

MINUTES  
- OF THE -  
135TH ANNUAL SESSION  
- OF THE -

CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE-WILL  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- HELD WITH -  
LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH  
IDEAL, GEORGIA

COMMENCING FRIDAY MORNING BEFORE THE  
FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1970

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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.
8. 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 dismission 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 predated 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 their regular conferences successively such changes, the alteration or amendments shall then become a part and parcel of this Constitution.

Read and adopted the above as the constitution of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association.

#### CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in the Associational year; or, if they prefer it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time; but if the choice be made at a special conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contribution made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of minutes of the Association.

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

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

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

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

11. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according to the covenant (Article 10), he shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

12. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows:

1. Prayer (unless divine service has just been conducted and generally then.)
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
3. Open the door for the reception of members.
4. Call for absentees.
5. For 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 135th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association met at Little Bethel Church, October 2, 1970, at 10:30 o'clock. The congregational singing was led by Rev. A. G. Windham. Prayers were by Rev. A. C. Truluck and Sis. Edna Carroll. Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Pastor of the Host Church, welcomed the body and turned the services over to Rev. A. G. Windham, who preached the introductory message. His text was taken from First Chapter of Collosians, 12th through the 20th verses. After a very inspiring preaching service the body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body reassembled at 1 p.m. and the moderator read from the 21st Chapter of John, 21st verse. After a brief comment on the reading the moderator declared this session open for business. First item was to invite visiting brethren to seats with us. The next item was to call for corresponding letters. M.S.C. that Rev. A. G. Windham and A. C. Truluck read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Trinity—Evelyn Gill, Josephine Welch, Joe Logue.
2. First Thomaston—Bell Tucker, Kate Watson, Mrs. William Travis.
3. New Bethel—Ann Ross, Berda Ross, Dennese Ross.
4. Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Harold Dillard, Mrs. Blain Wall.
5. Providence—Virginia Parker, Naomi Durden, Lois Allen, Annette Jones.
6. New Prospect—Luther Little, Deloris Little, Ruby Evans, Berta Little, O. G. Little.
7. Spring Hill—Rosa Grimsley, Myrtle Grier, Gussie Mitchell.
8. Bethany—Lilly Grimsley, Lovie Weed.
9. New Liberty—Annie Lou Streetman, Rosie Lee Grimsley, Christine Kirkland.
10. Mt. Olive—Ethel Windham, Barbara Jean Windham, Floria Windham, Joan Whittaker.
11. Turners Chapel—Jewel Bone, Edna Carroll, Homer Moore, Earl Bone, C. W. Carroll.
12. New Life—Clara Lockhart, Agnes Shellhouse, Dorothy Sara Lumpkin, Randall Lumpkin.
13. St. Luke—Homer Greer, Nell Greer, Curtis Greer.
14. Little Bethel—Mrs. Roger Streetman, Mrs. Leonard Layfield, Mrs. Morris Lawhorn, Essie Williams.

M.S.C. to accept the letters as read and to seat the delegates. The next item was the appointing of committees by the moderator. They are as follows:

Preaching Committee: Horace Cromer, Leonard Layfield, Joe Logue, Oswald Williams, Randall Jinks.

Suggestion Committee: Herman Watson, Henry Grimsley, Clara Lockhart, Josephine Welch.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers: Bob Dent, Horace Lockhart, Norman Greer, Earl Bone, Wilbur Carroll.

Finance Committee: Agnes Shellhouse, Roger Streetman, Mrs. Leonard Grimsley.

Sunday School: Rev. Hubert Arnold, Luther Little, Homer Greer, Rev. A. G. Windham.

Christian Sabbath Observance: Mrs. Norman Greer, Nell Grier, Annie Lou Streetman.

Temperance Committee: Edna Carroll, Kate Watson, Virginia Parker, Lois Allen.

Womans Auxiliary: Joan Whittaker, Barbara Jean Windham, Essie Williams, Jewel Bone.

The preaching committee reported at this time. They chose Rev. Hubert Arnold to preach the introductory on Saturday morning and Rev. Bobby Whittaker alternate. No services were held on Friday night.

Next, a call was made for petitionary letters; there were none.

The next item was the appointing of a place for the 1971 Session. Pleasant Hill asked for and received the next session. The next item was the appointing of delegates to our sister associations. They are as follows:

Georgia Union: Rev. James Stroupe

Little River: By Minute

South Georgia: Joe Logue and Rev. Hubert Arnold.

