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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 Acknowledgements.
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 seats 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 acknowledgment 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 law-giver 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 thier 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 acknowledgments
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 unreasonable 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 church sees 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 devise of earthly ambitions repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of men.

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

6. That churches may nevertheless, we suppose meet, by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up the Correspondence; but that the right and authority of churches being inalienable, or in no wise compromised or hindered by entering into an association, and therefore an association has no authority over churches or individuals, their only power being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity; to promote mutual intercourse, and a concentration of voluntary effort, and to give that advice to churches which might with 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 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 no 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 hear say.

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 and 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 God 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 Savior. 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 not 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, 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 received them by a cordial and obedient faith and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but



this 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 welfare, 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 is it 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, Psalm 16:9

12. That civil government is of divine appointment

for the interest and good order 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 righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness, and the wicked to endless punishment, and this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

—John 5:25; Matt. 25:34; 41:46.

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# MINUTES OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 133rd Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association met at the First Thomaston Church at Thomaston, Ga. on Friday Morning, Oct. 3, 1968 at 10:30 o'clock.

The congregational singing was led by Rev. William Travis; the opening prayer was by Rev. Roscoe Pitts, other prayers offered during the morning hour were by: Rev. James Shields, and Rev. Hubert Arnold.

Bro. H. H. Watson, a deacon of the Host Church welcomed the body. Rev. J. B. Lumpkin brought the introductory message, which was a very spiritual message. He read from the 13th Chapter of Hebrews, 7th thru 9th verses. His text was taken on the 8th verse.

After announcements were made concerning lunch the body was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Bob Dent.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation began singing at 1 o'clock with singing being led by the young Rev. Edward Arnold.

After a prayer by Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. the moderator read from the 12th Chapter of Hebrews. The body paused in silent memory of our deceased Brethern and Sisters in Christ, At this time Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, the moderator of this association declared this session open and ready for business.

The first item was to invite visiting brethern to seats with us. The next item was a call for corresponding letters. M.S.C. that Rev. William Travis and Rev. Hubert Arnold read the letters, and they are as follows:

BETHANY—Sis. Lilly Grimsley

NEW LIFE—Bro. & Sis. Horace Lockhart, Bro. & Sis. Zeak Plymale, Bro. Randall Lumpkin.

SPRING HILL—Sis. Rosa Grimsley, Sis. Geraldine Grier, Sis. Myrtle Grier.

PROVIDENCE—Rev. James Shields, Sis. Norma Shields, Bro. Pearlle Allen & wife.

NEW BETHEL—Sis. Joanna Whittaker.

PLEASANT HILL— by letter.

FIRST THOMASTON—Sis. Cora Ranow, Sis. Kate Watson, Sis. Sandra Travis, Sis. Emma Cochran, Sis. Bell Tucker, Bro. H. Salter.

MT. OLIVE—Bob Dent, Eugene Windham, Mrs. Irene Windham, Mrs. Ethel Windham, Mrs. Bobby Jean Windham.

TRINITY—Sis. Josephine Welch, Sis. Wanda Bell, Sis. Buena Watson, Sis. Evelyn Gill, Sis. Glenda Cobb.

TURNERS CHAPEL—Bro. & Sis. C. W. Carroll, Bro. Homer Moore, Bro. J. E. Carroll.

NEW PROSPECT (Turner)—By Letter

ST. LUKE—Bro. Homer Greer, Bro. Curtis Greer, Sis. Nellie Price.

NEW LIBERTY—Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley, Sis. Myrtice Grimsley, Sis. Annie Lou Streetman, Bro. J. C. Kirkland, & wife.

LITTLE BETHEL—Bro. & Sis. Roger Streetman, Sis. Blondell Layfield, Sis. Myrtle Raburn.

M.S.C. to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. The next item was the call for petitionary letters, there were none.

The next item was appointing of committees by the moderator. They are as follows:

Preaching: Sis. Layfield, Sis. Bell Tucker, Sis. Helen Salter, Sis. Roger Streetman.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers: Bro. Bob Dent, Bro. Norman Grier, Bro. Randall Lumpkin, Bro. Horce Lockhart, Bro. Henry Grimsly.

Finance: Rev. Edward Arnold, Bro. Jesse Carroll, Sis. Clara Lockhart.

Sunday School: Rev. Hubert Arnold, Bro. Jesse Windham, Sis. Kate Watson.

Sabbath Observance: Sis. Josephine Welch, Sis. Ethel Windham, Sis. Myrtle Grier.

Suggestion: Bro. H. H. Watson, Rev. Roscoe Pitts, Sis. Bobby Jean Windham, Rev. Robert Stubbs, Rev. Johnny Grimsley.

Temperance: Rev. William Travis, Sis. Evelyn Gill, Sis. Rosa Grimsley.

Womans Auxiliary: Sis. Geraldine Grier, Sis. William Travis, Sis. Emma Cochran.

It was some discussion at this time as to whether to have church on Friday night of this session or not. It was voted not to have night services at this session, due to the small number that would be able to attend. This was a decision of the Body and not of the Church.

The next item was to appoint delegates to our Sister Associations, the moderator asked for volunteers. We will



represent as follows:

Georgia Union - By Minute      Little River - by minute.

Union - Rev. William Travis

Midway - Rev. William Travis

South Georgia - By Minute

Martin - Rev. Bobby Whittaker

Rev. Edward Arnold had prepared the circular letter and it was read by him at this time. This was a wonderful letter and should be read by all; it will appear in another place in, this minute. Rev. Roscoe Pitts was appointed by the moderator to prepare the next circular letter.

