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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 or Appointing of Digest Committee.
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 lawgiver and supreme head of the churches, and the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in concern of religion, and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellowman.

A church has a right to adopt measures only as are in accordance with the Word of God, and such as deemed necessary to carry into effect the great system of practice.

The church is the highest ecclesiastical tribunal on earth, from whose decision there is no appeal.

No change, alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution until such change, alteration or amendment shall have been presented to all the churches composing this association, and when two-thirds of all the churches composing this Association shall have adopted or recommended in two of thier regular conferences successively such changes, the alteration or amendments shall then become a part and parcel of this Constitution.

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

CHURCH DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows:

1. Prayer (unless divine service has just been conducted and generally then.)
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
3. Open the door for the reception of members.
4. Call for absentees.
5. For acknowledgments
6. For reference or deferred business.
7. For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church.
8. Miscellaneous business.

13. Visiting brethren as helps called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.

14. Any orderly member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in membership, may be received into the church without a letter; when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or by baptism.

15. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present but unreasonable objections shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32. Feet washing shall be attended to as the church sees proper.

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

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

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. That the authority of the churches is designed for the perpetuation of the true religion of the gospel, and for the preservation of a true and orderly body of Christians on earth, that it is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but that it does not extend to persons, property or the conscience of men in any manner whatever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel; that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite of such membership is an assumption of authority on the part of the church and departure from the Gospel plan.

9. That the officers of a church are elders and deacons; that the elders are also called bishops or pastors, and all the elders are equal in rank, though they perform different functions—since some may be bishops, or pastors of particular churches, while others may be simply elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further; that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority *of the church—such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders*; that as a member of the church, he is no more than any other members, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help, especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of hear say.

11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.

13. That elders and deacons must be set apart to their offices by ordination, or the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

14. No preacher shall be ordained unless called to take charge of a church as pastor, or for some other good and sufficient reason.

ARTICLES OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL VIEWS

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, the

truth without any mixture or error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and there it shall remain with us to the end of time the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard to which all human conduct and opinion confirm.—Rev. 13:14; John 5:39.

2. That there is one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressible glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed in the personal distinction of Father, and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. Ex. 6:3; Psalm 33:18.

3. That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which men are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly devoid of holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, to Satan, and their own sinful passions, and therefore are under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.—Gen. 1:27, 2:7, 3:6, 19:23.

4. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon himself our nature, yet without sin, honored the law by His own personal obedience, and made atonement for sin by his death; being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies which divine perfection is every way qualified to be suitable, compassionate and all sufficient Savior. Eph. 2:5, 5:8, Rom. 7:11.

5. That the Gospel blessing which Christ in his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification. That this justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, upon principles of righteousness, that is bestowed not in consideration of anything we do not solely through his own righteousness and atonement, and that brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God.

—Rom. 8:30, Ezk. 18:28, John 3:14, Rom. 8:17.

6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all who received them by a cordial and obedient faith and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but

this own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation. —Mark 16:16, John 17:20, Isa. 20.

7. That in order to be saved we must be regenerated, or obedient to the Gospel; and that its evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God.

—John 3:3-8: Matt. 3:8-10.

8. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sacrifices and saves sinners, it being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, that it comprehend all means with the end; that it is a glorious display of God's goodness, being infinitely wise, holy unchangeable; born again; that regeneration consists of giving a holy disposition to the mind and is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, producing voluntarily that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

9. That the preserving attachments of true believers to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial possessors; that a special Providence watches over their welfair, 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.

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

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Mt. Olive	Willard Wilder	Butler, Ga., 31006
New Bethel	Rufus Powell	Rt. 2, Box 104 Sylvester, Ga.
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PASTORS