Martin: Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Williams

Midway: By Minute

The next item was the call for obituaries.

We were glad to have Rev. A. C. Truluck, our State Promotional Secretary with us in this session. He gave his report at this time. It was most interesting and well received.

The Pleasant Hill delegates reported that they had chosen Rev. A. C. Truluck to preach the introductory message at our next association.

There was no further business to come before the body, so we adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. on Saturday morning. Benediction was by Bob Dent.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Congregational singing was led by Oswald Williams, prayer was offered by Bro. S. Jones. The Moderator declared this session open for business and extended the right hand of Christian Welcome to a dear friend of the Chattahoochee Association, Rev. R. B. McFadden.

M.S.C. to have 500 minutes printed. M.S.C. to send \$7.00 to the National Association and \$10.00 to the State.

Rev. A. G. Windham has prepared the circular letter, he read it at this time. It was a very inspiring letter. M.S.C. to accept the letter and publish it in the minutes.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Bobby Whittaker to prepare the next circular letter.

M.S.C. to pay Moderator \$25.00 and clerk \$40.00.

M.S.C. to adjourn from business until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon after which the moderator turned the service over to Rev. Hubert Arnold to bring the Morning Message. He read from the 20th Chapter of Revelations from the 11th Chapter of Matthew, and 11th verse. After a spiritual service we were dismissed for lunch.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After a congregational song the Moderator declared the session open again for business, after which Rev. Bobby Whittaker asked all the churches to cooperate with the Harvest Day Drive of the Free Will Baptist Childrens home in Alabama.

M.S.C. to receive an offering for the Childrens Home. The amount received was \$55.00.

The next item was to have the body vote on the by-laws that governs our Sunday School Convention. The body voted in favor of accepting the by-laws that had been prepared by a Committee that was appointed at the Sunday School Convention. (These by-laws will appear in this minute) M.S.C. to give, the Host Church a rising vote of "thanks" for their splendid hospitality.

Next, the body paused in silent memory for our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ. The next item was the appointing of delegates to our State and National Association.

State Association—H. H. Watson, Joe Logue  
National Association—H. H. Watson.

Next the Committee reported, all reports were accepted. They shall appear elsewhere in the Minutes.

M.S.C. to dismiss all committees. Bro. Gene Windham's time has expired on the Executive Committee and at his request he was not nominated. Bro. Hudson Poole was elected in his place for a 5 year term.

The next item was the election of officers for the next year. Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. was elected Clerk, Bro. H. H. Watson as Assistant Clerk, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Moderator, Rev. Hubert Arnold, Assistant.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

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

#### ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

NAME OF MEETING	DATE	CHURCH
1st Union Meeting	----- First Thomaston	---- Jan. 30, 1971
2nd Union Meeting	----- New Liberty	----- May 29, 1971
3rd Union Meeting	----- New Life	----- Aug. 28, 1971
136th Chattahoochee Association	----- Pleasant Hill	----- Oct. 1-2, 1971
Ministers & Deacons	----- Turner's Chapel	----- Sept. 4, 1971
Sunday School Con.	-----	----- May 1, 1971
Youth Rally	-----	----- Information not available
Woman's Auxiliary	-----	----- Information not available

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 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  
E. E. Bone  
B. R. Dent, Sr.  
N. C. Grier  
H. L. Lockhart