A motion was made and seconded to have the clerk mail each church three associational forms, so that they can return two of the forms to the association and keep one for their church records.

The Preaching Committee reported at this time. Their report will appear under Committee Reports.

No further business was necessary at this time, so it was M.S.C. to adjourn until 10 o'clock Saturday Morning.

Benediction was by Rev. Edward Arnold.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing began at 10 o'clock with Bro. Jesse Windham leading. After Prayer and a few brief remarks by the moderator the body resumed the business that was before them.

The first item of business was to decide where the association would be next year. New Life asked for and the body voted for them to entertain the 1969 Session. The New Life delegates chose Rev. James Shields to preach the introductory message and to be followed by Rev. Edward Arnold.

M.S.C. to have 500 minutes printed instead of the original 600.

The next item was a call for the obituaries.

Rev. William Travis spoke at this time concerning the Children's Home. He urged all churches to participate in this worthy cause.

The Chattahoochee Association will entertain the State Association at the First Thomaston Church in November of this year. The Chattahoochee Association will bear the necessary expense of entertaining this association. The Clerk was authorized to use up to the amount of \$70 out of the associational treasure if necessary to help with this expense, however each church was asked to send at least \$10 to help with

this expense if possible and a Free Will Offering was received at this time for this cause, which amounted to \$29.11.

The Committees adjourned at this time to transact their business. M.S.C. to send \$10 to the State Association and \$7 to the National Association.

The Moderator appointed delegates to the State Association: They are Bro. & Sis. E. A. Welch, Jr. and Sis. Wanda Bell.

M.S.C. to pay the moderator \$25 and the Clerk \$40 for their Services.

Bro. Herman Watson's time had expired on the Executive Committee. He was nominated and elected to a 5 year term. Business was suspended for the Preaching hour. Rev. Hubert Arnold brought the introductory message, reading from the 23rd chapter of Proverbs and was followed by Rev. William Travis, reading from the 10th chapter of Acts, 1st & 2nd verses. These were wonderful messages and were very suitable for the occasion.

We were dismissed for Lunch with prayer by Rev. A. G. Windham.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:30 o'clock being led by Rev. William Travis. Prayer was offered by Bro. Jesse Windham, the Moderator read from Galations, 1st. Chapter. St. Luke Church asked that their letter be read at this time since they were unable to attend on Friday. It was received and the delegates seated.

Rev. Mance Cason, our State Promotional Secretary, spoke to the body at this time. He reminded us that we were the oldest association in the State of Georgia and also gave his report as to our cooperative giving and as always before we have room to improve. We were reminded that our per capita quota per member is now \$3.28. The various churches were awarded their certificates for participating in the cooperative plan.

Bro. Curtis Gay, who is the district representative of the Childrens Home serving on the board for many years was present with us, and he again reminded us of the Harvest Drive and the great help that it was in supporting this home, that we all love so well.

The Moderator called for the reports of the various committees at this time. They were all read, and accepted,

except item no. 3 of the suggestion reports. (See Reports)

The body gave a rising vote of 'Thanks' to this church for their splendid hospitality.

The next item was the election of officers for the next year. Rev. J. B. Lumpkin and Rev. William Travis was nominated for Moderator. Rev. J. B. Lumpkin received the majority vote, he will serve as moderator. Rev. William Travis as assistant moderator. Bro. E. A. Welch was nominated and elected clerk. Rev. Edward Arnold was elected assistant clerk.

With no further business to come before the body it was M.S.C. to adjourn. Benediction was by Bro. Wilbur Carroll.

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

#### ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

1969

NAME OF MEETING	DATE	CHURCH
Association	Oct. 3 & 4, 1969	New Life
1st Union Meeting	March 29, 1969	Mt. Olive
2nd Union Meeting	June 28, 1969	New Life
3rd Union Meeting	Aug. 30, 1969	Spring Hill
Ministers & Deacons	Sept. 6, 1969	Mt. Olive
Woman's Auxiliary	Inf. not Available	
S. S. & League Con.	May 3, 1969	Trinity
Youth Rally 1st	Jan. 18, 1969	Providence
Youth Rally 2nd	April 19, 1969	Announce later
Youth Rally 3rd	July 19, 1969	Announce later
Youth Rally 4th	October 18, 1969	Announce later

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### PREACHING COMMITTEE

We the committee on preaching recommend the following: First—Rev. Hubert Arnold, Second—Rev. William Travis,  
Sis. Leonard Layfield  
Sis. Bell Tucker  
Sis. Helen Salter  
Bro. Roger Streetman

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Board, met 21 March, 1968 with Providence Church. The Church welcomed the board after a song and prayer by Bro. Ledlow.

Bro. Welch, being in charge of the Service, asked each one to conduct themselves as they should

A report was given by Sis. Bass. The church had voted for Bro. Ledlow to fill in as a Shepard until the church found a pastor.

Bro. Ledlow has not taught against the F.W.B. Doctrine and has not taught the Doctrine of his own belief and wanted to hold the F.W.B. Church together for the Free Will Baptist. Bro. Ledlow did make three suggestions:

1. That the church have at least 3 Deacons.
2. That the Pastor, that the church does call take care of the spiritual side of the church.
3. That the young people be led to a closer walk with the Lord, some of the young people having their minds on the things of the world.

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

In the light of various portions of scripture, we highly recommend that all Christians, who bear the title of F.W.B. examine ourselves as to our temperance in our daily walks. Our devotionals; are we tempered to them daily? Our prayer life; are we tempered to set times of prayer? And in the light of the world accepting so called 'new morals'; are we morally temperate, in attitude, Christians, affection, and service?

