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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING January 6, 1979 Turner's Chapel
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING April 7, 1979 Trinity
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETINGJuly 7, 1979 Mt. Olive
ANNUAL MEETING October 6, 1979 Little Bethel
PREACHERS & DEACONS MEETING August 11, 1979 Turner's Chapel
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION May 5, 1979 Turner's Chapel

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.
- For Matters of Dealing which are in order to come before 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.
- Call for Corresponding Letters or Appointing of Digest Committee.
- 4. Read Letter.
- 5. Call for Petition Letters.
- 6. Appoint various committees.
- 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

- 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 Micellaneous 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 Bil e 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 ex-

posed 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 Chris-

tian 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 fello wship 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. 18415.

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 precedented 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

 All candidates to be ordained into the ministry shall be required to eome 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

- 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.
- 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.

The pastor shall be moderator of the church. but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, some suit-

able brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

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.

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 be-

fore the church in conference if necessary,

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.

When a new Clerk is appointed, all the books, etc., belonging to the Clerk shall be immediately delivered

to him by his predecessor.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever who may be generally remise 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.

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

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.

- When the moderator calls for absentees, the 16. 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.
- No member shall be expelled unless he has been 17. cited verbally or in writing to attend this trial; provided his residence be known to the church.
- 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?"
- The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.
- 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.

- 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 pre-

vious 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 un-

less 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

 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.

 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

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- 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, expecially 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- That in order to be saved we must be regenerated, or obedient to the Gospel; and that its evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God.
- -John 3:3-8: Matt. 3:8-10.
- 8. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sacrifices and saves sinners, it being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, that it comprehend all means with the end; that it is a glorious display of God's goodness, being infinitely wise, holy unchangeable; born again; that regeneration consists of giving a holy disposition to the mind and is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, producing voluntarily that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves our utmost diligence.
- 9. That the preserving attachments of true believers to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial possessors; that a special Providence watches over their welfair, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. Eph. 1:1-2.
- 10. That the law of God is the eternal, unchangeable rule of the Government, that is it holy, just and good; that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from his love of sin; to deliver him through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy law is one design of the Gospel of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.
- -Matt. 5:13; Luke 10:13-20, 14:17.
- 11. That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, that it should be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation; by the direct observance of all means of grace, both public and private, and preparation, for the rest which remains for the children of God.
- -Ex. 19:8; Heb. 4:9, Thes. 1:7, Psalm 16:9
 - 12. That civil government is of divine appointment

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

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

 Matt. 25:46; Mark 16:16.
- 14. That the end of this world is approaching, when Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place, the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness, and the wicked to endless punishment, and this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

-John 5:25; Matt. 25:34; 41:46.

BY-LAWS OF THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Article I: In order to encourage and inspire our Sunday Schools of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist, in a more definite plan of work and to co-ordinate our efforts for a more successful program of teaching God's Word, we set forth the following By-Laws:

Article II: This Convention shall be known as the Sunday School Convention of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist.

Article III: The object of the Convention shall be to promote Sunday School work in general among our

churches.

Article IV: The membership of this Convention shall be the Sunday Schools of the churches that are members in good standing with the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist. A mission Sunday School shall hold membership as long as it has the endorsement

of a church which represents in said Convention.

Article V: The representation fee for each session shall be determined by the participating churches. The said fee shall be used to defray the expenses of the Convention, and to contribute to our denominational enterprises. The fee is to accompany a letter containing the condition of the Sunday School, average attendance, number of classes, number of departments, number on roll, number of teachers and officers and any other information that the Convention deems pertinent to the growth and efficiency of the local Sunday School.

