

MINUTES
of the
140TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
NEW PROSPECT CHURCH
ASHBURN, GEORGIA
COMMENCING ON THE FIRST SATURDAY
IN OCTOBER, 1975

OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR

MODERATOR **Rev. Warren Wyatt**
Phenix City, Alabama
ASSISTANT MODERATOR **Rev. Bobby Whittaker**
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CLERK **Bro. Joe Logue**
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Butler, Georgia

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING January 3, 1976
Little Bethel, Rev. J. E. Blanton

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING April 3, 1976
Trinity, Rev. J. E. Blanton

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING July 3, 1976
First Thomaston, Rev. Warren Wyatt

FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING
OR ANNUAL SESSION Oct. 2, 1976

DEACONS & PREACHERS MEETING Aug. 14, 1976
Turners Chapel, Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Travis

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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 dismission without giving a sufficient reason and that we will endeavor, faithfully to discharge all our Christian duties.

2nd. That we will labor together to remain free from all violations to the Bible doctrines, ordinances, and faith once delivered to the Saints.

3rd. That we will live mutually in fellowship and not estrange ourselves from any of the brethren.

4th. That we will respect each other's liberties of conscience, patiently bear each other's burdens, strengthen the weak, warn the wavering and instruct the young and the ignorant.

5th. That we will watch over each other for good and give our Brethren timely warnings if we see them exposed to danger or about to be led astray.

6th. That we will not expose or ridicule our brethren because of their imperfections, neither will we report evil of any one unless we know they are guilty.

7th. That our daily conversation shall be edifying and such that is becoming for the Saints.

8th. That we will avoid all improper intercourse of all ungodliness that we will not visit places where our Christian influence will be impaired.

9th. That we will attend all meetings of the church for the preaching of the Gospel, the administration of the ordinances, the church conferences and all religious meetings, unless we have a sufficient reason for absence.

10th. That we will assist in supporting our pastor, in relieving the needy, and in defraying the expenses of our churches according to our several abilities.

11th. That we will in all cases and under all circumstances endeavor to walk according to our Savior's Golden Rule: 'Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You.'

12th. That we will exercise our spiritual gifts as well as we are able for the instruction and edification of our brethren and sisters.

13th. That we will strive to cultivate deep and uniform piety in our hearts and encourage the same all around us.

14th. That we strictly administer the government of the church laboring always to promote its purity and holy influence.

15th. That we will not, knowingly condemn the innocent or favor the guilty and that we strive to prevent strife and factions in the church.

16th. That if any among us shall be guilty of gross sins he shall be excluded from our fellowship. An acknowledgment convincing the church that he has repented will restore him back to the fellowship of the church.

17th. If an officer or deacon be guilty of such sins, he shall not hold his office, at the pleasure of the church, any longer. If he convinces the church that he has sorrowfully repented of these sins the church may then restore him to his former position.

18th. That we will strictly pursue the case pointed out in the Gospel, should any of our brethren trespass against us. Matt. 18:15.

19th. That we will not delay to acknowledge our improper conduct to church in conference, should we go astray.

20th. That we will go immediately to any member of the church against whom we may hear unfavorable reports and inform him of the same without bringing it up in conference unless necessary.

21st. That we will abstain from all sinful conformities to the world. That we will refrain from all evil amusements of the world.

22nd. That we will not traffic in ourselves, nor furnish to others intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and that we will not sustain such in the church.

