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of the
CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Ellaville, Georgia
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ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Rev. Warren Wyatt
Phenix City, Alabama	
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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

- FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING January 7, 1978
New Prospect, Turner County
- SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING April 1, 1978
Decatur — Rev. Robert Wood
- THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING July 1, 1978
Little Bethel — Rev. Eugene Ross
- FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING October 7, 1978
Spring Hill — Rev. Bobby Whittaker
- PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETING August 12, 1978
First Thomaston
- SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION May 6, 1978
Location Unknown

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,
 Number Minutes to print, Committee Reports, Selections of place
 for next session, Elect Officers, Vote of thanks to Host Church.
8. Election of 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. Call for Reports of Committees
6. Program by Host Church
7. Call for Miscellaneous Business.
8. 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.

AMMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. All candidates to be ordained into the ministry shall be required to come before the ordaining council for examination, before actually being ordained by some other body. All incoming preachers would be required to be examined by said council before the church, that he is to pastor, would be allowed to participate in the business of the Chattahoochee Association.

All incoming preachers would be required to appear before said council before their names would appear on the Ministerial Roll.

Anyone failing to comply with this amendment to our Constitution will not be recognized as a duly ordained minister of the Chattahoochee 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

STATISTICAL TABLE

Church	Pastor	Meeting Days	Number of Baptisms	Rec'd by Letter Professions, Statements, Etc.	Lost by Letter Death, Revisions of Rol, Etc.	Lost to Non F.W.B. Churches	Resident Members	Non Resident Members	Total Membership	Number of Revivals	Vacation Bible School	Prayer Meeting	Sunday School Enrollment	C. T. S. Enrollment	Women's Auxiliary	Master Men
Athens	Jerry Johnson															
Bethany	B. P. Hayes	1-3	4													
Decatur	J. E. Blanton	F.T.	1	2	6	6	42		42			20	73	25	7	
First Thomaston	William Travis	F.T.	5	3	5	2	116	9	125				86	41	13	9
Little Bethel	Eugene Ross	F.T.	0	6	3	0	45	71	116				35			
Mount Olive	Bobby Whitaker	F.T.	0	0	3	1			224			25				
New Bethel	Steve Purvis	F.T.	0	1	4	0	25	61	86			13	15			
New Hope	Gerald Brown	F.T.	9	19	0	0	28	0	28			32	22			
New Life	J. B. Lumpkin	F. T.														
New Liberty	Carlton Jordon			5	3				28							
New Prospect Taylor Co.	Clyde Melton	F. T.	2	1	2				45			15	25			
New Prospect Turner Co.	Leonard Ogletree	F.T.	0	0	9	4	68	42	110			15	35	29	10	
Pleasant Hill	Joel Wainwright	F.T.	0	0	2	1	35	4	39				43			
Spring Hill	E. V. Skipper	F.T.	5	14	4	1	30	22	52				45			
Trinity	Warren Wyatt	F.T.	0	0	1	0	36	17	53			20	42		6	
Turners Chapel	Hubert Arnold	F.T.	4	2	2	0	70	98	168		60	15	86	65		

FINANCIAL TABLE

Church	County	Total Offering From Any Source	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Literature Utilities Revivals, Etc.	Total Local Expenditure	Cooperative Program	F.W.B. Bible College and Children's Home	Home and Foreign Missions	Paid For Minutes	Total Spent for Outside Causes
Athens											
Bethany	Marion	1219.97	640.00	528.00						10.00	
Decatur	Dekalb	27,963.21	12,140.00	6500.00		29,454.71	120.00		1010.00	5.00	1729.25
First Thomaston	Upson	17,808.00	8,250.00	5000.00	2500.00		380.00				
Little Bethel	Macon	6,100.00	2,855.00	4600.00	482.00			50.00		10.00	273.00
Mount Olive	Taylor	21,000.00	8,550.00	5710.00	38,700.00		1700.00	450.00		15.00	3500.00
New Bethel	Worth	2,566.24	2,267.75		393.98	393.98				15.00	
New Hope	Sumter	4,600.00	500.00		300.00						
New Life	Marion										
New Liberty	Schley										
New Prospect	Taylor	1,869.65	927.00	315.25	682.91	1925.16				10.00	26.00
New Prospect	Turner	7,557.26	3,935.00	1370.00	726.79	6031.79	120.00	120.00	364.00	10.00	795.50
Pleasant Hill	Schley	8,243.69	2,485.00	518.18	2115.82	5812.55	598.55	95.00		10.00	6341.99
Spring Hill	Marion		2,431.71	200.00	2120.23	4751.94				10.00	300.00
Trinity	Taylor	12,784.56	4,200.00			8266.41	785.50	461.00	309.00	20.00	8266.41
Turners Chapel	Taylor	5,347.17	3,065.00	1200.00	1050.00	2450.00	406.00			15.00	