Article VI: Each Sunday School shall send delegates as deemed appropriate to the Convention. All de-

legates 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 lasped 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

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CHURCH	PASTOR	Meeting Days	Number of Baptisms	Rec'd by Letter Proffessions, Statements, Etc.	Lost by Letter Death, Revisions of Roll, 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	F.T.	4	1	100								10		-	
Decatur	J. E. Blanton	F.T.	0	6	4	0	44	0	44	×		25	72	25	7	
First Thomaston	William Travis	F.T.	2	1	1	0	116	11	118	x	71	31	86	46	28	
Little Bethel	Eugene Ross	F.T.	1	3	5	0			94	×		25	35		16	
Mount Olive	Bobby Whittaker	F,T.	9	5	19	13			218	x		30	93			
New Bethel	Leroy Light Foot	F.T.	1	0	7	5	32	48	80	х		15	15			
New Hope	Gerald Brown	F.T.	5	27	0	0	27	0	27	×		25	20			1
New Life	J. B. Lumpkin	F.T.	2	16	11		102	0	102	×			59			
New Liberty	W. R. Crawley	F.T.	0	5	1				32	×			15			
New Prospect Taylor Co.	Clyde Melton	F.T.	0	1	9				45	×		15	25			
New Prospect Turner Co.	Joel Wainwright	F,T,	1	\ 0	1	1	61	29	90	×		15	29	30	10	
Pleasant Hill		F.T.	1	0	2	. 0	34	4	38	×			43			
Spring Hill	A. G. Windham	F.T.	2	1	5	1.			48	×			30			
Trinity	Warren Wyatt	F.T.	1	3	3	0	39	14	53	×		20	44		6	
Turners Chapel	Hubert Arnold	F.T.	7	0	5	0	103	86	189	×	43	15	86	65		
St. Luke				1					•			-				



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	2,534.20	1	736.51		654.46				10.00	
Decatur	Dekalb	26,460.70	12,750.		2500.00	21,000.00		175.00	918.85	5.00	5500.00
First Thomaston	Upson	22,971.86	9,000.00	1,365.53	5026.65	19,912.18	136.68	35.00	193.00	10.00	668.68
Little Bethel	Macon	6,355.00	3,485.00	1,200.00	5183.00	5,183.00		35.00	27.00	10.00	
Mt. Olive	Taylor	20,500.00	9,900.00	1,507.00	3890.00	1	1150.00	900,00	120.00	15.00	1816.00
New Bethel	Worth	2,526.10	1,495.00		368.61	1863.61				15.00	
New Hope	Sumter	3,789.46					5.00			5.00	51.00
New Life	Marion		2,080.00							10.00	
New Liberty	Schley									5.00	
New Prospect	Taylor	2,880.58	1,282.21	1,196.89	590.55	3,069.65		40.50		10.00	
New Prospect	Turner	6,588.08	3,427.50	1,424.82	933.54	5,785.86	120.00	84.87	311.50	10.00	
Pleasant Hill	Schley	8,062.37	3,380.00	5,148.37	1741.75	10,270.12	482.76	-		20.00	144.50
Spring Hill	Marion	195.72	2,120.00	3,440.17						10.00	
Trinity	Taylor	16,951.59	5,190.00	35,000.00	2753.64	42,943.64	917.00	231.00	705.12	20.00	1853.12
Turners Chapel	Taylor	4,927.32	2,865.00	215.00	1801.11	4,881.11		330.73		20.00	
St. Luke	Russell		Take 1			0			7	10.00	

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MINUTES OF THE 143RD SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

This Session of the Association met with Spring Hill Church in

Marion County, October, 7, 1978.

The Congregation began singing at 10:00 o'clock with Bro Lewis Tyler leading. The opening prayer was by E. A. Welch, Jr. The welcome was given by Pastor of the Church, Rev. A. G. Windham.

The Moderator. Rev. Travis, welcomed our visitors at this time. Rev. C. A. Huckaby and wife were given a hearty welcome to the

Association. They are from Althea, Florida.

Rev. Travis declared the Session open. The call for corresponding letters were given. Rev. A. G. Windham read the letters. The letters are represented as follows:

1. Bethany - Tom Bullard

2. Decatur - by letter

3. First Thomaston - Kate Watson, Ann Travis, Bell Tucker, Eudene Pitts

4. Little Bethel - Mr. & Mrs. Tyson Ray, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Layfield, Jewel Bone, Ann Ross.