23rd. Written and adopted at the 1937 session of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association by Rev. W. H. Emerson, Rev. E. C. Grimsley, Rev. H. L. Lumpkin.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Preliminaries, When several believers wish to be organized into a church, they request a council from some sister

church. This council or committees (commonly called an arm) examines into the Christian character, doctrines and fellowship of the applicants and their ability to sustain a church. If the examination is satisfactory, the organization proceeds as follows:

The Bible is presented as the only rule of faith and practice. A church covenant is read and adopted. A prayer of consecration is offered. The hand of fellowship is given. The church then proceeds to elect its officers, which are a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Pastor, and a board of deacons, who constitute, with the pastor, a committee to promote order, activity, attendance, and the means of grace, benevolence, and sufficient discipline in the church. Deacons should possess sound piety, and good business capacity and large benevolence. They hold office at the pleasure of the church. They assist in baptism and the Lord's Supper, have care of the poor, and conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

CONSTITUTION

Resolved, That we form an Association upon the principles laid down in the Holy Scriptures, to-wit: Associations appear from Scripture and ecclesiastical history to have originally been formed, not from any positive injunction, either from Christ or His Apostles, but from mere expediency for the purpose of concentrating the efforts of individual churches and bringing them to bear with greater energy upon the subject designed to be accomplished by those churches. They were also considered as advisory council, and restored to as such, but never claimed any right or lording it over God's heritage, nor was their advice considered binding on the churches. In a word, associations were wholly dependent on churches, and churches were not dependent upon associations, notwithstanding the power abrogated to themselves by some modern Baptist Associations, we view them as being nowhere 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 welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. —Eph. 1:1-2.

10. That the law of God is the eternal, unchangeable rule of the Government, that is it holy, just and good; that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from his love of sin; to deliver him through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy law is one design of the Gospel of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.
—Matt. 5:13; Luke 10:13-20, 14:17.

11. That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, that it should be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation; by the direct observance of all means of grace, both public and private, and preparation, for the rest which remains for the children of God.
—Ex. 19:8; Heb. 4:9, Thes. 1:7, Psalm 16:9

12. That civil government is of divine appointment

for the interest and good order of human society, that magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously, honored and obeyed in all things not contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of the Conscience and Prince of the King on earth.—Ex. 23:7; Acts 23:5; Tim. 5:17.

13. That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as are justified by faith in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God are truly righteous in his esteem, while such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under his curse, and his distinction holds good among men both in and after death.

—Matt. 25:46; Mark 16:16.

14. That the end of this world is approaching, when Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place, the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness, and the wicked to endless punishment, and this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

—John 5:25; Matt. 25:34; 41:46.

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:

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MINUTES OF THE 140TH SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 140th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association met at New Prospect Church, Turner County, October 4, 1975.

At 10:00 a.m. the congregation began singing with Bro. Welch leading. A welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. Hubert Arnold. Prayer was by Rev. Dan Reed.

At this time the Moderator declared the meeting open for business. Visiting brethren were invited to sit with us.

The next item was the call for corresponding letters. The moderator appointed Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Bro. Herman Waison to read the letters. They were as follows:

1. New Liberty: Bro. J. C. Kirkland, Sis. Kirkland, Sis. Bernice Grimsley, Sis. Jewel Grimsley
2. Trinity: Sis. Josephine Welch, Sis. Bess Williams, Bro. Joe Emberton, Sis. Elizabeth Emberton, Bro. Bill Smith
3. Turners Chapel: Bro. Earl Bone, Sis. Jewel Bone
4. New Prospect (Turner Co.): Sis. Hubert Parten, Bro. Ronald Parten, Sis. Betty Parten, Sis. Starting Giddens, Sis. Brenda Burgess, Bro. Jimmy Walker, Sis. Jimmy Walker, Bro. O. G. Little, Loney Williams
5. New Life: Sis. Martha Lockhart, Bro. Joe Waller, Sis. Waller, Sis. Agnes Shellhouse
6. Pleasant Hill: Sis. Rosa Grimsley, Sis. Linda Williams, Bro. Willard Brewer, Sis. Betty Brawer
7. Mt. Olive: Bro. Hudson Poole, Bro. Willard Wilder, Bro. John Arnold
8. First Thomaston: Bro. Earl Howard, Bro. Herman Watson
9. St. Luke: By letter
10. Little Bethel: Sis. Mary Williams, Sis. Blondell Layfield, Bro. Tyson Ray, Sis. Tyson Ray
11. New Bethel: Bro. Lewis and Sis. Jannie Mae Massey, Sis. Ruth and Mattie Sanderson, Bro. Charles and Sis. Kipley Dupree
12. Decatur: By letter
13. Spring Hill: By letter
14. Bethany: By letter