Paul says in Gal. 5:25, 'If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.'

We feel by walking in the Spirit that we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh, and therefore we will be temperate.

Rev. William Travis  
Mrs. Evelyn Gill  
Mrs. A. L. Grimsley

## STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

We your committee on State Affairs of Churches and Ministers have no complaint. We feel that all churches and Ministers are in fellowship with one another.

Bro. Bob Dent  
Bro. H. L. Lockhart  
Bro. N. C. Grier  
H. W. Grimsley  
N. R. Lumpkin

### SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on Sabbath Observance find in the Bible, 5th chapter of Deuteronomy, 12th verse 'Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.'

Sis. Ethel Windham  
Sis. Myrtle Grier  
Sis. Josephine Welch

### SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

1. We suggest that each church appoint delegates to go the association from their church to represent their church through the whole meeting, and not leave before the business part is over. Stay and help with all the business. If they can't stay and help with all the business, tell your church so when they appoint, they can send someone who will stay.

2. We suggest that people who have suggestions to make, that they bring them before the committee.

3. We the Suggestion Committee, suggest that the Association Meeting be changed from 2 days to 1, and that it be held on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October. We believe that it would increase attendance and still give ample time to attend to the business.

Mrs. Ralph Windham  
Rev. Roscoe Pitts  
Herman Watson  
Bro. Robert Stubbs  
C. W. Carroll

### WOMAN AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We, your Womens Auxiliary Committee, find there are only 3 auxiliaries in our 15 churches. One Church supported the State Program this past year.

The Auxiliary is the 'Missionary Arm of the Church,' Helping in the support of: Home Missions, State Home



Missions, Foreign Missions, Bible College, Superannuation, Childrens Home, Dot Harvey Loan Fund, Missionary Provision Closet, Native Pastors, Our Local Church.

Our State project for this past year was 'giving \$3 per auxiliary member to our Deficit Missionary Accounts.'

Our Scripture is 1 Cor. 3:9 'For we are laborors together with God.'

Prayfully submitted,  
Mrs. Emma Cochran  
Mrs. Monroe Greer  
Mrs. William Travis

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We, the Sunday School Committee, seriously urge each church of the Chattahoochee Association to prayfully consider the purpose of the Sunday School in the local church. It is a mission field in itself—teaching the world of God to young people of the community.

We would remind you of the Great Commission in which God commands us to teach as well as preach.

Matt. 28:19th, 20th verses\*

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Hubert Arnold  
Jessie Windham  
Kate Watson  
Sandra Travis

\*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in, the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasurer	\$ 132.70
Received from Union Meetings	109.00
Received from Association	<u>108.00</u>
Total	\$ 349.70
Paid out for Flowers	<u>31.40</u>
Balance in Treasurer	\$ 318.30

Edward Arnold  
A. G. Windham  
Clara Lockhart

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee	\$ 318.30
From Late Associational Letters	\$ 23.00
From Associational Offerings	29.11
Pledges from Churches	<u>70.00</u>

Total Received \$440.41

## EXPENSES

Moderator's Salary	\$ 25.00
Clerk's Salary	40.00
State Association Fee	10.00
National Association Fee	7.00
Printing of Minutes	175.10
Mailing of Minutes	5.00
Entertaining State Association	<u>153.64</u>

Total Expenses \$415.74

Balance in Treasury \$ 24.67

E. A. Welch, Jr. Treasurer

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

H. H. Watson	5 yrs.	Thomaston, Ga.
Leonard Grimsley	4 yrs.	Buena Vista, Ga.
E. A. Welch, Jr., Chairman	3 yrs.	Mauk, Ga.
Gene Windham	2 yrs.	Reynolds, Ga.
Norman Grier	1 yr.	Mauk, Ga.

## CIRCULAR LETTER

### THE FOUR MEN

'But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: Yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the the Lord.' I Cor. 4:3-4

Paul's phrase, 'I know nothing by myself,' means 'I know nothing against myself.' The apostle feels exposed to four judgments: those of his friends ('Judged of you'), of the world ('man's judgment'), of himself ('I judge not mine own

self'), and of God ('He that judgeth me is the Lord'). The judgment that is unerring and final is the Lord's

In every man, there are four men. First, there is the man the world sees. No matter how good he tries to live, or how evil he is, there is still a man that the world sees. The world looks at each of us and sees a certain image. Few of us know just exactly how it may see us, and, for our peace of mind, it may be just as well. Second, the man seen by the person who knows him best. This may be quite a bit different from the man the world sees. A Greek myth tells how Luna, the moon goddess, loved a mortal man. Late at night when the world was asleep, she turned toward her lover the side that the world never saw. This is true of friendship. There's the person we can always show our close friends, but is hid to the world. Third, the man seen by himself. Each man knows himself better than others do. In some ways, we know we are better than others see us, yet sometimes we know we are worse. Have you ever felt a feeling of guilt when you received praise or honor when it wasn't due you, but to someone else? Fourth, here is the man God sees. This is by far, the most important. God knows us even better than we know ourselves. He can see down into the bottom of our hearts, but we can't. He is not prejudiced about us as we are, but judges us impartially, with perfect righteousness.

With these four judgments, there are three ways to regard them. First, the shallow way. The shallow man is most anxious about how he looks to others. When a great sin ruins a man's reputation, does he grieve for the sin or for the consequences? I'm afraid that in many cases he would be more concerned about how people looked at him and what he had done rather than the consequences of that sin. Second, there is the manly way. This way is to treat lightly the judgments of others, but to be sensitive about the judgments we must pass on ourselves. The person who does this will not need to care very much what others think of him. He will be more concerned about justifying himself. Third, there is, the apostolic way. This is the way of our text. A young man once made his first appearance on stage. He was moved by the applause of the audience, but he kept his eye on one certain man in the audience—the master musician. He was more concerned for the master's approval than for all of the crowd.

