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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 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, Rev. E. C. Grimsley, Rev. H. L. Lumpkin.

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 134th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association met at New Life Church on October 3, 1969, at 10:30 o'clock. The congregational singing was led by Bro. Randall Lumpkin. Prayer was offered by Bro. H. H. Watson and Bro. E. A. Welch.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Pastor of the Host Church and Moderator of the Association, welcomed the body and introduced the speakers for the morning worship service.

Due to the absence of the regular appointed speakers the body chose Rev. Tom Hallimon to preach the introductory message and Rev. Hubert Arnold to follow.

Rev. Hallimon read from the 24th Chapter of Matthew and 7th Verse. Rev. Arnold read from the 4th Chapter of Hebrews. These were very inspiring messages and were successful in putting the Associational body in a very spiritual mood.

We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Randall Lumpkin.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After congregational singing and prayer by Bro. Leonard Layfield the moderator read from the 5th Chapter of St. Luke, commenting on the 15th verse. He then declared this 134th session open and ready for business.

The first item was to invite visiting brethren to seats with us. The next was the call for corresponding letters. MSC that Bro. H. H. Watson and Bro. Joe Logue read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Trinity—Mrs. Evelyn Gill, Mrs. Josephine Welch.
2. St. Luke—Bro. Homer Greer.
3. Pleasant Hill—Sis. Ida Wall, Sis. Geraldine Dillard, Sis. Pearl Guy, Sis. Fred Brewer, Sis. Dan Brewer.
4. New Liberty—Sis. Annie Lou Streetman, Bro. J. C. Kirkland, and wife, Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley.
5. New Life—Sis. Clara Lockhart, Sis. Mina Roberts, Sis. Lula Daniels, Sis. Lola Daniels, Sis. Ruby Stubbs, Sis. Sarah Lumpkin.
6. New Prospect—By letter.
7. First Thomaston—Mrs. Bel Tucker, Mrs. Kate Watson.

8. Turner's Chapel—Sis. Nannie Lou Rodgers, Sis. Bell Heath, Bro. Homer Moore, Bro. Jesse Carroll, Bro. C. W. Carroll, Bro. Ernest Heath.
9. Little Bethel—Sis. Thelma Fowler, Bro. & Sis. Leonard Layfield, Bro. & Sis. Harvey Cromer, W. H. Cromer.
10. Providence—Bro. & Sis. Pearlie Allen, Bro. & Sis. James Brannan, Sis. Noami Durden.
11. New Bethel—Sis. Joan Whittaker.
12. Mt. Olive—Bro. & Sis. Bob Dent.
13. Bethany—Sis. Lilly Grimsley, Bro. Woodroe Hendricks, Bro. Woodie Hendricks, Sis. Beatrice Grimsley.
14. Spring Hill—Bros. & Sis. Houston James, Sis. Rosa Grimsley, Sis. Gussie Mitchell.

MSC that the letters be accepted as read and the delegates seated.

At this item the body paused in memory of our deceased Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

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

Preaching: Sis. Clara Lockhart, Sis. Felton Roberts, Bro. Leonard Layfield.

Suggestions: Bro. H. H. Watson, Bro. Henry Grimsley, Bro. Homer Greer, Sis. Ruby Stubbs, Sis. Sara Lumpkin.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers: Bro. Bob Dent, Bro. Horce Lockhart, Bro. Randall Lumpkin, Bro. Wilbur Carroll, Bro. Houston James.

Finance: Bro. C. R. Greer, Sis. Edna Carroll, Sis. Ida Walls, Bro. John Kirkland.

Sunday School: Rev. Hubert Arnold, Sis. Zeke Plymale, Sis. Josephine Welch.

Christian Sabbath Observance: Bro. Joe Logue, Sis. Lula Daniel, Sis. Bell Tucker, Sis. Nannie Lou Rodgers, Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley.

Temperance: Sis. Evelyn Gill, Sis. Fred Brewer, Rev. Robert Stubbs, Sis. Charlotte Logue.