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sis. Barbara Arnold, Sis. Elizabeth Emberton, Sis. Ruth Sanderson

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY: Bro. Hudson Poole, Bro. W. T. Williams, Bro. Earl Bone, Bro. Arthur Maddox, Bro. J. M. Waller

MINISTRY: Bro. Hudson Poole, Bro. W. T. Williams, Bro. Earl Bone, Bro. Arthur Maddox, Bro. J. M. Waller

FINANCE: Bro. Williard Wilder, Sis. Kipling Dupree, Rev. Rosco Pitts

WOMANS AUXILIARY: Sis. Welch, Sis. Bone, Sis. Lockhart.

SUGGESTIONS: Sis. Agnes Shellhouse, Sis. Brenda Burgess, Bro. John Arnold, Sis. Mary Williams, Bro. Joe Emberton

The business meeting was dismissed for the Preaching hour.

Rev. A. G. Windham brought an inspiring message. His text was from the 16th Chapter of Mathew, verse 13, and the 12th Chapter of I Corinthians, verse 4. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:15 p.m. being led by Bro. E. A. Welch. Devotion was given by Rev. J. E. Blanton. He read from the 17th Chapter of Acts, verses 22 thru 26.

The modertor declared the meeting open for business. At this time the standing delegates were recognized. Next Rev. C. B. Dowdney brought a report on the Association. There were several churches recognized in their cooperation giving.

The next item was a report of committees (see reports).

At this time the Ordaining Council reported they would meet with Rev. Dan Reed at the First Quarterly meeting. It was motioned, seconded and carried to replace Rev. Bobby Whittaker on the Ordaining Council with Rev. Don Reed.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to re-elect Rev. Hubert Arnold and Bro. Arthur Maddox to serve on the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Hudson Poole was nominated and elected to serve on the Camp Board.

Places for the quarterly meetings were set at this time.

1st Quarterly Meeting - January 3, 1976, Little Bethel message by Rev. J. E. Blanton
2nd Quarterly meeting - April 3, 1976, Trinity, message by Rev. J. E. Blanton
3rd Quarterly Meeting - July 3, 1976, First Thomaston, message by Rev. Warren Wyatt
4th Quarterly Meeting or Annual Session - October 2, 1976, New Life

Rev. J. E. Blanton, Bro. Hermon Watson, Bro. E. A. Welch and Bro. Joe Logue were re-elected to the District Mission Board.

Motioned, seconded and carried to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their warm hospitality.

The next item of business was to appoint delegates to our Sister Associations.

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

The next item of business was to appoint delegates to the State Association. They are Rev. Don Reed. Bro. Hudson Poole, and Bro. Willard Wilder.

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

The next item of business was the election of officers. Rev. J. E. Blanton was nominated and elected for Moderator. Rev. Warren Wyatt was nominated and elected as Assistant Moderator. Bro. E. A. Welch was elected clerk. Bro. Joe Logue, assistant clerk.

At this time Bro. E. A. Welch gave a inspiring report on the Mission in Americus, Georgia. Motioned, seconded and carried to support the mission in Americus. The following Churches are supporting the mission.

Trinity — \$20.00
Little Bethel — \$20.00
Mt. Olive — \$20.00
First Thomaston — \$20.00
Decatur — \$20.00

Motioned, seconded and carried to receive an offering for the mission. The amount was \$80.00

It was then motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Rev. Warren Waytt, Moderator
Joe Logue, Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We your Committee of the Women's Auxiliary wish to encourage each Church that does not have one to organize an auxiliary in their church.

