Bro. Horace Lockhart, Brother Homer

Greer, Bro. Norman Greer, Bro. Henery Grimsley, Bro. Hubert Arnold.

FINANCE: Bro. Johnnie Windham, Sis. Christine Kirkland, Sis. Wanda Bell.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: Sis. Myrtle Greer, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Sis. Losia Windham.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sis. Mable Spikes, Sis. Irene Windham, Sis. Delaney, Rev. J. B. Fuller.

TEMPERANCE: Bro. Cecil Childree, Sis. Clara Lockhart, Sis. Mattie Lou Pearson.

ALLOCATION: Bro. Fred Brewer, Bro. Glen Spikes, Rev. Emory Corbitt.

Moved and seconded to correspond with sister associations as follows:

MIDWAY-Rev. H. L. Knighton and Bro. John Grant and wife.

MARTIN-By Minute.

SOUTH GEORGIA-By Minute.

GEORGIA UNION-By Minute.

LITTLE RIVER-By Minute.

UNION-Rev. Elsie Franks.

Next item was the call for Obituaries.

At this time the Preaching Committee made their report, they chose Rev. J. B. Fuller for the Friday Night Service and Rev. Emory Corbitt for the Saturday morning Service. The report was received and the Committee released.

The Moderator called for any special business that might be brought before the body. Several brethren talked about the Chatt. Association sponsoring a Missionary. No definite conclusion was reached at this time.

Moved and seconded to adjourn until 9:45 o'clock Saturday morning.

The Body was dismissed by Prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Moderator called the body together at 9:45 o'clock and after Congregational singing and prayer by Rev. W. J. Childree the Moderator read from the third chapter of first John, 1st and 2nd verses.

The first item was the roll call of the various committees.

The subject again was brought up concerning the Association sponsored Missionary and it was moved and seconded that three men be elected to serve on a Committee, to try to encou-

rage all of the Churches to co-operate in this endeavor. They are: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. W. J. Owens, Rev. Warren Wyatt. This board is to be known as a Mission Board.

Moved and seconded that the body pause in Memory of our Deceased. Rev. H. L. Knighton led in Prayer.

The Moderator called for the Circular Letter which was prepared by Rev. W. J. Childree. The letter was read by Bro. Childree and a move was made and seconded that the letter be printed in the Minutes.

M. S. C. to have 600 minutes printed and pay the Moderator \$20.00 and the Clerk \$30.00.

It was suggested that the Clerk send a few Minutes to the Victory Mission which has been started by Rev. C. H. Bass.

It was at this time in the order of business that a committee was appointed to check with the Clerk, and the finance Committee to see if it was enough money in the Treasurer to meet all of the expenses of the Association, and to also try to encourage all Churches to send more money to help with the expenses. The Moderator appointed Bro. Fred Brewer, Bro. Glen Spikes and Rev. Emory Corbitt to serve on this committee.

M. S. C. to send \$7.00 to the National Association and \$10.00 to the State Association.

A motion was made and seconded that Rev. C. H. Bass prepare the next circular letter.

Rev. Charles Clark, our State Moderator, was present with us, and after a welcome from our Moderator he made a brief talk asking for greater support and attendance to the State Association.

Business was suspended and the services was turned over to Rev. Corbitt who brought a very inspiring message. He read from the 1st Chapter of Galatians, 1st through the 10th verses.

The Body was dismissed for the Noon Hour with a Prayer by Bro. Eugene Windham.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order at 1:15 o'clock.

Moved and seconded that all reports be read as they came in and the delegates released.

Next a move was made and seconded to extend to the Host Church a rising vote of Thanks for the warm welcome and the splendid hospitality that was shown the body during this two day session.

New Bethel Church was the only Church that asked for the

next session of the Association. It was voted that the next Association meet with New Bethel Church in Worth County. The date will be on Friday and Saturday before the First Sunday in October, 1965. The introductory message will be by Rev. W. J. Childree. His alternate will be Rev. G. W. Price.

It was moved and seconded that the Association elect an ordaining council. After much discussion a vote was taken and the Ordaining Council was voted out by the majority.

M. S. C. that the Officers of the Association write Rev. W. R. Lawhorn a letter of appreciation for the Christian Leadership he has given the Chatt. Association these many years. The Moderator at this time recognized our State promotional Secretary and granted him time to make his report. Brother Cason reported that the Chatt. Association had improved in their per capita giving in this past year. He encouraged each of us to continue to support all phases of the unified program.

Bro. W. V. Guy's time had expired as an executive board member. Bro. Norman Greer was nominated and elected to take his place.

The Moderator asked for volunteers to attend the State and National Assoc. Bro. John Grant and wife, Bro. Herman Watson and wife, and Sis. Gloria Olds plans to attend these Associations and act as delegates.