These truths should lead us into action. Am I in deed

and in truth a Christian? About this, there will be the opinion of the world, your friends, yourself, and the judgment of God. Which of these opinions are you going by?

Should I become a Christian in deed and in truth? Concerning this there are also four judgments. The world laughs at the suggestion. Your friends may echo the world's opinion. You know what the sane and sacred voices within you are saying. And you know God's judgment. Will the voice of the world prevail, or will you rise up in the strength of a man and become Christ's forever?

In closing let me call your attention to the 13th verse of the 2nd Chapter of James. 'For he shall have judgment without mercy...' May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

—Rev. Edward Arnold

## FIRST UNION MEETING

The first Session of the Union Meeting was held at First Thomaston Church, March 30, 1968. Singing began at 10 o'clock, the song leader being Bro. David Posey. Opening prayer by Rev. B. T. Gill. The welcome was by the Pastor of the Host Church. Rev. William Travis.

At this time it was suggested that we be given a chance to testify and many stood and praised the Lord for their Blessings. Prayer was by Bro. H. H. Watson.

Bro. Martin Windham brought the introductory message. His text was Matthew 18th Chapter 6th verse. He was followed by Rev. A. G. Windham, his text 3rd Chapter, of 2nd Timothy. Both messages were enjoyed by all.

The congregation was dismissed for lunch by Rev. Roscoe Pitts.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing, prayer was offered by Bro. McCorkle. The moderator read from Isaiah 1-18. He asked Bro. Robert Stubbs to bring a short message. His text was 3rd Chapter Ezekiel, 20th verse.

The moderator declared this Session open and ready for Business.

A call for corresponding letters. Rev. William Travis and Rev. A. G. Windham was chosen to read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Providence: Bro. Pearlie Allen, Frank Williamson. \$3.00
2. First Thomaston: Sis. Mamie Chamlee, Sis. Kate Watson, Sis. Betty McCorkle, Sis. Bell Tucker, Bro. Rudolph, McCorkle, Sis. Ruby Wells. \$5.00.
3. Turners Chapel: Bro. David Posey, Ernest Heath, Homer Moore, Sis. Sara Posey, Alice Coggins: \$3.00.
4. St. Luke: Bro. Homer Greer. \$3.00.
5. New Liberty: Bro. J. C. Kirkland & wife, Sis. Annie Lou Streetman, Sis. Jewel Grimsley, Sara Grimsley, Myrtice Grimsley. \$1.00.
6. Little Bethel: Bro. & Sis. Leonard Layfield, Sis. Myrtle Raburn, Effie Streetman. \$5.00.
7. Mt. Olive: Joyce Wilder, Frances Mullins, Jimmy Wilhoite, Louise Nelson. \$5.00.
8. New Life: Bro. Zeak Plymale & wife, Bro. Robert Stubbs, Sis. Clara Lockhart, Bro. Jeffie Daniel. \$3.00.
9. New Prospect: by letter \$3.00.
10. Bethany: Sis. Ruby Grimsley, Alma Garrett, Margaritte Hodge, Annette Grimsley \$3.00.
11. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Evelyn Gill, Edward Arnold \$3.00.
12. Pleasant Hill: Sis. Harold Dillard, Sis. Blan Wall. \$5.00.

A motion was made and second to seat the delegates. A love offering was received for Rev. W. J. Childree. The amount was \$42.00.

M.S.C. to give the Host Church a rising vote of 'Thanks' for their fine Hospitality through the day.

Rev. A. G. Windham was chosen to carry the money to Rev. Childree.

M.S.C. that the association assist Providence Church in obtaining a Pastor.

M.S.C. to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. A. G. Windham.

Total received by letters: \$42.00.

Rev. Hubert Arnold, Moderator  
Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk

## SECOND UNION MEETING

This Session of the Union Meeting met with Trinity Church at 10:30 o'clock, June 28, 1968. The singing was



led by Bro. Edward Arnold: opening prayer by Rev. A. G. Windham. Other prayer by Bro. Jack Cobb.

The pastor of the Host Church, Rev. Hubert Arnold, welcomed the body.

Rev. Mance Cason preached the morning message reading from 1st Thesalions, 5th Chapter and 21st Verse. This was a very good message. Rev. Cason challenged all preachers to come and stand signifying that they were going to do more for the Lord. Laymen were asked to shake hands with the preachers and pray together. Rev. Hubert Arnold opened with prayer and Rev. G. W. Price dismissed for lunch.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation began singing at 1 o'clock. Special singing was by Rev. A. G. Windham and daughters, and Bro. Edward Arnold, Bro. David Posey, and Sis. Alane Welch.

Rev. Edward Arnold brought the devotional for the evening service. Reading from 21st chapter St. John, 3rd through 10th verse.