Women's Auxiliary: Sis. Kate Watson, Sis. Lilla Flannagan, Sis. Pearlie Allen.

The preaching committee reported at this time. (See Report.)

Little Bethel asked to host the next session of the Association. The body voted their approval.

The next item was to appoint delegates to our Sister Associations. Since no one volunteered we will represent by minutes to each of them.

The delegates from Little Bethel Church chose Rev. Tom Hallimon to preach the introductory message at our next Associational meeting, and Rev. A. G. Windham as alternate.

A call was made for obituaries at this time.

No further business to come before the body. It was MSC to adjourn until 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. Benediction by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The congregation was led in singing by Bro. Randall Lumpkin. Prayer was offered by a very dear friend of the Chattahoochee Association, Rev. Richard McFadden, who is in the Georgia Union Association.

The Moderator read from the 12th Chapter of Hebrews.

Bro. Norman Grier's time had expired on the Executive Committee, but he was nominated and elected to a 5 year term.

Rev. Rosco Pitts failed to prepare our circular letter for this year, so one will not appear in this minute.

The moderator appointed Rev. A. G. Windham to prepare the circular letter for next year.

MSC to have 500 minutes printed. MSC to send \$7 to to the National Association and \$10 to the State Association.

MSC to pay Moderator \$25 and Clerk \$40.

It was some discussion at this time concerning the lack of cooperation that we had received from the State Office during the past year. The body voted that the clerk write Rev. Cason stating our complaints and ask for better corporation in the future. (That letter has been written and answer received from the State Office and the reason for this lack of corporation was due to Bro. Cason's health. He will resign at the State Associational Meeting, but his office assured us of full corporation in the future, and I as clerk of your association urge you to continue to support the cooperative plan and all other phases of our denominational works).

The Moderator extended to Rev. R. B. McFadden and his guest the right hand of Christian fellowship and welcomed them to seats with us in this body.

Business was adjourned until after the preaching hour.

Rev. A. G. Windham brought the morning message. He read from 35th Chapter of Isaiah, 3rd through 10th verses. He was followed by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. After announcements concerning lunch the body was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Lumpkin.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing, prayer was offered by Bro. Claude Flannangan. The Moderator read from the 17th Chapter of Matthew, 15th verse.

At this time announcements were made concerning the Harvest Drive for the Children's Home. MSC to receive an offering; the amount was \$61.00 to be sent to the Children's Home.

MSC to receive the reports (See Reports).

MSC to receive all the reports as read and to dismiss the committees. The delegates to the state association will be Bro. H. H. Watson and wife, Rev. Tom Hallimon and wife.

A rising vote of "Thanks" was extended the Host Church. The next item was the election of officers: Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Moderator, Rev. Hubert Arnold, Assistant Moderator, Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk, Bro. H. H. Watson, assistant Clerk.

It was felt by some, possibly that St. Mark Church would want to unite with our Association again during this year. The body granted the executive Committee authority to restore St. Mark Church back into fellowship with the Association should they so desire.

MSC to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Lumpkin.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Mod.

Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

NAME OF MEETING	DATE	CHURCH
Association -----	Oct. 2 & 3, 1970 -----	Little Bethel
1st Union Meeting --	March 28, 1970 -----	Trinity
2nd Union Meeting ---	May 30, 1970 -----	Providence
3rd Union Meeting ---	Aug. 29, 1970 -----	Turners Chapel
Ministers & Deacons --	Sept. 5, 1970 -----	First Thomaston
S. S. Convention -----	May 2, 1970 -----	Turners Chapel
Youth Rally -----	Jan. 17, 1970 -----	Mt. Olive
Womans Auxiliary—Information not available.		

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PREACHING COMMITTEE

We the committee on Preaching recommend Rev. Robert Stubbs and Rev. Hubert Arnold to preach on Friday night. Rev. A. G. Windham, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin to preach on Saturday morning.

Clara Lockhart
Mina Roberts
Leonard Layfield

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School Committee, continue to urge each church to consider having a Sunday School. We find that we have two churches that have Sunday Schools organized since last association.