5. Mt. Olive - Rev. A. G. Windham, Rev. Bobby Whittaker

6. New Bethel - Rev. Leroy Lightfoot and wife.

7. New Hope - Rev. Gerald Brown 8. New Life - Ruby Stubbs, Robert Stubbs, Sara Anthony, Oliver and Kave Stubbs

9. New Liberty - By letter

- 10. New Prospect (Taylor) By letter
 11. New Prospect (Turner) Horace Davis, Hose Williams
 12. Pleasant Hill Mrs. Fred Brewer, Mrs. Nan Peacock
- 13. Spring Hill Mr. & Mrs. Houston James, Mary Grier, Bernice McCall, Betty Conker

14. Trinity - Josephine Welch, Bill Smith, Wanda Bell 15. Turners Chapel - Edna Carroll, Frank Byrd, Betsy Byrd, Wilbur Carroll

16. St. Luke - Bro. Greer, Rev. Albert Ellenwood

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

TEMPERANCE: Kate Watson, Floyd Foster, Kaye Stubbs WOMANS AUXILIARY: Jewel Bone, Eudene Pitts, Faye Glover STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY: Tyson Roy, Norman Grier, Horace Davis, Ruby Stubbs, Wilbur Carroll

SUGGESTION: Leonard Layfield, Bell Tucker, Sarah Anthony, Hose Wilson, Frank Byrd

FINANCE: Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Bernice McCall, Ann Travis SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. Hubert Arnold, Rev. Roscoe Pitts, Josephine Welch

After the appointing of the Committees we were dismissed from the business session with prayer by Rev. Roscoe Pitts. For the preaching service Rev. Bobby Whittaker brought the message, his text taken from Psalms 51, his subject: "When a Christian Becomes a Back Slider". This was a very inspiring message.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We assembled again at 1:00 o'clock with singing being led by Bro. Tyler. Rev. A. G. Windham brought a wonderful devotion.

A move and second was made to appoint two men to serve as member pro-tem on the ordaining council to attend to some urgent business of the board.

The call for the committee reports was made. (See reports).

The appointing of places and time for our meetings for the next vear are as follows:

1ST MEETING - January 6, 1979 - Turner's Chapel

2ND MEETING - April 7, 1979 - Trinity 3RD MEETING - July 7, 1979 - Mt. Olive

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION - October 6, 1979 - Little Bethel

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION - May 5, 1979 - Turner's Chapel

PREACHERS & DEACONS MEETING - August 11, 1979 -Turner's Chapel

Delegates were appointed to the State Association. They are: Ann Travis, Kate Watson, Bell Tucker, Eudene Pitts, Julia Mauldin, Anne Ross

The next item was to elect officers for the next year. They are as

follows:

Rev. William Travis and Rev. Bobby Whittaker were nominated.

Moderator - Rev. Bobby Whittaker

Assistant Moderator - Rev. A. G. Windham

Clerk - E. A. Welch

Assistant Clerk - Wilbur Carroll

A rising vote of "Thanks" was given the host church. M.S.C. to send \$10.00 to the State Association and \$7.00 to the

National Association.

M.S.C. to have 400 minutes printed. An offering was received at this time for the childrens home "Harvest Drive". The amount was \$50.00. A move was made to have maps printed on the back of each minutes.

Rev. Hubert Arnold resigned from the ordaining council.

A move and second was made to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. Ogletree.

> Rev. William Travis, Moderator E. A. Welch, Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the Temperance Committee find the church in order, sober, sound in faith, and in accordance with the Freewill Baptist Doctrine.

WOMANS AUXILIARY

We your Committee find that 4 auxiliaries are reporting to the district convention. We encourage all churches to take part in the study workshop in Thomaston, October 28 and have a representative to come to their church during the coming year to help them in this work.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY We your committee find all churches and ministers are in fellowship with one another.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your Sunday School committee would like to encourage each church to participate in the Annual Sunday School Convention.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We suggest that in all arms of the church to participate in Sunday School, C.T.S., Prayer Meeting, Youth for Christ, Master Men, Ladies Auxiliary, Preachers and Deacons meetings at least once a year.

