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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING January 3, 1981
Trinity

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING April 4, 1981
Little Bethel

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING July 11, 1981
Decatur

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION October 3, 1981
Lake Blackshear
Introductory Sermon, Rev. Charles Clark
Alternate, Rev. Mike Creech

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Preliminaries, When several believers wish to be organized into a church, they request a council from some sister church. This council or committees (commonly called an arm) examines into the Christian character, doctrines and fellowship of the applicants and their ability to sustain a church. If the examination is satisfactory, the organization proceeds as follows:

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

CONSTITUTION

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

We, the delegates from our respective churches, being authorized by our churches, to agree to form ourselves into an association to be known by the name of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association without first stating our reasons to the body for such intended withdrawal.

It is proposed by the Association, first to promote revivals of religion by camp and protracted meetings. Secondly, to take an active part in Home Missions. It is not intended by this Association to discuss queries. It is not the design of this Association to interfere in any way with the independence of churches composing it. It was not intended to establish creeds, rules of discipline, or make any law whatsoever to bind the churches, but to leave each church to regulate its own affairs.

We, as an Association, take the Old and New Testament as our confession of faith, as relates to the independency.

We believe that a duly organized church consists of a congregation of saints, baptized upon a creditable confession of faith in Christ. Christ is the only Christian lawgiver 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 Decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly meetings.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that a Gospel Church, or a church of Christ is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.

2. That those rules require churches to preserve the form of government and the ordinances of the first Christian churches and to be composed of baptized believers in Christ.

3. That the visible church as the aggregate or whole number of Gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in heaven, and of such Christians on earth as are not attached to the visible church, according to the Gospel rules.

4. That the establishment of central or catholic government over the invisible church, or any part thereof, is a devise of earthly ambitions repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of men.

5. The Gospel Churches are the only ecclesiastical bodies or tribunal authorized by the Scriptures; that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially, independent and absolute; and that if this right be surrendered to superintending jurisdiction by delegation or otherwise, the assembly ceases to be a Gospel Church.

6. That churches may nevertheless, we suppose meet, by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up the Correspondence; but that the right and authority of churches being inalienable, or in no wise compromised or hindered by entering into an association, and therefore an association has no authority over churches or individuals, their only power being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity; to promote mutual intercourse, and a concentration of voluntary effort, and to give that advice to churches which might with equal authority be given by an individual.

7. That the authority of the churches is designed for the perpetuation of the true religion of the gospel, and for the preservation of a true and orderly body of Christians on earth, that it is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but that it does not extend to persons, property or the conscience of men in any manner whatever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel; that faith in

Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite of such membership is an assumption of authority on the part of the church and departure from the Gospel plan.

9. That the officers of a church are elders and deacons; that the elders are also called bishops or pastors, and all the elders are equal in rank, though they perform different functions—since some may be bishops, or pastors of particular churches, while others may be simply elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further; that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the church—such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders; that as a member of the church, he is no more than any other members, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help, especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of hear say.

11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.

13. That elders and deacons must be set apart to their offices by ordination, or the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

14. No preacher shall be ordained unless called to take charge of a church as pastor, or for some other good and sufficient reason.

ARTICLES OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL VIEWS

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, the truth without any mixture or error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and there it shall remain with us to the end of time the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard to which all human conduct and opinion confirm.—Rev. 13:14; John 5:39.

2. That there is one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressible glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed in the personal distinction of

Father, and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. Ex. 6:3; Psalm 33:18.

3. That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which men are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly devoid of holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, to Satan, and their own sinful passions, and therefore are under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse. —Gen. 1:27, 2:7, 3:6, 19:23.

4. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon himself our nature, yet without sin, honored the law by His own personal obedience, and made atonement for sin by his death; being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies which divine perfection is every way qualified to be suitable, compassionate and all sufficient Savior. Eph. 2:5, 5:8, Rom. 7:11.