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New Life	Jackie Lockhart 3551 Victory Dr. Columbus, Ga. 31906	687-8897
New Liberty	John C. Kirkland Rt. 4, Box 84 Buena Vista, Ga. 31803	937-2359
Trinity	Josephine Welch Rt. 2 Mauk, Ga. 31058	862-3356
Turners Chapel	Jesse E. Carroll Rt. 2, Box 60C Butler, Ga. 31006	862-3657
First Thomaston	Faye Howard Rt. 2, Box 71 Thomaston, Ga. 30286	647-3556
New Hope	Leona Cahoon Rt. 1, Box 113 Cobb, Ga. 31755	853-5755
Bethany	Peggy Sawyer Rt. 1, Box 165 Juniper, Ga. 31813	649-5393
New Bethel	Phoebe Hobby Rt. 2, Box 56-A Sylvester, Ga. 31791	776-4974
Little Bethel	Mrs. Leonard Layfield Rt. 1 Butler, Ga. 31006	862-3907

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Spring Hill	Myrtle Grier Rt. 1 Mauk, Ga. 31058	649-7306
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Phone 912-382-2384
- Rev. E. V. Skipper — 202 E Street Thomaston, Ga. 30286
Phone 404-647-3686
- Rev. Carlton Jordan — Rt. 1, Butler, Ga. 31006
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- Rev. William Travis — 203 Poplar St., Thomaston, Ga. 30286
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- Rev. A. G. Windham — Rt. 3, Reynolds, Ga. 31076
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- Rev. Roscoe Pitts — Thomaston, Ga. 30286
Phone 404-647-7262
- Rev. J. B. Lumpkin — Junction City, Ga. 31812
Phone 404-269-3984
- Rev. John Grimsley — Rt. 1, Juniper, Ga. 31813
- Rev. Robert Stubbs — Rt. 1, Juniper, Ga. 31813
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MINUTES OF THE 142ND SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 142nd Session of the Association met with Pleasant Hill Church in Schley County, October 1, 1977.

q Song services began at 10:00 a.m. led by Rev. A. G. Windham. Prayer by Rev. Gerald Brown. The welcome was given by Rev. Joel Wainwright, pastor of the Host Church.

The Moderator declared this session open. He welcomes our visitors. The call for corresponding letters were made at this time. With 15 churches being represented.

1. Bethany — Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow Hendricks, Tom Bullard
2. Decatur — Bill Jones, Ken Barber
3. First Thomaston — Ann Travis, Jessie Windham, Roscoe Pitts
4. Little Bethel — Mr. & Mrs. Typson Ray, Mrs. Leonard Layfield, Anne Ross
5. Mt. Olive — Annie Windham, Ann Wainwright
6. New Bethel — Minnie Hobby, Ruth Sanderson
7. New Hope — By Pastor
8. New Life — Ruby Stubbs, Lynn Stubbs
9. New Liberty — J. C. Kirkland
10. New Prospect (Taylor) — Blondel Wainwright, Perry Wainwright, Neattie Wainwright, Lucille Wainwright
11. New Prospect (Turner) — Mordarette Davis, Faye Ogletree, Robert Pitts
12. Pleasant Hill — Earlene Greene, Hal Dillard, John Greene, Perry Wall
13. Spring Hill — Nellie Wright, Nell Foster, Myrtle Grier
14. Trinity — Josephine Welch, Bess Williams, Bill Smith, Wanda and Larry Bell
15. Turners Chapel — Earl Bone

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

TEMPERANCE: Bill Smith, Mrs. Leonard Layfield, Mrs. Nell Foster

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Ann Travis, Josephine Welch, Mardarett Davis

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY: Bro.

