

**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**139TH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**of the**  
**CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**HELD WITH**  
**NEW BETHEL CHURCH**  
**SYLVESTER, GEORGIA**  
**COMMENCING ON THE FIRST FRIDAY**  
**IN OCTOBER, 1974**

**OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR**

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| MODERATOR .....           | Rev. Warren Wyatt     |
| Phenix City, Alabama      |                       |
| ASSISTANT MODERATOR ..... | Rev. Hubert Arnold    |
| Butler, Georgia           |                       |
| CLERK .....               | Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. |
| Mauk, Georgia             |                       |
| ASSISTANT CLERK .....     | Rev. Bobby Whittaker  |
| Reynolds, Georgia         |                       |

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

First Quarterly Meeting ..... January 4, 1975

First Thomaston, Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Rev. Hubert Arnold

Second Quarterly Meeting ..... April 5, 1975

Mt. Olive, Rev. C. B. Dawdney, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

Third Quarterly Meeting ..... July 5, 1975

Turners Chapel, Rev. Hubert Arnold, Rev. Warren Wyatt

Fourth Quarterly Meeting ..... October 4, 1975

New Prospect (Turner Co.), Rev. A. G. Windham Rev. Leroy Sapp

Deacons & Preachers Meeting ..... September 13, 1975

Mt. Olive

1st Sunday School Convention ..... May 3, 1975

Little Bethel

2nd Sunday School Conyention ..... Nov. 1, 1975

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**Butler, Georgia**

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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.

**BY-LAWS SUBMITTED BY:**

Rev. Bobby Whittaker

Rev. A. G. Windham

Rev. Hubert Arnold

Bro. Hudson Poole

| CHURCH                       | CLERK                 | ADDRESS   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Decatur                      | Gary Lamvermeir       | 2627 Snapfinger Rd.<br>Decatur, Ga. 30034                 |
| Bethany                      | Annette Grimsley      | Rt. 3, Box 318<br>Warm Springs Rd.<br>Columbus, Ga. 31904 |
| New Prospect<br>(Taylor Co.) | Carol Windham         | Reynolds, Ga. 31076                                       |
| First Thomaston              | Mrs. Faye Howard      | Rt. 1, Sherrie St.<br>Thomaston, Ga. 30286                |
| Little Bethel                | Mrs. Leonard Layfield | Rt. 1<br>Butler, Ga. 31006                                |
| Mt. Olive                    | Ronnie McInvale       | Rt. 3<br>Reynolds, Ga. 31076                              |
| New Bethel                   | Rufus Powell          | Rt. 2, Box 104<br>Sylvester, Ga. 31791                    |
| New Liberty                  | J. C. Kirkland        | Rt. 4, Box 84<br>Buena Vista, Ga. 31803                   |
| New Life                     | Mrs. Oliver Stubbs    | Rt. 1<br>Mauk, Ga. 31058                                  |
| Pleasant Hill                | Frances Wall          | Rt. 1<br>Ellaville, Ga. 31806                             |
| New Prospect<br>(Turner Co.) | Doris Williams        | Ashburn, Ga. 31714  |
| Providence                   | P. J. Pearson         | 4029 St. Mary's Rd.<br>Columbus, Ga. 31907                |
| Spring Hill                  | Myrtle Grier          | Mauk, Ga. 31058   |
| Trinity                      | Josephine Welch       | Mauk, Ga. 31058   |
| Turners Chapel               | Jessie Carroll        | Butler, Ga. 31006   |
| St. Luke                     | Nellie Harrelson      | 1225 S. R. R. St.<br>Phenix City, Ala. 36867              |