1. Rev. Ed. Howard, 313 Mallory St., Thomaston, Ga. 30286
2. Rev. B. P. Hayes, Bush Rd., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
3. Rev. John Grimsley, Rt. 1, Juniper, Ga.
4. Rev. William Travis, 203 Poplar Dr., Thomaston, Ga.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	Number Of Deacons	Meeting Days	Number Of Revivals	Received By Profession Of Faith	Received By Letter	Total Members Received	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members Dismissed	Total Church Membership	S. School Enrollment	S. S. Average Attendance	C. T. S. Enrollment	Aux. Enrollment	Aux. Average Attendance	Masters Men Enrollment	M. M. Average Attendance	Prayer Meeting Average	Vacation Bible School			
Bethany	B. P. Hayes	4	1-3	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
First Thomaston	William Travis	3	F.T.	3	9	5	14	0	0	1	1	121	85	54	45	20	17	6	6	30	65			
Little Bethel	A. G. Windham	7	F.T.	1	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	127	35	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Mount Olive	Bobby Whittaker	7	F.T.	1	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	190	42	40	30	24	0	0	0	25	0			
New Bethel	Gene Ross	4	F.T.	1	8	2	10	0	0	2	2	98	54	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	0			
New Liberty	Buford Fountian	1	1-3	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
New Life	J. B. Lumpkin	7	F.T.	1	7	4	11	0	1			50	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
New Prospect, Taylor	James Stroup	1	F.T.	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	41	24	18	0	0	0	0	0	24	0			
New Prospect, Turner	A. J. Cox	2	F.T.	1	1	1	2	8	0	2	10	239	45	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	0			
Pleasant Hill	David Posey	6	F.T.	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	30	23	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Providence	P. E. Knighton	4	F.T.	2	11	17	28	13	0	0	13	80	59	45	30	16	13	8	8	30	0			
Spring Hill	E. V. Skipper	3	F.T.	2	2	1	3	5	0	1	6	27	39	35	0	0	0	0	0	17	0			
St. Luke	Alvin Greer	1	F.T.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	12	15	12	15	0	0	0	0	10	0			
Trinity	Warren Wyatt	3	F.T.	1	4	3	3	1	0	1	2	41	37	30	0	0	0	0	0	25	0			
Turners Chapel	Huwell Walker	7	F.T.	3	17	5	22	7	0	2	9	119	86	70	65	0	0	0	0	30	53			

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	Others	Total Spent For Outside Causes	Total Expenditures	Value Of Church Property	Paid For Minutes
Bethany	Marion		516.39	157.07	237.64			1011.10									100.00			2500.00	10.00
First Thomaston	Upson	15724.97	4855.00	395.00	354.13	476.66	7450.38	13531.17	292.35	618.00			261.00	28.00	67.00	520.00		1796.85	15328.02	75000.00	10.00
Little Bethel	Macon	1135.12	820.00	100.00	57.45	60.00							20.00						1057.45	5000.00	10.00
Mount Olive	Taylor	10768.74	4615.00	228.25	1035.91	251.84	1702.01	7818.16	1032.95	319.00			220.00					1571.95	9390.11	30000.00	10.00
New Bethel	Worth	1940.36	1276.33	100.00	300.00	205.69		1882.02												15300.00	12.00
New Liberty	Schley		732.75	162.00			118.08														6.00
New Life	Marion	2354.89	648.00	35.00	622.94	132.49	119.95						35.00				374.85	2061.23		25000.00	10.00
New Prospect	Taylor	767.94	625.37	57.84				683.21												10000.00	15.00
New Prospect	Turner	4496.13	1200.00	150.00	70.85	85.90	753.13						138.46					30.00		12000.00	10.00
Pleasant Hill	Schley	5156.45	1085.00	200.00	1962.00	106.95		5075.90	363.57									363.57	5439.47	15000.00	15.00
Providence	Muscogee	5762.59	1560.00	160.00	975.00	289.24	641.49	5033.73	220.00								1408.00		5253.73	39000.00	10.00
Spring Hill	Marion		1625.00	225.00	2015.64		1175.34	5040.98												15000.00	5.00
St. Luke	Russell, Ala.	302.08				45.36	245.78	291.14												8000.00	5.00
Trinity	Taylor	5852.09	1320.00	200.00	6205.68	164.61	294.02	8184.31	395.38				72.00	103.00	38.00			608.86	8793.17	23000.00	20.00
Turners Chapel	Taylor	5528.64	3300.57	260.00	592.02	354.94	404.44	4911.97	400.34									475.34	5387.31	32000.00	10.00