5. That the Gospel blessing which Christ in his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification. That this justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, upon principles of righteousness, that is bestowed not in consideration of anything we do not solely through his own righteousness and atonement, and that brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God.

—Rom. 8:30, Ezk. 18:28, John 3:14, Rom. 8:17.

6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all who received them by a cordial and obedient faith and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but this own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation. —Mark 16:16, John 17:20, Isa. 20.

7. That in order to be saved we must be regenerated, or obedient to the Gospel; and that its evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God.

—John 3:3-8: Matt. 3:8-10.

8. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sacrifices and saves sinners, it being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, that it comprehend all means with the end; that it is a glorious display of God's goodness, being infinitely wise, holy unchangeable; born again; that regeneration consists of giving a holy disposition to the mind and is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, producing voluntarily that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and

active imitation of his free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

9. That the preserving attachments of true believers to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial possessors; that a special Providence watches over their 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 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.

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- Rev. Hubert Arnold - Butler, Ga. 31006, Phone 912-862-3949
- Rev. Roscoe Pitts - Thomaston, Ga. 30286, Phone 404-647-7262
- Rev. J. B. Lumpkin - Junction City, Ga. 31812, Phone
404-269-3984
- Rev. John Grimsley - Rt. 1, Juniper, Ga. 31801
- Rev. Robert Stubbs - Juniper, Ga. 31801
- Rev. James R. Stroup - 2059 Regent St., Macon, Ga.
Phone 912-745-0054
- Rev. John R. Ingham - Centerville, Ga.
- Rev. Marshall Kelly - Griffin, Ga.
- Rev. Kenneth Barber - Decatur, Ga.

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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 Childrens Home	Home and Foreign Missions	Paid for Minutes	Total Spent for Outside Courses
Bethany	Marion										
Decatur	Dekalb	31,525.27	13,600.00		4,900.00	25,000.00	120.00	2,830.52	525.00	5.00	6,600.00
First Thomaston	Upson	22,757.28	9,175.00		6,067.29	22,638.04	1,234.00	190.00	141.26	10.00	2,099.70
Lake Blackshear	Crisp	11,229.80	2,600.00	500.00	300.00	4,400.00	120.00			5.00	500.00
Little Bethel	Macon	16,555.00	3,995.00	6,346.00	425.00	16,348.00		35.00	15.00	15.00	
Mount Olive	Taylor	24,650.00	11,375.00	3,100.00	6,450.00		1,100.00	120.00		15.00	
New Liberty	Schley									10.00	
New Life	Marion		2220.00	1,200.00						10.00	
New Prospect	Taylor	6,310.83	3,639.00	885.00	946.00	5,470.00		54.00		10.00	
New Prospect	Turner		3,120.00		1,205.86		120.00	120.00		10.00	275.00
Northside	Cobb										
Pleasant Hill	Schley	7,007.98	3,020.00	309.31	2,327.37	5,656.68	615.23	136.00	215.00	20.00	2213.46
Spring Hill	Marion		2,625.00	6,297.62	847.95					10.00	
Trinity	Taylor	16,780.65	7,500.00	6,000.00	300.00	16,620.19	610.90	171.50	20.00	20.00	
Turners Chapel	Taylor	8,549.00	3,120.00	850.00	2,136.00	7,157.00	1,051.00	100.00		20.00	

145TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 145th Annual Meeting of the Chattahoochee Freewill Baptist Association met October 4, 1980 in New Life Church, Mauk, Georgia at 10:00 a.m. Bro. N. R. Lumpkin led with singing. Then Bro. Jimmy Stubbs opened the meeting with prayer. The Moderator, Rev. J. E. Blanton, announced that the corresponding letters be brought forward and be read by Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. and Rev. Gene Ross. Delegates were as follows:

1. Bethany - Sis. Ann Toomey, Sis. Burther Hendricks, Sis. Virginia Bullard
2. Decatur - By Letter
3. First Thomaston - Sis. Carla Creech, Sis. Eudene Pitts, Sis. Kate Watson.
4. Lake Blackshear - By Letter
5. Little Bethel - Mary and W.T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Leonard Layfield
6. Mt. Olive - By Letter
7. New Liberty - Sis Liz Stubbs, Bro. J. C. Kirkland
8. New Life - J. W. Teat, Sis. Bell, Sis. Hattie Watson, Sis. Sara Lumpkin
9. New Prospect (Taylor) - Sis. Mary Crawley, Sis. Nettie Lee Wainwright, Sis. Florence Windham
10. New Prospect (Turner) - By Letter
11. Pleasant Hill - Geraldine Dillard, Ida Wall, Earlene Greene, William Guy, Edyth Guy
12. Spring Hill - Sis. Nell Foster, Sis. Nina Roberts, Sis. Betty Sue Conkle, Sis. Bernice McCall
13. Trinity - Tom Wheeler, Charlie Gibb, Josephine Welch, E. A. Welch, Bill Smith
14. Turners Chapel - Bro. Earnest Heath, Sis. Nell Heath, Sis. Lila Fuller, Sis. Lila Pearl Winters, Sis. Nannie Lou Rogers, Bro. John Ingham

It was then moved, seconded and carried for the delegates to be seated and the letters accepted.

The Moderator welcomed the vivitors from the Faith Freewill Baptist Mission from Macon, Ga.

The Faith Freewill Baptist Mission asked to be accepted into the Chattahoochee Association. It was then moved, seconded and carried to be put under 30 day watch care.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Rev. Jerry Thorne be granted a letter to be dismissed from this association to St. James Church in Phenix City, Alabama.

All committees were appointed at this time.

Temperance - Ruby Stubbs, Lila Pearl Winters, Kate Watson

Women's Auxiliary - Ruby Ray, Eudene Pitts

State of Churches & Character of the Ministry - Gleason Fowler,
Tyson Ray, N. R. Lumpkin

Suggestion - Roscoe Pitts, Bobby Whittaker, Gerald Brown

Finance - J. B. Lumpkin, Jimmy Stubbs, Bro. Foster

Sunday School - Carla Creech, Mary Fowler, Carlton Jordan

Obituary - Tom Wheeler, J. W. Teat, Rachael Bell

Nominating - E. A. Welch, Jr., J. B. Anthony, James Stroup,
Elizabeth Stubbs

It was moved, seconded and carried to reimburse Rev. Creech \$52.10.

The service was turned over to the pastor of the church, Rev. Carlton Jordan.

Singing led by Bro. N. R. Lumpkin and two special songs were sung by Jimmy and Elizabeth Stubbs.

Prayer was given by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. The morning message was delivered by Rev. Gene Ross, pastor of Little Bethel. His scripture was taken from Gen. 3:9, "Where Art Thou".

An offering of \$39.50 was for the Youth Camp at Mt. Bethel.

Bro. Gleason Fowler dismissed us with prayer for the lunch hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The singing began at 1:00 p.m. then prayer by Bro. Fowler.

Then special singing by Clarence Anthony with "The Full Gospel Singers".

A short special message was delivered by Rev. Homer Fowler taken from Rev. 2:1-4.

A special song by Rev. Gene Ross.

For reports of the committees (see Reports).

A motion was made that Rev. Mike Creech serve on the Camp Board. The motion was seconded and carried. A motion was made that Bro. Gleason Fowler serve on the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded and carried. Delegates volunteering for the State Association were: Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Bro. W. T. Williams, Sis. Eudene Pitts, Sis. Kate Watson. It was motioned, seconded and carried for the Moderator and Clerk to get more information on how to attend and expense, etc.

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

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

A motion was made that Moderator be elected for two years, and cannot succeed himself. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made for each church to be notified and send an offering for Youth Camp fund at the Quarterly Meetings. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect officers for the next year. They were elected as follows:

Moderator - Rev. J. E. Blanton - second year

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Gene Ross

Clerk - C. W. Carroll

Assistant Clerk - Edna Carroll

A motion was made, seconded and carried for Rev. Mike Creech and Bro. Floyd Foster, Jr. to serve on the Ordaining Council.

