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CHURCH CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING January 1, 1977

Mt. Olive, Rev. J. E. Blanton

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING April 2, 1977

First Thomaston, Rev. Don Reed

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING July 2, 1977

New Hope, Americus, Ga.

FOURTH OR ANNUAL MEETING October 1, 1977

Pleasant Hill, Schley Co.

PREACHERS & DEACONS MEETING August 13, 1977

New Prospect, Turner Co.

Rev. Hubert Arnold will speak in the morning.

Rev. J. E. Blanton will speak in the afternoon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION May 7, 1977

Mt. Olive

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 Re-
ports, Select Place for holding next session. Elect Officers.
Vote of Thanks to Host Church.
8. Elect Executive Committee

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF QUARTERLY 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 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:

Rev. Bobby Whittaker

Rev. A. G. Windham

Rev. Hubert Arnold

Bro. Hudson Poole

CHURCH	CLERK ADDRESS	PHONE
New Prospect (Turner Co.)	Doris Williams Route 3 Ashburn, Georgia 31794	567-2521
New Life	Mrs. Oliver Stubbs Route 1 Mauk, Georgia 31058	649-7246
New Liberty	John C. Kirkland Route 4, Box 84 Buena Vista, Georgia 31803	912-937-2359
Trinity	Josephine Welch Route 2 Mauk, Georgia 31058	912-862-3356
Turners Chapel	Jesse E. Carroll Route 2, Box 60C Butler, Georgia 31006	912-862-3657
First Thomaston	Faye Howard Route 2, Box 167 Thomaston, Georgia 30286	647-3556
New Hope	Hazel Kob 309 Reese St. Americus, Georgia 31709	924-3963
Providence	Pat Martin 1106 Winston Columbus, Georgia 31907	687-7616
Bethany	Peggy Sawyer Route 1, Box 165 Juniper, Georgia 31813	912-649-5393
New Bethel	Minnie Hobby Route 2, Box 56 Sylvester, Georgia 31791	912-776-4136

CHURCH	COUNTY	TOTAL OFFERING FROM ANY SOURCE	PASTOR'S SALARY	FINANCIAL TABLE			COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	F. W. B. BIBLE COLLEGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME	HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS	PAID FOR MINUTES	TOTAL SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES
				BUILDING AND REPAIRS	LITERATURE, UTILITIES, REVIVALS, ETC.	TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES					
Athens											
Bethany	Marion	1,014.80	500.00	635.31						10.00	
Decatur	Dekalb	26,276.19	12,215.00	6,110.00	3,666.43	26,906.58	140.00	465.84	526.33	5.00	4,270.15
First Thomaston	Upson	18,176.08	7,950.00	500.00	3,100.00	16,571.00	505.00			5.00	
Little Bethel	Macon		1,995.00	1,500.00	583.00	5,078.00		180.00	100.00	10.00	
Mount Olive	Taylor	20,050.00	8,200.00	350.00	7,450.00		1,850.00	925.00		15.00	1,025.00
New Bethel	Worth	3,649.58	2,104.80	1,295.40		3,586.56		150.00		15.00	238.63
New Hope	Sumter	2,671.38	595.00	226.66		1,224.00				5.00	
New Life	Marion	3,512.14	2,600.00					5.00		10.00	
New Liberty	Schley									5.00	
New Prospect	Taylor	2,123.00	781.00	4,022.00	324.00	5,126.00		28.85		10.00	1,351.00
New Prospect	Turner	6,086.43	3,900.00	700.00	936.31	5,786.31	120.00	120.00		10.00	250.00
Pleasant Hill	Schley	7,663.36	2,400.00	1,512.20	1,696.19	5,853.89	537.09	219.02	48.00	10.00	804.11
Providence	Muscogee	18,200.00	5,500.00	8,000.00	2,100.00	15,600.00		100.00			100.00
Spring Hill	Marion		1,909.00	850.00	951.09	8,710.00				10.00	
Trinity	Taylor	12,285.73	3,625.00		1,857.27	6,769.91	670.17		617.47	20.00	1,287.64
Turners Chapel	Taylor	4,460.00	3,514.00	734.00	1,300.00	4,814.00	427.53			15.00	