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCH                    | PASTORS         | 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 | Non 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             | E. D. Howard    | F.T.         | 0                  | 3   | 1   | 2                            | 40               | 85                   | 123               | 1                  | 0                     | 0              | 35                       | 0                 | 0                 | 0           |
| Spring Hill               | E. V. Skipper   | F.T.         |                    | 1   | 1   |                              | 30               |                      |                   |                    |                       |                | 33                       |                   |                   |             |
| Providence                | P. E. Knight    | F.T.         | 3                  |   |   | 6                            |                  |                      |                   | 1                  |                       | 20             | 30                       | 0                 |                   | 6           |
| Mount Olive               | Bobby Whittaker | F.T.         | 14                 | 15  | 5   | 1                            | 222              |                      | 222               | 1                  | 101                   | 40             | 94                       | 36                |                   |             |
| First Thomaston           | William Travis  | F.T.         | 5                  | 7   | 5   | 2                            | 128              | 12                   | 140               | 1                  | 64                    | 35             | 78                       |                   |                   | 12          |
| St. Luke                  | Alvin Greer     | F.T.         | 0                  | 0   | 0   | 0                            | 12               | 1                    | 13                |                    |                       | 10             | 15                       |                   | 0                 | 0           |
| Pleasant Hill             | Ronald Peavy    | F.T.         | 0                  | 2   | 1   | 0                            | 37               | 3                    | 40                | 1                  | 12                    | 12             |                          | 15                | 0                 | 15          |
| Bethany                   | P. B. Hayes     | 1-3          | 3                  | 0   | 1   |                              |                  |                      | 50                | 1                  |                       |                |                          | 0                 | 0                 | 0           |
| New Prospect (Taylor Co.) | James Stroup    | F.T.         | 2                  | 3   | 0   | 0                            |                  |                      | 51                | 1                  |                       | 24             | 25                       |                   |                   |             |
| New Bethel                | LeRoy Sapp      | F.T.         | 11                 | 5   | 8   | 23                           |                  |                      | 111               | 1                  | 86                    | 35             | 52                       | 0                 | 0                 | 0           |
| New Prospect (Turner Co.) | Hubert Arnold   | F.T.         | 15                 | 2   | 7   | 6                            | 83               | 21                   | 106               | 1                  | 0                     | 15             | 40                       | 40                | 0                 | 0           |
| Trinity                   | Warren Wyatt    | F.T.         | 7                  | 3   | 4   | 0                            | 37               | 15                   | 52                | 1                  |                       | 25             | 37                       | 0                 | 5                 | 0           |
| New Life                  | J. B. Lumpkin   | F.T.         | 5                  | 2   | 2   |                              |                  |                      | 94                | 1                  | 0                     | 0              | 50                       | 0                 | 0                 | 0           |
| Turners Chapel            | A. G. Windham   | F.T.         | 6                  | 3   | 15  |                              | 126              | 52                   | 178               | 1                  | 66                    | 26             | 86                       | 68                | 0                 | 0           |
| New Liberty               | J. B. Fuller    |              |                    | 1   | 4   |                              |                  |                      | 23                |                    |                       |                |                          |                   |                   |             |
| Decatur                   | J. E. Blanton   | F.T.         |                    | 4   | 10  |                              |                  |                      | 58                |                    |                       | 35             | 58                       | 50                | 14                |             |

## FINANCIAL TABLE

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## MINISTERIAL ROLL

Rev. Edward Howard, 502 Meadow Dr., Thomaston, Ga. 30286  
Rev. B. P. Hayes, Bush Rd. Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Rev. John Grimsley, Rt. 1, Juniper, Ga. 31813  
Rev. William Travis, 203 Poplar Dr., Thomaston, Ga. 30286  
Rev. Roscoe Pitts, Thomaston, Ga. 30286  
Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rt. 3, Box 227, Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Rev. E. V. Skipper, East St., Thomaston, Ga. 30286  
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Junction City, Ga. 31812  
Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Reynolds, Ga. 31076  
Rev. A. G. Windham, Rt. 3, Reynolds, Ga. 31076  
Rev. J. B. Fuller, Reynolds, Ga. 31076  
Rev. P. E. Knighton, 1610 21st St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
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. Ronald Peavy, Unadilla, Ga. 31091  
Rev. Leroy Sapp, 1121 Jewel Dr., Perry, Ga.  
Rev. Richard Mason, Rt. 3, Box 327, Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Rev. Hewell Walker, Butler, Ga. 31006  
Rev. Buford Fountain, 102 C Peabody Apt., Columbus, Ga.  
Rev. Robert Stubbs, Rt. 1, Juniper, Ga. 31813  
Rev. Clyde Melton, Butler, Ga. 31006  
Rev. J. E. Blanton, 3427 Wickham Dr., Decatur, Ga. 30032

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Carlton Jordan, Butler, Georgia 31006  
Gene Hudson, Butler, Georgia 31006  
Gervis Morrell, Jr., 4146 Pershing Ave., Macon, Ga.