A motion was made to have 300 minutes printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn until the First Quarterly Meeting in January, 1981 at Trinity Church. We were dismissed with prayer by the Pastor of the host church, Rev. Carlton Jordan.

Rev. J. E. Blanton, Moderator
C.W. Carroll, Clerk

REPORTS

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The ordaining council recommends that we accept Bro. Marshall Kelly into our Association as an ordained minister, Bro. Kelley comes from the state of Ohio and his credentials are in order. We accept Bro. Jimmy Stubbs into our Association as an ordained minister. Bro. Jimmy was ordained by an unauthorized committee in our Association contrary to our Associations practice. Bro. Jimmy was unaware of this and the blame is not to be put on him, but on the ones who ordained him. This practice will not be tolerated if done in the future.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee find in Mark 15:38, "Watch ye and pray lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We the Sunday School Committee, would like to encourage everyone who has not already to participate in the Spring and Fall Enlargement Campaigns. Having special days through the year is also helpful and will encourage growth. Also, we would like to encourage more participation in the Annual Sunday School Meeting.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

We the committee, having no complaints brought to us and having none to report, thank God for the fellowship being enjoyed by our people.

WOMENS AUXILIARY

We your Auxiliary Committee suggest that each church that doesn't have an auxiliary try to organize one, and the churches that have an auxiliary try to participate in district, state workshops and retreats each year.

SUGGESTION

1. Moderator be elected for two years and cannot succeed himself.
2. Each church be notified and send an offering for Youth Camp fund at each Quarterly Meeting.

OBITUARY

Bethany - Murry Lee Bullard, Feb. 14, 1980; John F. Greer, Sr., Oct. 9, 1979

Little Bethel - Kenneth Fowler; Mary Lee Stalnaker; Vacey Fowler

Mt. Olive - B. R. Dent, Sr.

New Life - Nida Stubbs

Pleasant Hill - Pearl Guy

Trinity - Beunola Gill Watson, Feb. 12, 1980

Turners Chapel - Mae Spillers, Bell Wainwright, Isaac (Sonny) Wainwright, Lokie Rogers

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ordaining Council - Mike Creech and Floyd Foster, Jr.

Executive Committee - C. W. Carroll

Moderator - J. E. Blaton

Assistant Moderator - Gene Ross

Clerk - C. W. Carroll

Assistant Clerk - Edna Carroll

There was a motion which was seconded and carried to receive all reports.

STATE BOARDS

Mission Board - Rev. J. E. Blanton
Camp Board - Rev. Mike Creech
Budget Board - E. A. Welch, Jr.
Board & Trustees - Gleason Fowler
Board of Retirement - Rev. Joel Wainwright

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Floyd Foster, Jr. - 5 years
W. T. Williams - 4 years
Bill Jones - 3 years, 1 month
Rev. J. E. Blanton - 1 year
Rev. Gene Ross - 3 years
Rev. Mike Creech - 5 years
Rev. A. G. Windham - 4 years

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

N. R. Lumpkin - 2 years, Manchester, Ga.
Buddy Taylor - 1 year, Thomaston, Ga.
C. W. Carroll - 5 years, Butler, Ga.
Norman Grier - 4 years, Mauk, Ga.
Tyson Ray - 3 years, Ideal, Ga.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

From Quarterly Meetings	
Balance in Tresure, October	\$411.81
Received from Association	221.00
Offering for Youth Camp	39.50
Balance	\$672.31
Reimbursement to Rev. Mike Creech	52.10
Paid to Clerk	100.00
Paid to Moderator	60.00
Balance	\$460.21
Estimated Cost of Printing Minutes	316.39
Balance	\$143.82