CHURCH	PASTORS	MEETING DAYS	NUMBER OF BAPTISMS	REC'D. BY LETTER, PROFESSIONS, STATEMENTS, ETC.	LOST BY LETTER, DEATH, REVISION OF ROLL, ETC.	LOST TO NONE F. W. B. CHURCHES	STATISTICAL TABLE				VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	PRAYER MEETING	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	C. T. S. ENROLLMENT	WOMANS AUXILIARY	MASTERS MEN
							RESIDENT MEMBERS	NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER OF REVIVALS						
Athens	INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE															
Bethany	B. P. Hayes	1-3	0	0	0	0					0	0	36	0	0	0
Decatur	J. E. Blanton	F. T.	5	12	6	3	44	0	44	1	0	25	58	33	12	0
First Thomaston	William Travis	F. T.	3	5	5	0	118	11	129	1	64	35	74	41	18	12
Little Bethel	Ronnie Mullis	F. T.	4	4	6	0	40	87	127	1			35		0	0
Mount Olive	Don Reed	F. T.	0	0	0	0			227	1			135	68	0	0
New Bethel	Jerry Wishum	F. T.	0	1	1	21	25	70	95	1	41	20	25		2	0
New Hope	Gerald Brown	F. T.	0	0	0	0				1	31	16		0		
New Life	E. V. Skipper	F. T.	4	10	4	0	106	0	106	1	0	0	59	0	0	0
New Liberty	Carlton Jordan		0	3	2	0			25							
New Prospect (Taylor)	Clyde Melton	F. T.	0	0	1	0			45	1	0		25	0	0	0
New Prospect (Turner)	Leonard Ogletree	F. T.	1	8	4	1	57	40	97	2	60	25	45	45	0	0
Pleasant Hill		F. T.	0	1	0	0	37	4	41	1	0	0	37	0	0	12
Providence	James Shields	F. T.	52	27	12	0	89	21	110	1		72	92	92	29	32
Spring Hill	Terry Cochran	F. T.	4	1	1	0	24	9	33	1	0	16	36	0	0	0
Trinity	Warren Wyatt	F. T.	2	2	1	0	45	13	58	1	0	30	45	0	6	0
Turners Chapel	Hubert Arnold	F. T.	0	0	1	1	100	68	168	1	62	15	86	65	0	0

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Pleasant Hill	Susan Brewer Rupert, Georgia	
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MINUTES OF THE 141ST SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 141st Session of the Association met at New Life Church on October 2, 1976.

At 10:00 a.m. the congregation began singing. The pianist was Faith Hendricks. The song director was N. R. Lumpkin. Rev. A. G. Windham led in prayer. The welcome was given by the Pastor of the church, Rev. E. V. Skipper.

The Moderator, after a few remarks, welcomed visiting brethren and a call for corresponding letters was made. Nominated to read the letters was Ed Howard and Earl Howard. They are as follows:

1. Bethany: Bro. Hendricks & wife, Ruby Grimsley, Love Greer, Tom Bullard, Peggy Sawyer
2. New Bethel: Phoebe Hobby, Minnie Hobby, Melvin Fowler
3. Little Bethel: Bro. & Sis. Tyson Ray, W. T. Williams, Randall Jinks
4. Decatur: Bill Jones
5. Spring Hill: Delene McGee, Myrtle Grier, Bernice McCall, Geraldine Grier
6. Pleasant Hill: Ida Wall, Geraldine Dillard
7. Mt. Olive: Frances Mullins, Annie Windham, Cecil Taunton, Ethel Windham, Cindy Jones, Joe Logue
8. New Prospect (Taylor): By letter
9. New Prospect (Turner): Brenda Burgess, Othan Little, Gaye Glover, Ida Mae Johnson, Faye Ogletree
10. New Life: Kay Stubbs, Ruby Stubbs, Nell Foster, Martha Lockhart, Sara Lumpkin
11. New Liberty: J. C. Kirkland & wife, Annie Lou Wilson
12. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Bill Smith, Bess Williams, Kaye Jackson, Faith Hendrick, Evelyn Gill, Evelyn Rustin
13. Turners Chapel: Wilbur Carroll, Edna Carroll, Earl Bone, Jewell Bone
14. Thomaston: Kate Watson, Bell Tucker, Julia Mauldin
15. New Hope: Hazel Kobs
16. Providence: By letter
17. Athens:

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: N. R. Lumpkin, Earl Bone, Randall Jinks

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY: Joe Logue, Gene Windham, Bess Williams, Floyd Foster, Bell Tucker
SUGGESTIONS: Josephine Welch, Rev. Ed Howard, Rev. Hubert Arnold, Rev. A. G. Windham, John Kirkland
FINANCE: Wilbur Carroll, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Rev. Roscoe Pitts
WOMANS AUXILIARY: Julia Mauldin, Kate Watson, Myrtle Grier
TEMPERANCE: Rev. Bill Travis, Rev. Warren Wyatt, Geraldine Grier

Rev. Bill Travis gave a report on the state work at this time.
Places for the next meetings were set.

1st Meeting — Mt. Olive — January 1, 1977 — Rev. J. E. Blanton

2nd Meeting — Thomaston — April 2, 1977 — Rev. Don Reed

3rd Meeting — New Hope — July 2, 1977 —

4th or Annual Meeting — Pleasant Hill, Schley Co. — October 1, 1977

Preachers and Deacons Meeting — New Prospect, Turner Co. —
August 13, 1977

Rev. J. E. Blanton of Decatur brought the morning message. His text was from II Timothy 4:1-5. After an inspiring message was concluded announcements were made. A song was sung, and prayer by Bro. Floyd Foster. The service ended for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The congregation was led in singing by N. R. Lumpkin.

The Moderator asked for reports at this time. Rev. Gerald Brown gave a report on New Hope Church.

Bro. Johnson gave his report on the work at the Youth Camp in Ashburn.

Certificates were awarded at this time to the various churches for their participating in the cooperational work of the State Association.

The committees reported at this time.

On suggestion a move was made to have nominating committee.

Local Mission Board appointed: Rev. Ed Howard, Rev. J. E. Blanton, Joe Logue and E. A. Welch.

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

A motion was made and seconded that we have 400 minutes printed.

Delegates appointed for the State Association were: Bill Jones, Sis. Pitts, Sis. Kate Watson, Bill Tucker, Faye Howard, Ann Travis,

Francis Mullins.

Move to send \$10.00 to the State and \$7.00 to the National.

E. A. Welch was appointed for the Trustee Board.

Rev. Ed Howard was appointed for the State Mission Board.

Rev. Don Reed gave a report on the Ordaining Council.

A motion was made and seconded to receive an offering in memory of Bro. Herman Watson, to be sent to the Dublin Mission. The amount was \$111.00.

The election of officers was held. Rev. J. E. Blanton was elected as Moderator. Rev. Warren Wyatt was elected as Assistant Moderator. Bro. E. A. Welch was elected as Clerk. Bro. Joe Logue was elected as Assistant Clerk.

A motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Rev. J. B. Lumpkin led in closing prayer.

REPORTS

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

1. That each church, urge each voting member to go to the polls and vote against Amendment 20 on the ballot.
2. That parents of school children make special effort to find out about the dope problem in the schools, and do all possible to combat it.

Rev. W. Travis

Rev. W. Wyatt

S. G. Grier

WOMANS AUXILIARY

We your Womens Auxiliary wish to encourage each church in our association to organize an auxiliary. We are an important arm of the church. We support all mission work.