To visit the sick and shut-ins.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We your ordaining council ask that the former recommendations concerning the two preachers leaving our fellowship stand. And that notice be run in the state paper that fellowship be withdrawn.

After talking with Rev. Albert W. Ellenwood we recommend that his request be tabled pending additional information until next Quarterly Meeting in January, 1979.

Rev. Hubert Arnold Rev. Gerald Brown Rev. Roscoe Pitts Rev. Eugene Ross Bro. Earl Bone

FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Balance in Treasury January, 1977\$3	71.27
Received from Quarterly Meetings 1978	65.00
Received from Annual Meeting 1978	80.00
Received from Sunday School Convention	25.00
Total Received\$8	41.27
Expenses	
Paid for minutes 1977\$2	97.26
National Association	.7.00
State Association	40.00
Moderators Salary	60.00
Clerks Salary	00.00
Total Expenses	04.26
Balance in Treasury\$	377.01

MISSION BOARDS .

Mission Board - Rev. J. E. Blanton Board of Retirement & Insurance - Rev. Joel Wainwright Board of Trustees - Frank Byrd Christian Education - Rev. Bobby Whittaker

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

N. R. Lumpkin - 4 years - Manchester, Georgia Buddy Taylor - 3 years - Thomaston, Georgia Wilbur Carroll - 2 years - Butler, Georgia Norman Grier - 1 year - Mauk, Georgia Tyson Roy - 5 years - Ideal, Georgia

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bill Guy - 2 years
Earl Bone - 1 year
Oliver Stubbs - 5 years
Carlton Jordan - 5 years
Rev. J. E. Blanton - 3 years
Rev. Warren Wyatt - 2 years
Rev. A. G. Windham - 1 year

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Meeting met with New Prospect Church, Turner County, Ashburn, Georgia on January 7, 1978. Song service began at 10:00 o'clock. Singing led by Rev. Leonard Ogeltree. Welcome and prayer by the pastor. There were 3 visitors from Little River Association. The body declared in order by Moderator, Rev. Travis. Call for corresponding letters. M.S.C. that Rev. J. E. Blanton and Rev. A. G. Windham read the letters. They were represented as follows:

1. Bethany - By letter

2. Decatur - By Pastor, Bill Jones

3. First Thomaston - Jessie Windham, Roscoe Pitts

 Little Behtel - Tyson Ray, Anne Ross, Essie Williams, W. T. Williams, and Morris Lawhorn

5. Mt. Olive - Annie Lora Windham

6. New Bethel - Minnie Hobby, Tracy Hobby

7. New Hope - By Pastor 8. New Life - By letter

- 9. New Prospect (I.) Sister Ogletree 10. New Prospect (Taylor) - By letter
- 11. Pleasant Hill Geraldine Dillard, Ida Wall and Dorothy Hambrick

12. Spring Hill - By Letter

13. Trinity - Josephine Welch, Bill Smith, Bess Williams
14. Turners Chapel - Wilbur Carroll and Rev. Arnold

M.S.C. to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The various Committees were appointed at this time.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

W. T. Williams Jessie Windham Bud Williams

FINANCE

A. G. Windham Morris Lawhorn Annie Lara Windham

SUGGESTION

Rev. Bobby Whittaker Josephine Welch Bill Jones

M.S.C. that the Moderator appoint a member of the ordaining council to meet with the State Ordaining Council to draw up new guidelines for all ordinations.

A nominating committee was appointed at this time. The chair appointed this committee. They were: Rev. Gene Ross, Bro. Gene

Windham and Rev. Hubert Arnold.

A report was given on the State work at this time by Rev. Dowdney. A motion was made to receive his report as information.

Moved to adjourn from business for the preaching hour.

