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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING January 5, 1980
First Thomaston

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING..... April 5, 1980
Spring Hill

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING July 5, 1980
Turners Chapel

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION October 4, 1980
New Life
Introductory Sermon, Rev. Jerry Thorne
Alternate, Rev. Gene Ross

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 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 Letter.
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 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

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 Décorum 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 Statement of Faith	Lost by Letter, Death, Revision of Roll, Etc.	Lost to Non F.W.B. Churches	Resident Members	Non Resident Members	Total Membership	Number of Revivals	Vacation Bible School	Prayer Meetings	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Women's Auxiliary	Master Men
Athens	Jerry Johnson	F.														
Bethany	Lewis Tyler	F.T.														
Decatur	J. E. Blanton	F.T.	2	20	10	0	43	0	43	x	0		52			
First Thomaston	Mike Creech	F.T.	1	35	2	0				x	74	45	61	42	14	8
Little Bethel	Eugene Ross	F.T.	0	2	1	0			95	x	0	25	36		16	
Mount Olive	Bobby Whittaker	F.T.	2	1	4	1				x	55	35	96			
New Hope	Gerald Brown	F.T.	5	1	0	0	27	7	35	x	25	18	18	0		
New Life	Jerry Thorne	F.T.	0	6	0	0				x	0		19			
New Liberty	Jimmy Stubbs	F.T.	0	0	2	0			80	x						
Northside	Larry Nix	F.T.	0	0	0	0						12	25			
New Prospect Taylor Co.	W. R. Crawley	F.T.	0	2	0	0			45	x		15	25			
New Prospect Turner Co.	Joel Wainwright	F.T.	1	6	2	8	66	33	99	x	50	30	29	22	10	
Pleasant Hill	H. G. Fowler	F.T.	0	0	5	5	29	4	33	x			35			
Spring Hill	A. G. Windham	F.T.	0	0	2	0			46	x			35			
Trinity	Warren Wyatt	F.T.	0	0	1	0	36	15	51	x		15	36		6	
Turners Chapel	James R. Stroup	F.T.	3	0	4	0			189	x	55	20	74	65		

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	Total Offering From Any Source	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Literature Utilities Revivals, Ets.	Total Local Expenditure	Cooperative Program	F.W.B. Bible College and Childrens Home	Home and Foreign Missions	Paid for Minutes	Total Spent for Outside Causes
Athens											
Bethany	Marion	1,887.00	1,100.00	761.81	337.87	2,239.68				10.00	
Decatur	Dekalb	32,320.59	13,540.35	7,873.50	3,000.00	30,936.61	120.00	351.00	1604.06	5.00	5,244.26
First Thomaston	Upson									10.00	
Little Bethel	Macon	10,643.00	3,745.00		300.00				300.00	15.00	1,200.00
Mt. Olive	Taylor	19,525.00	10,400.00		6,375.00		975.00	640.00	475.00	15.00	
New Hope	Crisp	21,600.00	2,600.00	21,600.00	7,200.00	7,200.00				5.00	
New Life	Marion		1,250.00							10.00	
New Liberty	Schley									5.00	
New Prospect	Taylor	3,587.73	1,825.46	134.36	61.06	795.42		48.16		10.00	
New Prospect	Turner	6,667.28	3,885.00		1,888.00	4,885.00	120.00			10.00	240.00
Northside	Cobb	20,503.50		13,350.00	800.00	14,150.00		40.41	281.63		541.56
Pleasant Hill	Schley	7,266.84	2,737.00	800.00	1,298.11	5,940.03	539.92		340.00	20.00	
Spring Hill	Marion		2,648.00	1,002.50	725.27	4,375.77				10.00	
Trinity	Taylor	15,153.28	5,200.00	6,010.94		14,545.45	698.52	54.00	299.00	20.00	1,457.74
Turners Chapel	Taylor	7,548.70	3,380.00		3,231.08	6,616.08	700.61	220.00		20.00	920.61

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144TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 144th Annual Meeting of the Chattahoochee Freewill Baptist Association met October 6, 1979 in Ideal, Georgia at Little Bethel Church. The music director was Rev. Gene Ross. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. The Moderator announced that the corresponding letters be brought forward. The letters were read by Rev. J. E. Blanton and Rev. Gene Ross. Delegates are as follows:

1. Bethany - Tom Bullard, Lovie Greer and Connie Wainwright
2. Decatur - Bill Jones
3. First Thomaston - Eudene Pitts, Carla Pitts and Faye Howard
4. Little Bethel - Ruby Ray, Mary Williams and Blondell Layfield
5. Mt. Olive - Annie Windham and Cinthia Jones
6. New Life - Truman Lockhart, Martha Lockhart, Randal Lumpkin, Mrs. Jerry Thorn and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Waller
7. New Hope - Rev. Brown
8. New Prospect (Taylor) - Mrs. W. R. Crawley and Florence Windham
9. New Prospect (Turner) - Rev. Joel Wainwright
10. Northside - By Letter
11. Pleasant Hill - Mr. and Mrs. William Guy, Ida Wall, Earlene Green and Patty Wurtz
12. Spring Hill - Mr. and Mrs. Norman Grier, Bernice McCall, Nell Foster, Jescia Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Houston James
13. Trinity - Josephine Welch, Doris Brady and Bill Smith
14. Turners Chapel - Wilbur Carroll, Frank Byrd and Betsy Byrd
15. New Liberty - By Letter

Following the reading of the letters a motion was made that the delegates be seated and accept the letters. The motions was seconded and approved.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. There were none. He then appointed the various committees. They were appointed as follows:

TEMPERANCE: Wilbur Carroll, Josephine Welch and Bill Smith
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Eudene Pitts, Mary Williams and Doris Brady

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY:

Bill Jones, Norman Grier and Annie Windham

SUGGESTION: Rev. Hubert Arnold, Frank Byrd and Cecil Taunton

FINANCE: Floyd Foster, Betsy Byrd and Carlton Jordan

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. Gerald Brown, Nell Foster and Rev. James Stroup

OBITUARY: Edyth Guy, David Williams and Truman Lockhart

Bro. E. A. Welch was appointed to the Budgeting Board and David Williams appointed to the Camp Board.

A report was received from Rev. C. B. Dowdney on the State Work, his report was informative and interesting.

A motion was made to receive an offering for the Children's Home. The motion was seconded and approved. The amount collected was \$38.45.

A motion was made to have 300 minutes printed. The motion was seconded and approved. At this time a motion was made to adjourn for the preaching hour. The motion was seconded and approved.

Prayer was given by Rev. J. B. Lumpkin. The morning message was delivered by Rev. Gerald Brown, Pastor of New Hope Church. His scripture was taken from 1st Samuel 28: 1-8. A very inspiring message was enjoyed by all. Rev. Joel Wainwright dismissed us with prayer for the lunch hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The singing began at 1:00 p.m. After singing the business session began by receiving the reports of the committees. (See Reports).

A testimonial service was given by Rev. Ross.

A motion was made seconded and duly carried to have a roll call on permanent committees, the Ordaining Council and Executive Committee. A member of the permanent committees will be replaced if he misses two meetings.

A motion was made that Rev. Bobby Whittaker and David Williams check on the condition of the building in question at the camp ground in Ashburn, Georgia and report back to the body at the next session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Delegates volunteering for the State Association were: Sis.

Crrech, David Williams, Faye Howard and Ruby Little. The delegates are to pay their fee and will be reimbursed by the clerk at the next meeting.

The place and time of next years meetings were made at this time. (See Calendar).

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

A motion was made seconded and duly carried to elect officers for the next year. They were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. J. E. Blanton; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Gene Ross; Clerk, Wilbur Carroll and Assistant Clerk, Frank Byrd.

A motion was made, seconded and duly carried to receive an offering for the treasury of the Association. The amount received was \$49.21.

After several announcements there was a motion to adjourn until First Meeting in January, 1980 in Thomaston. The motion was seconded and approved. We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Gene Ross, Pastor of the host church.

Bobby Whittaker, Moderator
E. A. Welch, Jr., Clerk

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Rev. Jerry Thorne united into the Association to Pastor New Life Church. Rev. W. R. Crawley to pastor New Prospect Church in Taylor County. Rev. Lewis Tyler to Pastor Bethany Church.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee find in 1st Corinthians 10:31 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee would like to encourage each church to participate in the Sunday School Convention and to teach promptness for class.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

We find that the churches are in full fellowship and the character of the ministry is in accordance with Bible principles.

WOMENS AUXILIARY

We find that 5 auxiliaries are reporting to the district convention, including one new one this year. We ask all pastors to encourage women to organize an auxiliary in their church.

SUGGESTION

That the Association check into the possibility to help re-roof the girls dormitory at Camp Mt. Bethel.

That a roll call be made at the permanent committee meetings, and if a member misses more than two meetings they be replaced.