Read Matthew 28:19 and practice it.

Kate Watson

Julia Mauldin

Myrtle Grier

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

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

Sis. Bell Tucker

Sis. Bess Williams

Bro. Eugene Windham

Bro. Joe Logue

Bro. Floyd Foster, Jr.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

The following suggestions were presented to the committee:

1. Consider electing a nominating committee to recommend nominations for Associational Officers.
2. To consider putting the telephone numbers of all pastors and clerks along with addresses.
3. We recommend that the Liscense Ministerial Roll be up-dated, and to include only current Liscense Ministers.

Rev. Hubert Arnold

Rev. A. G. Windham

Rev. Ed Howard

Bro. John Kirkland

Sis. Josephine Welch

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ask that we encourage Sunday School training and that all churches engage in Sunday School Work.

N. R. Lumpkin

Randall Jinks

Earl Bone

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasury, January 1976	\$424.33
Received from Quarterly Meetings	338.00
Received from Annual Meeting	155.00
Received from Sunday School Convention	25.00
Total Received	\$942.33

EXPENSES

Paid for Minutes	\$312.70
Wilkerson Account	42.00
National Association	7.00
State Association	10.00
Moderator's Salary	60.00
Clerk's Salary	100.00
Total Expenses	\$531.70

Balance in Treasury	\$410.63	
Rev. Roscoe Pitts	Rev. J. B. Lumpkin	Bro. Wilbur Carroll

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Earl Howard	5 Years	Thomaston, Ga.
Hudson Poole	4 Years	Reynolds, Ga.
P. J. Pearson	3 Years	Columbus, Ga.
Fred Brewer	2 Years	Rupert, Ga.
N. R. Lumpkin	1 Year	Manchester, Ga.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Hubert Arnold	3 Years	Bro. Arthur Maddox	3 Years
Rev. Don Reed	2 Years	Rev. A. G. Windham	1 Year
Bro. Bill Guy	1 Year	Rev. Warren Wyatt	4 Years
Bro. Earl Bone	4 Years		

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The first Quarterly Meeting was held at Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Ideal, Georgia, on January 3, 1976.

The singing began at 10:00. The devotional was by Rev. Gerald Brown.

The meeting was called into official session by Rev. J. E. Blanton, Moderator. After a few remarks, he invited the visiting bretherns to set with us. They were Oswald Smith, Kenneth Barber, Sammy Wilkerson and son Ken from Brasil.

The Moderator then called for corresponding letters. Rev. James Shields and Rev. Bill Travis were appointed to read the letters. They were as follows:

1. New Hope: Petition for membership in the Association at this meeting (accepted)
2. Little Bethel: Clarice Jinks, Ruby Ray, Thelma Fowler, Ruby Layfield, Polly Albritton - \$5.00
3. New Bethel: By letter - \$5.00
4. New Life: Floyd Foster, Nell Foster, Agnes Shellhouse - \$5.00
5. New Prospect (Taylor): By letter - \$5.00
6. Pleasant Hill: Geraldine Dillard - \$5.00
7. Turners Chapel: Gloria Faye Love, Sarah Posey, Mannie Lou Rodgers, Earl Bone - \$10.00
8. First Thomaston: Earl Howard - \$5.00
9. Trinity: Bill Smith, Josephine Welch, Larry Bell - \$5.00
10. New Prospect (Turner): Jan Williams, Kathryn Tomlinson, Faye Glover - \$10.00
11. Providence: Mattie Lou Pearson, Linda Allen, Jerry Thome, Evelyn Knight, Fran Walker - \$5.00
12. Spring Hill: Bernice McCall, Myrtle Grier - \$5.00
13. Decatur: Kenneth Barber - \$5.00

Move and seconded that the letters be accepted and seat the delegates.