The next item was the election of officers for the coming year. Bro. H. L. Knighton, Rev. Emory Corbitt, and Rev. G. W. Price was nominated for moderator. Rev. Price was elected by a majority vote. The Assistant Moderator will be Rev. H. L. Knighton. Bro. E. A. Welch was elected Clerk, Bro. Herman Watson Assistant Clerk.

A move was made and seconded to adjourn to meet one year hence with New Bethel Church near Sylvester, Georgia.

Rev. G. W. Price, Moderator
Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

NAME OF MEETING	DATE	CHURCH
Association	Oct. 1 & 2, 1965	New Bethel
7 1/2 Miles North of Sylvester Hwy. 33		
First Union Meeting	Jan. 30, 1965	First Church
612 44th Street, Columbus, Georgia		
Second Union Meeting	May 29, 1965	Bethany
2 Miles off Hwy. 41 near Juniper, Georgia		

Third Union Meeting	August 28, 1965	St. Mark
1012 11th Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama		
Ministers & Deacons	September 4, 1965	First Church
Matthews Avenue, Thomaston, Georgia		
Woman's Auxiliary	September 18, 1965	First Church
Matthews Avenue, Thomaston, Georgia		
Sunday School Conv.	Information Not Available	
League Convention	Information Not Available	

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report: Be temperate in all things. Be temperate in speech, act, deed and the way we dress. The same as in strong drink. If we keep God's Holy Commandments, we will be more temperate as we are led by the Holy Spirit in our every-day life.

Sis. Mattie Lou Pearson
Clara Lockhart
Cecil Childree

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTION

We, your Committee on Suggestion, wish to make the following report:

- (1) We suggest to bring the church and Associational Doctrine in front of minutes.
- (2) We suggest to make a correct calendar of all meetings.

Hubert L. Arnold

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Sabbath Observance. God tells us that Sunday is the First Day of the week. On this day all men are required to refrain from regular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God.

H. L. Knighton
Losia Windham
Myrtle Grier

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

We, the Committee on State Affairs of churches and Ministers. We have no complaints. We feel that the churches are all in Harmony one with another.

Brother J. C. Kirkland
Brother B. R. Dent
Brother P. C. Pearson
Brother H. L. Parker
Brother O. M. Williams, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School Committee, submit the following report. In the 22nd Chapter and 6th verse says, "to train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Also in the 20th Chapter of Proverbs and 11th verse, "Even a child is known by the doing, whether his works be pure and whether it be right. This is our main objective to train our children up in the Lord."

We also recommend that each Pastor who doesn't have a Sunday School to encourage his church to start one, and encourage each member how important a Sunday School is to our children of today.

Respectively submitted,
Rev. J. B. Fuller, Chairman
Irene Windham
Mabel Spikes
Georgie Delaney

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Woman's Auxiliary find that there are several churches in our association that do not have an auxiliary. Since we know that an auxiliary aids the church in many ways such as supporting Home and Foreign Mission, our youth camp, orphanage, Bible College, needy families in our community, taking cottage prayer meeting to those who do not have the privilege as we do to go to church. We urge that every Pastor and his wife 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 we do know that God will surely bless every effort that is put forth.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kate Waston
Mrs. O. M. Williams
Mrs. J. D. Kennedy
Mrs. Ethel Greer
Mrs. Gloria Olds

ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

After reviewing the financial expenses for the Associational year 1963, in order to ascertain the expenses for the coming year this committee feels at present the receipts from the member churches is sufficient to cover our expenses. Therefore, we respectfully request that each church will endeavor to contribute more in the coming year than they have in the past.

We also recommend that a committee be appointed each year to review the records and recommend their findings to the body.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen H. Spikes, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasury	\$ 46.35
Paid from Churches.....	133.00
Victory Mission (Love Offering).....	5.00
Deacon and Preachers Meeting.....	19.25
Union Meetings	108.00
Woman's Auxiliary.....	<u>3.00</u>
TOTAL	\$311.60

John S. Windham, Chairman
Mrs. Wanda Bell
Mrs. Christine Kirkland

TREASURER'S REPORT

From Finance Committee.....	\$311.60
New Prospect, Turner County	6.00
Sunday School Convention.....	<u>10.00</u>
	\$327.60

EXPENSES

Moderator's Salary	\$ 20.00
Clerk's Salary	30.00
State Association Fee	10.00
National Association Fee	7.00
Printing of Minutes	169.00
Stamps	<u>1.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$237.00

BALANCE IN TREASURY \$ 90.60

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

E. A. Welch, Jr., Chairman-2 years-Rt. 2, Mauk, Ga.

H. H. Watson, 4 years, Rt. 2, Thomaston, Ga.

E. E. Bone, 1 year, Butler, Ga.

Leonard Grimsley, 3 years, Buena Vista, Ga.

Norman Greer, 5 years, Mauk, Ga.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren:

Having been appointed to address you through the medium of a circular letter, I will attempt to perform that duty, calling your attention to the subject of love. I think this to be one of the biggest words in the English language and perhaps the most commanding one given by our Lord Jesus Christ that should be possessed by they, His disciples.