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	Number of Deacons	Meeting Days	Number of Revivals	Total Church Membership	MEMBERS RECEIVED				MEMBERS DISMISSED				S. SCHOOL		C.T.S. Enrollment	W. AUX.		M. MEN		Prayer Meeting	Vacation Bible School
						By Profession of Faith	By Letter	By Statement of Faith	Total Members Received	By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership Dismissed	Enrollment	Average Attendance		Enrollment	Average Attendance	Enrollment	Average Attendance		
Bethany	B. P. Hayes	4	1-3	1	42	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes	no	
First Thomaston	William Travis	7	F.T.	2	131	7	7	0	14	3	0	1	4	96	67	47	17	14	8	6	46	64
Little Bethel	J. B. Lumpkin	6	1-3	1	116	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	40	25	no	no	no	no	25	no	
Mount Olive	Bobby Whittaker	7	F.T.	2	180	5	2		7	2			2	62	32	no		no		25	no	
New Bethel	Gene Ross	3	2-4	1	85	1	4		5		1	4	5	25	12	no	no	no	no	no	no	
New Liberty	Harvey Giddens		1-3	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	
New Life	J. B. Lumpkin	7	2-4	1	79	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	3	50	30	no	no	no	no	no	no	
New Prospect	A. J. Cox	2	F.T.		224	2	2	0	4	3	0	5	8	42	32	no	no	no	no	yes	no	
Pleasant Hill	Grady Etheredge		2-4	1	28	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	30	21	no	no	no	no	no	no	
Providence	P. E. Knighton	3	F.T.	1	43	0	6	4	10	0	0	1	1	48	30	no	14	10	no	yes	no	
Spring Hill	E. D. Howell	2	2-4	1	25	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	no		no	no	no	no	no	no	
St. Luke	Robert Stubbs	2	F.T.	0	20	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2		15	no	no	no	no	15	no	
Trinity	Hubert Arnold	4	F.T.	1	29	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	35	30	no	no	no	no	25	no	
Turners Chapel	James Stroup	7	F.T.	3	174	6	4	0	10	0	0	2	2	96	65	65	no		no	30	71	

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	Total Offerings	SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES					Total Spent For Local Causes	SPENT ON OUTSIDE CAUSES										Total Spent For Outside Causes	Total Expenditures	Value of Church Property	Paid For Minutes		
			Pastor	Evangelistic Work	Building and Repairs	Literature	Misc. and Utilities		STATE MINISTRY					NATIONAL MINISTRY										
									Corp. Plan	State Missions	Youth Camp	Christian Education	Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible College	Super-annuated	Other						
Bethany	Marion		393.69	100.				493.69														493.69		10.
First Thomaston	Upson	17897.58	4240.00	597.	8202.42	537.25	2829.06	16405.73	165.00	281.48	25.00	45.85		210.21	10.10	475.44		10.00		1223.08	17621.81	90,000.	10.	
Little Bethel	Macon	2134.62	600.00	150.	620.18	41.44	179.00	1665.20					20.00							20.00	1685.20	10,000.	10.	
Mount Olive	Taylor	8384.93	2600.00	150.	2905.48	354.99	1508.59	7519.06	180.00				120.00	425.00						725.00	8244.06	34,500.	10.	
New Bethel	Worth		816.36	85.		48.00	55.00	1004.36								25.00				25.00	1029.36	12,000.	12.	
New Liberty	Schley		460.60	100.				560.60													560.60		6.	
New Life	Marion		425.25	75.	2850.00	46.59	102.56	3499.30					60.00							60.00	3559.30	25,000.	10.	
New Prospect	Turner	2188.59	1216.00	150.		92.00	133.18	1591.79					71.77							71.77	1563.56	10,000.	10.	
Pleasant Hill	Schley	5214.94	1150.00	225.	6050.00	130.31	194.52	2724.51	306.45											306.45	3030.52	15,000.	10.	
Providence	Muscogee	7092.27	1716.13	51.	3079.29	65.49	1245.49	6157.40					27.06							27.06	6184.46	18,000.	10.	
Spring Hill	Marion		547.00	125.			205.17	877.17													877.17	10,000.	5.	
St. Luke	Russell	392.83	138.71		166.49	69.95	242.43	617.58					20.00							20.00	637.58	8,000.	5.	
Trinity	Taylor	3185.76	980.00	200.	1800.00	73.42	239.86	3093.28	36.00				74.48					53.00		163.48	3256.76	8,500	10.	
Turners Chapel	Taylor	5341.09	2623.44	300.	348.87	305.08	393.56	3970.95	321.68	96.00			50.00							467.68	4438.63	20,500	10.	

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We ask that each Freewill Baptist study to show themselves approved unto God — a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth walking in the ways of the Lord, so that his light is always seen in us.

Flee all sin, but follow righteousness, faith, charity and peace, forgiving others as God has forgiven you.

Sis. Virginia Parker  
Sis. Edna Carroll  
Sis. Kate Watson  
Sis. Lois Allen

## SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE

We the suggestion committee suggest that at the association that whoever brings the corresponding letter from each church read their own letter rather than someone else read them.

H. H. Watson  
H. L. Grimsley  
Clara Lockhart  
Josephine Welch

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We your Sunday School Committee wish to commend the Trinity and New Life Churches and Pleasant Hill for the splendid examples of Christian growth and leadership since organizing Sunday Schools in their churches. We pray that they may continue to experience even greater things for God's glory.