The clerk (Bro. Welch) gave the roll call of committees. They were:

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTRY: Earl Bone, Arthur Maddox, Norman Grier

SUGGESTION: Agnes Shellhouse, Mary Williams, Larry Bell

FINANCE: Rev. Roscoe Pitts, Earl Howard, Nanie Rodgers

The next item was a call for petitionary letters: There was one from New Hope Americus Mission from Rev. Brown.

A motion was made and seconded that the Mission be taken under "Watch Care" of the Association.

Bro. Herman Watson gave a report on the Dalton Mission.

We adjourned for the preaching hour after a song by the congregation, a prayer was offered by Bro. Warrington.

The message of the hour was by Rev. Sammy Wilkerson, Missionary from Brazil. Scripture reading was from the book of Jonah, chapter 1, verse 1-2. After the message was concluded a song was sung by the congregation and prayer by Rev. Hubert Arnold. The body was dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing and prayer by Rev. Ed Howard.

The devotional was by Rev. Worington from Albany, the State Moderator. Scripture reading, I Peter, 2nd Chapter. His subject was (1) adding to your faith by growing by reading the Bible, (2) be on guard (3) glorify Christ as we live and serve.

A move was made and seconded to grant a letter to Rev. James Stroup to the Georgia Union Association.

Rev. Travis represented the Camp Board at Ashburn. He gave a report of the work.

The committees reported at this time:

The Suggestions Committee had no report. The Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministry gave their report. Move and seconded to accept the report. The Finance Committee reported. (See reports)

An offering was received for Rev. Wilkerson. The amount was \$42.00.

Visitors gave rising vote of Thanks to the host church for their hospitality.

Move to adjourn with prayer by Rev. Johnson.

J. E. Blanton, Moderator

E. A. Welch, Clerk

Finance Committee: Received from letters - \$112.00.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The second Quarterly Meeting met with Trinity Church, Taylor County, Maun, Georgia, April 3, 1976.

At 10:00 a.m. the song service began with Bro. Welch leading. Prayer by Rev. C. B. Dowdney. The pastor of the Host church, Rev. Warren Wyatt welcomed the body.

Rev. David Kimper from the Bible College in Nashville gave the devotional. His text was from II Timothy 2:14. After a very inspiring message the Moderator invited visiting bretherns to set with us in our business session.

The call for correspondence letters was given at this time. With 16 churches represented, they are as follows:

1. New Hope: By pastor
2. Thomaston: Herman Watson, Earl Howard, Willie Betts - \$5.00
3. Pleasant Hill: By pastor - \$5.00
4. Mt. Olive: Mrs. Don Reed, Ethel Windham - \$15.00
5. Trinity: Charlie Gibb, Wanda Bell, Bill Smith, Josephine Welch - \$5.00.
6. Turners Chapel: Earl Bone, Mrs. Bone, Mrs. Mary Jane Posey, Darlene Posey, Mrs. J. B. Rodgers - \$10.00
7. New Life: Martha Lockhart, Ruby Stubbs, Nell Foster, Jr. Robert Stubbs, Agnes Shellhouse - \$5.00
8. Spring Hill: Bernice McCall, Myrtle Grier - \$5.00
9. New Bethel: Minnie Hobby, Dianne Wisham, Ruth Sanderson, Phoebe Hobby, Janie Massey, Lewis Massey - \$5.00
10. New Prospect (Taylor): By letter - \$5.00
11. Athens: Requested membership in the Association at this meeting.
12. Bethany: Woodrow Hendricks - \$5.00
13. Little Bethel: Tyson Ray, Roger Streetman, Effie Streetman, Myrtle Raburn - \$5.00
14. New Prospect (Turner): Doris Williams, Faye Glover - \$10.00
15. Decatur: Bill Brown, Bonnie Giles, Heneritta Brown, Gary Lanverneier - \$5.00
16. Providence: Doug Picklesimer, Floyd Williamson - \$10.00

Motioned, seconded and carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

The call for petitionary letters was given. The Athens Church petitioned. The body approved and accepted the Athens church into the Association. The Moderator welcomed the pastor, Rev. Jerry Johnson.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint committees. They are as follows:

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE: Bernice McCall, Doug Picklesimer, Tyson Ray.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY:

Gene Windham, Earl Howard, Woodrow Hendricks

FINANCE: Minnie Hobby, Faye Glover, Wanda Bell

Reports were given from the following:

The State Secretary

The Dublin Mission - by Rev. Woods

The Americus Mission - by Rev. Brown

The Athens Church - by Rev. Jerry Johnson

The Youth Camp - by Rev. Bill Travis

A motion was made and seconded to receive an offering for Camp Mt. Bethel. The amount received was \$206.50.