# MINUTES OF THE 139TH SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 139th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association met at New Bethel Church, Worth County, October 4, 1974.

At 10:00 a.m. the congregation began singing with Rev. Gene Ross leading. Prayer was by Rev. Ross. The welcome was given by the moderator. Prayers were offered by Rev. Hubert Arnold, and Rev. C. B. Dowdney. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Services were turned over to Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Rev. J. B. Lumpkin to bring the introductory messages. Rev. Whittaker read from the 14th Chapter of John the 20th verse. After these spirit filled messages the body was dismissed for lunch, that was prepared by the Host Church. Prayer by Rev. William Travis.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called back into session at one o'clock. After congregational singing being led by Bro. Welch and prayer by Bro. Hudson Poole. The Moderator called for the corresponding letters. M.S.C. that Josephine Welch and Rev. C. B. Dawdney read the letters. They were read and the delegates were seated. They are as follows:

1. Bethany — By Letter
2. New Prospect (Taylor Co.) — By Letter
3. First Thomaston — Rev. Roscoe Pitts, Rev. William Travis and Herman Watson
4. Little Bethel — W. H. Cromer
5. Mt. Olive — Hudson Poole, Joe Logue, and Lizzie Head
6. New Bethel — Ruth Sanderson, Janie Mae Massey, Martha Chambless, Lamar Ledford and Minnie Hobby
7. New Liberty — J. C. Kirkland and Wife, Arnnie Colquitt and Marilu Wilson
8. New Life — Patricia Foster, Agnes Shellhouse and Houston Shellhouse
9. Pleasant Hill — By Letter
10. New Prospect (Turner Co.) — Bro. Davis and Doris Williams
11. Providence — P. J. Pearson and Rev. Knighton
12. Spring Hill — By Letter
13. St. Luke — By Letter
14. Trinity — Josephine Welch, Bess Williams and Bill Smith
15. Turners Chapel — C. W. Carroll, Edna Carroll and Jewel Bone
16. Decatur — Rev. Blanton



There were two churches that asked for the next Annual Session. They were, New Life and New Prospect (Turner Co.). New Prospect received the majority vote.

Places for the quarterly meetings were set at this time:

- 1st Quarterly Meeting - January 4, 1975, First Thomaston, Introductory messages by Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Rev. Hubert Arnold
- 2nd Quarterly Meeting - April 5, 1975, Mt. Olive, Introductory messages by Rev. C. B. Dawdney, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin
- 3rd Quarterly Meeting - July 5, 1975, Turners Chapel, Introductory messages by Rev. Hubert Arnold, Rev. Warren Wyatt
- 4th Quarterly Meeting - October 4, 1975, New Prospect (Turner Co.)  
Introductory messages by Rev. A. G. Windham, Rev. Leroy Sapp

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

PREACHING: Joe Logue, Hudson Poole and Roscoe Pitts

SUGGESTIONS: Herman Watson, Bess Williams, Jewel Bone, Horace Davis and John Kirkland

STATE of CHURCHES and CHARACTER of the MINISTRY: Bob Dent, Wilbur Carroll, Houston Shellhouse, A. G. Powell and O. G. Little

FINANCE: Rev. Hubert Arnold, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin and Rev. Lamar Ledford

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bill Smith, Minnie Hobby and Hudson Poole

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: Patricia Foster, Agnes Shellhouse and Rufus Powell

TEMPERANCE: Ruby Evans, Horace Cromer and Ruth Sanderson

WOMANS AUXILIARY: Virginia Powell, Josephine Welch and Virginia Jolly

The preaching committee reported at this time. They chose Rev. Hubert Arnold and Rev. Warren Wyatt to preach the Saturday morning message.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney, our State Secretary, gave his report at this time. There were several churches recognized in their cooperative giving.

Rev. Gene Ross asked for a letter of recommendation, so that he could join the Georgia Union Association. The body voted to grant his request.

The next item was the call for the obituaries. M.S.C. to adjourn until Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The body assembled at 1:00 p.m. After congregational singing prayer was offered by Rev. P. E. Knigleton.