Our desire is to see all of our churches with a Sunday School. We further urge each church to explore the idea and utilize our Sunday School Committee appointed in the last convention to assist in organizing new Sunday Schools. We also recommend that the new by-laws for Sunday Schools be adopted at this session.

A. G. Windham  
Hubert Arnold  
Luther Little  
Homer Greer

## COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We your committee on Sabbath observance, urge everyone to keep the Sabbath Day holy, by taking time to worship the Lord in the Lord's house on Sunday.

Sis. Myrtle Grier  
Sis. Annie Lou Streetman  
Sis. Nell Greer

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We your committee on Woman's Auxiliary, realize it takes a strong, willing group of ladies to perform the duties of a Woman's Auxiliary. Because of this, we are proud of the auxiliaries we have in the association, yet we wish more would step out on faith. Mark 16:15 reads... "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." We know this is what the Woman's Auxiliary is for—Missions in the community, in the state, and foreign missions.

Barbara Jean Windham  
Jewel Bone  
Joan Whittaker  
Essie Williams

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasury—Dec. 31, 1969 .....	\$ 35.91
Received from Union Meetings .....	185.00
Received from Sunday School Convention .....	20.00
Received from Association .....	128.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 368.91</b>

Sis. Agnes Shellhouse  
Sis. Lenard Grimsley  
Bro. Roger Streetman

## TREASURERS REPORT

Received from Finance Committee .....	\$ 368.91
<b>Expenses—</b>	
Moderators Salary .....	\$ 25.00
Clerks Salary .....	40.00
State Association .....	10.00
National Association .....	7.00

Printing of Minutes	-----	\$ 281.45
Total Expenses	-----	363.45
Balance in Treasurer	-----	\$ 5.46

E. A. Welch, Jr. Treasurer

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

#### CIRCULAR LETTER

Our text today is found in II Timothy 2:1, 4. "Thou therefore my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

In this generation someone has introduced a most shameful statement, "I'd rather be red than dead." A faithful American also said, "Old Soldiers never die—they just fade away."

As a boy, my blood ran faster and turned redder when I heard the teacher in our little school talk about bravery and the victories of George Washington and Valley Forge. And how it thrilled me when I heard Patrick Henry's immortal statement, "Give me liberty or give me death." Space will not permit many other great statements worthy of our consideration such as that of Nathan Hale that said, "My only regret is that I do not have a thousand lives to give for the cause of freedom."

David was a great soldier who, as a lad, killed a lion and a bear and then challenged the mighty Goliath and killed him. He inspired others to be good soldiers. One day David said, "Oh, that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem." And two of his brave soldiers plowed through and fought through to that well and brought their

King Bethlehem's water. What kind of soldiers should we be for our Coming King?

David was such a soldier that he even fought with the Philistines because Saul would not have him in the Army that he loved. And David was such a good soldier that they gave him an honorable discharge from a dishonorable army.

Now let's take a look at the greatest soldier that ever lived. He was a most unusual soldier. He was certainly disciplined. He fasted forty days and forty nights. He was one soldier who never hated anybody. He loved every enemy He ever had. As a boy, He never had a fight. He was perfect and yet He was obedient to the imperfect, His mother and His foster father. He worked hard as a lad at the carpenter's bench.

He never killed anybody or raised a sword and yet, He was the Sword with all power. He was branded unpatriotic and disloyal and the judge was even told that if he released Him, he wasn't a friend of Caesar's. He won every battle he ever fought and yet, there was never a medal pinned on Him. The only reward he ever got was an old rugged cross.

He was only in active service for a little over three years. His first battle was with the devil in the wilderness and His last battle was with death in a borrowed tomb. But in between these two mighty conflicts. He fought and won every battle that I'll ever face down here and proved Himself a faithful General and became the mighty Captain of our salvation.

To us in our time the battle is going to become fierce as deceivers wax worse and worse and violence covers the face of the earth. But at least, it is easy to identify the enemy, so let's "stand up, stand up for Jesus," and "when the battle's over, we shall wear a crown in the New Jerusalem."

May I remind you in closing; don't expect the war to be over in this life, but you can expect the Captain to soon come riding upon a glorious cloud and give us a reserved seat in his glory world to watch Him finish the fight. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is Thy victory?"