The business was adjourned for the preaching hour.

Rev. J. E. Blanton brought a very inspiring message taken from Matthew 24:3. The body was dismissed by prayer for the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session reconvened at 1:15 p.m. The first order of business was the call for committee reports. It was suggested that the Executive Committee check with St. Luke Church as to why they were not attending our Quarterly Meetings.

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

A motion was made to adjourn.

Rev. J. E. Blanton, Moderator

E. A. Welch, Clerk

Finance Committee: Received from letters - \$95.00

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We the Suggestion Committee have no suggestions since no one came before this committee.

Tyson Ray

Roy D. Picklesimer

Bernice McCall

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

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

Eugene Windham

Earl Howard

Woodroe Hendricks

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The third Quarterly Meeting met with First Thomaston on July 3, 1976.

The song service began at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. J. E. Blanton leading the singing. Prayer was offered by Bro. E. A. Welch. A devotional was given by Rev. Don Reed. He read from Psalms 1:1-6.

The welcome was given by the pastor of the Host church, Rev. Bill Travis.

The Moderator declared this session open for business and gave a call for corresponding letters. Rev. Hubert Arnold and Rev. Bill Travis were appointed to read the letters. Letters were sent by the following churches:

1. New Hope: By pastor
2. New Bethel: By letter - \$5.00
3. Decatur: By letter - \$5.00
4. Mt Olive: Hudson Poole, Mrs. Don Reed - \$15.00
5. Providence: Bro. and Sis. Carsewell - \$10.00
6. New Prospect (Taylor): By letter - \$5.00
7. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Bill Smith - \$10.00
8. New Life: By letter - \$5.00
9. Spring Hill: Bernice McCall, Myrtle Grier - \$5.00
10. Turners Chapel: C. E. Bone - \$10.00
11. Little Bethel: Bro. and Sis. Leonard Layfield, Tyson Ray, Ruby Ray - \$5.00
12. Pleasant Hill: By letter - \$10.00
13. First Thomaston: Kate Watson, Eugene Pitts, Anne Travis, Bell Tucker, Faye Howard, Charlie Collins - \$5.00

Moved and seconded to receive the letters and seat the delegates. The Moderator appointed various committees at this time:

SUGGESTIONS: Tyson Ray, Roscoe Pitts, Sis. Norman Grier

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY:

Hudson Poole, Fred Brewer, Leonard Layfield

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Herman Watson, P. J. Pearson, Sis. Johnson

Reports were given from the following boards:

Mission Board - Bro. Herman Watson

New Hope Mission - Rev. Gerald Brown

Camp Board - Rev. Bill Travis

The business was adjourned for the preaching hour. Rev. Warren Wyatt brought a very spiritual message, taken from James 1:21. An offering of \$26.00 was received for the expense of the Quarterly Meetings. We were dismissed for lunch by prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Ed Howard leading. Prayer was offered by Rev. James Shields.

The various committees gave their reports at this time. A rising vote of Thanks was given the Host church. After several announcements, a move was made and seconded to adjourn.

Rev. J. E. Blanton, Moderator
E. A. Welch, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received from churches	\$105.00
Special offering to be used for expenses	26.00
Total	\$131.00

Ordaining council reported at this time.