Eugene Windham, Bill Wainwright, Rev. Roscoe Pitts, Woodrow Hendricks, Kenneth Barber

SUGGESTION: John Greene, Tyson Ray, Larry Bell, Randall Lumpkin, Horace Davin

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. Gerald Brown, Rev. Joel Wainwright, Bess Williams

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Thomas Bullard, Rev. William Travis, Myrtle Grier

MISSION BOARD: Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Bill Jones, Rev. L. F. Ogletree

The State Secretary gave his report at this time. The next item of business was to choose places to meet for the new year. (See Associational calendar).

Special singing was presented at this time by Rev. & Mrs. Leonard Ogletree.

Rev. J. E. Blanton brought a very spiritual message at this time. He read from the 5th chapter of Mathews. The title of his message was "Good for Nothing Christians."

The body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by E. A. Welch, Jr.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a congregational song, prayer was offered by Rev. Warren Wyatt. The next item was the call for Committee Reports (See Committee reports).

Moved, seconded and carried to receive all reports as presented.

The nominating committee gave a list of nominees to be elected as officers for the ensuing year. The officers are as follows:

Moderator — Rev. Bill Travis,

Assistant Moderator — Rev. Warren Wyatt

Clerk — Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr.

Assistant Clerk — Bro. Joe Logue.

A motion was made to have 400 minutes printed.

The moderator appointed Rev. William Travis to serve as District Promotional Secretary.

Executive Board Members were elected at this time (See Executive Board). Ordaining Council Board Members were elected also.

Delegates were appointed to the State Association. They were Kenneth Barber, Bill Jones, Chuck Snow, Roscoe Pitts, Kate Watson, Ann Travis, Sandra Casebalt, and Mrs. Ogletree.

Moved, seconded and carried to sent \$10.00 to State Association and \$7.00 to the National.

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

The body was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Larry Bell.

J. E. Blanton, Moderator

E. A. Welch, Clerk

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We your committee on temperance according to God's word, should live upright in all things, be sober, sound in faith, in charity and in patience.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We your committee wish to report that we have 6 Auxiliaries in the District. There was a Chattahoochee District organized in August with 4 of these Auxiliaries present. We would like to urge the other 2 Auxiliaries to organize an Auxiliary, as this is a strong arm of the church.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We encourage our teachers to study and prepare lessons prayerfully.

II Timothy 2: 15 commands to: Study to show thyself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

MISSION BOARD

Mission Board — Rev. J. E. Blanton

Board of Retirement & Insurance — Rev. Joel Wainwright

Board of Trustees — Buddy Taylor

Christian Education — Rev. L. F. Ogletree

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasury, January 1977	\$410.63
Received from Quarterly Meetings	285.00
Received from Annual Meeting	165.00
Total Received	\$860.63

Expenses

Paid for Minutes	\$297.26
Post Office	15.10
National Association	7.00
State Association	10.00
Moderator's Salary	60.00
Clerk's Salary	100.00
Total Expenses	\$489.26
Balance in Treasury	\$371.27

Rev. W. Travis
Thomas Bullard
Myrtle Grier

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

N. R. Lumpkin	5 years	Manchester, Ga.
Earl Howard	4 years	Thomaston, Ga.
Wilbur Carroll	3 years	Reynolds, Ga.
Norman Grier	2 years	Mauk, Ga.
Fred Brewer	1 year	Rupert, Ga.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Bill Guy	3 years
Bro. Earl Bone	2 years
Bro. Anthur Maddox	1 year
Bro. Gene Ross	1 year
Rev. J. E. Blanton	4 years
Rev. Warren Wyatt	3 years
Rev. Hubert Arnold	2 years

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Quarterly Meeting met at Mt. Olive on January 1, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. Singing was led by Gene Windham. Prayer was by Rev. J. E. Blanton.

Morning devotion was held by Rev. Roscoe Pitts. His subject was taken from the "Book of Jonah". Visiting brethern were invited to seats with us.