OBITUARY

Decatur: Joe Brown Henderson, May, 1979

Thomaston: Julia Mauldin, May, 1979

Trinity: Arizona Wadsworth, May 24, 1979

Little Bethel: Effie Streetman

New Life: Bro. Lockhart

Spring Hill: Gussie Mitchell, February 7, 1978

STATE BOARDS

Mission Board - Rev. J. E. Blanton

Camp Board - David Williams

Budget Board - E. A. Welch

Board of Trustees - Frank Byrd

Board of Retirement - Rev. Joel Wainwright

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bill Guy - 1 Year

W. T. Williams - 5 Years

Rev. J. E. Blanton - 2 Years

Rev. Warren Wyatt - 1 Year

Rev. A. G. Windham - 5 Years

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

From Quarterly Meetings	
Balance in Treasure - October	\$341.74
Received from Association	243.66
	\$585.40
Paid to Clerk	100.00
Paid to Moderator	60.00
Paid F.W.B. Childrens Home	38.45
Balance in Treasure	\$396.95
Estimated Cost of Minutes	295.00
	\$101.95

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association met at Turners Chapel Church, January 6, 1979. The song service was led by Rev. A. G. Windham. Prayer by Rev. Gerald Brown. Welcome by the pastor of the host church, Rev. Hubert Arnold.

The body was declared in order for business by Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Moderator. He called for the corresponding letters. Rev. Gerald Brown and Rev. Hubert Arnold were appointed to read the letters. They were as follows:

1. Bethany - Thomas O. Bullard
2. First Thomaston - Ann Travis, Bro. Travis and Bro. Roscoe Pitts
3. Little Bethel - Thelma Fowler, Jewel Bone and Clarice Jinks
4. Mt. Olive - Florie Windham
5. New Hope - by Pastor
6. New Life - J. B. Anthony and Vernelle Anthony
7. New Prospect (Taylor) - Bill Wainwright and Lucille Wainwright
8. New Prospect (Turner) - Bertha Gibbs, Robert Pitts and Brenda Burgess
9. Pleasant Hill - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. William Guy and Mrs. Walton Hambrick
10. Trinity - Josephine Welch and Bill Smith
11. Sping Hill - Bernice McCall, Nell Foster and Myrtle Grier
12. Turners Chapel - Nannie Lou Rogers, Edna Carroll, Wilbur Carroll, Betsy Byrd, Frank Byrd and Nell Heath.
13. St. Luke - Lucille Storey and Curtis Greer.

The standing delegates and the appointed delegates were recognized and seated. The Moderator appointed the committees at this time. They were appointed as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Jewel Bone, Fred Brewer and Lucile Storey

SUGGESTION: Frank Byrd, Rev. William Travis and Mrs. Florie Windham

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY:
Leonard Layfield, Anne Travis and Clarice Jinks

The Moderator appointed Rev. Roscoe Pitts and Rev. Hubert Arnold to serve on the Ordaining Council. The State Secretary, Rev. C. B. Dowdnew gave a report on the work of the state. The body was dispensed with the business session for the preaching hour. The morning speaker was Rev. C. B. Dowdnes. After Rev. Dowdney's sermon, Rev. Brown dismissed us for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at one o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Roscoe Pitts. Devotion by Rev. Hubert Arnold. Scripture from Romans 13: 9. The body was called to order for business. A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the reports. (See reports). A motion was made seconded and approved to send \$15.00 per delegate to the State Association to cover the expense of the Association.

Item's 1 and 2 of the Suggestion Committee were not accepted.

A motion was made to write a letter to the Georgia Union Association asking Rev. E. V. Skipper to meet with the Ordaining Council at the next Quarterly meeting. The motion was seconded and duly approved.

A motion was made seconded and approved to give the host church, Turners Chapel Church a rising vote of thanks for the enjoyable day.

An offering was received to help with the expenses of the Association. The amount received was \$31.38.

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Moderator
E. A. Welch, Clerk

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CHARACTER OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

We praise the Lord that all of our churches and ministers are in accord and there are no complaints.

FINANCE
\$85.00

ORDAINING COUNCIL

1. Since Bro. Ellenwood is no longer being considered by St. Luke Church as pastor consideration relative to him is being dropped.
2. Ordination of Bro. George Wade be held in observance pending a recommendation from the East Alabama Association and fulfillment of the one year time lapse from the liscensed date and the completion of the required questionnaire. We recommend Bro. Wade continue his ministry at St. Luke Church under watch care of the Association until the above can be accomplished.

A. G. Windham
Bill Guy
Hubert Arnold
Roscoe Pitts
Earl Bone

SUGGESTION

1. That we adopt the questionnaire for ordaining ministers.
2. That we dismiss the Ordaining Council and elect a 3 man board, made up of ministers, to serve at the pleasure of the Chattahoochee Association.
3. That we send \$15.00 representation fee to the State Association for every delegate.

