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OF THE
138 ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
TURNER'S CHAPEL CHURCH
BUTLER, GEORGIA
COMMENCING FRIDAY MORNING BEFORE THE
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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 law-giver and supreme head of the churches, and the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in concern of religion, and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellowman.

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

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

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

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

CHURCH DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL VIEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

—John 3:3-8: Matt. 3:8-10.

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

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

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CHURCH	COUNTY	Meeting Days	Number of Baptisms	Received by Letter, Professions Statement, Etc.	Lost by Letter Death Revision of Roll Etc.	Lost to None F.W.B. Churches	Resident Members	None Resident Members	Total Member - ship	Number of Revivals	Vacation Bible School	Prayer Meeting	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Women's Auxiliary	Masters Men
Little Bethel	Macon	F.T.	0	0	3	0	40	85	125	1	0		25			
Spring Hill	Marion	F.T.	1	1	0	0			30	1			30			
Providence	Muscogee	F.T.	4	13	18	4	62	10	72	1		15	59			
Mount Olive	Taylor	F.T.	18	5	3	1			207	1	114	20	95	47		
First Thomaston	Upson	F.T.	3	5	10	5	122	15	137	2	64	30	66	44		12
St. Luke	Russell-Ala.	F.T.	0	0	1	0	17	2	19			10		15		
Pleasant Hill	Schley	F.T.	6	8	0	0	36	2	38	1	0	23	34			
Bethany	Marion	1-3	0	1	0	0			45	1	0	0	25			
New Prospect	Taylor	F.T.	0	6	1	0			46	1	0	24	20			
New Bethel	Worth	F.T.	3	8	4	1			106	1	0	35	54			
New Prospect	Turner	F.T.	3	2	0	0	93			1			25			
Trinity	Taylor	F.T.	0	7	2	1	30	15	45	1	0	20	37	0	7	0
New Life	Marion	F.T.	14	9	5	0			91	1		50		40		
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	F.T.	5	4	11	0	117	67	184	1	70	30	86			
New Liberty	Schley			2	1			26								

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Rev. Huwel Walker, Box 457, Butler, Ga. 31006
Rev. Buford Fountain, 102 C Peabody Apt., Columbus, Ga.
Rev. Alvin Greer, 1203 7th Ave., Phenix City, Ala., 36867
Rev. Hubert Arnold, Butler, Ga. 31006
Rev. James Stroup, 2059 Regents St., Macon, Ga.
Rev. Robert Stubbs, Mauk, Ga. 31058
Rev. Clyde Melton, Butler, Ga. 31006

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

1st Quarterly Meeting-Mt. Olive, Jan. 5, 1974-David Posey, Joe Logue
2nd Quarterly Meeting-New Prospect, Taylor, April 6, Joe Logue, David Posey
3rd Quarterly Meeting-New Liberty-July 6, Richard McFadden, David Posey
Annual Association or 4th Quarterly Meeting-New Bethel, Oct. 5, 1974
Sunday School Convention-

MINUTES OF THE 138TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

This 138th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association met at Turners Chapel Church at 10:30 on Oct. 5 and 6, 1973. Congregational singing was led by Rev. A. G. Windham, prayers were by Rev. Hubert Arnold and Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. The welcome was extended by the pastor of the Host Church, Rev. Huwel Walker.

The Moderator declared this session opened for business. The first item was to invite visiting brethren to seats with us. Danny Keen from Dublin was visiting with us. The next item was the call for corresponding letters. The letters were then turned over to the digest committee which the Moderator appointed at this time. Their names will appear along with the other committees. M. S. C. to adjourn from the business session for the preaching hour. Rev. A. G. Windham brought the introductory message. He read from the 15th Chapter of 1st Corinthians; he was followed by Rev. David Posey who read from the 10th Chapter of Hebrews. These were very inspiring messages and seem to bring the body into unity for a very progressive and harmonious meeting. The pastor of the church made announcements concerning lunch, after which we were dismissed for the noon hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembly was at 1 P. M. Singing was led by Rev. David Posey, prayer was offered by Rev. Lewis Williams. The Moderator read from the 11th Chapter of St. John. After this he declared this session opened for business.