The first order of business was to elect a member on the Executive Committee. Bro. P. J. Pearson was elected to replace Bro. Norman Grier, whose time had expired.

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

Georgia Union — By Minute  
Little River — By Minute  
South Georgia — By Minute  
Martin — By Minute  
Midway — By Minute  
Ogeechee — By Minute  
Union — By Minute

The clerk was instructed to obtain information concerning the date and place of meeting of our Sister Associations and this information be placed in the minutes. M.S.C. to have 500 minutes printed. The next item was to appoint delegates to the State and National Association. They are Bro. H. H. Watson, Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Bro. Hudson Poole to the State Association. The National to be represented by letter. M.S.C. to sent \$10.00 to the State Association and \$7.00 to the National.

All the committees reported at this time. (See reports)

The next item was the election of officers. Rev. Warren Wyatt and Rev. J. B. Lumpkin was nominated for moderator. Rev. Wyatt was elected by majority vote. Rev. Bobby Whittaker was elected as assistant moderator.

Bro. E. A. Welch asked not to be nominated as clerk for reasons of health. Bro Joe Logue was nominated and elected as clerk. Bro. Wilbur Carroll, assistant clerk. M.S.C. to pay the moderator \$15.00 per meeting of \$60.00 per year. The clerks salary will be \$25.00 per meeting or \$100.00 per year.

M.S.C. to give the Host Church a rising vote of "Thanks" for their warm hospitality. M.S.C. to receive an offering and this offering be added to the associational treasure. The amount was \$58.00.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Moderator  
Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

The Woman's Auxiliary is a missionary service of the church. Our watchword is "Laborers together with God," ( 1Corn. 3:9).

We would like to see every church have an auxiliary if possible, it is such a rewarding work.

Virginia Jolly  
Josephine Welch  
Virginia Powell

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Ephesians 5th Chapter 1st and 2nd verses, "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear Children, and walk in love, as Christ also hath given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor. "

Ruth Sanderson,  
Ruby Evans,  
Horace Cromer

### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1. We your committee wish that each church utilize the Sunday School Committee for any matters pertaining to the Sunday School.
2. That all church members made a special effort to attend Sunday School.
3. That all churches having Sunday School attend the Sunday School convention.
4. That each church work harder to improve their Sunday School. and invite all people to attend.

Hudson Poole  
Bill Smith  
Minnie Hobby

### STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

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

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| C. W. Carroll | B. R. Dent         |
| O. G. Little  | Houston Shellhouse |
| A. G. Powell  |                    |

## SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

The suggestion has been made that we have the Annual Session one day as was suggested in the beginning.

It has been suggested that meetings should be held on the days as the minutes read from one annual meeting to the next.

The suggestion has been made that the Pastors be listed in the minute on the Statistional Table.

It has been suggested that the appointed delegates sit together during the voting business hours, as only appointed delegates are allowed to vote.

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Bess Williams | Jewel Bone     |
| H. E. Daivs   | J. C. Kirkland |
| Herman Watson |                |

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

We know we are to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy, but to have a strong church, this is not enough. In Hebrews 10: 25; Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Patricia Foster  
Agnes Shellhouse  
Rufus Powell

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Balance in Treasury, Dec. 1973 .....   | \$ 424.11 |
| Received from Quarterly Meetings ..... | 271.00    |
| Received from Annual Meeting .....     | 220.00    |
| Total Received .....                   | \$ 915.11 |

### EXPENSES

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Paid for Minutes 1973 ..... | \$ 267.54 |
| Paid Moderator .....        | 45.00     |
| Paid Clerk .....            | 65.00     |
| National Association .....  | 7.00      |
| State Association .....     | 7.00      |
| State C. T. S. ....         | 30.00     |
| Children's Home .....       | 23.70     |
| Balance in Treasury .....   | \$ 466.87 |

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

|                  |         |                     |
|------------------|---------|---------------------|
| P. J. Pearson    | 5 years | Columbus, Georgia   |
| H. H. Watson     | 4 years | Thomaston, Georgia  |
| R. N. Lumpkin    | 3 years | Manchester, Georgia |
| E. A. Welch, Jr. | 2 years | Mauk, Georgia       |
| Hudson Poole     | 1 year  | Reynolds, Georgia   |

## CIRCULAR LETTER

The kind and the extent of the different gifts which God bestows upon different Christians are according to his wise, external purpose and designed to promote the holiness and happiness of his kingdom.