The Moderator gave a call for corresponding letters. There were 15 churches present. They were as follows:

MT. OLIVE: Joe Logue, Ethel Windham, Carlene Windham, Mrs. A. G. Windham

PLEASANT HILL: Mrs. Edyth Guy, Mrs. Fred Brewer

PROVIDENCE: Frank Williamson

NEW PROSPECT: Turner Co. by letter

TRINITY: Bess Williams, Josephine Welch, Kaye Jackson, Bill Smith

LITTLE BETHEL: W. L. Williams, Leonard Layfield

NEW BETHEL: By letter

SPRING HILL: Myrtle Grier, Mary Grier

TURNERS CHAPEL: Earl Bone, Jewel Bone, Ernest Heath, Wilbur Carroll, Edna Carroll, Mrs. Rodgers

THOMASTON: David Moore, Sandy Case, Dorothy Moore, Eudene Pitts

NEW HOPE: Mr. & Mrs. Carl Kobs

BETHANY: Tom Bellard, Woodroe Hendricks, Guy Grimsley, Lovie Greer

NEW PROSPECT: Bill Wainwright, Lucille Wainwright

NEW LIFE: Agnes Shellhouse, Pam Waller, Joseph Waller, Lou Ellen Waller, Houston Shellhouse

DECATUR: Bill Jones, Larry Campbell

Moved, seconded and carried to seat the delegates. Moved, seconded and carried to have the officers and chairmen of the boards to Chattahoochee Association to check on St. Mark and Providence Church to try to determine why they are not attending our Quarterly meetings.

Committees were appointed at this time:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Joe Logue, Roscoe Pitts, Wilbur Carroll

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE: W. T. Williams, Leonard Layfield, Bess Williams

STATE OF CHURCHES: Norman Grier, Gene Windham, Bill Guy,

After singing a hymn we were dismissed for the preaching hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:00 p.m. Devotion was by Rev. A. G. Windham
Committee Reported - (See Reports). The Suggestion Committee
had no report.

The Ordaining Council examined Joel Wainwright and approved
his request for ordination. He will be ordained at Turners Chapel on
January 16, 1977.

At this time the body voted for a change to be made in the
Constitution concerning the ordaining of pastors, and examinations of
new preachers coming into our association. The matter is to be voted
on by the church of body in two conferences and the results of the vote
will be reported on at the next meeting in April, 1977. If adopted by
two thirds of the churches of the body it would become a part of our
present constitution.

Rev. Bill Travis gave a report on the Youth Camp.

A rising vote of "thanks" was given the host church.

Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. Prayer by Rev.
Gerald Brown.

Rev. J. E. Blanton, Moderator

E. A. Welch, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Received from letters \$100.00

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

We your committee find all churches and ministers are in
fellowship with one another.

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting met with Thomaston Church on
April 1, 1977. Song services were led by Rev. William Travis. Prayer
was offered by Rev. Jerry Johnson. Response was given by Rev. A. G.
Windham. Welcome was given by Sis. Anne Travis. A special welcome
was given to Sister Everson of the Woman's Auxiliary. The Assistant
Moderator Rev. Warren Wyatt declared the body in order for business.

Visiting brethrens were invited to seats with us.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the letters at this time
with 12 churches represented - two by letter.

They are as follows:

TURNERS CHAPEL: Earl Bone, Jewel Bone

BETHANY : By letter

PLEASANT HILL: Geraldine Dillard

NEW BETHEL: By letter

SPRING HILL: Bernice McCall, Monroe Grier, Louis Tyler, Norman Grier

LITTLE BETHEL: Morris Lawhorn, Tyson Ray

THOMASTON: Kate Watson, Ann Travis, Julia Mauldin, Eudene Pitts, Earl Howard, Faye Howard

TRINITY: Kaye Jackson, Josephine Welch, Bess Williams

DECATUR: Bill Jones, Kenneth Barber

PROVIDENCE: Frank Williamson

NEW HOPE: Martha Brown, Teresa Brown

NEW LIFE: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Waller, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Foster, Martha Lockhart.

MT. OLIVE: Mrs. Florrie Windham, Jackie Reed, Ann Wainwright, Ethel Windham

ATHENS: By Pastor

NEW PROSPECT, Turner Co.: Brenda Burgess, Doris Williams, Robert Pitts, Mildred Arnold, Lonnie Williams, Elbert Arnold, Faye Ogletree

FINANCE REPORT: Received \$100.00

Frank Williamson
Roscoe Pitts
Monroe Grier

Moved, seconded and carried to seat the delegates.

Moved, seconded and carried that the chair appoint the committees:

FINANCE: Frank Williamson, Monroe Grier, Rev. Roscoe Pitts.