5. Rev. Roscoe Pitts, Thomaston, Ga. 30286
6. Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rt. 3, Box 227, Phenix City, Ala.
7. Rev. E. V. Skipper, East St., Thomaston, Ga.
8. Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Junction City, Ga. 31812
9. Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Reynolds, Ga. 31076
10. Rev. A. G. Windham, Rt. 3, Reynolds, Ga. 31076
11. Rev. J. B. Fuller, Reynolds, Ga. 31076
12. Rev. David Posey, Mauk, Ga. 31058
13. Rev. Richard Mason, Rt. 3, Box 327, Phenix City, Ala.
14. Rev. Gene Ross, Rt. 1, Box 63, Sylvester, Ga.
15. Rev. Huwel Walker, Box 457, Butler, Ga. 31006
16. Rev. A. J. Cox, Rt. 1, Ashburn, Ga. 31714
17. Rev. P. E. Knighton, 1610 21st St., Phenix City, Ala.
18. Rev. Buford Fountain, 102 C Peabody Apt, Columbus, Ga.
19. Rev. Alvin Greer, 1203 7th Ave., Phenix City, Ala., 36867
20. Rev. Hubert Arnold, Butler, Ga. 31006
21. Rev. James Stroup, 2059 Regents St., Macon, Ga.
22. Rev. Robert Stubbs, Mauk, Ga., 31058

LISCENSED MINISTERS

1. Gervis Morrell, Jr., 4146 Pershing Ave., Macon, Ga.
2. Gene Hudson, Butler, Ga. 31006
3. Joe Logue, Butler, Ga. 31006
4. Carlton Jordan, Butler, Ga. 31006

MINUTES OF THE 137TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 137th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association met at Trinity Church on Friday Sept. 29th and 30th, 1972, at 10:30 o'clock. Congregational singing was led by Rev. David Posey. Prayer was offered by Rev. Roscoe Pitts. The welcome was given by Bro. E. A. Welch Jr. after which Rev. P. E. Knighton brought the introductory message being followed by Rev. A. C. Truluck. After these spirit filled messages the body was dismissed for lunch which was prepared by the Host Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called back into session at one o'clock and after congregational singing prayer was offered by Bro. Wilbur Carroll. The Moderator read from the 4th Chapter of Acts and 31st verse. At this time the Moderator declared this session open and ready for business.

The first item was to invite visiting bretheren to seats with us. The next item was the call for corresponding letters. The letters were read by a delegate from the church from which the letter came. The letters and delegates are as follows:

1. Spring Hill: Geraldine Grier, Myrtle Grier, Bernice McCall, Sharon Grier.
2. First Thomaston: Bell Tucker
3. Little Bethel: W. T. Williams, Essie Williams, O. M. Williams, Bro. and Sister Leonard Layfield, Polly Albritton, Roger Streetman.
4. Mt. Olive: Hudson Poole, Joan Whittaker, Frances Mullins, Elma Dent.
5. New Bethel: Jodie Hobby, Mimmie Hobby, A. G. Powell, Mamie Powell.
6. New Liberty: J. C. Kirkland & Wife, Annie Lou Streetman.
7. New Life: Reba Plymale, Randall Lumpkin, Polly Jordan, Mr. & Mrs. John Turner.
8. New Prospect: Luthur Little
9. Pleasant Hill: Mrs. Ida Wall, Geraldine Dillard, Mrs. Fred Brewer, Mrs. Pearl Guy, Frances Wall.

10. Trinity: Wanda Bell, Josephine Welch, Glenda Cobb, Alane Posey
11. St. Luke: Curtis Greer.
12. Turners Chapel: Jewel Bone, Edna Carroll, Jane Walker, Earl Bone, C. W. Carroll.
13. Providence: George Thomas, Cora Thomas, Willie Ellison, Frances Webb, Lois Allen, Naomi Durden, Runette Jones.
14. New Prospect: Jeffie Childree, Florence Windham, Willis Windham.
15. Bethany: Mrs. Lester Grimsley, Woodie Hendricks, Lillie Grimsley, Bertha Hendricks.

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: Josephine Welch, Mina Roberts, Roger Streetman.

SUGGESTIONS: Herman Watson, Joe Logue, Edna Carroll, W. T. Williams, Jewel Bone.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY: Bob Dent, Randall Lumpkin, Wilbur Carroll, Bill Guy, Curtis Greer.