“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.” Matt. 28:19-20.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Hubert Arnold
Sis. Josephine Welch
Sis. Reba Plymale

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

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

C. W. Carroll
Houston James
N. R. Lumpkin
B. R. Dent
H. L. Lockhart

SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE

We the Suggesting Committee, suggest that Bro. E. C. Grimsley's name and Bro. H. L. Lumpkin's name be put in the minute with Bro. W. H. Emmerson as the ones who drew up our covenant.

H. H. Watson, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We your committee on Sabbath Observance, We are taught in God's word to remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy. If we abide by the 11th item of articles of Faith and Doctorial views it will be kept Holy. Ex. 19:8; Heb. 4:9; Thes. 1:7; Psal. 16:9.

Joe B. Logue
Lula Daniel
Nannie Lou Rodgers
Rossie Lee Grimsley
Bell Tucker

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We your committee on Woman's Auxiliary find that only two churches in our association have a Woman's Auxiliary.

It is the Missionary arm of the church. It aids the church in many ways, helping in the support of all missionary work. The Superannuation, The Children's Home, The Needy families in our community, to help those who do not have the privilege as we do to go to church.

We urge that every Pastor make a special effort to get the women of their church to organize an auxiliary.

We as your committee know that many times we can't support every phase of the work, but God will surely add his blessings in that which we are able to do. "For we are laborers together with God." 1 Cor. 3-9.

Kate Watson
Lois Allen
Lilla Flanagan

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Even a child is known by his doings, whether it be good or bad. We ask that each Freewill Baptist examine ourselves as to our temperance in our daily walk of life. Be wise, pray for wisdom, refrain from all wrong doings, to speak the truth of every man—for we are all members of one another in Christ. Be ye kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving even as God has forgiven you.

Sis. Charlotte Logue
Sis. Evelyn Gill
Bro. Robert Stubbs

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasurer—Dec. 31, 1968	-----	\$ 24.67
Received from Union Meetings	-----	129.00
Received from Association	-----	120.00
Total	-----	273.67

Curtis R. Greer
Sis. Wilbur Carroll
Bro. J. C. Kirkland

We the Mt. Olive Church have recently changed our associational year to September to September. We did this for the convenience of our pastors who will have children of school age. This will give our pastors time for moving and enrolling their children in school without a change during the school year. To the best of our knowledge all the other associations in Georgia start their associational year at this time. We the Mt. Olive Church ask that the association change

their year to September to September. This letter adopted by Mt. Olive Church September 13, 1969.

Rev. Russell Horne, Mod.
Bro. Ronald Morrell, Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee	-----	\$ 273.67
Expenses—		
Moderator's Salary	-----	\$ 25.00
Clerk's Salary	-----	40.00
State Association Fees	-----	10.00
National Association Fee	-----	7.00
Printing of Minutes	-----	190.55
Total Expenses	-----	272.55
Balance in Treasurer	-----	1.12

E. A. Welch, Jr., Treasurer

FIRST UNION MEETING

The First Union Meeting was held at Mt. Olive Church, March 29, 1969. Singing began at 10 o'clock, and was led by Rev. A. G. Windham. Opening prayer by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. Rev. James Shields acted as assistant Moderator. Rev. Shields also delivered the introductory message. His message was preceeded by a testimonial service and prayer around the altar. Prayer was offered by Rev. William Travis at this time. Rev. Shields took his subject from the sixth chapter of Isaiah 1st through 8th verses. Rev. Travis followed Rev. Shields. His subject was taken from the 13th chapter of

St. John 31st verse. He stated that this was the Free Will Baptist Chapter of the Bible.

Rev. Horne, the pastor of the Host Church made announcements concerning lunch and Rev. J. B. Lumpkin dismissed the body with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer by Bro. Hudson Poole and devotion by Rev. Horne. He read from 1st Peter Chapter 2 verse 15. At this time the moderator declared this session open and ready for business.