The moderator declared the session open for business. A call for corresponding letters. M.S.C. that Rev. Cason and Bro. H. H. Watson read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Spring Hill: Sis. Myrtle Grier, Katilu Brady, Sis. Bernice McCall. \$3.00.
2. New Prospect (Turner): By letter. \$3.00.
3. Trinity: Bro. Robert Bell, Edward Arnold, Sis. Evelyn Gill, Glenda Cobb & Wanda Bell. \$3.00.
4. New Bethel: By letter \$3.00.
5. Bethany: Bro. Sonny Hodge, Sis. Margueritte Hodge, Alma Garrett, and Muriel Lee Bullard. \$3.00.
6. First Thomaston: Herman Watson \$5.00.
7. Mt. Olive: Bro. & Sis. B. R. Dent, Eugene Windham, Phillis Windham, Myrtice Morrell \$5.00.
8. New Liberty: Bro. J. E. Kirkland & wife, Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley, Annie Lou Streetman, Pearl Streetman—\$1.00.
9. New Life: Bro. Horace Lockhart and wife, Bro. Zeak Plymale & wife. \$3.00.
10. Turners Chapel: Homer Moore, Sara Posey, David Posey, \$3.00.

11. Providence: Bro. Frank Williamson, Pearlie Allen. \$5.00.
12. St. Luke: Nellie Price, Ethel Greer. \$3.00.
13. Pleasant Hill: Linda Williams \$5.00.
14. Little Bethel: Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Layfield. \$5.00.

The moderator invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Bro. H. H. Watson gave a talk concerning home missions, to support the Atlanta Church.

M.S.C. that we receive an offering for Rev. W. J. Childree. The amount received was \$45.00.

M.S.C. to adjourn—closing prayer by Rev. A. G. Windham. Total received by letters—\$45.00.

Rev. Hubert Arnold, Moderator  
Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk

### THIRD UNION MEETING

The third Union Meeting met with Providence Church. The congregation began singing at 10:30. Rev. Edward Arnold led the singing. Prayers were offered by Rev. Robert Stubbs, Bro. Jesse Carroll and Bro. Ronald Morrell.

The body paused in silent memory of our deceased pastors; Rev. J. B. Lumpkin led in prayer.

Providence has a new Pastor we are pleased to have this young person in our association. His name is Rev. James Shields.

Rev. William Travis brought the morning message, reading from 9th chapter of Romans, 1st through 3rd verse—10th chapter Romans 1st verse. This was a very inspiring message. Rev. Edward Arnold dismissed for lunch with prayer.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1 o'clock. Special singing was by Rev. Edward Arnold, Mrs. Dan Olds, Mrs. Wanda Bell, and Sis. Alane Welch. Rev. James Shields, the pastor of Providence Church brought the evening message, reading from 1st chapter Galatians, 1st through 12th verses. It was a wonderful message and was enjoyed by all.

The moderator declared this session open for business. He called for corresponding letters. M. S. C. that Rev. Travis

& Bro. H. H. Watson read the letters. They are as follows:

1. New Life: Bro. Horace Lockhart & wife, Bro. Zeak Plymale & wife. \$3.00.
2. Turners Chapel: Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Carroll. \$3.00.
3. New Liberty: Mr. & Mrs. John Kirkland \$1.00.
4. Providence: Bro. Robert Allen, Sis. Allen, Sis. Durden, Sis. Carlene Smith, Sis. Nola Williamson, Bro. Richard Mason. \$5.00.
5. Trinity: Sis. Josephine Welch, Sis. Wanda Bell, Sis. Alane Welch, Bro. Edward Arnold. \$3.00.
6. New Prospect (Turner): By letter \$3.00.
7. Mt. Olive: Sis. Irene Windham, Bro. Ronald Morrell, Bro. Eugene Windham. \$5.00.
8. Little Bethel: By letter & pastor. \$5.00.
9. New Bethel: Sis. Whittaker & pastor \$3.00.
10. St. Luke: Bro. Homer Greer, Curtis Greer. \$3.00.
11. Spring Hill: Sis. Myrtle Grier, Mrs. Bernice McCall, Sis. Gussie Mitchell, Sis. Katilu Brady. \$3.00.
12. First Thomaston: Sis. Kate Watson: \$5.00.
13. Pleasant Hill: By letter (later).
14. Bethany: By Letter (later)

M.S.C. to accept letters as read and to seat the delegates.

It was voted at this time for the Union meetings to be held as follows:

First Union Meeting: Mt. Olive—March 29, 1969—Rev. James Shields—Introductory; Rev. Travis—Alternate.

Second Union Meeting: New Life—June 28, 1969—Rev. Bobby Whittaker—Introductory: Rev. J. B. Lumpkin—Alternate.

Third Union Meeting: Spring Hill—Aug. 30, 1969—Rev. Edward Arnold—Introductory: Rev. A. G. Windham—Alternate.

Rev. Travis reported at this time that Rev. James Shields had been examined and found to be in sound doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Association. M.S.C. to give Rev. Shields the right hand of Christian fellowship.

M.S.C. to give the church a vote of Thanks, by rising to our feet. Next new item was to elect officers for another year:

Rev. Hubert Arnold was elected Moderator.

Rev. Shields was elected Assistant Moderator.

Bro. E. A. Welch was elected Clerk.

Bro. Jesse Carroll, Bro. Eugene Windham, and Bro. H. H. Watson was nominated for assistant clerk. Bro. Jesse Carroll received the majority vote.

M.S.C. to receive love offering for Rev. Price's widow. The amount was \$34.70. This was given to Bro. Grier to be turned over to Sis. Price.

M.S.C. to adjourn. Benediction was by Rev. William Travis.

Total received by letters	\$ 42.00
Paid Moderator	10.00
Paid Clerk	<u>15.00</u>
Balance	\$ 17.00

Rev. Hubert Arnold, Moderator  
Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr., Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE DISTRICT

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY—NINETEENTH SESSION

September 21, 1968

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Women's Auxiliary Convention convened with the Turner Chapel Church of Butler, Georgia, September 21, 1968.