SUGGESTION: Ann Wainwright, Earl Howard, Mrs. Earl Bone

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTRY: Floyd Foster, Bud Williams, Bill Jones, Tyson Ray, Gene Windham

Sister Everson of the Womans Auxiliary gave a very good report of their work on missions at this time.

Rev. Travis gave a report on the Youth Camp.

Dismissed from business for the preaching hour. Rev. Don Reed brought a very inspiring message on the life and work of Stephen. He read from Acts 7: 54. After an invitational hymn we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. E. A. Welch for the lunch hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation sang a song and devotion was given by Rev. Roscoe Pitts from the 14th chapter of John.

Rev. Dowdney gave his report on the state work.

Rev. Gerald Brown gave a report on the Americus Mission. His church was unable to have the 3rd Quarterly Meeting. Turner's Chapel volunteered to have the 3rd Quarterly Meeting in July.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the committee.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the vote of the change in the constitution concerning the examinations and ordaining of preachers and coming into our association. (Note constitution).

A rising vote of "thanks" was given the host church.

Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. Gerald Brown.

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

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We your committee would like to encourage every church to try and participate in all arms of the church such as, Master Men, Ladies Auxiliary, Sunday School and C.T.S., Prayer Meeting and Youth for Christ, and others, regardless of their age young and old, they all have something in the church to participate in.

Ann Wainwright
Jewel Bone
Earl Howard

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.

Eugene Windham
Monroe T. Ray
Floyd Foster
Bud Williams
Bill Jones

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association met with Turner's Chapel Church on July 2, 1977. Song services began at 10:00 a.m. Prayer by Rev. Hubert Arnold. A welcome was given to the visitors. Bro. Crawford from the F.W.B. Bible College gave the Devotional. Script reading from 1st John 4th chapter and 17th verse.

A call for the corresponding letters was given at this time. Those present are as follow:

NEW LIFE: Hattie Watson, J. B. Anthony, Agnes Shellhouse, Vernelle Anthony

NEW BETHEL: By letter

NEW PROSPECT: Turner Co.: Doris Williams, Lonsy Williams, Mildred Arnold, Robert Pitts, Brenda Burgess, Elbert Arnold, Faye Ogletree.

TRINITY: Josephine Welch, Bill Smith, Wanda Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Emberton

SPRING HILL; Louise Snell, Lillian Stuckey

NEW HOPE: Teresa Brown

TURNERS CHAPEL: Joyce Spillers, Luther Spillers, Wilbur Carroll, Ernest Heath

BETHANY: By letter.

FIRST THOMASTON: Eudene Pitts, Roscoe Pitts

MT. OLIVE: Jackie Reed, Ethel Windham, Cora Blair

DECATUR: Bill Jones, Rev. J. E. Blanton

LITTLE BETHEL: Tyson Ray, Leonard Layfield

PLEASANT HILL, Bill Guy

Moved and seconded to seat the delegates.

Committees appointed at this time.

FINANCE: Roscoe Pitts, Wilbur Carroll, Luther Spillers

STATE OF CHURCHES: Gene Windham, Joe Emberton, Leonard Layfield, Agnes Shellhouse, Hattie Watson

SUGGESTION; Bro. Ernest Heath, Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Rev. Bill Travis, Bro. J. B. Anthony, Bro. Tyson Ray

Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave a report on the state work at this time.

Rev. Bill Travis gave a report on the Youth Camp at Ashburn.

The business meeting was dismissed at this time for the preaching service. Message by Rev. Gerald Brown. Scripture reading from 37th chapter Ezekiel. A very inspiring message was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 10:00 a.m. with E. A. Welch leading. A devotion was given by Bro. Dale Welch with scripture taken from 1st John 3:14.

Bro. Crawford gave a report on the Freewill Baptist Bible College. Mrs. Crawford who is Dean of the College for Girls was also present.

The committees reported at this time. (See reports)

A rising vote of "thanks" was given the host church.