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Quarterly Meeting was held at First Thomaston Church in Upson County, Thomaston, Ga. on January 5, 1980. Song service began at 10:00 a.m. led by Hubert Salter. Prayer by Rev. A. G. Windham. The body was declared in order by the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Blanton. The Moderator, Rev. Blanton, welcomed the visitors at this time and then asked for corresponding letters. Rev. Larry Nix and Rev. Mike Creech were appointed to read the letters. They were represented as follows:

1. Bethany - Hope Gannett, Tom Bullard, Lilie Youngblood, and Lester Grimsley
2. Decatur - Bill Jones
3. First Thomaston - Ada Howard, Earlene Pitts, Carla Creech, and Ruby Wells.
4. Little Bethel - Sarah Williams, Anne Ross
5. Mt. Olive - Cathrine Jones, and Laura Windham
6. New Hope - Letter
7. New Life - Billy Joe Wllaer
8. New Prospect (Taylor) - Sis. W. R. Crawley, Lucille Wainwright and Florence Windham
9. New Prospect (Turner) - Willie Joe Farmer
10. Northside - Larry O. Nix, Mary Nix
11. Pleasant Hill - Geraldine Dillard, Patty Wintz, Mr. and Mr. Fred Brewer
12. Spring Hill - Bernice McCall, Mrytle Grier
13. Trinity - E. A. Welch, Jr., Bill Smith and Josephine Welch
14. Turners Chapel - Betsy Byrd and Frank Byd

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

The Committees were appointed next.

State of Churches & Character of Ministry

Buddy Taylor

Bill Guy

Frank Byrd

Finance

Roscoe Pitts

Annie Windham

Bill Jones

Suggestion

Mike Creech

E. A. Welch

Hubert Salter

A report was given on the State work at this time by Rev. Dodd and by Rev. Dowdney. They both said the State Association is good and getting better. It was suggested to attend the Ministers Retreat and to accept God's challenge to get better and spread the gospel better in the future than in the past.

Rev. Larry Nix showed some films about Northside Church where the church would be built and was working on the driveway at this time. An offering of \$103.75 was collected and given to Rev. Larry Nix for the driveway of the Northside Church.

The morning message was then brought by Rev. Larry Nix, "From Pulpit and Pews", beginning from St. John 1:6-8.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. D. C. Dodd.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service began at 1:00 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

Rev. Marvin E. McLead asked to move the Griffin Mission into the Chattahoochee Association. It was then moved, seconded and carried to put the Griffin Mission under Watch Care.

At this time eleven churches and five individuals each pledged \$15.00 per ton for gravel to be put in the driveway of Northside Church. Eight of those pledges were made then. They were Turners Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Olive, Spring Hill, New Prospect (Taylor), Sis. Watson, Bro. Strickland, and Bro. Ross for the amount of \$120.00. The morning offering and the pledges came to a total of \$223.75.

Roll call for Ordaining Council. Chuck Snow and Rev. Warren Wyatt had not attended two meetings. They were dismissed and Bill Jones and Rev. Mike Creech were elected to take their places.

Bill Guy - Yes

W. T. Williams - No - 1

Bill Jones - Yes

Rev. J. E. Blanton - Yes

Rev. Gene Ross - Yes

Rev. Mike Creech - Yes

Rev. A. G. Windham - Yes

Roll call for Executive Committee:

N. R. Lumpkin - No - 1

Buddy Taylor - Yes

Wilbur Carroll - Yes

Norman Grier - Yes

Tyson Ray - No - 1

A rising vote of thanks was give to First Thomaston for the enjoyable day. It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. E. Blanton.

Moderator, Rev. J. E. Blanton
Clerk, C. W. Carroll

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was motioned, seconded and carried that all reports be accepted.

FINANCE

Received from Church letters.....\$110.00

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

No one came before the Suggestion Committee so there were no suggestions to present to the body.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTOR OF MINISTRY

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

THE 2ND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association met at Spring Hill Freewill Baptist Church, Mauk, Georgia, April 5, 1980. The congregation began singing at 10:00 a.m. and were then given a warm welcome by the pastor, Rev. A. G. Windham. Prayer was led by Rev. Gerald Brown.