The Digest Committee reported at this time. M. S. C. to accept their report and seat the delegates. They are as follows:

Churches and Delegates:

First Thomaston: Kate Watson

New Liberty: J. C. Kirkland, Christine Kirkland

Little Bethel: O. M. Williams, Essie Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Randal Jinks

New Prospect: (Taylor) Florence Windham, Jeffie Childree

Pleasant Hill: Frances Wall, Leonard Grimsley, Rosa Grimsley

New Prospect: (Turner) Hubert Parten, Audrey Parten, Cordelle Rainey

New Bethel: Minnie Hobby

St. Luke: Nell Greer

Turners Chapel: C. W. Carroll, Jewel Bone, Earl Bone, Luther Spillers

New Life: Horace Lockhart, Kathryn Harris, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Watson

Trinity: Josephine Welch, Alane Posey, Wanda Bell, Evelyn Gill, Bess Williams, Bill Smith

Mt. Olive: Hudson Poole, Elma Dent, Ethel Windham

Providence: Mattie Pearson, Hugh Ball, Margie Ball, Mrs. Turner

Spring Hill: By Letter

Bethany: Claton Hodge, Annette Grimsley

Committee Members:

Rev. Bobby Whittaker

Herman Watson

O. M. Williams

Rev. Roscoe Pitts

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

DIGEST COMMITTEE: O. M. Williams, Bobby Whittaker, Roscoe Pitts,
Herman Watson

PREACHING COMMITTEE: Wilbur Carroll, N. R. Lumpkin, Edna
Carroll

SUGGESTION: Earl Bone, Howard Watson, Hubert Arnold, Hudson
Poole, Leonard Grimsley

FINANCE: Horace Lockhart, Kathryn Harris, Mrs. Hubert Parten

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: Josephine Welch, Florance Windham,
Jewel Bone, Hattie Watson

TEMPERANCE: Bess Williams, Wanda Bell, Rosie Grimsley, Carrie Bell
Rainey, Nanny Rodgers

WOMANS AUXILARY: Alane Posey, Kate Watson, Essie Williams,
Margie Ball

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTRY: Bob Dent,
Curtis Greer, Bill Smith, John Kirkland, Pete Pearson

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bobby Whittaker, A. G. Windham, David Posey

A move was made to go back to the reading of our Associational letters rather than turning them over to a Digest Committee. The move was seconded and a vote was taken. The vote was in favor of our old way, so now we will read the letters and have no further need of a Digest Committee.

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

GEORGIA UNION: By Minute

LITTLE RIVER: By Minute

OGEECHEE: By Minute

MIDWAY: N. R. Lumpkin, J. B. Lumpkin

SOUTH GEORGIA: By Minute

MARTIN: By Minute

LIBERTY: By Minute

The next item was to choose places for the next Annual Association. The body chose to go to New Bethel Church in Worth County. The delegates from New Bethel chose Rev. J. B. Lumpkin to preach the introductory message and Rev. Bobby Whittaker as alternate.

The next item was the call for obituaries. At this time the Moderator granted Rev. Lewis Williams time to give his report on the State Mission work.

M. S. C. to adjourn. Benediction by N. R. Lumpkin.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The body began singing at 10 o'clock. Singing was led by Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. Prayer was offered by Bro. Herman Watson.

After the Moderator read from the 5th Chapter of Luke he declared the session open for business.

M. S. C. to receive corresponding letters from the churches that were not represented on Friday and to seat the delegates.

Bro. Herman Watson was elected to a five year term on the Executive Board.

M.S.C. to have 500 minutes printed. At this time Rev. P.E. Knighton read the circular letter that he had prepared. It will appear elsewhere in the minutes.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Huwel Walker to write the next circular letter.

Several testimonies were given at this time: The body then recessed for ten minutes.

The Rev. Danny Keen brought the morning message. He read from Nehemiah, 6th Chapter, Verses 1 through 3.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After congregational singing Rev. P. E. Knighton led the body in prayer. Rev. A. C. Truluck, our State Promotional Secretary, gave a report on the State work.

