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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 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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New Liberty	J. C. Kirkland	Ellaville, GA 31806
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## MINUTES OF THE 136TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### Friday Morning Session

The 136th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association met at Pleasant Hill Church on Friday Oct. 1, 1971 at 10:30 o'clock. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Randall Lumpkin. Prayers were offered by Bro. Bill Guy and Bro. Herman Watson.

The welcome was by Bro. Bill Guy, who is a Deacon of the Host Church. Rev. A. C. Truluck preached the introductory message. His text was taken from the book of Acts. A very challenging report was given preceeding the message concerning Free Will Baptists and the work they were doing, or failing to do.

After a very spiritual hour the body was dismissed for lunch with prayer with Bro. Claude Flannigan.

### Friday Afternoon Session

The body reassembled at 1 o'clock and after singing and a prayer by Rev. Hubert Arnold, the Moderator read from the 6th chapter of St. John using the 38th verse as his text. After this he declared this session open and ready for business.

The first item was to invite visiting brethern to seats with us. The next item was the call for corresponding letters. These letters were read by a delegate from each church; this proved to be more interesting. The letters and delegates are as follows:

1. Bethany: Beth Hendricks, Beatrice Grimsley, Lillie Grimsley, Margurite Hodge, Annett Grimsley.
2. First Thomaston: Bell Tucker, Kate Watson.
3. Little Bethel: Mr. & Mrs. O. M. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Tyson Ray, Morris Lawhorn.
4. Mt. Olive: Ronald Morrell, Hudson Poole.
5. New Bethel: By Letter.
6. New Liberty: Christine Kirkland, Rosie Lee Grimsley, Annie Lou Streetman.
7. New Life: Clara Lockhart, Reba Plymale, Mary Turner, Mina Roberts.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	Number of Deacons	Meeting Days	Number of Revivals	Total Church Membership	Received by Profession of Faith	Received By Letter	Received By Statement of Faith	Total Members Received	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members Dismissed	S.S. Enrollment	S.S. Average Attendance	C.T.S. Enrollment	Aux. Enrollment	Aux. Average Attendance	M.M. Enrollment	M.M. Average Attendance	Prayer Meeting	Vacation Bible School
Bethany	B.P. Hayes	4	1-3	1	45	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
First Thomaston	William Travis	7	F.T.	3	112	20	3	1	24	4	0	1	5	97	68	64	18	15	7	5	29	50
Little Bethel	J.B. Lumpkin	7	1-3	1	60	8	0	0	8	0	0	5	5	50	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Olive	Bobby Whittaker	7	F.T.		62	7	0	0	7	1	0	0	1	--	58	29	0	0	0	0	25	0
New Bethel	Gene Ross	3	F.T.	1	88	6	6	0	12	3	0	2	5	23	17	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
New Liberty	Huwell Walker	1	1-3	1	26	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	J.B. Lumpkin	7	1-3	1	75	1	0	1	2	2	0	2	4	50	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Prospect(Taylor)	Monroe Winters		F.T.	1	40					0	0	0	0	17	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Prospect(Turner)	A. J. Cox	2	F.T.		100	2	8	0	10	0	0	0	0	42	27	0	0	0	0	0	30	0
Pleasant Hill		4	2-4	1	28	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	25	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Providence	P.E. Knighton	4	F.T.	1	75	11	25	5	41	8	0	1	9	59	48	0	14	12	0	0	40	65
Spring Hill	Ed Howard	1	F.T.	1	31	3	4	0	7	1	0	0	1	34	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Luke	Alvin Greer	2	F.T.	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	Hubert Arnold	3	F.T.	1	36	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	38	30	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Turners Chapel	James Stroup	7	F.T.	3	173	3	1	0	4	1	0	4	5	96	63	65	0	0	0	0	30	63