#### FIRST UNION MEETING

The First Union Meeting was held at Trinity Church, March 28, 1970. Singing began at 10:30 o'clock being led by Bro. E. A. Welch. Prayer was by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

and Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

Rev. Hubert Arnold, pastor of the Host Church, welcomed the body. Rev. Coy Watson brought the morning message. His text was 18th Chapter St. Luke, 18th verse; 5th Chapter Galations, 19th verse. Subject: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.

Dismissed for Lunch.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The song service began at 1 o'clock and prayer by Rev. A. G. Windham. The Host Church presented a program at this time.

The devotional was by Rev. J. E. Blanton from the Decatur Church. His scripture was 3rd Chapter John-4th verse.

A Free Will offering was received for the Decatur Church. The amount was \$27.00.

The moderator declared this session open for business. A call was made for the corresponding letters. M.S.C. that Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Bro. W. T. Williams read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Trinity-Wanda Bell, Evelyn Gill, Robert Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Logue-\$5.00.
2. Pleasant Hill - By letter - \$5.00.
3. New Liberty - Bro. J. C. Kirkland, Mrs. Ammie Lou Streetman - \$5.00.
4. First Thomaston - Herman Watson, Kate Watson, Julia Mauldin, Cora Ranow - \$5.00.
5. New Prospect - Luther Little - \$5.00.
6. Little Bethel - W. T. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Layfield. - \$5.00.
7. Bethany - Mrs. Lillie Grimsley, Mrs. Alma Garrett, Mrs. Annette Grimsley - \$3.00.
8. New Bethel - By letter - \$3.00.
9. New Life - Sis. Clara Lockhart, Bro. E. E. Plymale, Sis. Reba Plymale, Bro. H. L. Lockhart. \$3.00.
10. St. Luke - Nell Greer, Lucille Storey - \$3.00.
11. Spring Hill - Norman Greer, Katilu Brady, Gussie Mitchell - \$3.00.
12. Mt. Olive - Jimmy Wilhoite, Barbara Jean Windham, Ralph Windham, Joan Whittaker - \$5.00.
13. Turners Chapel - Edna Carroll, Nannie Lou Rodgers, Homer Moore - \$10.00.

M.S.C. to accept letters and to seat the delegates. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. They are as follows:

Rev. Coy Watson - Midway Association

Rev. J. E. Blanton - South Georgia Association

After several announcements M.S.C. to give the Host Church a risinig vote of Thanks for entertaining the body.

M.S.C. to adjourn

Benediction by Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr.

Received from letters - \$60.00.

Hubert Arnold, Moderator

E. A. Welch, Jr., Clerk

## SECOND UNION MEETING

The Body assembled at Providence Church for the Second Union Meeting at 10:30 o'clock. The singing was led by Bro. Hershell Allen and prayer by Rev. A. C. Truluck. It was moved that the pastor of the Host Church, Rev. P. E. Knighton, act as moderator in the absence of elected moderator.

A call was made to receive the corresponding letters. Welcome by Rev. P. E. Knighton. We were glad to have several visiting from other associations. Rev. J. B. Lumpkin brought the morning message reading from II Peter, 1:3. "The Promise of God" was his Text.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing, Rev. A. G. Windham led in prayer. The Moderator, Rev. Arnold, read the 1st verse from 13th Chapter Romans. He declared this session open for business. M.S.C. that Rev. A. G. Windham and Bro. Hudson Pool read the Letters. They are as follows:

1. Little Bethel-Robert Cromer, Tommie Albritton, Polly Albritton - \$5.00.
2. Spring Hill-By pastor-Rev. Hallimon-\$3.00.
3. New Liberty-Marilou Wilson, Annie Lou Streetman, Christine Kirkland-\$5.00
4. Mt. Olive-Hudson Poole, Annie Windham, Ethel Windham, Joan Whittaker-\$10.00.
5. Pleasant Hill-Mrs. Harold Dillard, Mrs. Blan Wall-\$5.00
6. Bethany-Mrs. Lovie Weed, Alma Garrett, Marguerite Hudge, Arnette Grimsley-\$5.00.
7. First Thomaston-\$5.00.
8. New Life-Bro. and Sis. Lockhart, Agnes Shellhouse.