FINANCE: Rev. Hubert Arnold, Hudson Poole, Rev. David Posey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Edyth Guy, Frances Webb, Mrs. Fred Brewer, Polly Albritton.

CHRISTIAN SABBATH OBSERVANCE: Kate Watson, Reba Plymale, Mrs. Norman Grier.

TEMPERANCE: Jodie Hobby, Mrs. Lester Grimsley, Essie Williams, Ernest Heath.

WOMANS AUXILIARY: Bell Tucker, Noami Durden, Mrs. John Turner.

The next item was the appointing of delegates to our Sister Associations. They are as follows:

GEORGIA UNION: Rev. James Stroup.

LITTLE RIVER: By Minute.

SOUTH GEORGIA: By Minute.

MARTIN: Bro. & Sis. Jodie Hobby.

MIDWAY: By Minute.

OGEECHEE: By Minute.

LIBERTY: By Minute.

Next item was to appoint a place for the next association. New Bethel and Turners Chapel asked for the next session. The body voted to hold the next session at Turners Chapel. The delegates from Turners Chapel chose Rev. A. G. Windham to preach the introductory message and Rev. David Posey as alternate.

Rev. A. C. Truluck gave his report from the State Office at this time; he also awarded certificates to six churches that had participated in the Cooperative Plan.

The next item was the call for obituaries. Afterwards the body stood in memory of our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.

M.S.C. to adjourn until 10 o'clock on Saturday Morning. Benediction by Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The body began singing at 10 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Bro. Hudson Poole and Rev. Chester Huckaby.

The moderator read from the 3rd Chapter of Matthew and after a few comments, declared the session open and ready for business. Bro. R. N. Lumpkin's time had expired on the Executive Committee, He was elected to a 5 year term.

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

Rev. Bobby Whittaker read the Circular letter that he had prepared at this time. The letter will appear elsewhere in the minutes. Rev. P. E. Knighton was chosen to write the next circular letter.

M. S. C. to pay the moderator \$25 and the clerk \$40.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker made a plea for the body to support the Harvest Drive with the proceeds going to the Children's Home in Alabama, also he reminded the churches that they are suppose to send 50 cents per member to the State Office to pay the expense of the National Association, which will be in Macon, Ga. in 1973. Bro. E. A. Welch and Wife and Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Wife were chosen as delegates to the National Association.

An offering was received at this time to be sent to the Children's Home. The amount was \$44.34. The body was dismissed for the preaching hour. Rev. A. G. Windham delivered this message entitled "Things that Jesus Would Not Do." He was followed by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. We were dismissed for lunch at this time.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. David Posey again led the body in Singing. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. V. Skipper. The Moderator read from 25th Chapter of Matthew. After which he declared the Session open for business. At this time the committees made their reports. M. S. C. to accept the reports. They will appear elsewhere in the minutes. The next item was the election of officers.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin was elected Moderator.

Rev. Hubert Arnold - Assistant Moderator.

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

Rev. Bobby Whittaker - Assistant Clerk.

At this time a rising vote of "Thanks" was given to the Host Church for their hospitality. After several announcements a move was made and seconded to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Moderator

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

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR — 1973

NAME OF MEETING	DATE/TIME	CHURCH
1st Union Meeting	April 28, 10:30	First Thomaston
2nd Union Meeting	July 28, 10:30	Spring Hill
3rd Union Meeting	Sept. 28, 10:30	Bethany
Min. & Dea. Meeting	Sept. 1, 10:30	Mt. Olive
Sun. School Conv.	May 5, 10:30	First Thomaston
Youth Rally	Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m.	
	April 21 - July 21 - Oct. 20	
Fellowship Meeting	Jan. 6, April 7, July 7 and Oct. 6	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We your Suggestion Committee suggest that each church turn in their money for the minutes when they turn in their letter. We suggest that any church that is not on full time or does not have a Sunday School or Prayer Meeting to put forth an effort to do so. We suggest that we have a Digest Committee to go through the Association Letters and give a report, instead of reading the entire letter.

W. T. Williams, Herman Watson, Joe Logue, Edna Carroll, Jewel Bone

PREACHING COMMITTEE

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin to preach Saturday Morning and Rev. A. G. Windham to close.