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	Total Offerings	Pastors Salary	Evangelistic Work	Building and Repairs	Literature	Misc. and Utilities	Total Spent for Local Causes	Corp. Plan	State Missions	Youth Camp	Christian Education	Childrens Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible College	Super-Annuation Others	Total Spent Outside For Causes	Total Expenditures	Value of Church Property	Paid For Minutes
Bethany	Marion		904.45	70.00	41.00			1015.45												2500.00	10.00
First Thomaston	Opson	16301.96	4482.00	310.02	3923.49	271.38	3646.89	12633.48	180.00	418.55	267.00		270.01	268.00	119.00	265.00		1737.55	14371.03	75000.00	10.00
Little Bethel	Macon	3300.00	840.00	150.00	1900.00		110.00	3000.00					20.00					20.00	3010.00	15000.00	10.00
Mount Olive	Taylor	10879.48	2860.00	251.00	4261.11	474.14	2383.27	10229.77	602.58	257.00		30.00	220.00	229.12				1338.75	11568.55	30000.00	10.00
New Bethel	Worth	2840.47	1625.68	102.00	667.54	48.00	178.33	2621.55	10.00				26.60					36.60		15000.00	12.00
New Liberty	Schley		545.25	140.00				685.25													6.00
New Life	Marion		595.00	100.00	500.00		1291.00	2496.00												25000.00	10.00
New Prospect	Taylor																				
New Prospect	Turner	4348.37	1200.00	150.00	2708.81	79.68	20.94	4156.93													
Pleasant Hill	Schley	3587.87	1225.00	210.00	101.22	179.39	1404.81	3120.42	338.73												
Providence	Mascokee	6041.75	1590.00	160.00	3231.28	291.51	1312.36	6585.15		23.00	72.04	30.00	100.00					338.75	3479.15	15000.00	10.00
Spring Hill	Marion	1170.00	100.00			45.77	138.39	1454.16										225.04	6810.19	35000.00	10.00
St. Luke	Russell, ALA	435.69				55.19	227.38	282.57											1454.16	10000.00	5.00
Trinity	Taylor	8997.00	1560.00	200.00	3299.00	130.00	616.00	5836.00	284.52		60.00		127.00		8.90			20.00	307.57	8000.00	5.00
Turners Chapel	Taylor	6009.84	2556.18	300.00	314.29	355.90	593.45	4159.82	375.56	200.00								486.42	6321.42	20000.00	20.00
																		675.56	4835.38	20500.00	10.00

8. New Prospect, Turner: By Letter.
9. Pleasant Hill: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Brewer, Mrs. Pearl Guy, Mrs. Blan Wall, Mrs. Hugh Wall, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. Edith Guy.
10. Providence: Bro. Hugh Ball, Sis. Margie Ball.
11. Spring Hill: Mrs. Geraldine Grier, Myrtle Grier.
12. St. Luke: Mrs. Nell Greer, Bro. Tim Mims.
13. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Joe Logue, Wanda Ball, Larry Bell, Bill Smith.
14. Turners Chapel: Jewel Bone, Edna Carroll, Jesse Carroll.
15. New Prospect, Taylor: By Letter.

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

The next item was the call for petitionary letters. There were none.

M.S.C. that the Moderator appoint the various committees. They are as follows:

Preaching Committee: Bill Guy, John Kirkland, Hudson Poole.

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

State of Churches and Character of the Ministry:  
Bob Dent, Randall Lumpkin, O.M.  
Williams, Fred Brewer, Joe Logue

Finance Committee: Joan Whittaker, Mrs. O.M. Williams  
Rev. Ed Howard.

Sunday School Committee: Rev. Hubert Arnold, Larry Bell, Reba' Plymale.

Christian Sabbath Observance: Mrs. Norman Grier, Linda Williams, Wanda Bell.

Temperance Committee: Kate Watson, Wilbur Carroll, Jewel Bone.

Womans Auxiliary: Bell Tucker, Margie Ball, Christine Kirkland.

The Preaching Committee reported at this time. They chose Rev. Ed Howard to preach on Saturday morning with Rev. Huwell Walker to follow.

The next item was to select a place for the 1972 Session of the Association. Both Trinity and Mt. Olive asked for the next session, and after a vote was taken the honor was given to Trinity to be Host to the next Session.

The next item was to appoint delegates to our Sister Association. They are as follows:

Georgia Union: Rev. James Stroupe.

Little River: Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Herman Watson.

South Georgia: By Minute.

Martin: Mr. & Mrs. O.M. Williams.