In St. John, 13th Chapter, 34th and 35th verses Jesus says, "A new commandment I give you that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The life and walk of Jesus from the manger to the cross was one of the purist loves, and He is saying here to His disciples, the one and only one thing you need to win the lost to me is to have and possess the love that I have taught you. I do not find any scripture other than the one here given whereby the world (as the unsaved is so called) can know them as disciples of the

Lord Jesus. Let us note here He says a new commandment I give unto you, not an old one, but a new one. And in this and it alone can we accomplish His will and purpose in our life and service as He wills us to do.

The possessing and keeping of this commandment will enable us to represent Him to all men and in so doing will perpetuate His life and living on earth today.

Finally Brethren, let us cultivate this love, for in it we can best serve, in it will life be sweeter and hope be brighter.

Yours in loves most sacred bonds,

W. J. Childree

FIRST UNION MEETING

The First Union Meeting convened at New Prospect Church, Taylor County, on March 28, 1964.

The Congregation began singing at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. C. H. Bass and Rev. Mance Cason.

In the absence of Rev. A. C. McKinnon the delegates from the Host Church chose Rev. J. B. Lumpkin to bring the introductory message. His subject was taken from the 6th Chapter of St. John.

The congregation seemed to be very inspired by this message. After shaking hands with all ministers present the body was dismissed for lunch, which was prepared by the Host Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After enjoying a beautifully prepared and most delicious lunch the moderator called the congregation together again at 1:15 P. M. After congregational singing and prayer the Moderator asked the Rev. George Salyer, from Swainsboro, Ga. to bring a short message. This was another inspirational message.

The Moderator called the body to order and asked for corresponding letters.

Rev. W. J. Childree and Bro. John Kirkland were chosen to read the letters. They are as follows:

1. First Church-Thomaston: Bro. W. H. Cochran, Sis. Cora Ranow, Bro. Al Wells, Bro. Jessie Windham, Bro. Hardy Hanson. Exps. \$3.00.
2. New Liberty: Bro. J. C. Kirkland and wife, Rose Lee Grimsley, Jewel Grimsley. Exps. \$1.00.
3. St. Luke: Bro. Homer Greer, Sis. Nellie Price, Brother Richard Mason. Exps. \$3.00.
4. Turners' Chapel: Sis. Jewel Bone, Mannie Rodgers, Mamie Ranow, Lokie Rogers. Exps. \$3.00.
5. New Prospect-Taylor County: Bro. Willis Windham, Sis. Carol Windham, Bro. O. M. Williams. Exps. \$3.00.
6. Bethany: Rev. John Grimsley. Exps. \$2.00.
7. First Church Columbus: By letter. Exps. \$3.00.
8. Little Bethel: Bro. Harvery Cromer and wife, Bro. Felton Albritton and wife. Exps. \$3.00.
9. Trinity: Sis. Josephine Welch, Rev. B. T. Gill. Exps \$3.00.
10. Providence: Sis. Lanie Bass, Sis. Lucille Bass, Sis. Underwood. Exps. \$3.00.
11. Spring Hill: Bro. Houston James, Sis. Myrtte Greer, Sis. Geraldine Greer. Exps. \$2.00.
12. New Prospect-Turner County: Bro. Luther Little, Sister Deloris Little, Bro. J. L. Taylor, Sis. Nellie Taylor. Exps. \$3.00.
13. New Life: Bro. Harce Lockhart and wife, Bro. Grady Wiggly and wife, Sis. Dorothy Lockhart. Exps. \$3.00.
14. Mt. Olive: Bro. Ronald Morrell, Sis. Myrtice Morrell, Bro. A. G. Windham, Bro. Woody Nelson. Exps. \$3.00.
15. Pleasant Hill: Sis. Brewer, Bro. James, Sis. Peacock. Exps. \$5.00.

A motion was made to accept the letters as read and to seat the delegates.

At this time an offering was taken for Bro. Jimmy Davis, a Deacon of New Prospect Church in Turner Co. who was in a very critical condition. The amount of the offering was \$35.12.

Next the Program Committee entertained the body with congregational singing led by Bro. Charlie Simmons.

Next a rising vote of thanks was extended to the Host Church for providing us with a very good session of the Union Meeting.

Next Rev. Mance Cason, our promotional secretary, gave a very interesting talk and very worth while illustration of how our Promotional work is being carried out. He was followed by Bro. Jack Faison from the Board of Christian Education, he gave a short talk and offered assistance in setting up Sunday Schools, and Leagues. (in any Church in our association that so

desired this assistance).

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn to meet with New Prospect Church, Turner County on May 30, 1964.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Moderator
Brother E. A. Welch, Clerk

SECOND UNION MEETING

The Second Union Meeting was held at New Prospect Church, Turner County on May 30, 1964. Our morning prayers were offered by Rev. W. R. Lawhorn, Rev. W. J. Owens, and Bro. E. A. Welch.