SECOND MEETING

The Second Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association met at Trinity Freewill Baptist Church, Mauk, Georgia, April 7, 1979. The congregation began singing at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Larry Nix and Rev. A. G. Windham. The welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. Warren Wyatt. The call for corresponding letters were at this time. They were as follows:

1. Bethany: Wodroe and Bertha Hendricks, Lillie Youngblood and and Truie and Connie Youngblood.
2. Decatur: Bill Jones, and Fleda Snow
3. Thomaston: Ruby Wells and Eudene Pitts
4. Little Bethel: Jewel Bone, Ann Ross, Tyson Ray and Sarah Williams
5. Mt. Olive: Cecil Taunton and Ethel Windham
6. New Hope: Bobby Dickerson and Vic Cahoon
7. New Life: Robert Stubbs, Ruby Stubbs, Louise Snell and Carlton Jordan
8. New Prospect: Faith Winwright
9. Pleasant Hill: Frances Wall, Patty Wurtz, Geraldine Dillard, Earlene Green and Ida Wall
10. Spring Hill: Neel Foster and Bernice McCall
11. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Wanda Bell, Carol Welch and Bess Williams.
12. Turners Chapel: Frank Byrd, Betsy Byrd and Lizzie Wainwright
13. St. Luke Nellie: Harrelson

A move was made and seconded to replace any members on the standing board that had been absent for two sessions.

The Moderator appoint the various committees at this time. They were as follows:

FINANCE: Rev. J. E. Blanton, Sis. Jewel Bone and Rev. Roscoe Pitts

SUGGESTION: W. T. Williams, Cecil Taunton and Betsy Byrd

STATE OF CHURCHES: Floyd Foster, Ruby Stubbs and Tyson Roy

Bro. Oliver Stubbs and Carlton Jordan were removed from the Ordaining Council. They were replaced by Rev. Gene Ross and Chuck Snow. It was reported by Rev. Roscoe Pitts that Rev. E. V. Skipper was no longer affiliated with the Free Will Baptists. A motion

was made seconded and approved that the clerk write a letter to the Georgia Union Association and tell them that Rev. Skipper did not appear before the Chattahoochee Association, therefore we are not able to grant a letter of good standing for Rev. Skipper.

Rev. Larry Nix gave a report on the work in the Atlanta Area.

Rev. Mark Gedeon of Rome, Georgia is in need of support from the Churches of the Association.

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn for the the morning worship hour. Rev. Bobby Whittaker brought the very inspiring message. The body was then dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:15 o'clock with Rev. Ross leading. Rev. J. E. Blanton brought the devotional. He read from the 24th chapter of Matthew. Bro. Chuck Snow gave a report on the Master's Men work on the National level.

The Committees reported at this time. (See Reports)

A motion was made seconded and approved to grant a letter to St. Luke Church and New Bethel of Good Standing. A letter was also granted to Rev. Travis, to another Association.

A motion was made seconded and approved that the Ordaining Council examine their candidates in the usual manner, and give a written report to be printed in the minutes.

A motion was made to give the money we have in the Chattahoochee Mission Board to Rev. Mark Gedeon of Rome, Georgia to use in any manner that he sees fit. The amount was \$145.00. The motion was seconded and duly approved.

A motion was made that the Ordaining Council study standard ordaining form and advise the body at next Session of their opinion of said form and vote on the form. The motion was seconded and approved.

The host church was given a rising vote of "Thanks" for a fine day.

A motion was made seconded and approved that the body adjourn. Prayer was given by Rev. Gene Ross.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Moderator

Bro. E. A. Welch, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

\$110.00

SATATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY

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

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Association met at Mt. Olive Church on July 7, 1979. The song services began at 10 o'clock with Rev. A. G. Windham leading. Prayer was given by Rev. Gene Ross and Rev. James Stroup. The welcome was given by Rev. A. G. Windham. The Moderator called the body to order for the transaction of business. He called for the corresponding letters. They were as follows:

1. New Prospect (Taylor): By Letter
2. New Prospect (Ashburn): Faith Wainwright, Louise Williams, Berta Gibbs and Horace Davis
3. Thomaston: By Pastor
4. Decatur: Bill Jones
5. New Life: By Letter
6. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Bess Williams and Bill Smith
7. Spring Hill: Nell Foster
8. Turners Chapel: Frank Byrd
9. Bethany: Tom Bullard, Woodrow Hendricks, Bertha Hendricks and Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood
10. Mt. Olive: Danny Perkins, Syd Crook and Ralph Windham
11. Little Bethel: Leonard Layfield
12. New Hope: By Pastor
13. Pleasant Hill: Ida Wall and Geraldine Wall.