Midway: Herman Watson.

Ogeechee: By Minute.

Liberty: By Minute.

The next item was the call for obituaries. After this the body stood in memory of our deceased Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

M.S.C. to adjourn until 10 A.M. on Saturday morning. Benediction was by Bro. Randall Lumpkin.

#### Saturday Morning Session

The session began congregational singing at 10 o'clock, prayer being offered by Bro. Bob Dent. After this the Moderator read from the 17th Chapter of Matthew; his text was entitled "What do we think of Christ."

The Moderator declared the session open for business, and the first item was to elect a member to the Executive Committee. Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr.'s time had expired. He was elected again for a 5 year term. Lenord Grimsley had resigned and his vacancy was filled by Bro. R. N. Lumpkin.

M.S.C. that we have 500 minutes printed.

M.S.C. to send \$10 to the State Association and \$7 to the National. Rev. Bobby Whittaker had prepared the circular letter for this session of the Association,



which he read at this time. It will appear elsewhere in the Minute. The Moderator appointed Rev. William Travis to prepare the next circular letter.

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

Bro. Gene Windham asked to be replaced on the Board of Retirement and Insurance. The body elected Bro. Hudson Poole to replace him. Bro. Curtis Gay, who is on the Board of Trustee for the Children's Home, was present with us today and at this time the Moderator gave him an opportunity to make a report concerning the needs of the home. An offering was received at this time for the home, the amount being \$59.68.

M.S.C. to adjourn until 1:30 P.M. after which the services was turned over to Rev. Ed Howard, and Rev. Bobby Whittaker, who preached two wonderful messages. Rev. Bobby Whittaker preached in the absence of Rev. Walker. After this the body was dismissed for lunch.

#### Saturday Afternoon Session

The congregation sang a song and prayer was offered by Rev. P. E. Knighton. The Moderator then read from the 3rd Ch. of Acts, after which he declared this session open for business and at this time gave Rev. A. C. Truluck, our State Promotional Secretary, an opportunity to make his report to the body. After a very interesting report Rev. Truluck presented certificates to 5 churches for their participation in the cooperative plan. He also reminded the body that they would be called on to raise 25¢ per member to help pay the expenses of the National Association which will be in Macon, Ga. in 1973.

Rev. Truluck also asked that we appoint someone as promotional representative from our Association to work with his office on a local level. Rev. Bobby Whittaker was chosen as their representative.

The body also voted at this time to support the State Office in the starting of a "Walk in Book Store" to be located in Moultrie, Ga.

All Reports, which will appear elsewhere in the minutes were received at this time and the Committee were dismissed.

After some discussion concerning prayer and Bible Reading in our Public Schools the body voted to send a letter to our Representative to express our feelings on this matter. The clerk prepared such a letter and sent it to Representative Jack Brinkley.

Due to an oversight in the business proceedings no one was appointed as delegates to the State Association. The moderator later appointed Bro Bob Dent, Bro. Herman Watson, and Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

The next item was the election of officers for the new year.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin was elected as Moderator.  
Rev. P. E. Knighton - Assistant Moderator.  
Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. was elected as Clerk.  
Rev. Bobby Whittaker - Assistant Clerk.

M.S.C. to give a rising vote of thanks to the Host Church for their hospitality.

M.S.C. to adjourn, after which the parting Hand of Christian fellowship was given. Benediction was by Rev. Larry Lipscomb who was visiting with us.

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

#### ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

NAME OF MEETING	DATE/TIME	CHURCH
1st Union Meeting	Jan. 29, 10:30	Providence
2nd Union Meeting	April 29, 10:30	Mt. Olive
3rd Union Meeting	July 29, 10:30	Turners Chap.
Association	Sep. 29 & 30, 10:30	Trinity
Min. & Dea. Meeting	Sep. 9, 10:30	1st Thomaston
Sun. School Conven.	May 6, 10:30	Trinity
Youth Rally	Jan. 15, Apr. 15, Jul. 15	
Woman's Auxiliary	Infor. Not Available	

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

We, your committee have no complaint. We find that all

churches and ministers are in fellowship with one another.