Rev. Charles Clark, the Mod. of our State Association was present with us in this meeting, he read from the 5th Chapter of 1st Peter. His comments were most inspiring and served to get the meeting off to a very good start. After the message from Rev. Clark he asked that an offering be taken and sent to our Promotional Secretary, so that it could be divided into all phases of our unified program and each church given credit for their portion. The amount of the offering was \$18.35.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, he read from the 6th Chapter of Matthew. After this message of inspiration the body was dismissed to enjoy a most delicious lunch that was prepared by the host church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order at 1:15 o'clock to finish the business of the union meeting.

First item being to invite visiting Brethren to seats with us. Next item, the call for corresponding letters a motion made and second that Rev. W. J. Childree and Bro. John Kirkland read the Church letters.

The churches and delegates were as follows:

1. Mt. Olive - By letter. Expenses \$4.00.
2. Trinity - Sis. Josephine Welch. Expenses \$3.00.
3. Providence - By letter. Expenses \$3.00.
4. Turner's Chapel - Sis. Nannie Lous Rodgers, Lokie Rodgers, Era Griggs, Helen Rodgers. Expenses \$3.00.
5. Little Bethel - Bro. Gervous Morrell and wife, Bro. Monroe Layfield and wife. Expenses \$3.00.
6. New Prospect, Taylor Co. - Bro. and Sis. Willis Windham, Sis. O. M. Williams, Logie Windham. Expenses \$3.00.

7. New Life - Bro. Houston Shellhouse and wife, Brother Harce Lockhart and wife, Bro. John Turner and wife. Expenses \$5.00.
8. New Liberty - Bro. J. C. Kirkland and wife. Expenses \$1.00.
9. St. Luke - Bro. Homer Greer, Sis. Wonnie Greer. Expenses \$3.00.
10. New Prospect, Turner Co. - Bro. Horace Davis, Deloris Little, Hubert Parten, W. Giddens, Tom Arnold. Expenses \$5.00.
11. First Columbus - By Pastor. Expenses \$3.00.
12. Spring Hill - By Pastor. Expenses \$3.00.
13. St. Mark - By Deacon. Expenses \$3.00.

M. S. C. to receive the letters and to seat the delegates.

At this time a rising vote of "Thanks" was extended to the Host Church for their splendid hospitality.

In the absence of Rev. Cason, our Promotional Secretary, the Clerk spoke a few words in behalf of Bro. Cason trying to encourage more of our Churches to take a greater interest in the unified program.

Next a prayer was offered and the body paused in memory of our deceased Bro. Jimmy Davis, a faithful member and devoted worker in the New Prospect Church, in Turner County for many years. Rev. W. J. Owens and Rev. Daniel Gaskins appeared before the body at this time explaining the need in trying to encourage all churches to participate in a "Missionary Program". This is to be a Missionary sponsored by the Chatt. Association only. At this time a motion was made and second to adjourn. The body was dismissed by singing "God be With You". Bro. Taylor from the host church was ordained a Deacon at this time.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Moderator
Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk

THIRD UNION MEETING

The Third Union Meeting met with Mt. Olive Church August 29, 1964. Song service began at 10:30 A.M. Bro. A. G. Windham led the singing. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. H. Bass. Preaching at 11:00 by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. Reading from 22nd Chapter of Matthew. Subject, "What do you think of Christ?"

Dismissed for lunch with a prayer by Rev. Charles Clark.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After congregational singing a prayer was offered by Rev. E. R. Corbett. Rev. H. L. Knighton acted as moderator in the absence of Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. The moderator called for corresponding letters. A motion was made and seconded that Rev. W. J. Owens and Rev. Charles Clark read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Trinity - Sis. Josephine Welch, Alane Welch. Expenses \$3.00.
2. Mt. Olive - Bro. Eugene Windham, Sis. Myrtice Morrell, Bro. Hubert Arnold, Bro. Johnnie Windham. Expenses \$4.00.
3. New Life - Bro. Robert Stubbs, Sis. Dorothy Lockhart, Bro. Horace Lockhart, Sis. Clara Lockhart. Expenses \$5.00.
4. New Prospect, Taylor Co. - Sis. O. M. Williams, Sis. Losie Windham. Expenses \$3.00.
5. Little Bethel - Sis. Felton Albritton, Sis. Dorothy Cromer. Expenses \$5.00.
6. St. Mark - Bro. Bruce Foster, Bro. Herbert Parker. Expenses \$3.00.
7. First Thomaston - Bro. W. H. Cochran, Mrs. Bell Tucker, Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. Kate Watson. Expenses \$3.00.
8. St. Luke - Bro. Homer Greer, Bro. Alvin Greer, Bro. Richard Maston. Expenses \$3.00.
9. First Columbus - By pastor. Expenses \$3.00.
10. Pleasant Hill - Mrs. B. C. Brewer, Mrs. Fred Brewer. Expenses \$5.00.
11. New Liberty - Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley, Sis. Annie Lou Streetman. Expenses \$1.00.
12. Turners Chapel - Sis. Nannie Lou Rodgers, Sis. Alice Coggins, Lila Pearl Winters. Expenses \$3.00.
13. New Prospect, Turner Co. - No. Delegates. Expenses \$3.00.
14. Spring Hill - Bro. Norman Greer. Expenses \$3.00.
15. Bethany - Bro. Chesio Foster. Expenses \$2.00.