We support both home and foreign missions, "Go ye forth therefore and teach all nations". Mathew 28: 19

Josephine Welch
Jewel Bone
Martha Lockhart

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We the Sunday School Committee ask that we encourage Sunday School trusting that all of our Churches are engaged in Sunday School work.

Plan various ways to encourage our youth in this work.

1. We suggest that superintendents be a dedicated man of God. Then seeing that all teachers and officers are likewise, not being entertained in world amusements through out the week, but planning Sunday School as he sees fit, socials for children in a Godly manner.
2. Make a survey weekly for new persons in the community that might join your Sunday School.
3. Pray for officers daily and not criticize that their work will be blessed.
4. Please see that your church has representatives in our Sunday School Convention.

Ruth Gunderson
Elizabeth Emberton
Barbara Arnold

STATE OF CHURCHES AND
CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

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

Hudson Poole
W. T. Williams
Earl Bone
Author Maddox
J. M. Waller

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

It has been suggested that the wording be changed in the minutes to read as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarterly Meetings and the 4th Quarterly or Annual Session.

It has been suggested to limit the delegates according to the size of the membership of the church. Four for the first hundred or fraction thereof and one for each additional twenty-five or fraction thereof.

It has been suggested that the delegates at large be recognized. Deacons, Ministers and appointed Delegates be recognized as all being delegates. To be entered into the minutes, motioned, seconded and carried.

Agnes Shellhouse,
Brenda Burgess
Mary Williams
John Arnold,
Joe Emberton

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| Balance in Treasury, Dec. 1974 | \$467.57 |
| Received for Quarter Meetings | 240.00 |
| Received from Annual Meeting | 155.00 |
| Sunday School Convention | 61.10 |
| Total Received | \$923.67 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Paid for Minutes - 1974 | \$310.97 |
| Paid Moderator | 60.00 |
| Paid Clerk | 100.00 |
| National Association | 7.00 |
| State Association | 10.00 |
| U.S. Post Office | 11.37 |
| Total Expenses | \$499.34 |
| Balance in Treasury | \$424.33 |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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| Hubert Arnold | 4 years |
| Arthur Maddox | 4 years |
| Don Reed | 3 years |
| A. G. Windham | 2 years |
| Bill Guy | 2 years |
| Warren Wyatt | 1 year |
| Earl Bone | 1 year |

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The first Quarterly Meeting was held at First Thomaston Church, at Thomaston, Georgia on January 4, 1975. Song services began at 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. E. Knighton

The Moderator declared this meeting open for business. Welcome was extended to visiting Brothers.

The next item was the call for corresponding letters. The moderator appointed Rev. A. G. Windham and Bro. Watson to read the letters They are as follows:

1. Decatur: By letter - \$5.00
2. Turners Chapel: Jewell Bone, Earl Bone, C. W. Carroll, Lokie Rodgers - \$10.00
3. St. Luke: By letter - \$5.00
4. Providence: By letter - \$15.00
5. Mt. Olive: Joan Whittaker, Annie Laura Windham, Cynthia Jones \$10.00
6. New Life: Martha Lockhart, Horace Lockhart, Agnes Shellhouse - \$5.00
7. Spring Hill: By letter - \$5.00
8. Trinity: Bess Williams, Josephine Welch, Bill Smith, Kay Jackson, Wanda Bell - \$5.00
9. New Behtel: By letter - \$5.00
10. First Thomaston: Ann Travis, Bell Tucker, Kate Watson, Ruby Wells, Sis. Pitts, Sis. Pitts, Sis. Windham - \$5.00
11. New Prospect (Turner Co.): By letter - \$10.00

The next item was the roll call or committees.

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

After special singing by the Believers Rev. Robert Wood, a missionary from Dalton, Georgia, brought a most inspiring message from the 9th Chapter of Ezekiel verses 1 thru 6. His text was "God's call to sinful men." We were dismissed for lunch with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:15 p.m. being led by Rev. A. G. Windham. Prayer by Bro. P. J. Pearson. Rev. C. B. Dawdney gave a report on State offices. Then Rev. Wood gave a report on his missionary work at Dalton, Georgia. Bro. Welch made a move that we pledge to the mission

at Dalton. The pledges totaled \$575.50. It was motioned, seconded, and carried to take up an offering which was \$24.50. This brought the total to \$600.00 for the mission.