Joe Logue, N. R. Lumpkin, B. R. Dent, O.M.  
Williams, Fred Brewer

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend that all Christians examine themselves in our daily walk of life. Be kind to one another, walking in the spirit. In Galatians 5:25 "If we live in the spirit let us walk in the Spirit."

C. W. Carroll, Kate Watson, Jewel Bone

#### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, the committee on Sabbath Observance, believe that all who are born again Christians will observe the sabbath day and keep it Holy, because this is what the Lord commanded us to do, if we love him.

Wanda Bell, Linda Williams, Myrtle Grier

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your committee, recommend that all churches who don't have Sunday School, work to have one, and those who have one, work to improve them. We recommend that all churches sponsor another Work Shop for Training of Teachers. Luke 14:23 "and the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the Highways and Hedges and compel them to come in, That my house may be filled."

Riba Plymale, Larry Bell, Rev. Hubert Arnold

#### SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We suggest that the church hold services on Friday night during the Association.

Herman Watson, Henry Grimsley, Josephine Welch,  
Clara Lockhart

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee of the Woman's Auxiliary agree that we should have an auxiliary in all the churches; the ladies do a wonderful job. We help in all things such as the Harvest Drive for the Childrens Home. We are proud of our missions overseas. We think we should all

step out on Faith in God and we will go forward in all things to help the sick, lonely, and shut-ins, as we have prayer and visits in the Nursing Home. Our colors are purple and white. We wear our pins to show we are part of the Ladies Auxiliary. We find in Mark 16:15 "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." We know this is what the auxiliary is for, missions in the community, in the state and for eign missions.

Margie Ball, Bell Tucker, Christine Kirkland,  
Annette Grimsley

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1970	\$ 10.31
Received from Union Meetings	297.16
Received from Sunday School Convention	37.00
Received from Association	138.00
Total Received	\$482.47

Joan Whittaker, Essie Williams, Rev. Ed  
Howard

#### TREASURERS REPORT

Received from Finance Committee	\$482.47
Expenses--	
Moderator's Salary-----	25.00
Clerk's Salary-----	40.00
State Association-----	10.00
National Association-----	7.00
Flowers, Rev. Lawhorn & Rev. McKennon-----	21.10
Printing of Union Meeting forms-----	4.95
Moderator's Salary, Union Meeting-----	10.00
Cooperative Plan-----	29.00
Printing of Minutes-----	
Balance in Treas.-----	\$535.42

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

E. A. Welch, Jr.	5 Years	Mauk, Georgia
Hudson Poole	4 Years	Reynolds, Georgia
Norman Grier	3 Years	Mauk, Georgia
H. H. Watson	2 Years	Thomaston, Georgia
R. N. Lumpkin	1 Year	Manchester, Georgia

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## WHICH PERSON ARE YOU?

MARK 4:1-20

Our text today deals with the well-known parable of our Lord concerning the sower that went out to sow.

As the seeds were sown, some fell by the wayside, some fell on stony ground, some among thorns and others fell on good ground.

The Lord points out that the seed is the Word of God and the person that speaks forth the Word is a sower of God's Good Seed.

We would like for you to think along with us in regard to our title, Which Person Are You, in essence to the different soils the Word falls upon when it is taught and preached among our people.

In our congregations of today, when people gather to hear God's Word, most have a different name, different talent, and different personality; but the most important difference is the spiritual condition of their hearts.

We believe the Bible is the Word of God. We say Christ is the Son of God but, how many of us allow Christ to be our life, and the Bible to be our guideline of how to live?

Our Lord speaks of four different areas upon which the seeds fall when they are sown. Yet each soil reacts in a different manner toward the seed. This is synonymous of people and their actions toward God's Word.

"Which Person Are You?"

First the seed falls by the wayside, and Satan comes and takes the Word away. The wayside example is symbolical of a "Blinded Person". II Corinthians 4:4 states: "In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them". Let's not harden our hearts and stiffen our necks toward God's Word, lest Satan uses this as a tool to blindfold us from knowing God.