Moved and seconded to accept letters as read and to seat the delegates. Visiting Brethren were introduced and seated.

The clerk read a letter from Rev. Cason concerning the unified program. Rev. Charles Clark, our state moderator, was with us in this meeting. He gave an interesting talk. A move and second was made to take an offering for the unified

program. The amount given was \$28.18. This was to be sent to Rev. Cason to be divided among all the churches.

The moderator asked that the dates be set for the next union meeting.

1st Session - January 30, 1965. First Church Columbus. Introductory message by Rev. W. J. Owens.

2nd Session - May 29, 1965. Bethany. Introductory message Rev. W. J. Childree, alternate Rev. C. H. Bass.

3rd Session - August 28, 1965. St. Mark. Rev. E. R. Corbett Introductory, alternate Rev. W. J. Owens.

Move and second to pay Moderator \$10.00 and clerk \$15.00.

Moved, seconded and carried to elect officers for New Year.

They are as follows:

Rev. C. H. Bass, Moderator

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Assistant Moderator

Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk

Rev. Warren Owens, Assistant Clerk

M. S. C. to extend a rising vote of thanks to the Host Church for a very pleasant day, after which Rev. Warren Owens made a brief talk, followed by Rev. C. H. Bass who made a short talk expressing his appreciation for being elected moderator again.

After several announcements a motion was made and second to adjourn.

The body was dismissed with a prayer by Rev. C. H. Bass.

Everyone was invited to stay for the ordination of Reverend James Stroupe, the newly elected pastor of Mt. Olive Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1964

Total received by letters	\$134.00
Paid Moderator	10.00
Paid Clerk	15.00
Stamps	<u>1.00</u>
Balance in Treasure	\$108.00

To be turned over to the Chatt. Association.

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Acting Moderator

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

MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING

Minutes of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting when convened with New Life Church near Mauk, Georgia on September 5, 1964.

Rev. Emory Corbitt preached the morning message, Rev. Warren Wyatt brought the evening message, and everyone enjoyed the Gospel Preaching.

There were twelve ministers present, seven deacons, and one visitor.

An offering for the Children's Home was taken. The amount was \$21.27.

An offering for expenses of the meeting was taken. The amount \$19.25. The total was \$40.25. Sent to the childrens home \$21.27. Balance in treasure \$19.25.

Next meeting will be held with First Church Thomaston, Georgia the first Saturday in September, 1965.

H. L. Knighton, Moderator

Emory Corbitt, Assistant Moderator

Warren Owens, Clerk

E. A. Welch, Jr., Assistant Clerk

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Proceedings of the Chattahoochee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Fifteenth Annual Session, Sept. 19, 1964

The Fifteenth annual session convened with the Providence Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia Sept. 19, 1964. Theme: The need for Free Will Baptist Women For Such A Time As This. Matthew 6:33 "But seekye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." 10:00 A.M. registration by Mrs. Lanie Bass. At 10:15 A.M. opening song led by Mrs. Dan Olds. Prayer by Rev. H. L. Knighton. Devotion by Mrs. E. R. Corbett. Welcome Host Church by Mrs. Dan Olds. Response by Mrs. John Grant. Report from the Credentials Committees: Mrs. Mable Spikes and Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. V. R. Franks. The President then appointed the Committees. At 11:00 A.M. a special song by Mrs. Dan Olds, "In Times Like This". Then a wonderful message was brought by Rev. Louis H. Moulton. A hymn led by Mrs. Dan Olds, and a love offering was taken which was \$8.81. Prayer by Rev. E. R. Corbett. Lunch at 12:00 A.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:15 P.M. hymn led by Mrs. Mable Spikes. Prayer by Rev. Mance Cason. Devotional by Mrs. Ruby Wells. Business Session: Reports from the District officers. 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. The First Church Thomaston will entertain the Convention September 18, 1965. 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 Providence church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality. Rev. E. R. Corbett held the Installation services and the Benediction.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mable Spikes
Mrs. Ruby Wells
Mrs. V. R. Frankes

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

National Officer 1; State Officers 2; District Officers 9;
Local Officers 8; Delegaters 7; Ministers 6; Visitors 9.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Lanie Bass
Mrs. Kate Watson

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the finance committee, find the Treasurer's books in order.