All these gifts, therefore, should be so employed as is best adapted to accomplish this end. The pastors should quietly and meekly exhort their followers and teach them to observe the truth without the hope of reward, not injuring the cause of Christ, but edifying these that follow him and the followers permitted to gather spiritual things of the pastors. Jeremiah 3: 15; 10:12; 12:10; 17:16; 22:23; 23:1; Ephesians 4:11-12. The duty of the shepherd to watch the flock - Genesis 30:40; Ezekiel 34:5-7. To find pastorate - I Kings 18:5-6; Solomon 1:7-8; 7:1; 2:3. Used as a figure - Ezekial 34:2,3,8,9,10. To care for the young and disabled - Genesis 31:38; 33:13-14; Ezekial 34:4-5. To be responsible for losses - Genesis 31:39. To beat off wild animals - Amos 3:12; I Samuel 17:34; 36. Duty of ministers to preach the true doctrine. I Samuel 12:7; I Corinthians 1:23; 2:2; 3:9-10; II Corinthians 4:5; 5:11; II Timothy 2:4. To shun error. Mathew 15; 13-14; Acts 20:29-31; I Timothy 1:6-7; 6:3-5; II Timothy 2:16-18. To reprove with kindness, yet with necessary harshness. Ministers must set a good example to maintain good order, Galations 12:18-16; I Corinthians 4:18-21; 11:17-18; II Corinthians 18:1-10; Galatians 1:10; Titus 2:7-8; I Corinthians 14:26,27, 28,34, 35,40.

By Rev. Huel Walker



## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Quarterly Meeting was held at Mt. Olive Church, at Reynolds, Georgia on January 5, 1974. Song services began at 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. David Posey. Prayers were offered by Bro. Larry Bell. After singing two songs the moderator declared this meeting open for business.

The next item of business was to invite visiting Brothers to seat with us. The Moderator extended a welcome to Rev. Sellers and Rev. P. E. Knighton of the East Alabama Association.

The next item was the call for corresponding letters. The moderator appointed Bro. Pete Pearson and Rev. Hubert Arnold to read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Trinity: Wanda Bell, Josephine Welch, Bill Smith - \$5.00
2. Providence: Mattie Loue Pearson, Margie Ball - \$10.00
3. New Prospect (Turner Co.): Von Ritcher, Rachel Ritcher, Janet Williams, Ann Lavendar, Garland Giddens - \$5.00
4. Little Bethel; Leonard Layfield - \$5.00
5. Bethany: Annette Grimsley, Mary Nell Grimsely - \$5.00
6. New Prospect (Taylor Co.): Jeffie Childree, Lorie Melton, Blondell Wainwright, Jackie Wainwright - \$5.00
7. Spring Hill: Louis Tyler, Myrtle Grier - \$5.00
8. New Bethel: By Letter - \$5.00
9. Pleasant Hill: Rosa Grimsley, Ida Wall, Geraldine Dillard - \$5.00
10. Mt. Olive: Hudson Poole, Lizzie Head, Barbara Jean Windham - \$5.00
11. Turners Chapel: Nannie Rodgers, Sarah Posey, Jewel Bone, Earl Bone, Ruby Cummings, Edna Carroll - \$10.00

The next item was the appointing of committees, since the committee members were appointed at our last Annual Meeting, it was only necessary to have a roll call of the committees.

The next item was a call for petitionary letters. There were none. We adjourned for business for the preaching hour.

Rev. David Posey, brought a most inspiring message from the 14th Chapter of Romans verse 10. His subject was "The Judgement Seat of Christ". He was followed by Rev. Joe Logue. His text was taken from 37th Chapter of Ezekiel. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:15 p.m. being led by Rev. A. G. Windham. Devotion was given by Rev. Hubert Arnold. He read from the 28th chapter of Matthew.

The next item was a report of committees. There was no business brought before the committees so therefore no reports were given.

A rising vote of "Thanks" was given the Host Church.