Secondly the seed falls on stony ground. Stony ground portrays the carnal person. Stony ground appears

fertile on top, but just underneath it is filled with rocks. The carnal person appears to be spiritual outwardly, but inwardly is carnal. This carnal person is doubleminded and only thinks of self. He rejoices in the Word as long as it points to someone else; but when it points to him, as Jesus said, he becomes offended. Let us not be carnal-minded. Romans 8:6 states: "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace".

Next the seeds fall among thorns. These are they that hear the Word, but the love of worldly pleasures, riches, and lusts forfeit the growth of the Word. This is the worldly person. God's Word says in I John 2:15: "Love not the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him". Many of us have all sorts of time for worldly pleasures, but no time for Jesus.

Last the seed falls on good ground. This is who we need to be - The Spiritual Christian. The seed brings forth fruit after it has taken good root and grown. The spiritual person bears fruit for His Lord. He takes root and has a burden and desire to grow spiritual blessings for the Lord and His Kingdom. Anything other wise will be fruitless. The spiritual person hears and receives God's Word and yields to it that he might keep God's laws. Then he will receive blessings in this life and in the end eternal life will be his. Don't you want to accept Jesus as your Saviour so you can be as this fourth person?

May the peace of God also abide in your heart.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker

## MINUTES OF THE FIRST UNION MEETING

The First Union Meeting was held at the First Church of Thomaston, at Thomaston, Ga. on January 30, 1970. Congregational singing began at 10:30 o'clock, and after several prayers the Pastor of the Host Church extended a warm welcome to the body.

Due to a funeral to be held at the church this session adjourned at the noon hour.

A call was made for the corresponding letters. They are as follows:

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1. Bethany: Bertha Hendricks, Woodie Hendricks, Annette Grimsley - \$5.00.
2. First Thomaston: Kate Watson, Anne Travis, Julia Maulding, Sandy Travis - \$5.00.
3. Little Bethel: Mrs. Roger Streetman, Mrs. Leonard Layfield, Bro. Roger Streetman, Bro. Layfield-\$5.
4. Mt. Olive: Barbara Jean Windham, Hudson Poole, Ralph Windham, Joan Whittaker - \$10.00.
5. New Bethel: Anne Ross, Brenda Ross, Charlotte Ross - \$3.00.
6. New Liberty: J. C. Kirkland & wife, Myrtis Mason - \$5.00.
7. New Life: Clara Lockhart, Martha Lockhart, Agnes Shellhouse - \$5.00.
8. New Prospect, Turner Co: By Letter - \$5.00.
9. Pleasant Hill: Bill Guy - \$5.00.
10. Providence: Runette Jones, Nomia Durden, Rev. & Mrs. Buford Fountain, Lois Allen, Virginia Parker - \$10.00.
11. Spring Hill: Norman Grier, Christine Foster - \$3.
12. St. Luke: Bro. Curtis Greer - \$5.00.
13. Trinity: Wanda Bell, Joe Logue, Josephine Welch - \$5.00.
14. Turners Chapel: Jewel Bone, Earl Bone - \$10.00.

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

The moderator welcomed visiting brethren to seats with us. M.S.C. to receive an offering to be placed in the treasury of the Association. The amount received was \$36.36.

M.S.C. to adjourn from business and enter into the preaching service. Rev. J. B. Lumpkin brought the message. He read from the 7th Ch. of Hebrews; his message was entitled "What God is Able to Do." After a very inspiring service, announcements were made concerning lunch by Rev. William Travis, the pastor of the Host Church. M.S.C. to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Roscoe Pitts.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Moderator  
Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr., Clerk

Received from letters \$81.

### MINUTES OF THE SECOND UNION MEETING

The body met at New Liberty Church May 29, 1971. Rev. Ed Howard led congregational singing, Rev. A. C. Tru-

luck led in prayer. Rev. Bobby Whittaker brought the morning message. He read from the 16 Ch. of St. Luke. After a most spiritual message and announcements concerning lunch the body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The song services began at 1 o'clock. Rev. Hubert Arnold brought a short devotional after which an offering was received to support the cooperative plan. The amount was \$29 which was given to Rev. Truluck. The moderator declared this session open and ready for business.