A rising vote of 'Thanks' was given to Rev. Truluck for his devotion to this office for the past several years.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker encouraged all the churches to support the Harvest Drive for the Children's Home.

At this time the committees reported. The reports will be found elsewhere in the minutes.

As all members of the Chattahoochee Association already know, in the past we have had three union meetings of one day duration each and one annual association meeting of two days duration, but now by unanimous vote it was passed to have four Quarterly Meetings of one day duration each. The dates will appear on the Associational Calendar. The places of meeting and the ministers bringing the messages are as follows:

1. Mt. Olive - Rev. David Posey and Rev. Joe Logue
2. New Prospect (Taylor) - Rev. Joe Logue & Rev. David Posey
3. New Liberty - Rev. Richard McFadden & Rev. David Posey
4. New Bethel - Rev. J. B. Lumpkin & Rev. Bobby Whittaker

M. S. C. to pay the Moderator \$45 per year, and the Clerk \$65 per year.

A rising vote of 'Thanks' was extended to the host church for their warm hospitality.

M. S. C. to send \$10 to State Association and \$7 to National.

Next item was to appoint delegates to State Association. Rev. & Mrs. Roscoe Pitts, Bro. Bob Dent, Bro. & Sis. H. H. Watson, and Bro Hudson Poole are the delegates.

M. S. C. that should the need arise the Moderator and Clerk would prepare a letter addressed to the Courts of Columbus, Ga. stating that we recognize the present membership of Providence Church as being genuine Freewill Baptist and any other group that are not presently enrolled as church members but claim to have access to the church are imposters and should be dealt with as such.

The next item was to elect officers. Rev. Warren Wyatt & Rev. J. B. Lumpkin were nominated as Moderator. Rev. Wyatt was elected. Rev. Hubert Arnold was elected Assistant Moderator. Bro. E. A. Welch was elected as Clerk with Rev. Bobby Whittaker as Assistant Clerk.

An offering was received at this time for the Children's Home. The amount received was \$55.06

M. S. C. to adjourn until the first Saturday in Januray 1974.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WOMAN'S AUXILARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee of Woman's Auxilary, wish to encourage each church who does not have an auxilary to begin one. Not only does the auxilary support our missions, both home and foreign with our offerings, gifts, and prayers, but it also helps each woman to fill her part in the great commission.

Alane Posey
Kate Watson
Margie Bell

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

'Be ye therefore followers of God as dear Children and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us.' Eph. 5: 1,2.

Rosa Grimsley
Carrie B. Rainey
Wanda Bell
Nannie Rodgers
Bess Williams

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

'Your Committee on Sabbath Observance' - We know the Bible tells us we should remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. In Mark 2:27—'And he said unto them 'The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.' We feel that this is essential for the growth of the church today.

Jewel Bone
Hattie Watson
Florence Windham
Josephine Welch

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We your Sunday School Committee recommend:

1. That each church utilize the Sunday School Committee for help in organizing new Sunday Schools or other matters when needed.
2. That older church members make a special effort to attend Sunday School to set the proper example for younger people.
3. That all churches having Sunday School attend the Sunday School Convention.
4. That parents attend Sunday School rather than just sending their children.
5. That each church having a Sunday School create within the Sunday School a great enthusiasm that will cause people to want to come to Sunday School.

Rev. A. G. Windham
Rev. David Posey
Rev. Bobby Whittaker

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

We your Character of the Ministry Committee find that all churches and ministers are in fellowship with one another.

B. R. Dent
Curtis R. Greer
J. C. Kirkland
P. J. Pearson
Bill Smith

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 1972	\$139.73
Received from Union Meetings 1973	234.00
(2) Special offerings for expense of	
National Association 1973	73.86
Offering for Childrens Home	12.04
Received from Association letters	130.00
Total Received	\$589.63

Expenses

Paid to National Association 1973	73.86
Paid to Childrens Home	12.04
Total Expenses	85.90

Balance in Treasury	\$503.73
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We, your Suggestion Committee, make the following suggestions:

1. That we dispense with Union Meetings and go to quarterly Associational meetings with all business that comes up during each quarter being taken care of at the next quarterly Associational meeting. Passed.