It was M.S.C. to have a supply of new Quarterly Meeting Letters printed. M.S.C. to continue to have the Preachers and Deacons meeting. The meeting for 1974 will be on the 2nd Saturday in September at New Prospect (Turner Co.) at 10:00 a.m. M.S.C. to adjourn.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Moderator  
E. A. Welch, Jr., Clerk

Received from letters \$80.00

## SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting met at New Prospect (Taylor Co.) April 6, 1974. Singing began at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. A. G. Windham leading. Prayers by Rev. E. V. Skipper and Rev. James Stroup. The body was welcomed by the pastor of the Host Church, Rev. James Stroup.

The moderator declared this session open for business. Welcome was extended to visiting Brothers.

The call was given for corresponding letters. Bro Heath and Bro. Joe Logue were appointed to read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Bethany: Bertha Hendricks, Woodrow Hendricks, Woodie Hendricks - \$5.00
2. First Thomaston: By letter - \$5.00
3. Turners Chapel: Ernest Heath, Earl Bone, Nannie Rodgers, Jewel Bone, Mary Jane Posey, Darline Posey - \$10.00
4. Providence: Sis. Fountain and Sis. Turner - \$10.00
5. New Prospect (Turner Co.): Doris Williams, Martha Williams, Tena Ward, Toney Williams - \$5.00
6. St. Luke: By letter - \$5.00
7. Little Bethel: Tyson Ray, Ruby Ray, Carrie Jinks, Thelma Fowler - \$5.00
8. Mt. Olive: Hudson Poole - \$5.00
9. New Life: By letter - \$5.00



10. New Bethel: Ada Powell, Mamie Powell - \$5.00
11. Trinity: Bess Williams, Bill Smith, Josephine Welch, Sandra Arnold - \$5.00
12. New Prospect (Taylor Co.): Carol Williams, Blondell Wainwright, Emma Wainwright, Florence Windham, Jeffie Childree - \$5.00
13. Decatur: Rev. Blanton, Mike Hockersmith, Alton Joweless - \$5.00

M.S.C. to accept the letters and appoint committees.

Decatur Church petitioned to the Chattahoochee Association. They were well received into the Association. The business meeting was dismissed for the preaching hour.

Rev. David Posey brought the morning message, he read from the 1st chapter of Phillipians, verses 1 thru 18. After a very inspiring message the body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Willis Windham.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The body reassembled at 1:00 p.m. Prayer by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. Bro. Lovelace of the Decatur Church gave a short devotional reading from the 8th Chapter of Acts.

The moderator declared the meeting open for business. M.S.C. to send \$30.00 to the State C.T.S. for arts and crafts for Georgia C.T.S. The next item was the reports of the committees.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Received from the Churches - \$85.00

STATE OF CHURCHES: No report

SUNDAY SCHOOL: New Bethel asked for assistance in establishing a C.T.S. and improving on Sunday School.

SUGGESTION: It has been suggested that the Association establish a council made up of ordained Ministers and three deacons for the ordaining Preachers and Deacons, this council would establish a list of essential qualifications based on scripture for becoming a Pastor or Deacon. This would be the final authority for ordination. It is suggested that the council be appointed by the body and to have staggered turns. Those appointed were: Rev. Bobby Whittaker, 4 years; Rev. Hubert Arnold, 1 year; Rev. Warren Wyatt, 2 year; Rev. A. G. Windham, 3 years; Bro. Arthur Maddox, 1 year; Bro. Bill Guy, 3 years, Bro. Earl Bone, 2 year.

M.S.C. to give the Host Church a rising vote of "Thanks" for the hospitality. An offering was received for the Childrens Home. The amount was \$23.70.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Moderator  
E. A. Welch, Jr., Clerk

### THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Quarterly Meeting met at New Liberty at 10:00 a.m. Rev. David Posey led the singing. Prayer by Bro. Bill Smith. The body was welcomed by the moderator, after which he called this session to order. First item was to invite visiting brethern to seats with us.