The first order of business was the call for corresponding letters. The body chose Rev. A. G. Windham and Rev. Travis to read the letters. They are as follows;

1. Mt. Olive—Bro. Hudson Poole, Sis. Barbara Jean Windham, Sis. Ruby Poole \$5.00.
2. New Prospect, Taylor Co.—by letter \$3.00.
3. Bethany—by letter \$3.00.
4. First Thomaston—Bro. Chas Fatner, Sis. Mary Jo Taylor, Bro. Buddy Taylor, Sis. Bell Tucker, Sis. Julia Mauldon. \$5.00.
5. St. Luke—Bros. Alvin Greer, Homer Greer, Curtis Greer, \$3.00.
6. New Prospect—Turner Co.—Bro. Billy Holcomb, Bro. Luther Little \$3.00.
7. Turners Chapel—Bro. Ernest Heath, Sis. Nannie Rodgers, Bro. Homer Moore, Sis. Edna Carroll, Wilbur Carrol, \$10.00.
8. New Liberty—by letter \$1.00.
9. Providence—Sis. Debra Sercy, Sis. Selma Shields, Bro. Lee Hodges \$5.00.
10. Little Bethel—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cromer, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Layfield, Bro. O. M. Willinas \$5.00.
11. New Bethel—Sis. Jo Ann Whittaker, Melvin Fowler, \$3.00.
12. Trinity—Sis. Josephine Welch, Alane Welch, Wanda Bell. \$3.00.
13. New Life—Clara Lockhart, Sis. Ruby Stubbs. \$3.00.
14. Bro. Gene Windham \$10.00.

MSC that the letters be received as read and to seat the delegates. Eleven of the fifteen churches were at this session. Rev. Travis spoke on behalf of the Missions board. MSC to receive an offering at this time for brother Joe Logue a young brother of our ranks who is in serious physical condition at this time.

The amount was \$51.00.

After a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their wonderful hospitality a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Received by letters \$59.00.

Rev. James Shields, Asst. Mod.
Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk

SECOND UNION MEETING

This session of the Union Meeting met at New Life Church June 28, 1969. Bro. Gene Windham led the congregational singing. Bro. Curtis Greer offered the opening prayer. Prayer was also by Rev. James Shields and our newly called preacher Bro. Heath.

Our special singing was by Bro. David Posey, Rev. Edward Arnold, and Bro. Ronald Morrell. Rev. J. B. Lumpkin pastor of the host church welcomed the body and presented Rev. Bobby Whittaker who preached the introductory message, he read from the 28 chapter of Proverbs 8th verse.

Rev. Lumpkin followed Rev. Whittaker with a brief message, he read from 2nd Peter 1st Chapter 4th verse.

After a very spiritual meeting the body was dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Congregational Singing was led by Bro. Edward Arnold, prayer by Bro. Gene Windham. After reading scripture the Moderator declared the session open for business. The first item was the call for corresponding letters. MSC that Bro. David Posey and Rev. Edward Arnold read the letters. They are as follows:

1. New Prospect, Turner Co.—By letter \$5.00
2. Mt. Olive—Bro. Martin Windham, Bro. Jimmy Whittaker, Bro. B. R. Dent, Eugene Windham \$5.00.

3. Little Bethel—Bro. and Sis. Harvey Cromer \$5.00
Sis. Morris Lawhorn.
4. Trinity—Mrs. Alane Posey, Bro. Bill Smith, Josephine Welch, Wanda Bell. \$3.00.
5. St. Luke—Sis. Nell Greer, Homer Greer, Bro. Curtis Greer. \$3.00.
6. New Bethel—Sis. Joan Whittaker, Sis. Grezelle Fowler, Myrtice Green. \$3.00.
7. Turners Chapel—Sis. Nell Heath, Edna Carroll—\$5.00.
8. Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Frank Williams \$5.00.
9. New Live—Clara Lockhart, Zeake Plymale, Ruby Stubbs \$3.00.
10. New Liberty—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kirkland, Bro. J. P. Vanzant and wife, Sis. Marilu Wilson \$1.00.
11. Providence—Bro. Pearlie Allen, Bro. Metze Durden, Sis. Nomia Durden, Sis. Loise Allen, Sis. Runette Jones \$5.00
12. Spring Hill—Bro. Norma Grier and wife, Bro. Houston James and wife, Sis. Bernice McCall. Sis. Katilu Brady, Gussie Mitchell, Betty Sue Grier \$3.00.