MINUTES OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee Sunday School and C. T. S. Convention met with the First Church of Thomaston, May 1, 1976. Bro. Hubert Arnold opened with prayer. Bro. Don Reed brought an inspiring message on Watch Jesus Die, Luke 23 and Matthew 27.

After lunch we assembled for business. Bro. Bill Guy opened with prayer. Nine churches were represented. Moved to have the Sunday School and C. T. S. minutes published in the Chattahoochee minutes. Moved to pay \$25.00 on publishing. Moved to have only one meeting a year and this to be the 1st Saturday in May, 1977. Moved to have the next meeting at Mt. Olive Church first Saturday in May, 1977.

New Sunday School Committee:

Bro. Gene Windham
Bro. Hubert Arnold
Bro. Steve Casebolt
Bro. Bill Guy

Bro. Charles Gibb, Moderator
Sis. Barbara Windham, Sec. and Treas.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The preachers and deacons meeting was held at Turners Chapel Free-Will Baptist Church, August 14, 1976.

Services began at 10:30 a.m. with singing, and prayer by Bro. William Travis. A testimony service was then inspiring to all present. The congregation was extended a welcome by Bro. A. G. Windham. Bro. Steve Casebolt responded and brought a short devotion. The morning message was preached by Bro. Warren Wyatt and was a great challenge and blessing. He read Judges 7:18 and spoke on individual importance. The meeting was then adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a delightful lunch prepared by the host church, the afternoon service was opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Hubert Arnold. Bro. Ed Howard then gave a report on home missions. A collection of \$56.01 was received and given to the new Dublin Church. The afternoon message was delivered by Bro. William Travis. His text was from Judges 3:20, 22, and he spoke on The Sword of The Lord. This message was also a real blessing. There were five churches represented, with eight deacons and seven ministers present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Deacons from each church present gave a brief report on their church. Officers for the next year were elected as follows:

Bro. Roscoe Pitts - Moderator

Bro. Hubert Arnold - Assistant Moderator

Bro. A. G. Windham - Clerk

Bro. Warren Wyatt - Assistant Clerk

The host church was given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. It was then voted to have the next meeting at New Prospect Free-Will Baptist Church, Turner County, on the second Saturday of August, 1977. Rev. Hubert Arnold will speak in the morning and Rev. J. E. Blanton will speak in the afternoon. The meeting was then adjourned, and dismissal prayer was given by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

Roscoe Pitts - Moderator

A. G. Windham - Clerk Pro-Tem

In Loving Memory of Those Gone Home, From the First Free
Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, Georgia:

Have you a trusty comrade dear--
 An old and valued friend?
Be sure your term of sweet concourse
 At length will have an end.
And when you part, as part you will,
 Oh, take it not unkind,
If he who goes is happier
 Than you he leaves behind.

God wills it so, and so it is;
 The pilgrims on their way,
Though weak and worn, more cheerful are
 Than all the rest who stay.
And when, at last, poor man, subdued,
 Lies down to death resigned,
May he not still be happier far
 Than those he leaves behind?

Bro. Lester Tarrer
Bro. W. H. Cochran
Bro. Herman Watson
 Sis. Kathy Pitts
Bro. Nathan Salter
 Sis. Eris Peterman
 Sis. Cora Philpott
Bro. J. G. Tyson, Sr.

We miss them in the place of prayer,
 And by the hearth-fire's light;
We pause beside their door to hear
 Once more their sweet, "Good-night."

Their Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Thomaston, Georgia

Rev. William Travis, Pastor

In Memory of Sister Sally Daniel.

Sister Sally Daniel was born April 10, 1889 and departed this life February 7, 1976. She was a faithful member of New Life Free Will Baptist Church. She was loved by every one that knew her. She was survived by her daughter, Mrs. Felton Roberts, and one granddaughter, Mrs. Gail Phillips, and two great great grandsons.

When the Flowers of earth
Have finished their blooming,
And no longer can stand Life's strain
They are taken to Heavenly Gardens,
To grow in his grace again.

By her Pastor,
Rev. J. B. Lumpkin