The Ordination Council reported at this time. They ordained one Deacon at New Prospect (Turner Co.) and one Preacher, Lamar Ledfield.

The next item was the committee reports.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Received from Churches - \$80.00

STATE OF CHURCHES: No report

SUNDAY SCHOOL: No report

SUGGESTION: It has been suggested that:

- (1) There be a District Mission Board for the purpose of promoting missions and establishing churches in our association. Motioned, seconded and carried to set up a District Mission Board.
- (2) That a nominating committee be nominated and elected by the body for the purpose of selecting a Mission Board. The body elected the Suggestion Committee to be the Nominating Committee.

A rising vote of "Thanks" was given the host Church. It was motioned, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Moderator
Joe Logue, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting was held at Mt. Olive Church, at Reynolds, Georgia on January 4, 1975. Song service began at 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. Prayers were offered by Rev. A. G. Windham and Rev. Pitts.

The Moderator declared this session open for business. A welcome was extended to visiting brothers. The Moderator extended a welcome to Rev. Bailey and Bro. Johnson and family.

The next item was the call for corresponding letters. The Moderator appointed Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Rev. William Travis to read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Providence: Bro. Williamson, Bro. Bailey - \$15.00
2. Mt. Olive: Phillis Purvis, Joan Whittaker, Jimmy Wilhoite, Ann Wainwright, Barbara Jean Windham - \$15.00

3. Spring Hill: Bernice McCall - \$5.00
4. First Thomaston: Belle Tucker, Curtis Robinson, Dorothy Moore - \$5.00
5. New Bethel: Willie J. Farmer, Rugh Sanderson, Gail Sanders, Bob Sanderson, Minnie Hobby, Mattie Sanderson - \$5.00
6. Little Bethel: Tyson Ray, W. H. Cromer, Ruby Ray, Blondell Layfield - \$5.00
7. New Prospect (Turner Co.): Carlton Williams, Sis. Carlton Williams, Horace Davis, Sis. Horace Davis, Jimmy Walker, Sis. Jimmy Walker, Roger Giddens, Starling Giddens, Hoss Wilson, Rowena Giddens - \$5.00
8. New Prospect (Taylor Co.): Losia Windham, Sis. Clyde Melton, Bill Wainwright, Jeffie Childree - \$5.00
9. Trinity: Bess Williams, Bill Smith, Josephine Welch, Peggy Gibb, Kay Jackson, Wanda Bell, Charlie Gibb - \$5.00
10. Bethany: Woodroe Hendrick, Bertha Hendrick, Leroy Grimsley, Clayton Hodge, Marguerite Hodge, Gayle Grimsley - \$5.00
11. St. Luke: By letter - \$5.00
12. New Life: Agnes Shellhouse, Martha Lockhart, Ruby Stubbs, Horace Lockhart, Truman Lockhart - \$5.00
13. Turners Chapel: Jewell Bone, Earl Bone, C. W. Carroll, Sis. Rodgers - \$10.00
14. Pleasant Hill: Geraldine Dillard, Edith Guy, Doni Brewer, Ida Wall, Sis. Leonard Grimsley, Earline Greene - \$5.00

Motioned, seconded and carried to accept the letter and appoint committees.

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

Rev. Dowdney, brought a most inspiring message from the 5th Chapter of Ephesians verse 18. His subject was "Being filled with the Holy Spirit". He was followed by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. His text was taken from the 13th Chapter of I Corinthians verses 8 and 9. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer.

The body reassembled at 1:30 p.m. Singing was led by Rev. A. G. Windham.

The Moderator declared the meeting open for business. Rev. Dowdney gave a report on a teaching course he is conducting, without charge, on Friday and Saturday nights or Sunday morning and Sunday nights.