Morning speaker was Rev. Gene Ross. Scripture reading was Romans 8: 28. After a very inspiring message an offering was received. This offering was turned over to the State Trustee Board to purchase insurance for Camp Mt. Bethel. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song services began at 1:15 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. C. B. Dowdney. Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Rev. Gene Ross were welcomed into the Chattahoochee Association by the Moderator and Clerk. Devotion by Rev. A. G. Windham. His scripture was Acts 4:12.

M.S.C. to accept the report of the Committees. (See Committee)
Executive Board Member Hudson Poole was replaced with
Wilbur Carroll. Ordaining Council, Don Reed and Gene Ross.
Association Mission Board, Ed Howard and Tyson Ray.

M.S.C. to accept the nominees of the above boards.

Rev. J. E. Blanton gave the report on State Mission Board activities.

A rising vote of thanks was given to New Prospect Church for the enjoyable day. Announcements were made. M.S.C. that the group adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. J. E. Blanton.

> Moderator, Rev. William Travis Clerk, E. A. Welch

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Received from Church letters	\$90.00
Received for Camp Mt. Bethel	55.87

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We make the following suggestion that the pastors of our churches select a time and place of meeting to promote and organize a workshop.

We also suggest that each church take in consideration the need at Camp Mt. Bethel and if they would give an extra offering for the

needs there.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

We encourage every pastor to instruct their members on Free Will Baptist Doctrine and views at least once a year.

We recommend that preachers leaving the Free Will Baptist Denomination and join another faith to turn in their credentials.

THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

* The second Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association met with Decatur Church in Dekalb County on April 2, 1978. Song services began at 10:00 o'clock. The Moderator called for corresponding letters. They were read by Bro. Gene Windham and Rev. J. E. Blanton. They were represented by letters as follows:

BETHANY - By letter

FIRST THOMASTON - Ann Travis, Julia Mauldin, and Rev. William Travis

LITTLE BETHEL - Mary Williams, W. T. Williams, and Rev. Gene Ross

MT. OLIVE - Gene Windham. and Rev. Bobby Whittaker NEW BETHEL - By Letter

NEW HOPE - By Letter

NEW PROSPECT (Turner Co.) - Faye Glover, Faye Ogletree and Rev. Ogletree NEW PROSPECT (Taylor) - By Letter PLEASANT HILL - By Letter

TRINITY Josephine Welch, Wanda Bell, Larry Bell, Bess Williams, and E. A. Welch

TURNERS CHAPEL - Frank Byrd, Betsy Byrd, Wilbur Carroll, Edna Carroll and Rev. Arnold

M.S.C. to receive the letters and seat the delegates. The Moderator appointed the various committees.

FINANCE - Rev. Hubert Arnold, Sis. Faye Ogletree

SUGGESTION - Rev. Jerry Johnson, Josephine Welch and W. T. Williams

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY -Wilbur Carroll, Larry Bell and Julia Mauldin

The morning message was brought by Rev. Jerry Johnson. Sc ripture, Luke 11: 5 and James 5:16. The Moderator suggested that the Association give \$200.00 to The Historical Commission to help finance the restoration of the grave site of Rev. John Brodnax the founder of the Free Will Baptist Church in our state. M.S.C. that the Clerk contact all churches of the Association and ask that they give at least \$12.50 for this purpose.

M.S.C. that the Sunday School Convention meet at Little Bethel

Church May 6. Dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Singing began at 12:45 p.m. with Gene Windham leading. Prayer by W. T. Williams. Rev. Leonard Ogletree brought the devotion. Scripture 1st Peter 1:2. Committees reported (see Reports). A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church. M.S.C. to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. E. D. Williams.

> Rev. William Travis, Moderator E. A. Welch, Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS **FINANCE**

Received - \$95.00

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

We find that all churches are in fellowship with one another.

OBITUARY

Report from New Prospect Church, Turner County. Bro. John C. Jolly died March 18, 1978.

Report from First Thomaston Church, Bro. Jessie G. Windham died March 24, 1978.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE CHATTHOOCHEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

This 3rd meeting met with Little Bethel Church July 1, 1978. The song service began at 10:00 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Worthington. The Moderator gave the church an opportunity to testity at this time.