Josephine Welch, Mina Roberts, Roger Streetman

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We recommend that all live by faith, walk in the Spirit, be temperate in all things.

Essie Williams, Jodie Hobby, Earnest Heath

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

We your committee have no complaint on the churches or the ministry. We find that all churches and ministers are in fellowship with one another.

Bill Guy, Bob Dent, Randall Lumpkin, Curtis Greer, Wilbur Carroll

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee of the Woman's Auxiliary agree that we should have an auxiliary in all the churches. We help supply the linen closet in our Bible College for our missionaries. We visit the sick, lonely shut-in and nursing homes. Our colors are purple and white. We wear our pins to show we are part of the ladies auxiliary. In Mark 16:15 says "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

Sister Naomi Durden, Sister Mary Turner, Sister Bell Tucker

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on Sabbath Observance. The Bible tells us we should remember the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy. As Sunday is the first day of the week, We should keep this day sacred and devote ourselves to the worship and service of Christ.

Sister Reba Plymale, Sister Myrtle Grier, Sister Kate Watson

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We your Sunday School Committee wish to commend all the churches in the association for their splendid work in christian growth and leadership. We recommend that another workshop for "Training of Teachers" be held next summer and urge that all churches send their teachers.

Frances Webb, Don Brewer, Edyth Guy

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 1971	\$ 91.42
Received from Union Meetings, 1972	224.00
Received from Special Offering, 1972	18.56
Received from Association Letters, 1972	158.00
Total	\$491.98

Rev. Hubert Arnold, Hudson Poole, Rev. David Posey

TREASURERS REPORT

Received From Finance Committee	\$491.98
Expenses--	
Moderator's Salary	25.00
Clerk's Salary	40.00
State Association	10.00
National Association	7.00
Flowers, Rev. B. T. Gill	10.50
Printing of Minutes	259.75
Balance in Treas.	\$139.73

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

CIRCULAR LETTER A CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 34:3

This verse is a clear call to sincere worship. To respond to the call will enable Christians to meet the difficulties of life with sufficient strength to be more than conquerors.

The purpose of worship is clearly stated, "O Magnify the Lord;" and this is the primary purpose of worship: to magnify the Lord and to exalt His Holy Name, that we may have strength in so doing!

The Lord is worthy of worship! His character is good, His deeds are merciful, His acts are just, and His love is everlasting! Let us reverence the Lord! Adore Him! Magnify His works! And exalt His Holy Name!

The people called to worship are mentioned, "with me." The psalmist expresses his praise to the Father and then calls for all people everywhere to join him in holy worship.

Truly, all people should worship the Lord for His holiness, goodness and mercy! In other Psalms, David calls on all things to praise the Lord, even the heavens to be glad, the earth to rejoice, the fields to be happy, and the trees to sing for joy! Surely all men should praise and worship God in truth and spirit! All men need to worship God; all men who truly worship Him are highly blessed!

The place of worship is intimated. "Let us exalt His name together." This calls for the unity of an assembly! It calls for people to assemble themselves together and worship the Lord in unity of purpose! It is a glorious truth that men may worship the Lord in any and all places; but it is also true that there is an inspiration in a congregation worshipping the Lord together in the beauty of holiness! It is glorious that the people of our beloved America are within easy reach of a place erected and dedicated unto God for worship!

The plan of worship is suggested, "His praise shall continually be in my mouth!" Man may praise the Lord in song, prayer, testimony, and witnessing! These methods may be used in private and in public as we seek to worship and magnify the Lord, His name and His works; but only when we congregate in one mind and one accord do we please him! He is never worshipped until He is pleased by our worship!

"O magnify the Lord. Worship His Holy name!!

Rev. William Travis
First Free Will Baptist Church
Thomaston, Georgia

FIRST UNION MEETING

The First Union Meeting was held at Providence Church on Saturday, Jan. 29, 1972 at 10:30 o'clock. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Buford Fountain, prayer was offered by Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. The body was welcomed by Rev. Fountain, after which he turned the services over to Rev. A. G. Windham to preach the introductory message. Rev. Windham read from 5th Chapter of Galations, his message was entitled "Bewitched." After a very inspiring hour the body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Price Hayes.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After congregational singing and prayer by Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. the moderator asked Rev. David Posey to bring a short devotional. He read from 5th Chapter of Matthew and 12th Verse.