He also requested that if anyone had any information on their church history to contact him. Then Rev. Wood gave a report on the mission in Dalton, Georgia. The next item was the Committee Reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Received from the Churches - \$95.00

STATE OF CHURCHES: We your committee have had complaints about changing the Quarterly Meetings back to the Union meetings. We believe the Constitution says the churches should agree which way that they would like to have it before it is brought before the Quarterly Meeting. This was rejected. It was brought up in the wrong committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We your committee wish that each church utilize the Sunday School committee for any matters pertaining to the Sunday School. That all churches having Sunday School attend the Sunday School convention. That each church work harder to improve their Sunday School and invite all people to attend. Motioned, seconded and carried.

SUGGESTION: We the Suggestion Committee acting as a nominating committee for a District Mission Board nominate, Bro. J. E. Blanton, Bro. E. A. Welch, Bro. Herman Watson, Bro. Joe Logue and Bro. William Travis, motioned, seconded and carried.

It was then motioned, seconded and carried to give the host church a rising vote of "Thanks" for their hospitality.

Motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Wood.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Moderator
Joe Logue, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Quarterly Meeting met at Turners Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Rev. A. G. Windham led the singing. Prayer by Bro. Jessie Windham. The body was welcomed by the Moderator, after which this session was opened with prayer by Bro. Herman Watson. First item was to invite visiting brethren to sit with us.

The next item was the call for corresponding letters. Bro. C. B. Dowdney and Bro. Travis were appointed to read the letters. They are as follows:

1. New Bethel: By letter - \$5.00
2. Pleasant Hill: Ida Wall, Sis. Bill Guy, Geraldine Dillard - \$10.00

3. New Life: By letter - \$5.00
4. Little Bethel: Mary Williams, Clarice Jinks, Louise Howard, Ruby Ray - \$5.00
5. First Thomaston: Jessie Windham, Rev, Rosco Pitts, Herman Watson - \$5.00
6. Providence: Frank Williamson - \$10.00
7. Trinity: Wanda Bell, Bess Williams, Bill Smith, Josephine Welch - \$5.00
8. New Prospect (Truner Co.): Hoss Wilson, Hershel Johnson, Bud Williams, Horace Davis, Sis. Johnson, Loney Williams - \$5.00
9. Turners Chapel: Sarah Posey, Edna Carroll, Rachel Wainwright, Earnest Heath, Hubert Wainwright, Jessie Carroll - \$5.00
10. Mt. Olive: Hudson Poole, Cynthia James, Anolara Windham, Ethel Windham, Irene Windham - \$15.00

Motioned, seconded and carried to receive letters and seat the delegates. The next item was the appointing of committees.

The body was dismissed from business for the preaching hour. Rev. Hubert Arnold brought an inspiring message from Acts, chapter 2 verses 1 thru 8. Rev. Warren Wyatt followed with his text taken from the 45th chapter of Isaiah verses 5 thru 7.

The group was then dismissed for lunch by Rev. P. E. Knighton.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The body reassembled at 1:15 p.m. Prayer by Rev. Travis. Next Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave a report on the charismatic movement and how it is affecting the churches today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. FINANCE: Received \$70.00
2. STATE OF CHURCHES: No Complaint
3. SUGGESTION: (Received) Motioned, seconded and carried to have one speaker for the morning service and let the alternate speak if the regular speaker cannot be there. Motioned, seconded, and carried to have a short devotional in the afternoon.
4. SUNDAY SCHOOL: No. Complaint

Bro. Johnson gave a report on the camp. He requested prayer and support for the camp. Motioned, seconded and carried to take up an offering for the camp. Received \$50.00

Rev. Bobby Whittaker stated that he would like to resign as assistant moderator and all other offices held. Motioned, seconded, and carried to receive his resignation as of this meeting.