A call for corresponding letters was given. Rev. Hubert Arnold

and Rev. Eugene Ross read the letters.

The delegates are as follows:

BETHANY - Lovie Green, Tom Bullard, Trixie Youngblood and Mrs. George Bullard THOMASTON - Arthur Maddox, Annie Travis, Kate Watson,

Eudine Pitts

LITTLE BETHEL - Ruby Ray, Jewel Bone, Blondell Layfield and Polly Albritton

MT. OLIVE - Florie Windham

NEW BETHEL - Minnie Hobby, Olin Hobby, Pheobe Hobby and Tracy Hobby

NEW HOPE - Rev. Gerald Brown

NEW LIFE - By Letter

NEW PROSPECT (Taylor) - By Letter NEW PROSPECT (Turner) - Bertha Gibbs, Berta Little and Lamar Wilson

TRINITY - Josephine Welch and Bill Smith

TURNERS CHAPEL - Frank Byrd, Betsy Byrd, Nannie Lou Rodgers, C. W. Carroll, and Edna Carroll

Before the delegates from the New Bethel Church could be seated the pastor of the church appeared before the ordaining council. He was examined and accepted by the council and the body.

M.S.C. to seat the delegates.

The various committees were appointed at this time.

FINANCE - Wilbur Carroll and Eudene Pitts

SUGGESTION - Rev. A. G. Windham, Leonard Layfield and Tyson Ray

STATE OF CHURCHES - Olin Hobby, Frank Byrd and Josephine

OBITUARY - Florie Windham, Kate Watson and Betsy Byrd

Rev. Worthington, our State Moderator was with us. He gave a report on a proposed Bible Institute. The business meeting was dismissed for the preaching hour.

Rev. Eugene Ross brought a wonderful message. His text was from Matthews 9:35. We were dismissed for the lunch hour with

prayer by Rev. Gerald Brown.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. A. G. Windham leading. Bro. Gary Lambert brought a very inspiring devotion. A move was made and seconded to receive an offering for the State Trustee Board, to help pay insurance on State Association owned buildings. The amount was \$28.46.

A move was made seconded and carried that the clerk will send

all Association letters to the pastor of the churches instead of the

clerks.

The committees reported at this time (See reports). A rising vote of "Thanks" was given the host church for their warm hospitality. M.S.C. to adjourn.

Rev. William Travis, Moderator E. A. Welch, Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS FINANCE REPORT

Received \$80.00

STATE OF CHURCHES

We your committee had no complaints brought before us.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We recommend the Association fully endorse the proposed State Bible Institute and encourage our people to support its efforts by participation where possible and by prayer.

We further suggest that each delegate present in this meeting upon return to each respective church, plead that each local church support the associational meetings by better attendance and prayer.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We ask that the body accept Rev. Leroy Lightfoot into our Association as an ordaining minister.

> Rev. Hubert Arnold Rev. Warren Wyatt Rev. Eugene Ross Bro. Arthur Maddox Earl Bone

PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETING

This meeting met with First Thomaston Church on August 12, 1978. The song service was led by Bro. A. G. Windham. Bro. Bobby Whittaker played the piano. The welcome was given by Bro. Herbert Salter and response by Wilbur Carroll. Rev. William Travis gave a warm welcome then turned the service over to the

Moderator, Rev. Hubert Arnold.

The meeting was called to order. There were six preachers and seven deacons present, also 5 ladies. Bro. Arnold asked if anyone would like to give a testimony and several gave their testimonies. We then sang another song. The morning message was by Rev. Roscoe Pitts. His text was 1st Corinthians 2: 1-16. A very good message was enjoyed by all. Bro. Maddox dismissed with prayer for the lunch hour. Everyone took part around the alter for the closing prayer.

The afternoon message was brought by Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

A very inspiring message was delivered.

A move was made, seconded and carried to let the officers serve

two years instead of one.

Moved and seconded to set up a treasurer for this meeting and retain the offering taken this meeting. Voted that the clerk serve as treasurer.