An offering was received at this time, the amount being \$18.56. The body chose to place this money in the Treasury to help with the expenses of the Association. The Moderator declared the session opened for business. The first item was the call for corresponding letters. M. S. C. that Bro. Wilbur Carroll and Bro. Hudson Poole read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Pleasant Hill—Mr. & Mrs. Bill Guy—\$5.
2. Providence—Frank Williamson, Hugh Ball, Frances Webb, Lois Allen, Mattie Pearson, Barbara Fountain—\$10.
3. Trinity—Alane Posey, Josephine Welch, Billy Welch—\$5.
4. Little Bethel—W. H. Cromer—\$5.
5. First Thomaston—By Pastor—\$5.

6. New Bethel—By Letter—\$3.
7. New Prospect (Turner)—By Letter—\$5.
8. New Life—Agnes Shellhouse, Clara Lockhart, H. L. Lockhart—\$5.
9. Mt. Olive—Hudson Poole—\$10.
10. New Liberty—J. C. Kirkland—\$5.
11. Spring Hill—Mrs. J. N. Grier—\$5.
12. Turners Chapel—Jewel Bone, C. W. Carroll, Wayne Carroll—\$10.
13. St. Luke—Curtis Greer, Nelle Greer—\$5.
14. Bethany—Margurete Hodge, Alma Garrett, Annette Grimsley—\$5.

M. S. C. to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The next item was to invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

M. S. C. to give the hose church a rising vote of "Thanks".
M. S. C. to adjourn. Benediction by Bro. Horace Lockhart.

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

Received by Letters \$83

SECOND UNION MEETING

The Second Union Meeting met at Mt. Olive April 29, 1972. Song Services began at 10:30 o'clock with Rev. A. G. Windham leading the singing. Prayer by Rev. Johnny Eason, and Rev. Eddie Richardson. Rev. Bobby Whittaker introduced Rev. Eason who told about his work at Swainsboro, Ga. He gave a short, spirit filled message on giving our goods to God, as small as they may be, that He may use them.

An offering was taken for the Swainsboro Mission, the amount being \$90. Rev. Bobby Whittaker introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, His message was from Luke 23:31-34 "Twelve Wonders of God's Forgiving Power." After a wonderful message, Rev. Hubert Arnold gave "Thanks" for lunch. Dismissed until 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Songs were led by Bro. Edward Arnold, special singing by the church group. Called to order by Moderator. He gave a short devotional on togetherness among Christians. M. S. C. that Rev. David Posey act as Clerk Protem, in absence of Bro. Welch.

Letters brought forward. M. S. C. that Rev. A. C. Truluck & Rev. A. G. Windham read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Trinity—Mrs. Peggy Gibb, Joe Logue, Josephine Welch—\$5.
2. Turners Chapel—Mr. & Mrs. Earl Bone, Gene Hudson, Eli Robinson, Nanilu Rodgers, Edna Carroll—\$10.
3. First Thomaston—Cora Ranow, Julia Mauldin, Kate Watson, Dorothy Moore—\$5.
4. New Liberty—J. C. Kirkland & Wife, Annie Lou Streetman—\$5.
5. Little Bethel—R. C. Cromer, Sis. Felton Albritton, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Layfield—\$5.
6. Pleasant Hill—Mr. & Mrs. William Guy—\$5
7. Mt. Olive—Jimmy Wilhoite, Louise Nelson, Hudson Poole—\$10.
8. New Prospect—By Letter—\$5.
9. New Bethel—By Letter—\$3.
10. Bethany—Lillie Grimsley, Annette Grimsley—\$5.
11. New Life—Clara Lockhart, Brenda Lockhart, Reba Plymale—\$5.
12. St. Luke—Nelle Greer, Christine Greer—\$5.
13. Providence—Runette Jones, Frank Williams, Lois Allen, Naomi Durden—\$10.
14. Spring Hill—Bernice McCall, Betty Sue Corkle, Sharon Grier—\$5.