M.S.C. that Rev. A. C. Truluck and Herman Watson read the corresponding letters. They are as follows:

1. Bethany: Lilly Grimsley, Annette Grimsley - \$5.00.
2. First Thomaston: Ann Travis - \$5.00.
3. Little Bethel: Morris Lawhorn, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Layfield - \$5.00.
4. Mt. Olive: Elmer Dent - \$10.00.
5. New Bethel: Anne Ross, Brenda Ross, Denise Ross - \$3.00.
6. New Liberty: J. C. Kirkland & wife, Annie Lou Streetman, Bernice Grimsley, Sara Grimsley - \$5.00.
7. New Life: Bro. & Sis. Horance Lockhart, Ruby Stubbs, Reba Plymale - \$5.00.
8. New Prospect, Turner: By Letter - \$5.00.
9. Providence: Frank Williamson, Mattie Lou Pearson, Noami Durden, Mrs. Jones - \$10.00.
10. Spring Hill: Myrtle Grier, Bernice McCall, Rosa Grimsley - \$5.00.
11. St. Luke: Homer Greer, Curtis Greer - \$5.00.
12. Trinity: Josephine Welch - \$5.00.
13. Turners Chapel: Ernest Heath, Gene Hudson, Wayne Carroll, Randolph Averrett, Eli Robinson - \$10.00.

M.S.C. to receive the letters and seat the delegates. The moderator welcomes visiting brethren to seats with us. We had with us today Rev. Coy Watson of the Midway Association and Mr. Franks from the Union Association.

M.S.C. that we have 500 Union Meeting forms printed.

M.S.C. to give the church a rising vote of thanks for their splendid hospitality.



M.S.C. to adjourn from Business and to turn the services over to the Host Church who presented a program and closed the session.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Moderator  
Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr., Clerk

Received from letters \$78.

### MINUTES OF THE 3RD UNION MEETING

#### MORNING SESSION

The body assembled at New Life Church on Saturday, August 28, 1971 at 10:30 o'clock, singing was led by Bro. Randall Lumpkin, prayer offered by Rev. Lamar Parrish, who came today representing the State Office. Prayer was also offered by Bro. Bob Dent. The welcome was given by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin who is pastor of the Host Church. Rev. Lumpkin also brought the morning message. He read from the 14th Ch. of St. Luke. His message was entitled "The Great Comforter, The Lord Jesus Christ".

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The body reassembled at 1 o'clock after singing, prayer was offered by Rev. A. G. Windham. The moderator declared this session open. He introduces Rev. Lamar Parrish, who gave a short Devotional. He read Luke Ch. 19, verse 11. A very inspiring devotional, enjoyed by all. A call was made for corresponding letters. They are as follows:

1. Bethany: Lilly Grimsley, Annett Grimsley - \$5.00.
2. First Thomaston: Bell Tucker, Kate Watson - \$5.00.
3. Little Bethel: Harvey Cromer, Mrs. Harvey Cromer - \$5.00.
4. New Life: Sarah Lumpkin, Brenda Lockhart, Reba Plymale, Clara Lockhart, Dorothy Lockhart - \$5.00.
5. Turners Chapel: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Bone, Wayne Carroll - \$10.00.
6. St. Luke: Nell Greer, Timothy Mims - \$5.00.
7. Mt. Olive: Frances Mullins, Ethel Windham, Elmer Dent - \$10.00.
8. Spring Hill: Myrtle Grier, Sharon Grier - \$5.00.
9. Providence: John Parker, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Pearson, Sis Durden - \$10.00.

10. New Bethel: By Letter - \$3.00.
11. New Prospect, Turner: By Letter - \$5.00.
12. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Wanda Bell, Evelyn Gill, Barbara Arnold, Joe Logue - \$5.00.
13. New Liberty: J. C. Kirkland, Rosie Lee Grimsley
14. Pleasant Hill: By Letter - \$5.00.

M.S.C. to receive the letters and seat the delegates.  
M.S.C. to receive an offering for the Children's Home. The amount was \$45.81. This was turned over to Rev. P. E. Knighton. The next item was the election of officers for the new year.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker was elected Moderator.  
Rev. Hubert Arnold - Assistant Moderator.  
Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. was elected as Clerk.  
Bro. Herman Watson - Assistant Clerk.