Brought forward	\$17.52
Convention dues	1.50
Love offering to day	8.81

We recommend that we give Brother Moulton \$10.00 and for Mrs. Grant for supplies \$3.00, for minutes \$3.00, and in Treasure \$11.81.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. H. L. Knighton
Mrs. V. R. Franks
Mrs. Annie Williams

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Be it resolved

1. That the Auxiliarys support the state project.
2. That we continually support the Provision Closet at Nashville.
3. That we give Brother Moulton a love offering of \$10.00.
4. That we encourage the other churches to have an Auxiliary.
5. That \$3.00 be sent to the Association with our report for

expense of printing the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. R. Corbett
Mrs. Dan Olds

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

President - Mrs. H. L. Knighton, 323 E. Street, Thomaston,
Ga. Phone 647-4106.

Vice-President - Mrs. F. R. Corbett

Secretary and Treasurer - Mrs. Ruby Wells, 315 Deluxe Circle,
Thomaston, Georgia. Phone 647-4563.

Assistant Sec. & Treas. - Mrs. Doris Grant.

Personal Service Chairman - Mrs. C. H. Bass.

Study Course Chairman - Mrs. Ethyl Franks.

Stewardship Chairman - Mrs. Ruby Kelly.

Field Workers - Mrs. Dan Olds & Mrs. Mable Spikes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ethyl Franks
Mrs. Nallie Lue Person
Mrs. Betty Prestwood

CHATTAHOOCHEE DISTRICT FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee District Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention met on Saturday, May 3, 1964 at the Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Butler, Georgia. The meeting was opened by singing led by Mr. Eugene Windham. Devotional was given by the Host Church. Welcome address was given by the Host Church. Response was given by Mr. Hardy Hanson, President of the Chattahoochee District Sunday School Convention. Minutes of the last meeting were omitted since the Secretary nor the Assistant Secretary were present.

Moved and carried that the President appoint the following committees:

<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>DIGEST</u>
Rev. C. H. Bass	Rev. Warren Owen
Mr. Herschel Allen	Bro. Dan Olds
Mrs. John A. Grant	Bro. Moore
<u>NOMINATING</u>	
Rev. H. L. Knighton	
Rev. Warren Wyatt	
Mrs. Dan Olds	

Special music was given by the Providence Sunday School. The 11:00 Message was given by the Rev. Dan Gaskins. His message topic was "CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH".

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by singing led by Mr. Eugene Windham. Devotional given by Rev. Warren Wyatt, Pastor of Turners Chapel Church. A program of special music was given by the Providence Church.

The following committees gave their reports and they were approved and accepted.

DIGEST

Six Sunday Schools reported orally or by Letter. (This report is incomplete due to lack of information.)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Warren Owens
Bro. Dan Olds
Bro. Moore

FINANCE

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

Balance in Treasury from 1963	\$ 8.04
Contribution Received Today.	18.00
Morning Offering	<u>5.25</u>
	\$31.29

We, recommend the following distributions:

Printing of the minutes	\$10.00	
Youth Camp (Camp Mt. Bethel)	10.00	
State Sunday School Conv.	<u>5.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>

BALANCE IN TREASURY \$ 6.29

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. C. H. Bass
Mr. Herschel Allen
Mrs. John A. Grant

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your nominating committee, wish to submit the following nominations for officers of the Convention for the year 1964:

- President, Bro. Hardy Hanson
- Vice President, Bro. Dan Olds
- Sec. & Treas., Mrs. John A. Grant
- Asst. Sec. & Treas., Miss Helen Rogers.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. H. L. Knighton
Rev. Warren Wyatt
Mrs. Dan Olds

Moved and carried to elect Bro. John Grant and Bro. Herschel Allen as field workers for our District for the purpose of helping to organize Sunday Schools.

The Installation and closing prayer was given by Mr. Dan Olds. Adjourned.

Mr. Hardy Hanson, President
Mrs. John A. Grant, Sec. & Treas.

OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of Brother Ernest Weed—

Bro. Ernest Weed was borned January 15, 1896. Died September 14, 1964, making his stay here on earth 68 years, 7 months and 29 days. He was a member of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Marion County, and was a faithful member of the church as long as health permitted. To mourn his past he leaves a wife, two brothers and two sisters and friends. We trust that our loss is heaven's gain.

In a land that is 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.

REV. G. W. PRICE, PASTOR

In Loving Memory of Sister Effie M. Lumpkin—

Sister Effie M. Lumpkin was born March 11, 1891, died March 2, 1964. She was a member of New Life Church. She attended services every chance she had. She left behind to mourn for her four daughters, three sons, one brother, thirty-eight grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, many friends and loved ones. We all miss her sweet voice and loving care, but we know she has gone to a better place to be with Jesus our Lord; and some day we hope to meet her around that great white throne:

In my Father's House are many mansions,

If it were not so I would have told you.

REV. J. B. LUMPKIN

In Memory of Sister Lula Hogg—

Sister Hogg was born on March 12, 1869. Died September 29, 1963. Making her stay here on earth 94 years.

Sister Hogg has gone on to her reward. We shall meet her again in the Sweet By and By.