M. S. C. to seat the delegates. And other visitors were: Rev. John Eason from Ogeechee Association. Rev. Truluck gave news of happenings around F. W. B. Denomination (Rom. 12:6) No further business. Dismissed with prayer.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Moderator
 Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk
 Rev. David Posey, Protem

Received from Letters \$83.00

THIRD UNION MEETING

MORNING SESSION

Third Union Meeting met at Turners Chapel, singing began at 10:30 o'clock, being led by Rev. A. G. Windham, prayer by Rev. Roscoe Pitts and Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. Rev. Travis preached the introductory with text taken from Acts, 1st Chapter, verse 11. Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. P. E. Knighton.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing was led by Rev. David Posey with prayer by Bro. Joe Logue. The Moderator read 122 Psalms, 1st verse. The Moderator

declared this session open for business. The first item was the call for corresponding letters. M. S. C. that Bro. Bill Guy and Rev. David Posey read letters. They are as follows:

1. Turners Chapel—Jewel Bone, Edna Carroll, Nannie Rogers, Luther Spillers, Eli Robinson—\$10.
2. St. Luke—Curtis Greer—\$5.
3. First Thomaston—Bell Tucker, Jessie Windham, Herman Watson, Roscoe Pitts—\$5.
4. Pleasant Hill—William Guy & wife, Essie Blarir—\$5.
5. Little Bethel—O. M. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Layfield, W. H. Cromer—\$5.
6. Bethany—Annette Grimsley, May Nell Grimsley, Marguerite Hodge, Clayton Hodge—\$5.
7. New Prospect—By Letter—\$5.
8. Providence—George Thomas, Frances Webb, Cora Thomas, Mrs. Willie Ellison, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hordittee—\$10.
9. New Bethel—By Letter—\$3.
10. Trinity—Evelyn Gill, Peggy Gibb, Josephine Welch, Joe Logue—\$5.
11. New Liberty—J. C. Kirkland & wife, Annie Lou Streetman—\$5.
12. Spring Hill—Myrtice Grier, Sharon Grier—\$5.
13. New Life—Agnes Shellhouse, Polly Jordan, Martha Jordan, Huston Shellhouse, Reba Plymale, Martha Lockhart—\$5.
14. Mt. Olive—Bob Dent, Gene Windham—\$10

Asked visiting brethren to seats with us. Rev. Andy Percy was visiting with us. Offering went to Children's Home—\$32.69. Next item was election of officers:

Rev. Bobby Whittaker - Moderator
Rev. Hubert Arnold - Asst. Mod.
Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. - Clerk
Bro. Herman Watson - Asst. Clerk

PLACE OF UNION MEETINGS NEXT YEAR

1. FIRST THOMASTON: April 28, 1973—Rev. A. G. Windham, Rev. David Posey.
2. SPRING HILL: July 28, 1973—Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Rev. Roscoe Pitts.
3. BETHANY: Sept. 29, 1973—Rev. Hubert Arnold, Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

Gave Church a rising vote of thanks. M. S. C. to adjourn. Benediction by Bro. Bob Dent.

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

Received from Letters \$83.00

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The Ministers and Deacons Meeting was held at the First Thomaston Church Sept. 9, 1972. After a brief song and prayer service Bro. A. G. Windham brought a devotional message which was followed by the welcome by the host church pastor, Bro. William Travis. Bro. Joe Logue gave the response.

In the remainder of the morning service an offering was received of \$16.11, after which Bro. David Posey sung a special song. The morning message then was delivered by Bro. Roscoe Pitts, using several verses of scripture from Chapter 3 of Revelation.

The body met back after lunch at 1:00, beginning with song, prayer, and testimony service. Bro. David Posey brought a devotional challenge from 1 Cor. (10:1).

The business session was opened by prayer by Bro. Earl Bone. M. S. C. for the Ministers and Deacons Meeting to be held the Saturday before the first Sunday in September of each year.

M. S. C. to give the offering of \$16.11 to the State office for printing of the State Bulletin.

M. S. C. for the moderator to appoint a committee of 5 to discuss and plan a brush arbor meeting for our district. The committee appointed was as follows: Chairman, Bro. William Travis, Bro. David Posey, Bro. J. B. Lumpkin, Bro. Bobby Whittaker, Bro. Hewel Walker.