Benediction by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

Rev. J. E. Blanton, Moderator

E. A. Welch, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Received \$85.00

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

We find the churches and ministers in good order, except some use or wish to promote unknown tongue in the churches. We ask the churches and ministers to hold to the faith and doctrine of Freewill Baptists.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We recommend that the Chattahoochee Association continue to support the New Hope Mission by way of taking turns in going there to work a day in visitation or in helping in the actual services of the church. Such as sending our choir director for one service. Sending an experienced Sunday School director for one Sunday, and various other ways to help. Also any money that we could send for the expenses or support of their pastor.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING

The ministers and deacons met with New Prospect Church in Turner County on August 13, 1977. Service began at 10:30 a.m. with singing. Bro. Gerald Brown led in prayer then entered into business of the day. The clerk being absent the moderator appointed L. F. Ogletree as clerk pro-tem. There were four ministers and four deacons and 11 visitors present. We then had a testimony service which was enjoyed by all. We then sang a song and turned the service over to Bro. Hubert Arnold for the morning message. He read Hebrews 13: 17 and brought a very good message on church and pastor's duties. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Heath.

After a lunch that was enjoyed by all we went into the business for the day. After singing a song we were led in prayer by Bro. Heath. A rising vote of thanks to the host church for the good meal was given. The next meeting will meet with the First Thomaston Church. We then entered into the business of electing officers for the coming year.

Hubert Arnold — Moderator

Roscoe Pitts — Assistant Moderator

L. F. Ogletree — Clerk

Gerald Brown — Assistant Clerk

We then sang Amazing Grace and had a good time of fellowship and turned the service over to Bro. Brown for the afternoon message. He read Exodus 4: 10-16 and brought a very good message. We were then dismissed in prayer by L. F. Ogletree.

Rev. Roscoe Pitts, Moderator

L. F. Ogletree, Clerk Pro-Tem

In Memory of Bro. W. J. Betts

Bro. W. J. Betts (known to all as "Uncle Willie"), was born in Meriweather County, Georgia, on August 17, 1906. He lived most of his life in Thomaston, and the last few years of his life was a faithful member of the First F.W. Church. He served as a faithful member of the Trustee Board and his presence is missed by all. "Uncle Willie" has no children of his own and his wife had passed away before his death.

Bro. Betts died on April 25, 1977.

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.

His Pastor,
Rev. William Travis

In Memory of Bro. Willis Windham

Born September 16, 1911, departed this life May 5, 1977
Brother Windham was a faithful member, song leader, Sunday School teacher, and deacon of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church in Taylor County.

Bro. Windham has gone and left us, we miss his kind and smiling face, later on we hope to join him, in that final resting place.

By His Pastor
Rev. Clyde Melton

In Loving Memory of those Gone Home, from New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, Sylvester, Georgia.

You are gone but we know you are in a better place in Heaven with your Lord, We love and miss you all.

Sis. Cleola Farmer (November 17, 1976)
Sis. Gussie Lettles (April 6, 1977)
Bro. Jim Davis (March 8, 1977)
Sis. Cora Downs

In Memory of Sis. Agnes Cromer

Sis. Agnes Cromer was born Agnes Barfield on April 2, 1932 and died August 30, 1977. Her stay on earth being 45 years, 4 months and 28 days. She was a member of Little Bethel Church for 21 years. The testimony Sis. Cromer leaves tells us the Lord called her to a better home.

Sis. Cromer leaves her husband and 5 children with a host of relatives and friends to prepare for the meeting in the air.

Little Bethel Church and Pastor
Rev. Eugene F. Ross

In Memory of Bro. Robert C. Cromer

Bro. Robert C. Cromer was born June 10, 1889 and died October 5, 1976 making his stay on earth 87 years, 3 months and 25 days. He was a faithful and loyal member of Little Bethel Church for 62 years.

Bro. Cromer leaves his wife and one daughter with a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Little Bethel Church and Pastor
Rev. Eugene F. Ross

In Memory of Bro. O. M. Williams

Bro. Oswell M. Williams was born December 29, 1894 and visited on this earth 82 years, 7 months and 2 days before the Lord called him home on July 31, 1977.

He was an active member of Little Bethel Church in Macon County for 45 years and served well as a deacon most of that time.

Bro. Williams leaves his wife and two sons with a host of relatives and friends to follow him.

Little Bethel Church and Pastor
Rev. Eugene F. Ross

In Memory of Mrs. Mary Norma Fuller Turner

Mrs. Mary Norma Fuller Turner was born on October 30, 1904. She died on May 1, 1977. Sister Turner was a faithful member of Providence Church in Columbus. She leaves her husband Willie L. Turner to mourn her passing.

By Clerk,
E. A. Welch, Jr.