The next item was the call for corresponding letters. M.S.C. that Rev. David Posey and Rev. P.E. Knighton read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Pleasant Hill: Frances Wall, Don Brewer, Mrs. Ronald Peavy, Dot Hambrick, Susam Brewer, Rosa Grimsley - \$5.00
2. Spring Hill: Bernice McCall, Myrtle Grier- \$5.00
3. Little Bethel: Clarice Jinks, Mrytle Rabun, Thelma Fowler-\$5.00
4. Providence: Margie Ball, Mildred Knighton, Norma Turner - \$10.00
5. First Thomaston: By letter - \$5.00
6. New Prospect (Taylor Co.): Carol Windham, Jeffie Childree- \$5.00
7. New Liberty: J.C. Kirkland, Mrytis Mason, Sara Grimsley, Bernice Grimsley
8. New Life: H.L. Lockhart, Martha Lockhart, Brenda Lockhart, Ruby Stubbs, Billy Stubbs - \$5.00
9. St. Luke: Christine Turner - \$5.00
10. Decatur: William Creel - \$5.00
11. Turners Chapel: Ernest Heath, Eli Robinson, Mary L. Robinson, Edna Carroll, C.W. Carroll - \$10.00
12. Trinity: Bess Williams, Bill Smith, Wanda and Larry Bell - \$5.00
13. New Bethel: By letter - \$3.00
14. Mt. Olive: Joan Whittaker, Barbara Jean Windham, Elmer Dent - \$10.00
15. New Prospect (Turner): Mr. & Mrs. Roger Gidden, Mr. & Mrs. Jonas Walker - \$5.00

M.S.C. to receive the letter and seat the delegates. The next item was the appointing of committees. The body was dismissed from business for the preaching hour. Rev. R. B. McFadder read from 1st Corinthians chapter 3, verses 1 thru 12. He brought a

very inspiring message. Rev. David Posey followed with his text taken from the 13th Chapter of St. John verses 1 thru 15. The messages were well delivered by both speaker.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

A special singing was brought by Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Rev. A. G. Windham, and Rev. David Posey. After the congregation sang a song the moderator introduced our State Secretary, Rev. C. B. Dowdney. He gave a talk on the work of the association.

M.S.C. to support the State Office in compiling an encyclopedia on Freewill Baptists history.

### COMMITTEES REPORT

1. FINANCE: received \$83.00
2. STATE OF CHURCHES: No complaint
3. SUGGESTION: (Received) M.S.C. to have 2 days at the Annual Association instead of 1. The dates will be October 4th and 5th.

A move was made to do away with the Ordaining Council. A vote was taken - 9 against and 28 to keep the Council.

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

Rev. David Posey asked for a letter of recommendation from this Association to the Georgia Union. The body approved. Rev. A. G. Windham replaced Rev. Posey on the Ordaining Council.

It was M.S.C. that Rev. Posey come back and moderate the Deacon and Preachers meeting in September. M.S.C. to adjourn.

The right hand of Associational and church fellowship was extended to Rev. J.E. Blanton and Rev. Ronald Peavy. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. P. E. Knighton.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Moderator

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

### MINUTES OF THE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

The Ministers and Deacons conference was held with the New Prospect Freewill Baptist Church of Turner County on September 14, 1974 at 10:30 a.m.

After the song and prayer service the welcome was given by the pastor the Rev. Hubert Arnold. The response was by the Rev. Bobby Whittaker. "Jesus is Coming Soon" was the special song given by the

host church, after which the Rev. A. G. Windham brought the morning message intitled "Is There Any Word from the Lord" using Jer. 37:16, 17 as his scripture text. After the message the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session began with song, prayer and testimony service. A message then was given by the moderator, Rev. David Posey.

The business session was conducted by the moderator, Rev. David Posey. M.S.C. to accept the minutes as read. A rising vote of Thanks was given to the host church. M.S.C. to table the previously voted to have Brush Arbor Meeting until a later time if decided to have later. Next was the election of officers for another year. They are as follows: Moderator, Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Vice Moderator, Rev. A. G. Windham; Clerk, Hermon Watson; Asst, Clerk; Bro. Carlton Williams.

The next meeting will be held at the Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church at Reynolds, Georgia, September 13, 1975.

Six churches were represented with eleven Deacons and four Ministers present. M.S.C. to adjourn.

Rev. David Posey, Moderator

Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Clerk

#### MINUTES OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE

#### ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee Association of the Freewill Baptist Sunday School and CTS Convention met at Mt. Olive Church on May 4, 1974, 10:30 a.m. Joan Whittaker was elected to sit in as secretary due to the illness and absence of Barbara Jean Windham.