M. S. C. to have a special service at Trinity Church Sat. Sept. 16, 1972, beginning at 7:00.

M. S. C. for the next Ministers and Deacons Meeting to be held at Mt. Olive Church. Election of officers were as follows:

Rev. David Posey - Moderator
Bro. Herman Watson - Vice Mod.
Rev. Bobby Whittaker - Clerk
Bro. Joe Logue - Asst. Clerk

We had 7 churches represented with 9 preachers and 5 deacons present. We also thank the host church for a fine welcome and a hearty meal. M. S. C. to adjourn the meeting.

Rev. A. G. Windham, Mod.
Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Clerk

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION MINUTES

The Chattahoochee Association of the Free-Will Baptist Sunday School and League Convention met with Trinity Church on May 6, 1972. The delegates from each church elected the pastor to preach at this meeting. After singing and prayers, Bro. Bobby Whittaker brought an inspiring message, after this message the meeting was turned over to Bro. Hudson Poole and everyone was given the chance to testify. The meeting was then adjourned until 1 p. m.

After the lunch hour we had special singing and then Trinity Church had a program. The minutes were then read and accepted. In the way of business, all the churches gave his opinion on the Sunday School Workshop. It was M. S. C. that there be a workshop and that money that was collected today and that already in the bank be put to the use of this workshop. It was M. S. C. that the workshop be held at Mt. Olive Church and to leave the date open until we could see when the teachers could come down. It was asked to have this workshop for all age groups, the same as for last year.

As for the officers for next year, it was M. S. C. that everything remain the same. First Thomaston Church asked for the meeting for next year. All the visitors stood and thanked Trinity Church for the place to meet this year. The meeting was then adjourned.

Christine Grier, Secretary

IN MEMORY OF SISTER ARRIE M. GRIER

Sister Grier was born Jan. 13, 1893, and passed away January 1, 1972. She was a member of Spring Hill Freewill Baptist Church. She is missed by many friends and loved ones. She leaves behind 3 sons and 5 daughters and numbers of grandchildren.

Sister Myrtle Grier, Church Clerk

IN MEMORY OF SISTER CLARA LOCKHART

Sister Lockhart was born Sept. 4, 1906, passed away July 3, 1972. Leaving her husband H. L. Lockhart, 1 daughter, 3 sons and 16 grandchildren. She was a faithful member of New Life Church and served as clerk of the church for a number of years.

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 KNOWS BEST

Written by her Pastor, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LILLIE COX

Sister Cox was born March 4, 1896 and passed away February 15, 1972. She was a member of New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church. Sister Cox leaves behind 1 son and 1 daughter.

Church Clerk, Rufus Powell

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LAURA WHITE

Sister White was born Nov. 7, 1884 and passed away March 19, 1972. She was a member of New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church. Sister White leaves behind 6 sons and 2 daughters.

Church Clerk, Rufus Powell

IN MEMORY OF SISTER ANNIE WHITE LITTLE LAWHORN

Sister Annie was born Oct. 10, 1900 and died Feb. 22, 1972. She was a faithful member of New Prospect Freewill Baptist Church. She is gone, but not forgotten. She was loved by most everyone.

Her Pastor, Rev. A. J. Cox

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER J. C. JOLLEY

Brother Jolley was born Aug. 2, 1928, died Aug. 8, 1972. He was a member of New Prospect Freewill Baptist Church and he will be missed by his family and friends and by his church and love one.

His Pastor, Rev. A. J. Cox

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER HOMER GREER

Brother Greer was born Feb. 25, 1898, passed away Dec. 8, 1971. He was a faithful member of Saint Luke Freewill Baptist Church and was a deacon for 25 years. He attended church regularly until his health failed him. He talked constantly about the Lord to those who didn't know Christ as their Saviour. He leaves a wife, 2 sons, 5 daughters, 4 brothers and other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Written by his son, Rev. Alvin Greer

IN MEMORY OF REV. B. T. GILL

Rev. Gill was born January 2, 1890, died Oct. 30, 1972. His stay on Earth was 82 years. He served as Clerk of the Chattahoochee Association for 28 years. He pastored Trinity Church several years. Bro. Gill took lots of pride in the work that he did for the Lord. He was known throughout our entire association as being a dedicated and a faithful servant of the Lord. His example as a Christian worker was such that it would be hard for the average person to follow. Bro. Gill will be missed by his church, his family and all who knew him.

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