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

- 1st Union Meeting: Providence, Jan. 29, 1972, Rev. A. G. Windham to preach the Introductory Message, Rev. Hubert Arnold, Alternate.
- 2nd Union Meeting: Mt. Olive, April 29, 1972, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Introductory Message, Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Alternate.
- 3rd Union Meeting: Turners Chapel, July 29, 1972, Rev. William Travis, Introductory Message, Rev. A. G. Windham, Alternate.

M.S.C. to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality.

M.S.C. to adjourn. Benediction by Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Moderator  
Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr., Clerk

Received from church letters \$78.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

Received from Union Meetings		\$237.00
Paid Moderator	\$10.00	
Paid Clerk	15.00	
Total Expenses	\$25.00	25.00
Balance to be turned over to the Association		\$212.00

E. A. Welch, Jr., Treasurer

## 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 Whittaker  
Rev. A. G. Windham  
Rev. Hubert Arnold  
Bro. Hudson Poole

#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER BESSIE EMERSON-

Sister Emerson was born September 17, 1898 and passed away December 31, 1970.

Sister Bessie was a member of Little Bethel Free-Will Baptist Church. She was a faithful member and was loved by everyone.

The pain of death has passed and life's warfare is over. We hope to meet you on Heaven's bright celestial shore.

Written by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER LOUISE FAULK-

Sister Faulk was born July 16, 1939 and passed away March 15, 1971.

Sister Faulk was a faithful member of Little Bethel Church. She was loved by everyone.

She leaves her husband and two fine daughters to mourn her passing.

Sleep on Sister Louise, we will meet again in that City of God, that is not made by hand.

Written by her pastor:

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER ANNIE MAE CROMER-

Sister Cromer was born May 8, 1906 and passed away February 7, 1971.

Sister Cromer was a member of Little Bethel Church and was a faithful member as long as she lived.

Far beyond this land of sorrow our loved one has gone to rest, though she will be missed no less tomorrow. We all know the Lord know's best.

Written by her pastor:

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

#### IN MEMORY OF REV. W. R. LAWHORN-

Bro. W. R. Lawhorn was born June 10, 1883 and passed away February 8, 1971.

Bro. Lawhorn was a member of Little Bethel Free-Will Baptist Church and an ordained minister. He has pastored Churches through-out the association. He was an out-standing minister in the cause of Christ.

Your sorrow and suffering now are over and your life's crown has been won. May God help us to meet you in Heaven and hear the master say, Well Done.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, His Pastor

#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER MAGGIE FARMER-

Sister Farmer was born May 16, 1884, passed away March 26, 1971. She was a member of New Bethel Free-Will Baptist Church. She attended Church regularly until her health failed her. She leaves behind three sons, three daughters and many friends and loved ones.

Church Clerk, Rufus Powell

#### IN MEMORY OF BROTHER J. C. "SON" FARMER-

Bro. Farmer was born October 21, 1901, passed away August 20, 1971. He was a member of New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church and a Deacon. Bro. Son is missed by many friends and loved ones. He leaves behind five sons and two daughters.

Church Clerk, Rufus Powell

#### IN MEMORY OF BROTHER J. B. DANIEL-

Bro. Daniel was born November 23, 1918 and passed away January 9, 1971. He leaves a wife, mother, three sisters, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends. Brother J. B. was a member of New Life Church for several years.

Sleep on Dear Brother. We hope to meet again on Heaven's shore.

Written by Church Clerk:

Clara Lockhart

#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER LOVIE IRVIN-

Sister Irvin was born on July 9, 1895 and passed away March 19, 1971.

She leaves 3 children, grandchildren, 1 sister, a host of friends and relatives. She was a faithful member of New Life Church.

Your pilgrim days on Earth are over. May your soul forever rest, with Saints gone before, around the throne with all the blest.

By Clerk:

Clara Lockhart

#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER EMMA LOU COCHRAN-

Sister Cochran was born February 2, 1897, and passed away January 28, 1971.

Survivors include her husband, W.H. Cochran, three daughters, and three sons. One sister, 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Sister Cochran was a member of First Thomaston Church.

Pastor, Rev. William Travis