Motioned, seconded, and carried to give the host church a rising vote of "Thanks" for the hospitality. Motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Rev. Warrey Wyatt, Moderator
Joe Logue, Clerk

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The preachers and deacons meeting was held at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church September 13, 1975.

Song service began at 10:30 a.m. Prayer by Bro. William Travis and Bro. Hubert Arnold. The welcome was given by Bro. Don Reed. The response was by Bro. W. T. Williams.

The morning message brought by the pastor, Bro. Don Reed. The subject was Paul's Charge to Timothy to Preach the Word. He brought a wonderful message.

Bro. A. G. Windham brought a message on unfaithfulness and unthankfulness. Then adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with singing More About Jesus. Prayer by Bro. Gene Windham. Bro. Ed Howard brought the afternoon message from the second chapter of Thessalonians, on Encouraging Others.

We went into the business session. Motioned, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as read. Offering was received. Moved, seconded and carried to give the offering to the Youth Camp. Total offering was \$13.91. Motioned, seconded and carried to change the meeting back to the second Saturday in August. Motioned, seconded and carried to meet at Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in 1976.

Next was the election of officers:

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| Bro. Roscoe Pitts | Moderator |
| Bro. Ed Howard | Assistant Moderator |
| Bro. Herman Watson | Clerk |
| Bro. W. T. Williams | Assistant Clerk |

We gave the host church a vote of thanks for their hospitality. Five churches were represented, six preachers and eight deacons present. Motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Roscoe Pitts.

A. G. Windham, Moderator
Herman Watson, Clerk

In Memory of Bro. Homer S. Moore

Bro. Homer S. Moore was born April 18, 1892, lived here over 82 years, and departed for heaven December 10, 1974. Bro. Homer was a faithful husband, father, and friend. He was a member and deacon of Turners Chapel Freewill Baptist Church and served his church and Lord well for over half of a century. He is missed by all that knew him, but the memory left behind is sufficient for us until heaven's reunion.

He has gone for only a season,
Heaven called is the reason.
He with Jesus shall soon return,
For this do all saints yearn.
Thank you Lord is our earnest prayer,
For a life like his and your blessed care.

His Pastor,
Rev. A. G. Windham

In Memory of Bro. Clarence H. Ingram

Bro. Clarence H. Ingram was born June 11, 1899 and departed this life February 22, 1975. Bro. Ingram was a member of Turners Chapel Freewill Baptist Church for many years. He was most humble, peaceful, and faithful to all that knew him. To know him was to know a true friend.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:
Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Rev. 14: 13

His Pastor,
Rev. A. G. Windham

In Memory of Bro. W. H. Bell

Bro. W. H. Bell was born on April 2, 1905 and died on July 5, 1975.

Bro. Bell had five children, 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was a faithful member at New Life and was loved by everyone.

Bro. Bell leaves a great testimony behind; he said he was ready to go - God saw fit to call him to a better home beyond the tide.

His Pastor,
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

In Memory of Sis. Ennis H. Stubbs

Sis. Ennis H. Stubbs was born on February 5, 1894 she died on March 14, 1975.

Sis. Stubbs had 3 children, 2 brothers, 2 sisters and 24 grandchildren. Sis. Stubbs was a faithful member of the New Life Freewill Baptist Church. She was a great mother and knew the Lord.

And joyfully sweet will the meeting be,
When over the river, the peaceful river,
The Angel of Death shall carry me.

Her Pastor,
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin

In Memory of Bro. William W. Giddens

Bro. William W. Giddens (better known as Bro. Bill to his many friends) was born in Adel, Georgia, September 8, 1903. He made his home in Ashburn, Georgia, the last 30 years of his life. He was a very prominent business man, and farmer in Turner County, Georgia.

Bro. Giddens was a member of New Prospect Church serving well as a deacon the last few months of his life.

Bro. Giddens died May 14, 1975 leaving his wife and eight children and many friends to cherish his memory.

It's true, a live will soon be passed,
Only whats done for Christ will last.

His Pastor,
Rev. Hubert L. Arnold