MSC to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. The Moderator invited visiting brothers to seat with us. A rising vote of thanks was extended the host church for their hospitality. No further business to come before the body.

MSC that the body adjourn. Benediction by Bro. Bob Dent. Received by letters \$49.00.

Rev. Hubert Arnold, Mod.

Bro. E. A. Welch, CLerk

THIRD UNION MEETING

The third union meeting was held at Spring Hill Church on August 30, 1969. Singing was led by Rev. James Shields. Prayer by Bro. E. A. Welch.

The Introductory Message was preached by Rev. Tom Hallimon. He read from several places in the Bible and his subject was entitled "Unrealized Service" on the part of the Christian Workers.

A testimonial service followed the message that was so well delivered by Rev. Hallimon. Rev. Price Hayes the pastor of the Host Church, made announcements concerning lunch and also dismissed the body with prayer.

Rev. W. R. Lawhorn graced the table at lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a congregational song and prayer by Rev. Hallimon the Moderator read scripture and declared this session open for business.

A call was made for corresponding letters. Rev. Shields and Rev. Edward Arnold was chosen to read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Trinity—Sis. Wanda Bell, Alane Posey, Josephine Welch. \$3.00.
2. Bethany—Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Grimsley \$3.00.
3. Spring Hill—Gussie Mitchell, Bernice McCall, Jesica Tyler, Lucille James \$3.00.
4. Thomaston—by letter \$5.00.
5. New Liberty—Sis. Rosie Lee Grimsley, Bro. and Sis. J. C. Kirkland \$1.00.
6. Little Bethel—Sis. Randal Jinks, Sis. Bonnie Jinks, Bro. and Sis. Jones, W. R. Lawhorn \$5.00.
7. New Prospect (Turner)—by Letter \$5.00.
8. Providence—Bro. James Brannan and Mary Brannan \$5.00.
9. New Bethel—by letter \$3.00.
10. Turners Chapel—Bro. Jesse Carroll, Bro. Wilbur Carroll. \$5.00.
11. St. Luke—Sis. Wonnie Greer, Sis. Mary Mims. \$3.00.
12. New Life—Sis. Clara Lockhart, Bro. and Sis. Zeke Plymale, Sis. Ruby Stubbs, Bro. Billy Stubbs. \$3.00.
13. Mt. Olive—Sis. Bob Dent \$5.00.

MSC to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates. The Moderator welcomed visiting brothers to seats with us, we were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Tom Holliman from the East Alabama Association.

The next item was to choose the time and places for the Union Meeting in 1970. They are as follows:

First—Trinity, March 28, 1970, Rev. James Shields, Introductory, Rev. Hubert Arnold, Alternate.

Second—Providence—May 30, 1970, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Introductory, Rev. Hubert Arnold alternate.

Third—Turners Chapel—August 29, 1970, Church to choose the speaker at a later date.

The next item was to elect officers for the new year. They are as follows: Rev. Hubert Arnold, Moderator, Rev. James Shields, Assistant.

Bro. Welch asked for and received permission to nominate his own Assistant Clerk, but nominee would have to be approved by the body.

A rising vote of "Thanks" was extended the Host Church, and after several announcements were made MSC to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Edward Arnold. Amount received by letters \$49.00.

TREASURER REPORTS

Received by Union Meetings Total	-----	\$ 157.00
Moderator	-----	10.00
Clerk	-----	15.00
Stamps	-----	3.00
Total expenses	-----	28.00
Balance	-----	129.00

To be turned over to the Association.

E. A. Welch, Treasurer

MINISTERS AND DESCONS MEETING

This meeting was held at Mt. Olive Church September 6, 1969. Bro. Woody Nelson, welcomed the body. Bro. Woody Nelson gave a talk from St. John 1 thru 3rd verse. Bro. Travis brought the response from Psalms 30.