The next session will meet with Turners Chapel Church the 2nd

Saturday in August, 1979.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. A. G. Windham.

Rev. Hubert Arnold, Moderator

MINUTES OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee Sunday School and League Convention met with Little Bethel Church in Macon County, May 6, 1978. Song service began at 10:30 a.m. and was led by Bro. Eugene Ross. Prayer by Bro. Hubert Arnold before opening for business. The letters were called at this time. Six churches were represented. Letters were read and accepted.

Bro. A. G. Windham brought the morning message. Then we were dismissed for lunch.

After the lunch there was congregational singing and prayer by Bro. Danny Perkins. Little Bethel had a short program at this time. There was no old business. Under new business it was voted to have Bro. Dowdney lead the rally or workshop. The group voted to donate \$100.00 for workshop. They also voted to sent \$50.00 to Camp Mt. Bethel and contribute \$25.00 for printing of the minutes. The Sunday School Association voted to have the next meeting at Turners Chapel Freewill Baptist Church in Taylor County the 1st Saturday in May, 1979. Bro. Eugene Ross will be the morning speaker.

Officers for the next year were appointed as follows:

Sunday School Committee - Bro. Eugene Windham, Bro. Steve Cassbott, Bro. Hubert Arnold and Bro. William Guy Moderator - Bro. Ralph Windham Assistant Moderator - Bro. Joe Logue Secretary and Treasurer - Sis. Barbara Windham Assistant Secretary and Treasurer - Sis. Flora Windham

Voted for each represented church to have a 10 minute program at our next meeting. There being no other business it was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn this the 6th day of May, 1978.

Bro. Ralph Windham, Moderator Sis. Barbara J. Windham, Sec. & Treasurer

IN MEMORY OF BRO. JOHN C. JOLLEY, SR.

Bro. John C. Jolley was born July 29, 1902 and died March 18, 1978. Mr. Jolley was born in Lumpkin County, Georgia. He was a retired construction worker and lived in Florida several years of his life. Bro. John lived in Turner County the last years of his life. He was a member of New Prospect Church in Turner County. Bro. John leaves his wife, one son, four daughters, several grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

New Prospect Church and Pastor Rev. Leonard F. Ogletree

IN LOVING MEMORY

In loving memory of those gone from Little Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, Ideal, Georgia.

Mrs. Mary E. McInvale [February 28, 1884 - January 4, 1978] Mr. Walton Lane [March 7, 1916 - April 3, 1978] Mrs. Wafe Layfield [October 10, 1895 - May 9, 1978] Mr. E. C. Raburn, Sr. [August 10, 1895 - September 3, 1978]

The many things that could be said, could not be heard or seen by those dead, But these still live beyond the grave, A life that Jesus so freely gave.

Little Bethel Church and Pastor Rev. Eugene F. Ross

IN MEMORY OF REV. J. B. FULLER

Rev. J. B. Fuller was born June 10, 1919 and died Nov. 24, 1977. He joined the White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in 1958 where he was ordained and served as a Deacon. Rev. Fuller was the Sunday School Superintendant which during his service held the highest attendance record of 212.

Rev. Fuller was ordained as a minister November 11, 1960. He pastored the following churches: Corinth [South Georgia Association] 2 years; Mt. Olive, Turners Chapel, Spring Hill, New Liberty and Litte Bethel of [Chattahoochee Association], Warner Robins [Georgia Union Association]

Rev. Fuller and his wifes membership was at New Liberty when

he died.

Rev. Fuller was a devoted Christian man, both to God and his family. He was dependable, aggressive, kind, humble and would take a stand for what he thought was right even if he had to stand alone. He worked faithfully for the Lord until his health caused him to retire a few months before his death.

Rev. Fuller is sadly missed by his Christian brothers and sisters,

family and friends, but he is with the Lord now.

Survivors include his wife, Lila, one son, Freddie Fuller, one daughter, Norma Jean Fuller, four grandchildren and five step grandchildren.

Submitted by Joe Owens