A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

The Moderator welcomed new visitors and members, Rev. Mike Creech, Andy Guy and Bro. Fowler

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

FINANCE: Leonard Layfield, Louise Williams and Frank Byrd

STATE OF CHURCHES: Ralph Windham, Betsy Byrd and Jewel Bone

SUGGESTION: Bill Jones, Sid Crook and Tom Bullard

The Moderator gave a report on the work at Camp Mt. Bethel. Others gave reports on their churches as the Lord had wonderfully blessed them.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Andy Guy, a

young man from the Freewill Baptist Bible College. Scripture reading was taken from 14th chapter of Deut., Verse 2. Rev. Guy delivered a very inspiring message.

The body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Mark Gedeon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The body assembled at 1 o'clock with congregational singing. Prayer by E. A. Welch, Jr.

The Ordaining Council gave their report at this time. They recommended that Rev. Mark Gedeon be ordained into the ministry. The body voted in favor. Rev. Gene Ross preached the ordaining message and Rev. J. E. Blanton gave the charge. Prayer by Bro. Chuck Snow.

Rev. Mike Creeck and Rev. James Stroup were recommended to this Association as Ordained Ministers pending a letter from their former Association

The council recommended that the body adopt the State Board Standard questionnaire. It was passed by majority vote of the body.

The Committees gave their reports. (See Reports)

A motion was made, seconded and approved to send \$35.00 to the National Association to take care of three delegates that will be named by members that are present at the meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to give the host church a rising vote of "Thanks" for their fine hospitality.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to receive an offering for the Rome Church. Amount \$60.35.

The Association meeting was then adjourned.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker, Moderator
E. A. Welch, Clerk

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FINANCE

\$105.00

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY:

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

IN MEMORY OF BRO. JESSE WINDHAM

*Bro. Jesse Windham went home to be with the Lord,
on Friday night March 24, 1978 at 8:55 p.m.*

*He was a deacon of the First Church of Thomaston and
a friend and spiritual leader to everyone.*

*He was laid to rest on Easter Sunday in Mt. Olive
Cemetery.*

*We know you're with loved ones who have gone on
before,*

To sing and rejoice with them ever more.

And we're sure that up there your joy is complete,

As you worship with others at Jesus' feet!

*His Pastor,
Rev. William Travis*

IN MEMORY OF SISTER GUSSIE BRADY MITCHELL

*Sister Gussie Brady Mitchell, one of the oldest
members of Spring Hill Freewill Baptist Church departed
this life for her everlasting home on February 7, 1978
making her stay on earth 82 years, 11 months and 1 day.
She was born March 6, 1895.*

*Sister Gussie joined Spring Hill Church on July 12,
1913 and remained a constant member for the rest of her life
about 63 1/2 years.*

*We who knew her best miss her presence and Christian
influence.*

IN MEMORY OF
SISTER ARIZONA WALLER WADSWORTH

Sister Arizona was born in Taylor County March 16, 1896, died May 24, 1979. She was the daughter of the late Alex and Ophelia Watson Waller. She was a member of Trinity Church. Her survivors include one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

*Trinity Freewill Baptist Church
and Pastor, Rev. Warren Wyatt*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SISTER ESSIE RABURN STREETMAN

Sis. Essie Raburn Streetman was born January 21, 1911. She died at the age of 67. She was a life long resident of Ideal and a member of Little Bethel Church.

Survivors include her husband Roger G. Streetman, a son Rev. Phillip A. Streetman a daughter Mrs. Roger Ann Jones, four grandchildren and two sisters.

Sister Streetman will be missed by her many friends and loved ones.

Rev. Gene Ross, Pastor

IN MEMORY OF
MR. AND MRS. CHARLIE MOORE

In loving memory of Mrs. Cassie Moore and her husband, Mr. Charlie Moore of Turners Chapel Freewill Baptist Church in Butler, Georgia.

Mrs. Cassie was born February 15, 1911 and went home to be with the Lord, July 7, 1979. Mr. Charlie was born June 24, 1894 and went home to be with the Lord November 14, 1979.

*Our loving parents they are gone;
They ask us all to follow on,
And live for Jesus while we can,
And meet them over in Gloryland.*

*Turners Chapel Church and
Rev. James R. Stroup, Pastor*