Services were turned over to Rev. A. G. Windham to bring the morning message. He read from the second chapter 41st verse of Acts. Bro. Herman Watson dismissed with prayer for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The body assembled back at the church at one o'clock; Bro. Eugene Windham led in prayer. There were nine preachers present and thirteen deacons. The Churches represented were as follows:

First Thomaston—Mt. Olive, Trinity, New Life, St. Luke, Turner's Chapel.

A Free Will Offering was taken and MSC that this would be sent to the Childrens Home. The Amount of \$18.00. Next item of business was the election of officers as follows: Moderator, A. G. Windham; Assistant Moderator, Hubert Arnold, Clerk; Bro. Larry Bell, Assistant Clerk, Willard Wilder.

The next meeting will be held at First Thomaston on Saturday before the First Sunday in September in 1970. September 5, 1970. No further business MSC to adjourn.

Bro. Larry Bell, Clerk
Rev. Hubert Arnold, Mod.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists Sunday School and League Convention met with Trinity Church on May 3, 1969. After singing and prayer, Bro. Edward Arnold brought the morning message.

After a very inspiring message, Bro. Hubert Arnold, the Assistant Moderator, called the meeting to order. MSC that Sunday School Convention send out forms to each church to fill out and report to Sunday School Convention. A representative from each church gave a report on the Sunday School and League in their church.

After lunch, the body reassembled for further business. MSC that each church be responsible for short program at convention. Officers for the coming year are:

Moderator—Bro. Hudson Poole
Asst. Moderator—Bro. Eugene Windham
Clerk—Sis. Alane Posey
Assistant Clerk—Sis. Phyllis Windham
Committee—Bro. Hudson Poole, Bro. Jesse Carroll,
and Bro. Jack Cobb.

MSC that next meeting be at Turners Chapel the first Saturday in May, 1970. The body adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Clerk,
Alane Posey

In Memory of Sister Vinnie Farmer—

Sister Farmer was born March 11, 1902, died March 29, 1969. She was faithful until her health failed. She was sick for about seven years, but continued to go to church, until about two months before she passed on. She leaves behind her husband, four sons and two daughters.

Voices, now singing redemption's
song of praise to the Lamb that was slain.
Sleep on and rest, the time won't
Be long, till we'll be united again.

Church Clerk,
Myrtis Greene

In Memory of Bro. John W. Britt—

Bro. Britt was born December 29, 1884, died May 20, 1969. He was a member of New Bethel Church. He leaves four Sons and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

Sleep and rest, Dear Brother, in sweet peace, until we meet again.

Church Clerk
Myrtis Greene

In Memory of Bro. Bennie Lavendar—

Bro. Lavendar was born October 10, 1913, died May 29, 1969. He was a member of New Bethel Church. He was in declining health for many years. He leaves one brother four sisters, and a large number of friends and relatives.

Sleep on, it won't be long until we meet again.

Church Clerk,
Myrtis Greene

In Memory of Bro. Walter Wall—

Bro. Wall joined Spring Hill Church about the year of 1913. He was faithful in attendance as long as he lived near the church. When he moved from Marion County to distant counties, he continued to come to church but not as often as when he lived near by. Spring Hill remained his home church until his death April 16, 1969, at Plains Georgia. He lived 82 years.

His presence and devotion will be missed by the church, his family and friends. But we have an abiding hope of meeting again in a beautiful life.

Spring Hill Church

In Memory of Sister Jessie Waller Hinton—

Sister Hinton was born August 1, 1910 and departed from this earth January 28, 1969.

Sister Jessie was a member of Trinity Freewill Baptist Church.

“God is not part of heartbreak or disappointment. When the afflictions of the land beset us He would that His children come unto Him that He might ease their burden and their joy be made full.

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”
Rev. 7:17.

Church Clerk
Josephine Welch

In Memory of Sister W. H. Cromer—

Sister W. H. Cromer was born April 12, 1893 died July 10, 1969 making her stay on earth 76 years, 2 months, and 27 days.