Her Pastor,

REV. B. P. HAYES

In Loving Memory of Sister Lou R. Camp—

She was born April 2, 1874, died June 2, 1964. At the time of her death she was a member of St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Ala. She was 90 years of age, thus the Lord blessed her wonderfully these many years.

I had known Sis. Camp all of my life. She was formerly a faithful member of St. James Free Will Baptist Church and during these years I had the privilege of worshiping the Lord with her. Any time there was a service at the Church you could count on Sis. Camp being present unless she was providentially hindered. She loved her Lord very much and her Church also.

Later she moved from this community to the community of St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church. Therefore for her to remain faithful to her church, she moved closer there. She wasn't able to walk this far to church and St. Mark was only half a block from her house.

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them". Now may we say with the poet

"Now the labourer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in Thy gracious Keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

Written by request of the family
by REV. WALTER E. JONES

To the Memory of Brother Floyd L. Raburn—

Brother Raburn was born December 12, 1893. Died on May 29, 1963, making his stay on earth 70 years, 5 months and 29 days.

Brother Raburn was a true and faithful member of Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Georgia. His departure brings a vacant place in our midst that is mourned by those who knew him best.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son, three sisters and one brother, and many friends.

Written by his Pastor,
ELDER W. R. LAWHORN

In Memory of Brother Jimmy E. Davis—

Brother Davis was born October 21, 1900. He died March 29, 1964. He was a Deacon and a faithful member of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Turner County, Ashburn, Georgia.

He leaves a wife and son, one sister, many nieces, nephews and friends to mourn his death.

Bro. Davis was devoted to his wife and son, but he loved the Lord and his church. He attended the church services many times when he was not physically able. He talked constantly of the Lord and the church and of those who were not in full fellowship with the Church on his death bed. He said many times he was ready to go when the Lord saw fit to call him.

We pray our loss is heavens gain. His cot is folded
up and his chair is bare.

We miss him here, but we hope to meet him in
heaven up there.

A friend,

MRS. HUBERT PARTEN

In Memory of Brother Robert Colwell—

Born March 12, 1898, died February 23, 1964. He was a devoted member of Providence Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Colwell leaves his wife, love ones, and many friends to mourn his death. But we count our loss Heaven's gain.

His Pastor,

ELDER C. H. BASS

In Memory of Sister Lillian Elkins—

Born May 20, 1898, died November 6, 1963. Sister Elkins was a faithful member of St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church as long as health permitted.

She leaves her husband, and love ones, and many friends to mourn her death.

Not dead but at rest, "Sister rest on in peace hope to meet you soon."

By her former Pastor,

ELDER C. H. BASS

In Memory of Brother Lee Daniel—

Bro. Lee Daniel was born September 7, 1892. Passed away June 23, 1964. Making his stay on earth 72 years.

He was a Deacon and member of New Life Church. He loved the ways of the Lord and was willing to do anything he could.

To know him was to love him. He leaves a wife, four daughters, and three grandchildren. A host of relatives and friends to mourn his death. Sleep on dear brother till we meet again.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believed in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

REV. J. B. LUMPKIN

In Memory of Rev. A. S. Oswalt—

He was born May 2, 1886, died August 23, 1964. Making his stay on earth 78 years, 2 months, and 21 days thus the Lord blesses him in the number of years.

He was a member of St. Mark Church, for many years and was faithful in the work of the Lord.

There is no Death an
angel form walks O'er
the earth with silent tread
He calls our best loved
things away and then we
call them dead.

By his Pastor,
REV. WARREN OWENS

To the Memory of Brother Monroe Layfield—

Brother Layfield was born on February 25, 1885. Died July 15, 1964. Making his stay on earth 50 years, 4 months and 4 days. He was a member of Little Bethel Church.

He leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

Fear not dear children for you shall meet him again some day.

Written by,
REV. W. R. LAWHORN

In Memory of Sister W. E. James—

Sister James was born on March 10, 1885. Died June 5, 1964. Being here on earth 79 years and 3 months. She leaves behind many love ones and friends. Her sisters and brothers in Christ to follow her to the Glory Land. Let us follow.

Pastor,
REV. B. P. HAYES

In Memory of Brother Hobison Robins—

On August 26, 1964 God saw fit to send the Death Angel and take Brother Robins to his heavenly home above.

Brother Robins was a member of Little Bethel Church. He was born on February 13, 1899. Making his stay on earth 65 years, 3 months, 3 weeks, 5 days. He leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing, but they know their loss is heaven's gain.

By his Pastor,
REV. W. R. LAWHORN

In Memory of Brother Samuel Elliott—

Born January 15, 1889, died June 23, 1964. He was a faithful member of Providence Free Will Baptist Church as long as health permitted.

Brother Elliott leaves his wife, loved ones, and many friends to mourn his death. He is gone but not forgotten. I am hoping to meet him again soon.

His Pastor,
ELDER C. H. BASS

In Memory of Clarence Scoggens—

Brother Scoggens was born March 22, 1912, died November 15, 1963, making his stay on earth fifty-one years, eight months, and three days. He was a member of New Bethel Church, Worth County. He leaves his wife a host of friends and relatives.