THEME: Mission Field at Our Doorsteps. John 4:35.

Registration

Opening song—'I Am Thine Oh Lord'

Prayer by Brother Homer Moore

Song—'Are You Washed In The Blood?'

Devotional—by Sis. Ann Travis. John 4:35.

Welcome by Turner Chapel Auxiliary, Sis. Cassie Moore

Response by Thomaston Auxiliary—Sis. Ruby Wells.

10:30—Meeting called to order by President, Sis. Ann Travis.

Recognition of visitors and ministers.

Roll Call of Local Auxiliaries.

The President then appointed the committees.

Credential Committee—Ruby Wells

Finance Committee—Sandy Travis, Cassie Moore

Resolution Committee—Mrs. J. B. Rodgers, Ruby Wells, Mrs. Jessie E. Carroll.

Nomination Committee—Kate Watson, Pauline Fetner, Margaret Wainwright.

Sandy Travis gave an interesting talk on the importance of missions in the Auxiliary work.

Short message given by our President, Sis. Ann Travis.

Song—'I Want To Be A Worker'

Prayer—by Sis. Jewell Bone

Song—'I Am Resolved'

Prayer—by Sis. Julia Mauldin

Love offering taken — Amount \$12.04

Special music by Grace Kirksey

A wonderful message brought by Rev. William Travis.

Song—'Is Thy Heart Right With God?'



Prayer—by Sis. Pauline Fetner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song—‘There Is Power In The Blood’  
Prayer—by Sis. Mamie Chambley

BUSINESS SESSION

Minutes were read and approved.  
The committees gave their reports (see reports).  
Dismissed with prayer by Sis. Margaret Wainwright.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

REPORT FROM CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Turners Chapel Church, Butler, Georgia  
First Church of Thomaston, Georgia  
Respectfully submitted,  
Ruby Wells

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your finance committee, submit this report.

Balances brought forward .....	\$ .39
Convention Dues .....	5.75
Love Offering .....	<u>12.04</u>
 Total .....	 \$ 18.18

We recommend that a love offering be given to Bro. W. R. Lawhorn of \$10.00.

We also recommend that \$3.00 be paid on the minutes which will leave a balance in the Treasury of \$5.18.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Travis  
Cassie Moore

REPORT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

President .....	Ruby Wells
Vice President .....	Ann Travis
Secretary—Treasurer .....	Pauline Fetner
Assistant Secretary—Treasurer .....	Kate Watson
Personal Service .....	Jewell Bone
Study Course .....	Mamie Rodgers
Stewardship .....	Nell Heath
Missions .....	Gail Carroll
Field Workers .....	Julia Mauldin and Cassie Moore

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance brought forward .....	\$ .39
Taken in and paid out from Oct. 1967 to Sept. 1968	\$229.13

Respectfully submitted,  
Naomi Bell

## MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING

This meeting was held at Turners Chapel Church August 30, 1968. Rev. A. G. Windham welcomed the body. He turned the service over to Rev. Hubert Arnold. He read from Ezekiel 3rd Chapter 17th and 18th verses.

Bro. Wilbur Carroll led in our opening prayer. The morning message was delivered by Rev. A. G. Windham. It was enjoyed by all.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

After a very delicious lunch we assembled back in the church at 1 o'clock. Bro. Eugene Windham led in a wonderful prayer. Everyone stood and gave a testimony for the Lord. Move and Second to accept minutes as read.

It was decided that the body would elect a speaker for the next Deacon and Ministers meeting.

M.S.C. that Rev. A. G. Windham bring morning message and Rev. Arnold alternate. M.S.C. that the moderator appoint Deacons to be on the program next year.

Next item of business was the election of officers. They are as follows:

Rev. Hubert Arnold—Moderator

Rev. A. G. Windham—Assistant Moderator

Bro. Larry Bell—Clerk

Bro. Willard Wilder—Assistant Clerk

There were four churches represented, they were: New Life, Mt. Olive, Trinity, and Turners Chapel.

The next meeting will be at Mt. Olive Church on Saturday before the First Sunday in Sept. 1969.

No further business.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

Bro. Larry Bell, Clerk

Rev. Hubert Arnold, Moderator

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

On January 6, 1968, a meeting was held at Turners Chapel Freewill Baptist Church for the purpose of re-organizing the Sunday School Convention of the Chattahoochee Association.

Rev. Russell Horne led the singing and brought the morning message. He read from the 6th Chapter of St. John and the 15th verse. It was a very inspiring message.

After the message, Rev. J. B. Fuller, pastor of the host church, asked for a nomination for moderator. Rev. Russell Horne was nominated and unopposed. Rev. Edward Arnold was elected clerk. The body was dismissed for lunch.

After a delicious meal, Bro. & Sis. Jesse Carroll presented a short program, followed by special singing from the Turners Chapel Quartet.

Business—

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. M.S.C. that another meeting be held the first Saturday in May at Mt. Olive FWB Church. A committee, composed of Bro. Martin Windham, Bro. Wilbur Carroll, and Bro. Hudson Poole, was appointed to help churches that do not have a Sunday School, start one.

Bro. Martin Windham was elected to bring the message at the next meeting and Rev. Hubert Arnold to be his alternate. It was suggested that the Sunday School and League Convention be combined. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Bro. E. A. Welch and Rev. J. B. Fuller were appointed to help the moderator draw up a new constitution and some new by-laws.

M.S.C. that clerk write letters to churches reminding them of S. S. & League Convention.

M.S.C. that Sunday School and League send \$6 to each meeting.

An offering of \$17.60 was collected to start treasury.