Sister Cromer was a long life member of Little Bethel Church. Her light was a light of out standing, in the Church, and in her home. She leaves behind, her home, which was filled with love and kindness. It was a home in which you could feel the wonderful love of God, and the comfort in which you enjoy Christian Families. She left behind a wonderful husband and children. Surely her reward on earth was God's reward. She has been placed across that beautiful and shining river to await her love ones to cross over to her. Her love and devotion to her Church and home surely was a guide them ore.

We miss you, Sister and Mother Cromer, how much God only knows. But it seems unto God to take you, and leave us here below. Your sorrow and suffering now are over and your life crown has been won. May God help us to meet you in Heaven and hear the Master say "WELL DONE."

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

In Memory of Bro. W. N. (Bill) Fowler—

Bro. Fowler was born March 20, 1892 and died May 13, 1969, making his stay on earth 78 years, 1 month, and 23 days. Bro. Fowler was a member of Little Bethel Church. He will be missed in his home and church. Bro. Fowler has been placed in that Paradise which Christ went away to prepare, where there is no more death, or dying, but living for every and ever over there.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

In Memory of Sister C. L. McCarty—

Sis. McCarty was born September 4, 1888, died Nov. 18, 1968, making her stay on earth 80 years, 2 months, and 14 days.

Sis. McCarty was a member of Little Bethel Church and one whom we all miss as a Christian friend. She leaves loved ones, church and friends to grieve that is heaven gain. Farewell loved one and mother until we meet again.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

In Memory of T. J. Driver—

Bro. Driver was born November 12, 1889, died May 18, 1969 making his stay here on earth 80 years, 6 months, and 6 days.

Bro. Driver was a devoted member of New Life Church for many years. True and loyal to promote its progress for the great cause in which our Saviour died for. He was kind and cheerful to those he came in contact. Bro. Driver believed in Christ our Lord. He understood what it meant to be a Christian, and what the Church stood for.

How much we miss you, God only knows, Bro. Driver. Pain and death has passed, and this life's warfare is o'er. We hope and trust in our Lord we meet you on that bright Celestial Shore.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

In Memory of Sister Minerow Elezabeth Colquitt—

Sis. Colquitt was born April 13, 1900, and died January 13, 1969. She was a most faithful member of New Liberty F.W.B. Church, very devoted to every activity as long as her health permitted.

She will surely be missed by many friends and loved ones but again be united when we too can say Good Night here but Good Morning up there.

Rev. Hubert L. Arnold, Pastor

In Memory of Bro. W. M. Durden—

Born Nov. 28, 1904, and departed this life to be with Jesus September 23, 1969, he was a member of the Providence Freewill Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia. He was a faithful member of Providence. I feel our loss will be Heaven's gain.

He leaves behind a wife, three sons, nine grand children, 2 great grandchildren, one sister, and four brothers.

His Pastor,

Rev. James Shields

"It is better to bring a small bouquet,
To give to your friend this very day,
Than to bring a garland of roses red
To lay on the Casket when he is dead."

Gone, but not forgotten—

Sis. Lolu Howard—8-26-67

Sis. Jessie Mae Dean—10-17-68

Sis. Mammie Chamblee—8-21-69

Bro. William Bartlett—11-19-68

Bro. Rickey Gene Harrison—7-27-68

(The youngest man from Upson County to give his
live in Viet Nam.)

Bro. Lee Eugene Robins—12-31-68

Bro. Eddie Frank Holly—7-2-69

In Moving Memory

Rev. William Travis

In Memory of Sister Mammie Lee Britt—

Sister Britt was born January 17, 1906, died Oct. 2, 1968, she joined New Bethel Church at a young age and was a faithful member as long as health would permit. She leaves her husband and four sons to mourn her passing. Her Christian life was an example for all of us to follow.

The pain of death has passed
And Life warfare is o'er
We hope to meet you
On Heaven's bright Celestial shore.

Church Clerk,
Myrtis Greene

In Memory of Brother Rondall Wainwright—

Brother Rondall was born October 1, 1948, and departed this life January 9, 1969 at the age of 20.