He was faithful to his church as health would permit.

By Church Clerk,
MYRTIS GREENE

To the Memory of Brother D. H. Parker—

Brother Parker was born November 1, 1894. Died March 18, 1964. He was a member of St. Mark Church.

There is no death the stars go down to rise upon
some other shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown they shine
forever more.

By his Pastor,
REV. WARREN OWENS

In Memory of Brother J. L. Davis—

Brother Davis was born October 18, 1920. His stay on earth was 43 years, 2 months and 2 days. He died on December 20, 1963.

He leaves his parents and four brothers. He was a member of New Bethel Free Will Church in Worth County. He was an invalid most of his life. He is gone but not forgotten.

By Church Clerk,
MYRTIS GREENE

In Memory of Brother L. L. Raines—

Brother Raines was born September 29, 1883. Died on July 15, 1964. Making his stay on earth 80 years, 9 months, and 16 days. He was a member of New Bethel Church, Worth County. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, five sons, five daughters, large numbers of relatives and friends.

He's gone but not forgotten--ever will his memory linger around his home where he lived.

By Church Clerk,
MYRTIS GREENE

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	Paid Evangelist	Pd. Christian Edu.	Home Missions	Building and Repairs	Pd. Incidentals	All Others	Foreign Missions	Unified Budget	Publications	Children's Home	Church Valuations
St. L U K E	Russell					52.29		16.12			15.00	\$ 8,000
Trinity	Taylor	50.00				16.30	9.00		22.75			3,000
Spring Hill	Marion	50.00			272.38							10,000
Providence	Muscogee	128.00			258.91			34.00	35.25			10,500
Little Bethel	Macon	100.00				174.09						4,000
Bethany	Marion									9.00		2,000
New Liberty	Schley	33.63				41.95						
New Life	Marion	56.37			52.63		121.63				94.50	
Pleasant Hill	Schley	125.00			59.99	35.60	150.78		130.93			8,000
Mount Olive	Taylor	150.00			285.00	130.15	575.00		60.00	148.06		18,000
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	180.00				250.00			174.00	350.00		10,000
New Prospect	Taylor	70.00		7.25	1243.46	96.36				85.18		8,000
First Church	Upson	275.00			1650.00		1333.34		380.00	300.00		8,000
St. Mark	Russell	65.00		25.00	4.00	50.00	1661.73	27.90				17,000
First Columbus	Muscogee	116.14	380.00	68.32	425.00		2074.00		201.74	74.00	50.00	
New Bethel	Worth	100.00		21.00	175.93	89.91						12,000
New Prospect	Turner	80.00				102.77				130.00	65.00	10,000

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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	Woman's Auxl.	Prayer Meeting	Masters Men
First Columbus	Muscogee	E. R. Corbett	4	0	1	0	0	0	90	10.00	2668.86	Full Time	60	45			
St. Mark	Russell	W. J. Owens	17	11	11	0	0	4	108	10.00	1144.00	Full Time	50	35	5	25	
Little Bethel	Macon	J. B. Fuller	0	0	2	0	0	2	102	10.00	575.00	1st & 3rd	40			18	
First Church	Upson	H. L. Knighton	8	2	4	0	0	0	100	10.00	4065.00	Full Time	78	47	14	20	8
Turners Chapel	Taylor	W. F. Wyatt	4	5	1	0	0	0		10.00	1523.00	Full Time	65	60	12	25	
Mount Olive	Taylor	James R. Stroup	0	2	6	4	0	1	188	20.00	2340.00	Full Time	138	65		30	
Pleasant Hill	Taylor	Price Hayes	0	0	0	0	0	2	61	10.00	902.13	1st & 3rd					
New Life	Marion	J. B. Lumpkin	4	4	4	0	0	2	92	8.00	371.07	2nd & 4th					
New Liberty	Schley	W. J. Childree	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3.00	233.63	3rd Sun.					
Bethany	Marion	G. W. Price	1	1	0	0	0	0	37	3.00	149.32	1st & 3rd					
Providence	Muscogee	Elsie Franks	2	0	9	1	0	2	34		1655.64	Full Time	80	70	7	20	
St. Luke	Russell	G. T. Halliman	0	0	4	0	0	0	28	5.00	200.19	Full Time	20	20		15	
Spring Hill	Marion	J. B. Fuller	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	4.00	376.00	2nd & 4th					
Trinity	Taylor	R. B. McFadden	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	10.00	203.70	4th Sun.					
New Prospect	Taylor	G. W. Price	1	6	1	1	0	1	49	10.00	556.25	2nd & 4th	33				
New Bethel	Worth	Harvey Giddens	0	0	0	0	1	3	88	5.00	454.49	2nd & 4th					
New Prospect	Turner	J. B. Lumpkin	8	0	2	0	0	0	58	6.00	489.82	1st & 3rd	25				