M.S.C. that host church be given a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Second Meeting of the Sunday School Convention—

The annual Chattahoochee Association Sunday School Convention met with Mt. Olive Church on May 5, 1968, at 10:30 p.m. Singing was led by Rev. A. G. Windham. Rev. Russell Horne welcomed the body and presented a short devotional. Bro. Martin Windham brought the morning message. It was very challenging to everyone present. The body was dismissed for lunch.

After lunch, special singing was presented by the Joy Makers Quartet. A very interesting program was then pre-

sented by the past superintendents and the present superintendent of the Mt. Olive Sunday School. Each gave a brief talk on 'How the Sunday School Has Helped Them' Business—

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Russell Horne. Bro. Hudson Poole reported that the committee had sent letters to churches without a Sunday School urging them to start one.

The new constitution and by-laws were read by the Moderator and adopted. M.S.C. that Sunday School and League Convention be combined.

Trinity asked for the next convention to be held on the first Saturday in May, 1969. Rev. Edward Arnold was chosen to bring the morning message.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P. M.



## YOUTH RALLY

The Youth for Christ Rally met on July 15 at Mt. Olive Reynolds, Georgia. In the banner count Turner's Chapel won and Mt. Olive received the visitors fee. It was moved and seconded to send \$25 to the children's home. The election of the officers brought forth:

President—Edward Arnold

Secretary and Treasurer—Grace Bussey

Song Leader—Ronald Morrell

Pianist—Joyce Wilder

Little Bethel requested the rally at their church on October 21, 1967. Balance of treasure at this time \$21.21.

The Youth Rally met at Little Bethel, Ideal, Ga. In the banner count, Mt. Olive won and Little Bethel received the visitors fee. The election of a vice president brought forth Martin Windham. It was moved and seconded to send \$15 to the Children's Home. Providence requested the Youth Rally on January 20, 1968. Balance of Treasury at this time: \$15.71.

The Youth Rally met at Providence, Columbus Ga. In the banner count, Mt. Olive won and Providence received the visitors fee. At this meeting, there was a discussion on lowering the age limit of the Youth Rally. This was moved to the next meeting. Turner's Chapel requested the next rally on April 20, 1968. Balance in Treasure at this time: \$23.21.

The Youth Rally met at Turner's Chapel, Butler, Ga. In the banner count Turner's Chapel won and Mt. Olive received the visitors fee. It was decided to purchase a new banner for the ones aged birth—7. The First Church of Thomaston requested the rally. The balance of Treasure at this time: \$30.84.

In Memory of Rev. C. H. Bass—

Rev. Bass was born December 24, 1907 and departed from this earth December 29, 1967, making his stay here on earth 60 years. Rev. Bass was ordained into the ministry on October 2, 1954.

During his ministry he served St. Mark and Providence Churches, also organizing the Victory Mission and going to many distant places to conduct revivals, and be of service to God in any way that he was led.

Bro. Bass was one of the most dedicated ministers that I have ever known. He had a great love for all man kind and was not ashamed to testify and tell of the love that he had for his Heavenly Father.

As the morning sun shall gild the skies  
And His creation lift my eyes  
As flowers on the earth appear  
To manifest that He is near  
As the shadows fall at the close of day  
With its evensong and a time to pray  
Tis a wondrous feeling to know that God  
Secured each heart as this earth we trod  
Just as a bird shall cease to sing  
And tuck its head neath a feathered wing  
Just as a rose shall petals close  
And trust its God in sweet repose  
So in our trails or burdens deep  
God's love can give us peaceful sleep.

By His Friend,  
Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr.

In Memory of Rev. William J. Childree—

Born October 28, 1896, and departed this life July 23, 1968 at the age of 71.

In early life he entered the Ministry of the Free Will Baptist denomination, having pastored churches in Taylor and surrounding counties. He was a member of the New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church and served as Chaplain of the Reynolds Masonic Lodge No. 695. He was a faithful and true servant of God and dedicated his life to Him.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. J. B. Lumpkin of Junction City and The Rev. H. W. Giddens of Omega officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Olive Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites.

He is survived by his wife, eight daughters, four sons, 30 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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

God used him as His servant,  
The tasks he never shunned,  
Now his work on earth is over,  
His life crown he has won.

Far beyond this land of sorrow  
Our loved one has gone to rest  
Though he'll be missed no less tomorrow,  
We all know the Lord knows best.

In Loving Memory,  
The Family

In Loving Memory of Our Former Pastor—

Rev. George W. Price, pastor of St. Luke, Church, died September 17, 1968. Elder Price was born on December 23, 1903 in Webster County. Making his stay on earth 64 years. He served numbers of churches in the Chattahoochee Association for 39 years.

Rev. Price served as moderator of the association for many years. He leaves a wife, and a number of family members and many friends.

By His Nephew,  
Rev. Price Hayes

In Memory of Bro. Len Chapman—

Bro. Len Chapman was born May 7, 1884, died March 9, 1968, making his stay on earth 83 years.

He was a member of New Life Church for many years, and attended church as long as he could. He was a great believer in Christ, and held him up anywhere he went.

He leaves two daughters, eleven grandchildren, six great grand children, and a host of friends to mourn his death.

Sleep on dear Brother till we meet again.

Clara Lockhart,  
Church Clerk

In Loving Memory of Sister Olivia Rustin Watson—

Sis. Watson was born June 17, 1883, and deceased from this life June 30, 1968. She leaves four daughters and many loved ones to mourn her passing.