- Truman Lockhart, Martha Lockhart \$5.00.
9. Turners Chapel—Bro. and Sis. Ernest Heath, Bro. Wayne Carroll. \$10.00.
  10. St. Luke—Homer Greer—\$3.00.
  11. Providence—Nola Williamson, Frank Williamson, James and Mary Brannon, Bro. & Sis. Richard Mason—\$5.00.
  12. New Prospect—By letter—\$5.00.
  13. Trinity—Bro. & Sis. E. A. Welch, Bro. & Sis. Larry Bell, Bro. Jack Cobb—\$5.00.

M.S.C. to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Rev. Truluck, our State Secretary, was with us today and the moderator granted him time to speak to us concerning his work. He read from 87 Psalm. He gave a very interesting talk.

Bro. Hudson Poole read the By-laws of the Sunday School Convention. M.S.C. that the body accept these By-laws as read with the understanding that they are to be passed on at the Annual Association.

M.S.C. to give the Host Church a rising vote of Thanks for their hospitality. No further business to come before the body. M.S.C. to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Arnold.

Total received from letters = \$71.00.

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

### THIRD UNION MEETING

The 3rd Session of the Union Meeting met with Turners Chapel Church, August 29, 1970. The singing began at 10:30 being led by Rev. A. G. Windham, and prayer by Rev. James Usury and Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. A free will offering was given at this time. The amount received was \$40.00. Special singing at this time by Rev. A. G. Windham and daughters.

The morning message was by Rev. James Strupe. Scripture reading—3rd Chapter Luke, 7th verse. Bro. Jessie Windham gave the Benediction for lunch.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The moderator read scripture and gave brief talk. Rev. James Usury came representing the State office in the absence of Rev. Truluck. He gave a very interesting report concerning our State office. It was M.S.C. to give \$25.00 of the morning offering to Rev. Usury to be turned over to State office for Coop. plan.

A call was made for the church letters. M.S.C. that Rev. Bill Travis and Rev. Bobby Whittaker read the letters. They

are as follows:

1. Trinity—Mrs. Evelyn Gill, Mrs. Josephine Welch—\$3.00.
2. St. Luke—Homer Greer, Curtis Greer—\$3.00.
3. Bethany—Mrs. Lovie Weed, Mrs. Lillie Grimsley—\$5.00.
4. Little Bethel—Sis. Randal Jinks, Bonnie Jinks, Horace Cromer—\$5.00.
5. New Liberty—Marilu Wilson, Annie Lou Streetman, Bro. and Sis. J. C. Kirkland—\$5.00.
6. New Prospect—By letter—\$5.00.
7. New Life—Rev. Robert Stubbs, Ruby Stubbs, Bro. and Sis. Horace Lockhart—\$5.00.
8. First Thomaston—Bro. and Sis. Herman Watson, Cora Ranow, Bell Tucker, Ann Travis, Ed Howard—\$5.00.
9. Turners Chapel—Rachel Wainwright, Ernest Heath, Jessie Carroll, C. W. Carroll—\$10.00.
10. Mt. Olive—Barbara Jean Windham, Ethel Windham, Analara Windham—\$10.00.
11. Spring Hill—Rosa Grimsley, Myrtle Grier—\$3.00.
12. Providence—Pearlie Allen, P. J. Pearson, Lois Allen, Mattie Lou Pearson, Virginia Parker, Naomi Durden, Lanie Bass—\$5.00.

M.S.C. to accept the letters and seat the delegates. We had members from the South Georgia Association and Georgia Union. The Moderator extended them a warm welcome.

The next item of business was to appoint places for the next union meetings. They are as follows:

- 1st Union Meeting—First Thomaston, January 30, 1971—Rev. J. B. Lumpkin to bring message, Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Alternate.
- 2nd Union Meeting—New Liberty, May 29, 1971, Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Rev. Bill Travis, Alternate.
- 3rd Union Meeting—New Life, August 28, 1971, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Rev. A. G. Windham, Alternate.

Bro. Bob Dent stood and made a plea for the churches to send more to help with the expenses of the union meeting and associations.

The next item was the election of officers. They are as follows:

Rev. Bobby Whittaker—Moderator  
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Hubert Arnold  
Clerk—Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr.  
Assistant Clerk—Bro. H. H. Watson

A rising vote of Thanks was given to the Host Church for their wonderful hospitality. M.S.C. to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. J. E. Blanton.

Amount from letters \$54.00.