The moderator read verses in II Timothy admonishing everyone to study the Word. There was encouragement for everyone to go to the First Annual Youth Conference in Thomaston on May 31, and June 1.

Joan Whittaker gave a brief report on how she teaches a Sunday School Class. The group present was divided into 4 "class divisions" - - superintendents, little folks, teens, adults - - to report after lunch on improvements.

Bill Travis gave a report pointing out that we need more men teachers and teachers committed to faithfulness in the Word.

There were 6 churches represented; Trinity, Turners Chapel, First Thomaston, Mt. Olive, New Prospect (Turner Co.) and Little Bethel.

The message was delivered by Rev. Bobby Whittaker reading Acts 8:26-40. The point was - - know the scripture if you are to teach. A brief period of question and answers about Sunday School

was the conclusion of the message.

After lunch the moderator read I Thessalonians 4, and brought a devotion. Reports were given from the group divisions. This was very interesting as we learned the different ways and opinions of others about teaching.

Minutes and treasure reports were read and accepted. M.S.C. for each church to attend the Youth for Christ Rally in July to see a demonstration of Sword Drill, Bible Bowl, Tic Tac Toe, and other activities and that there be 2 meetings of the Sunday School and CTS Convention yearly. The second meeting will be the first Saturday in November and it will be held at Trinity.

Joe Logue gave a report of the Sunday School and CTS Committee stating New Prospect (Turner Co.) was growing and just beginning a CTS. Also they desired some type of workshop.

Election of new officers:

Sunday School and CTS Committee: Joe Logue, Willard Wilder, Jessie Carroll

Secretary and Treasurer: Barbara Jean Windham

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer: Starling Giddens

Moderator: Charles Gibbs

Willard Wilder reported on the Chattahoochee Youth for Christ Rally in order to give information to some who needed it.

M.S.C. to dismiss.

Hudson Poole, Moderator

Joan Whittaker, Secretary Pro Tem



### In Memory of Bro. Gerald Edison Scott

Bro. Gerald Edison Scott born January 27, 1933 in Crisp County died April 6, 1974.

Bro Scott had united himself with New Prospect Church, In Ashburn, Georgia only a short time before his death. The Fruitful months of his life for Christ will always be a blessing to those who knew him. The cheerfulness in his voice and the radiance of his smile will be remembered by the young and old of New Prospect Church.

By His Pastor,  
Rev. Hubert L. Arnold

### In Memory of Sister Rosie Lee Grimsley

Born August 17, 1906, departed this life August 26, 1975. She was a true and faithful member of New Liberty Freewill Baptist Church and is greatly missed by all.

Greatest Star of them all  
She played Her Roll and  
She played it well.  
She never won no Great  
Reward shile on Earth  
But today she is the Brightest  
Star of them all  
Because she loved God.

By Her Pastor,  
Rev. J. B. Fuller

### In Memory of Bro Howard Watson

Born August 8, 1910, Died June 17, 1974. Brother Watson was a faithful member of New Life Freewill Baptist Church. He leaves behind a wife, one sister and three brother.

Bro. Howard has gone and left us,  
We miss his kind and smiling face.  
Later on we hope to join him,  
In that final resting place.

By His Pastor,  
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

In Memory of Sister Mildred Irving McFarlar

Born January 25, 1913, died Aug. 27, 1974. Sis McFarland was a member of New Life Baptist Church. She leaves one brother and one sister to mourn her passing.

Tho she had been shackled by heavy  
burdens.  
She left her sick bed and walked the  
aisle,  
A short time later our Lord called  
her  
And said, Time to com home my  
child.

By Her Pastor,  
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

In Memory of Sister Kate Hobby

Sister Kate Hobby was Born November 3, 1888 and passed away April 21, 1974.

Sister Hobby was a member of the New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church. She is missed by her family and friends.

Church Clerk,  
Rufus Powell

In Memory of Sister Mary Newell

Sister Newell was born June 6, 1890 and passed away July 14, 1974. Sister Newell was a member of New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church. She is missed by her family and Friends.

Church Clerk,  
Rufus Powell