2. That we elect one Moderator and that he serve at all quarterly Associational meetings. Passed.

3. That the fourth quarterly Associational meeting be of one day duration. Passed.

4. That we send a recommendation to the State Association that the 'Association Letter' be printed on different type paper for better filing, and that a place be allotted for name and complete address of each church treasurer, also the church clerk. Passed.

5. We appoint an ordaining council of three to serve yearly. Rejected.

L. H. Poole

E. E. Bone

William H. Watson

Hubert L. Arnold

Leonard Grimsley

CIRCULAR LETTER

Greetings to the Chattahoochee Association of Freewill Baptist while in session at Turner's Chapel on October 5, 1973.

Dating back to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, on down through the ages to the present time, people have blamed others for their mistakes and errors made in their life, never stopping to take a look at their own lives to see where these mistakes, errors and sins came from. In Genesis 3 we find where after Adam and Eve had sinned, the Lord came into the Garden in the cool of the day and asked Adam if he had eaten of the fruit of the forbidden tree. Adam's answer was, 'the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat.' Immediately the Lord asked the woman, 'What is that thou hast done?' and the woman said, 'the serpent beguiled me and I did eat.' Even in the first of God's creation we find people ready to blame the other fellow, never wanting to take any of the blame on themselves. In our divorce courts, invariably the woman says the man was to blame. When we talk with the man, he says the woman was to blame, again never wanting to take any of the responsibility himself.

A man I knew whose wife had left him blamed her completely with everything that had happened, but as is usually the case there is always two sides to every story. While he blamed her for everything that happened, he did not consider her side of the story. He thought that breaking her nose and putting her in the hospital was his perfect right. Again, not considering both sides of the story.

A missionary in Brazil once saw a monkey sitting on a log, cracking nuts with a stone. The monkey's attention was attracted to the man and this interfered with the accuracy of his aim so that a blow fell upon his tail, which was curled around him. With a scream of rage, the monkey hurled the stone at the man and ran off. No doubt it comforted him to hold the missionary to blame for his suffering. What about it? Do you ever act like the monkey and blame other people for the mistakes you make? This is not the way the Lord intended it. You do not stand before God in judgement and point to someone and say he is to blame for me standing here a condemned man. Before we start blaming the other fellow for our mistakes, errors and sins, let's take a look at ourself. It just might be that we were to blame. When a church fails, each member wants to blame the other member for the downfall of the church. Let us ask ourself the question and wait for God's answer. If every member of this church were just like me, what kind of a church would this church be?

Yours in Christ
Rev. P. E. Knighton

FIRST UNION MEETING

The first Union Meeting was held at Thomaston, Ga. at the First Church on April 28, 1973. Song services began at 10:30 o'clock being led by Rev. William Travis. Prayers were offered by Rev. E. V. Skipper and Rev. Hubert Arnold. The body was welcomed by the pastor of the Host Church, Rev. William Travis.

Two very inspiring messages were brought, the first one being by Rev. A. G. Windham. He read from the 15th Chapter of St. John verses 1 through 5. The second message was by Rev. David Posey, He read from the 4th Chapter of Ephesians, verses 1 through 16. After this we were dismissed for lunch which was prepared by the Host Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After congregational singing prayers were offered by Bro. Herman Watson and Rev. Roscoe Pitts. After this the Moderator declared this session opened and ready for business.

The first item was the call for corresponding letters. M. S. C. that Bro. Watson and Rev. Travis read the letters. They are as follows:

1. First Thomaston: Maude Windham, Bell Tucker, Dorothy Moore, Kate Watson, Carolyn Baker—\$5.00
2. Pleasant Hill: Geraldine Dillard, Pearle Guy, Ida Wall—\$5.00
3. New Prospect (Turner Co.): By letter—\$5.00
4. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Alane Posey—\$5.00
5. Spring Hill: Bernice McCall, Houston James and Wife—\$5.00
6. New Liberty: J. C. Kirkland and Wife—\$5.00
7. New Prospect (Taylor): Florence Windham, Willie Windham, Carol Windham, Jeffie Childree—\$5.00
8. Bethany: Mr. & Mrs. Woodrøe Hendricks & Son, Sis. Hodge, Annette Grimsley, Mr. & Mrs. Hoke Garrett, Bro. Cook—\$5.00
9. Turners Chapel: Jewel Bone, Nannie Rodgers, Edna Carroll, Wayne Carroll, Earl Bone—\$10.
10. Little Bethel: O. M. Williams, Essie Williams, Leonard Layfield, Blondell Layfield—\$5.00
11. New Life: Ruby Stubbs, Robert Stubbs—\$5.00
12. Providence: Sis. Allen, Sis. Pearson, Sis. Turner—\$10
13. Mt. Olive: Hudson Poole, Cinthia Jones—\$10
14. New Bethel: By Letter—\$3.00

M. S. C. to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

The next item of business was to invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

An offering was received to assist in the expenses of the National Association. The amount received was \$50.

A rising vote of Thanks was extended the Host Church for their warm hospitality.

M. S. C. to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker,
Moderator

E. A. Welch, Jr., Clerk

Received by letters \$93.

SECOND UNION MEETING

The Second Union Meeting convened at Spring Hill Church in Marion County at 10:30 o'clock on July 28, 1973. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Lewis Tyler.

The welcome was extended by the Pastor, Rev. E. V. Skipper. Rev. William Travis led in prayer after which several testimonies were given. Rev. Bobby Whittaker was suppose to preach the introductory message, but asked Rev. Lewis Williams to speak in his stead. Rev. Williams represents our State Mission Board. He was followed by Rev. Roscoe Pitts. He read from 10th Chapter of St. Mark, verses 17-21. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing began at 1 o'clock. The moderator declared the session open for business. The first order of business was the call for corresponding letters. M. S. C. that Rev. Travis and Rev. Posey read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Little Bethel: O. M. Williams, Essie Williams, Blondell Layfield, Leonard Layfield—\$5.
2. Bethany: By Letter—\$5.
3. New Liberty: Bro. & Sis. J. C. Kirkland, Bernice Grimsley, Sara Grimsley—\$5.
4. New Prospect (Taylor)-Florence Windham, Lois Windham—\$5
5. Spring Hill: Katilu Brady, Geraldine Grier, Bernice McCall, Sharon Grier—\$5
6. New Bethel: By Letter—\$5
7. St. Luke: By Letter—\$5
8. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Bill Smith—\$5
9. Mt. Olive: Bob Dent—\$10
10. First Thomaston: Kate Watson, Bell Tucker, Dorothy Moore—\$5
11. New Life: Truman Lockhart, N. R. Lumpkin—\$5
12. Turners Chapel: Jewel Bone, Earl Bone, Nannie Rodgers—\$10
13. Providence: Hugh Ball, Margie Ball, Earline Weaver, Myrtle Fountain, Ada Grissett, Norma Turner—\$10
14. Pleasant Hill: By Pastor

M. S. C. to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

The next item was to invite visiting brethren to seats with us; we were glad to have Rev. Lewis Williams of the Martin Association and Rev. A. C. Truluck of the Union Association. The Moderator extended them the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Rev. A. C. Truluck, our State Promotional Secretary, gave a report on the State work. Rev. Lewis Williams made a very challenging talk on our State Mission Work.

An offering was received for the expenses of the National Association. The amount was \$23.86.

A rising vote of Thanks was given the Host Church for their most cordial hospitality.

Benediction by Bro. E. A. Welch.

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

Received from letters \$78.