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

#### TREASURERS REPORT

Received from Union Meetings .....	\$ 185.00
Paid Moderator .....	10.00
Paid Clerk .....	<u>15.00</u>
Total Expenses .....	25.00
Balance .....	\$ 160.00

E. A. Welch, Jr. Treasurer

#### THE MINISTER'S AND DEACONS' MEETING

The Minister's and Deacons' meeting was held at the First Thomaston Church, Saturday, September 5, 1970. After congregational singing and prayer, Rev. Bobby Whittaker gave the Devotional reading from Proverbs 22:29. Rev. Bill Travis welcomed the body, and Rev. J. B. Lumpkin responded.

Services were turned over to Rev. A. G. Windham to bring the morning message and special singing with Phyllis and Carlene Windham. He brought a very spiritual message.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator after lunch, and prayer was offered by Bro. Herman Watson. Bro. Jessie Carroll brought the evening message reading Luke 8:22.

M.S.C. to send the offering of \$20.00 to the cooperative plan of support.

There were 6 ministers and 11 deacons present. The churches represented were as follows: First Thomaston, Trinity, Mt. Olive, New Life, Little Bethel, and Turner's Chapel.

The new officers are as follows—  
Moderator—Rev. A. G. Windham  
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Bobby Whittaker  
Clerk—Bro. Jessie Carroll  
Assistant Clerk—Bro. Herman Watson

The next meeting will be at Turner's Chapel the Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1971. MSC to adjourn.

Moderator—A. G. Windham  
Presiding Clerk—  
Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

**BY-LAWS OF THE DISTRICT  
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**

Article I: In order to encourage and inspire our Sunday Schools of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist, in a more definite plan of work and to co-ordinate our efforts for a more successful program of teaching God's Word, we set forth the following By-Laws:

Article II: This Convention shall be known as the Sunday School Convention of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist.

Article III: The object of the Convention shall be to promote Sunday School work in general among our churches.

Article IV: The membership of this Convention shall be the Sunday Schools of the churches that are members in good standing with the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist. A mission Sunday School shall hold membership as long as it has the endorsement of a church which represents in said Convention.

Article V: The representation fee for each session shall be determined by the participating churches. The said fee shall be used to defray the expenses of the Convention, and to contribute to our denominational enterprises. The fee is to accompany a letter containing the condition of the Sunday School, average attendance, number of classes, number of departments, number on roll, number of teachers and officers and any other information that the Convention deems pertinent to the growth and efficiency of the local Sunday School.

Article VI: Each Sunday School shall send delegates as deemed appropriate to the Convention. All delegates should be elected from the laity.

Article VII: All pastors of the churches of the local Association and superintendents shall be considered members at large with voting power, but should not be sent as delegates.

Article VIII: The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. All officers shall be elected at the close of the session of the Convention each year.

Article IX: **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside over all meetings of the Convention, appoint temporary committees and perform the other duties usually devolving upon said officer.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice President shall preside over meetings in the absence or at the request of the President and assist the President in the general supervision of the Convention.

**SECRETARY AND TREASURER:** The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Convention and record all finances that come as funds into the Convention.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** The Committee shall organize or assist in the organization of new Sunday Schools, the reorganization of existing Sunday Schools that have lapsed into a state of inefficiency. This service being rendered at the request of the local Sunday School.

Article X: **Amendments:** These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

**BY-LAWS SUBMITTED BY:**

Rev. Bobby Whitaker  
Rev. A. G. Windham  
Rev. Hubert Arnold  
Bro. Hudson Poole

**In Memory of Brother Pat Sizemore—**

Brother Sizemore was born in Webster County, Georgia on October 27, 1909. He died August 26, 1968, in Muscogee County, Columbus, Georgia leaving his wife and four children and eight grandchildren.

Brother "Pat" as he was known to all was an active member of Providence Church as long as his health permitted.

"A precious one from us is gone  
A voice we loved is still  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled."  
His wife and children.

**In Memory of Sister Carolyn Wigby—**

Sister Carolyn was born January 6, 1931 and passed away January 10, 1970 making her stay on earth 39 years.

She was a member of New Life Church, she was devoted to her church, home, and family.

She loved God and wanted to do something for the up building of his kingdom.

She leaves a Mother, Father, one sister, three brothers, a husband and four children, a host of relatives and friends. Sleep on dear Daughter, in peace on Heavens shore.

By the help of God we will meet you there, where we won't have to say good-bye any more.