Her Pastor,  
Hubert Arnold

In Memory of Sister Mary Ella Wainwright—

Sis. Wainwright was born January 9, 1900, deceased from this life May 1, 1968. She was a member of Turners Chapel Church for many years. She leaves behind her many loved ones to lament her passing and an abiding hope of some-day meeting again.

Her Pastor,  
Rev. A. G. Windham

In Memory of Brother Buford Watson—

Bro. Watson was born March 13, 1883, died October 6, 1968. He was a deacon of Trinity Church for many years. He leaves one son, and one daughter that will miss him.

Pastor Hubert Arnold

Brother Arthur Cromer—

Bro. Arthur Cromer, was born October 24, 1890, died October 30, 1967. He was a faithful member of Little Bethel Church. We feel that our loss will be Heavens gain.

And when a million years you spend,  
Rejoicing in His Love,  
The Joys up there will never end,  
In that Blest Home Above.

His Pastor,  
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin



**Sister Ruby Jones—**

Born April 23, 1887, died January 27, 1968, a life long member of Little Bethel Church. She was faithful to the cause of Christ.

Beyond the sea your trusting soul,  
At rest within His care,  
Shall Live and reign while ages roll,  
In mansions bright and fair.

Her Pastor,  
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

**In Memory of Brother Joseph N. Bryan—**

Bro. Bryan was a Deacon and charter member of New Liberty Church organized August 13, 1954. He also gave the land to the Church.

Bro. Bryan was a faithful man and deacon as long as health permitted. Born December 17, 1885, died May 13, 1968, his stay on earth was 82 years, 7 months and 4 days.

Sleep on my Brother here below,  
While endless ages glow  
To awake some morning bright and fair,  
There no sorrow we know.

By H. W. Grimsley

In Memory of Brother J. L. Taylor—

Bro. Taylor was born June 22, 1918. He departed this life April 12, 1967. Age 48 years, 9 months and 20 days. Bro. Taylor was a faithful member of the New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church and had served as a Deacon from May 30, 1964, until his death. His presence and devotion will be greatly missed by all the church and community.

This isn't death it's glory  
It isn't dark — it's light,  
It isn't stumbling, groping,  
Or even faith, it's sight.

How did I bear the earth life  
Before I came up higher,  
Before my soul was granted  
Its every deep desire.

Before I knew this rapture  
Of meeting face to face,  
The one who saught me, saved me,  
And kept me, by His grace.

By His Pastor,  
V. L. Pritchett

# FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative Plan	Building and Repairs	Literature	Children's Home	Paid for Minutes	Miscellaneous	Causes Not Listed	Value of Church Property	Total Expenditures
New Prospect	Turner	1,225.00	125.00		22.75	37.35	94.16	10.00	36.36	18.32	10,000	
Turners Chapel	Taylor	1,862.48	235.98	389.94	2,002.95	340.42	380.45	10.00	357.22	208.40	18,000	5,834.16
Trinity	Taylor	1,117.10	126.00	59.28	184.41	9.00		10.00		52.09	3,000	1,663.96
Mount Olive	Taylor	2,530.00	175.00	360.00	297.95	218.47	120.00	10.00	5,284.25	1,247.58	8,500 20,000	10,113.24
Little Bethel	Macon	665.00	125.00			60.00	20.00	10.00		921.61	5,000	941.60
New Liberty	Schley	120.50	332.00					3.00		45.20		
St. Luke	Russell					58.31	20.00	5.00		230.38	8,000	558.69
First Thomaston	Upson	3,900.00	610.00	1,214.95	1,864.86	514.61		10.00		665.38	7,500 75,000	8,769.80
Pleasant Hill	Schley	1,120.00	160.00	157.38	642.02			10.00			7,500	
New Bethel	Worth	574.71	161.55			122.00		10.00		260.30	12,000	
Providence	Muscogee	928.16			180.72	138.00	1,200.00	5.00	71.00	79.29	10,000	2,553.17
Spring Hill	Marion	618.00	115.00					5.00		74.83	10,000	
New Life	Marion	328.12	75.00		293.40		60.00	10.00		127.87		
Bethany	Marion	190.23	45.00					5.00			2,500	

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Rec'd by Statement	Expelled	Deceased	Total Membership	MEETING DAYS	ENROLLMENT					
											Sunday School	C.T.S.	Women's Auxiliary	Prayer Meetings	Master's Men	Vacation Bible School
New Prospect	Turner	V. L. Pritchette	5					1	176	2nd & 4th	38					
Turners Chapel	Taylor	A. G. Windham	10	1	7	2		1	164	Full Time	96	65	12	30		65
Trinity	Taylor	Hubert Arnold	1					2	29	2nd & 4th				18		
Mount Olive	Taylor	R. L. Horne	7	2	2			3	178	Full Time	60	68		35		
Little Bethel	Macon	J. B. Lumpkin	5	1	1			2	114	1st & 3rd	25					
New Liberty	Schley	J. B. Fuller	1					1	26	1st & 3rd						
St. Luke	Russell	G. W. Price			1			1	22	Full Time	15	15		15		
First Thomaston	Upson	William Travis	8	4	6			1	113	Full Time	69	39	14	20	8	35
Pleasant Hill	Schley	Grady Etheredge	1	2	2		8		38	2nd & 4th						
New Bethel	Worth	Bobby Whittaker	2	2	2				89	2nd & 4th	35			12		
Providence	Muscogee	James Shields	5	1	6			3	174	Full Time	38	36		15		
Spring Hill	Marion	Price Hayes	4						28	2nd & 4th						
New Life	Marion	J. B. Lumpkin	1					1	74	2nd & 4th				7		
Bethany	Marion	Roscoe Pitts						1	40	1st & 3rd						