THIRD UNION MEETING

The Third Union Meeting met at Bethany Church in Marion County on Sept. 29, 1973, at 10:30 o'clock. Congregational singing was led by Rev. A. G. Windham, prayers were offered by Rev. E. V. Skipper and Rev. David Posey. Several testimonies were given at this time. They were followed by a very spiritual message that was preached by Rev. Hubert Arnold. He read from the 25th chapter of Matthew, verses 14—30. After this we were dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a congregational song Rev. A. G. Windham led the body in prayer and the moderator then declared the session open. The call was given for the corresponding letters. M. S. C. that Rev. David Posey and Rev. A. G. Windham read the letters. They are as follows:

1. New Life: Reba Plymale, Ruby Stubbs, Clarence Carway—\$5.
2. New Prospect: (Taylor Co.)—Jeffie Childree, Florence Windham—\$5.
3. New Liberty: Marilu Wilson, J. C. Kirkland & Wife—\$5.
4. Turners Chapel: Nannie Rodgers, Rachel Wainwright, Jewel Bone, Earl Bone—\$10.
5. Little Bethel: W. T. Williams, Mary Williams—\$5.
6. First Thomaston: Kate Watson, Bell Tucker, Dorothy Moore—\$5.
7. Pleasant Hill: Ida Wall, Geraldine Dillard, Edyth Guy—\$5.
8. New Prospect: (Turner Co.) Lamar Wilson, Audrey Parten, Hubert Parten—\$5.
9. New Bethel: By Letter—\$3.
10. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Bess Williams, Wanda Bell, Peggy Gibb—\$5.
11. Bethany: Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Hodge, Lorie Grier, Mary Nell Grimsley, Annette Grimsley—\$5.
12. Spring Hill: Houston James, Bernice McCall, Myrtle Grier—\$5.
13. Providence: Hugh Ball, P. J. Pearson, Sis. Ball—\$10.
14. St. Luke: Nell Greer, Nellie Harrelson—\$5.
15. Mt. Olive: Hudson Poole, Gene Windham, Bob Dent—\$10.

The next item was to invite visiting brethren to seats with us. The moderator recognized Rev. Herman Hershey who was visiting us from Nashville, Tennessee.

It was brought before the body at this time to change from our old method of having three union meetings and one Annual Association to look into the possibility of having four quarterly meetings. Of course this business could not be settled at a Union Meeting, but an unofficial vote was taken to see if the body would be in favor of letting this matter go before the Annual Association and there to have an official vote. The body voted in favor of doing this so therefore we did not elect officers or places of meetings at this time but will do so at our Associational Meeting.

An offering was received for the Childrens Home. The amount was \$12.04. This was turned over to Rev. Whittaker. Benediction by Bro. Herman Watson.

Received by letter \$93.

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

IN MEMORY OF SISTER ELSIE PEARL HIGHSMITH

Sister Highsmith was born January 17, 1905, and passed away Nov. 19, 1972. She was a faithful member of New Life Freewill Baptist Church.

'SLEEP ON MY SISTER HERE BELOW,
WHILE ENDLESS AGES GLOW
TO AWAKE SOME MORNING BRIGHT & FAIR,
THERE NO SORROW TO KNOW.

Her Pastor,
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER JOHN T. TURNER

Bro. Turner was born July 27, 1897, and passed away July 24, 1973. Bro. Turner was a deacon and a faithful member of New Life Church and was loved by everyone.

A PRECIOUS ONE FROM US IS GONE,
A VOICE WE LOVED IS STILL,
A PLACE IS VACANT IN OUR HOUSE
WHICH NEVER CAN BE FILLED.
GOD IN HIS WISDOM HAS RECALLED,
THE ROOM HIS LOVE HAS GIVEN,
AND THAT THE BODY SLUMBERS HERE,
HIS SOLE IS SAFE IN HEAVEN.

His Pastor,
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER CARLTON SMITH

Bro. Smith was born April 1, 1934, died March 16, 1973. He was a member of New Liberty Free-Will Baptist Church and will be missed by his family and friends.

J. C. Kirkland

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MATTIE LUE DANIEL

Sister Mattie Lue Daniel was born May 10, 1898, and died June 23, 1973. Sister Mattie Lue Daniel was a member of New Life Freewill Baptist Church and will be missed by her family and friends and by her church and love ones.

Her Pastor,
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MOLLIE APPERSON

Sister Apperson was born Oct. 22, 1877, passed away August 26, 1973. She was a member of New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church.

Church Clerk,
Rufus Powell

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MARY ANN SPENCE

Sister Spence passed away September 26, 1973, she was 78 years old. Sis. Spence was a member of New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church.

Church Clerk,
Rufus Powell