Church Clerk,  
Her Mother, Clara Lockhart

**In Memory of Brother Zeak Plymale—**

Brother Plymale was born January 22, 1914, passed away May 19, 1970. Making his stay on earth 56 years. He was a member and Deacon of New Life Church. He was a faithful church worker, and was always ready to help in the Lord's work, as long as he was able to do so.

He leaves to mourn his death, a wife, 5 step-children, a host of relatives and friends.

Sleep on dear brother till we meet again.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

**In Memory of Brother Jeffie Daniel—**

Brother Daniel born February 23, 1895 passed away April 24, 1970, making his stay on earth 75 years, 2 months, 1 day.

Brother Jeffie was a member of New Life Church for many years.

He loved his church and believed in God. He leaves a wife, 7 children, several grandchildren, a host of friends and relatives.

Sleep on Brother till we meet again. Over on heaven's shore.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

**In Memory of Sister Maude Edge—**

Sister Edge was born December 26, 1886, died May 14, 1970. She was in poor health for several years. She attended church regularly until her health fail her. She is missed but forgotten.

Her Pastor,  
Rev. A. J. Cox

**In Memory of Brother Edd Brown—**

Bro. Brown was born April 25, 1894 died September 11, 1970. He was a member of New Prospect Church. He leaves his wife and children to mourn his passing.

His Pastor,  
Rev. A. J. Cox

In the Memory of Sister Roxie Powell—

Born August 19, 1888, departed this life, July 31, 1970, at the age of 81 years, 11 months, 12 days. A true and faithful member with New Bethel Freewill Church, in Worth County for many years. She leaves behind her foot prints that will long remain on the sand of future time and, a sweet memory to leave in the hearts of her, one son, one daughter, and her many friends and love ones.

Faded the rose from our garden of love,  
To bloom in God's eden of rest.  
Resting from labor in mansions above.  
Prepared for the faithful and blest.

Bloom on sweetest roses never die,  
While years of eternity roll.  
By grace we'll meet again some by and by.  
In mansion of glory made of pure gold.

Myrtis Greene  
Clerk

A Memorial for Little Freddie Joe Roberts—

He was born April 12, 1944, departed this life, October 8, 1969, his stay on earth was 25 years, 5 months, and 26 days. He was an invalid all his life. He was friendly and cheerful, always smiling to everyone who passed his way. A light to his parents, one sister, one brother, and a host of friends, to mourn his passing. He was the son of Sister Opal Roberts and the late Jesse T. Roberts.

Sleep on and rest, Little Freddie,  
For in heaven there will be no cripple boys,  
But you will have a glorious body,  
Likened unto Christ.

Myrtis Greene  
Clerk

To the Memory of Brother J. A. Farmer—

Brother Farmer born June 5, 1879 departed this life, November 27, 1969, at the age of 90 years, 5 months, 22 days. He was for many years a true and loyal member of New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church in Worth County. He filled his duty in the high and honorable office as a Deacon. In his later years, his health didn't permit him to fill his place so he rendered the service he loved so well. He leaves behind, a wife three sons, 3 daughters, a host of friends, and loved ones.

Some further day, it won't be long,  
Press on to again the prize.  
We'll meet again the blood washed throng,  
Beyond the starry skies.

When toils are o're and we shall rest  
From labors here, we're born,  
We'll live and reign with all the blest  
On that eternal morn.

Myrtis Greene  
Clerk

In Memory of Sister May Powell—

Sister Powell was born November 22, 1894, departed this life January 14, 1970, at the age of 75 years, 1 month, and 23 days. She was for many years a true member of New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, in Worth County. She was loved by the church, loved ones, and friends. To mourn her death, she leaves two sons, four daughters.

Our loss is heaven's gain.  
Now you're resting free from pain.  
That you suffered here below.  
Some sweet day we'll meet again,  
On that eternal shore.

Joyful thought, we'll never part,  
Until over there to be.  
Come soothe our broken, weary hearts,  
Till safe at home beyond the sea.

Myrtis Greene  
Clerk

To the Memory of Sister Armie Ervin—

Sister Ervin was born September 21, 1904, departed this life, May 10, 1970. Aunt Armie, a beloved member of New Bethel Freewill Church, in Worth County. Her stay on earth was 65 years, 7 months and 19 days.

I cannot say, and I will not say,  
That she is dead; she is just away.  
With a cherry smile and a wave of the hand,  
She wandered into an unknown land.  
Think of her still as the same I say—  
She is not dead, she is just away.

Myrtis Greene  
Clerk