He entered the Armed Forces of our Nation at an early age and was serving his Country well at the time of death. Brother Rondall was a member of Turners Chapel Free-Will Baptist Church having joined November 30, 1958.

Funeral services were held at the Turners Chapel Free-Will Baptist Church with Elder A. G. Windham officiating. Interment was in the Turners Chapel Cemetary with Military graveside rites.

Brother Rondall leaves behind him a dear mother, one brother and a host of relatives and friends to lament his passing.

"Tears may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

In Loving Memory
His Pastor,
A. G. Windham

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative Plan	Building and Repairs	Literature	Children's Home	Paid for Minutes	Miscellaneous	Total Offering	Value of Church Property	Total Expenditures
New Prospect	Turner	1,200.00	150.00		154.69	76.00	84.40	10.00	794.88	1,369.50	10,000.00	2,309.97
Turners Chapel	Taylor	2,495.60	216.60	278.11	2,602.71	278.44	130.46	10.00	391.89	6,488.63	20,500.00	6,478.13
Trinity	Taylor	965.00	100.00	36.00	2,200.00	80.00	45.00	10.00	50.00	3,540.00	8,500.00	3,482.00
Mount Olive	Taylor	2,640.00	150.00	180.00	431.51	216.43	120.00	10.00	1,110.22	7,212.50		8,134.78
Little Bethel	Macon	650.00	100.00		1,111.50	59.64	40.00	10.00	177.20	2,088.50	10,000.00	
New Life	Marion	319.10	75.00		618.08			10.00	177.80		6,000.00	1,189.98
St. Luke	Russell	156.10			15.00	94.80	20.00	5.00	349.62	516.07	8,000.00	635.52
First Thomaston	Upson	4,140.00	573.55	135.00	2,221.08	412.55	155.00	10.00	3,112.30		75,500.00	10,749.48
Pleasant Hill	Schley	1,125.00	210.00	149.30	212.64			10.00	239.23		7,500.00	
New Bethel	Worth	1,206.31	137.00		20.00	45.00	93.00	12.00	331.00		12,000.00	
Providence	Muscogee	1,740.50	130.00	20.00	806.75	215.30		10.00	319.00	5,175.38	20,000.00	3,290.00
Spring Hill	Marion	639.00	100.00		66.24			5.00	1,377.10			2,182.34
New Liberty	Schely	316.00	175.00		111.50		65.00	3.00	42.25			
Bethany	Marion							5.00			2,500.00	

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec's 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
Trinity	Taylor	Hubert Arnold	0	1	0	0	0	1	29	2nd-4th-5th	38	0	0	25	0	0
St. Luke	Russell	Robert Stubbs	3	1	0	5	0	0	30	Full Time	30	0	0	18	0	0
Pleasant Hill	Schely	Grady Etheredge	3	0	1	0	0	0		2nd-4th						
New Liberty	Schley	Hubert Arnold	1	0	0	0	0	1	26	1st-3rd				✓		
New Life	Marion	J. B. Lumpkin	1	0	1	2	0	1	80	2nd-4th						
New Prospect	Turner	A. J. Cox	1	0	2	0	0	1	227	Full Time	38					
First Thomaston	Upson	Bill Travis	8	4	4	1	0	1	121	Full Time	75	45	12	✓	9	47
Spring Hill	Marion	Tom Hallimon	0	0	1	0	0	1	25	2nd-4th						
Turners Chapel	Taylor	A. G. Windham	3	1	3	1	0	0	166	Full Time	96	65		30		70
New Bethel	Worth		2	0	3	0	0	4	83	2nd-4th	25			✓		
Providence	Muscogee	James Shields	1	5	5	8	1	7	86	Full Time	38		12	15		
Little Bethel	Macon	J. B. Lumpkin	1	0	0	3	0	3	118	1st-3rd	50					
Mount Olive	Taylor	Bobby Whittaker	0	0	0	1	0	1	178	Full Time	66	25	20			
Bethany	Marion	Price Hayes	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1st-3rd						