The Moderator, Rev. J. E. Blanton called the body to order for business. He called for corresponding letters and Bro. E. A. Welch and Rev. Gene Ross volunteered to read. They were as follows:

1. Bethany - Bro. and Sis. Woodrow Hendricks, Judy Grimsley and Ruby Grimsley
2. Decatur - Mary Bruner
3. First Thomaston - Eudene Pitts, Carla Creech and Fay Howard
4. Little Bethel - Sis Jewell Bone, Sis. Ruby Ray and Sis. Anne Ross
5. Mt. Olive - Sis. Ethel Windham and Sis. Florie Windham
6. Northside - By Letter
7. New Prospect (Taylor Co.) - Mrs. Perry Wainwright and Mrs. Bill Wainwright
8. New Prospect (Turner Co.) - Willie J. Farmer and Faith Wainwright
9. Pleasant Hill - Ida Wall, Geraldine Dillard, Fred Brewer and Dan Brewer
10. Spring Hill - Nell Foster, Betty Conkle, Mary Grier, Bernice McCall and Geraldine Grier
11. Trinity - Charlie Gibb, Peggy Gibb, Bill Smith, Josephine Welch and E. A. Welch
12. Turners Chapel - John Inghram, Beulah Inghram, James R. Stroup and Edna Carroll
13. New Hope - By Letter
14. Griffin Mission - Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Munson

It was moved, seconded and carried that the delegates be accepted.

The committees were then appointed as follows:

Finance - Rev. J. B. Lumpkin, Rev. James Stroup and Rev. Hubert Arnold

Suggestion - Sis. Faith Wainwright, Sis. Edna Carroll and Sis. Josephine Welch

State of Churches - Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr., Bro. Buddy Taylor, Bro. Gene Windham.

A report was received from Rev. C. D. Dowdney on State Work.

It was moved, seconded and approved for the clerk to mail letters to all churches to ask if they would like to send their young people ages 8 to 18 to camp at Mt. Bethel for a week.

At this time an offering of \$65.36 was collected to be sent to Rev. Larry Nix and Northside Freewill Baptist Church.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Bobby Whittaker about "Foot Washing", taken from St. John 13. The body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:15 p.m. led by Rev. A. G. Windham.

The Ordaining Council gave their report at this time. They accepted Rev. John Inghram. It was then moved, seconded and aproved that Rev. Inghram be accepted into the Chattahoochee Association.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept Rev. Marvin McLeod after we received a letter from the Griffin Mission.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept committee reports.

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

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn. Prayer was given in closing by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

Rev. J. E. Blanton, Moderator
Bro. C. W. Carroll, Clerk

REPORTS

FINANCE

Balance January 15	\$506.95
Expense	340.14
Accepted by letters	115.00
Balance	\$281.81

SUGGESTION

We the Suggestion Committee suggest that our preachers and deacons encourage our young people to attend the Youth Ralleys.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

We the committee of Sate of Churches & Ministers wish to

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

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bill Guy - No - 1

W. T. Williams - Yes

Bill Jones - Yes

Rev. J. E. Blanton - Yes

Rev. Gene Ross - Yes

Rev. Mike Creech - Yes

Rev. A. G. Windham - Yes

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

N. R. Lumpkin - No - 1

Buddy Taylor - Yes

C. W. Carroll - Yes

Norman Grier - Yes

Tyson Ray - Yes

THE 3RD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association met at Turners Chapel on July 5, 1980. The song service began at 10:00 a.m. and was led by Rev. A. G. Windham. Prayer by Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. Welcome and prayer by the host church pastor, Rev. James R. Stroup.

The Moderator, Rev. J. E. Blanton opened for business by asking six people to testify of the goodness of God. He called for corresponding letters at this time with Rev. Hubert Arnold and Rev. A. G. Windham to read letters. They were as follows:

1. Decatur - Bill Jones
2. Thomaston - Carla Creech
3. Little Bethel - Tyson Ray
4. Mt. Olive - Joan Whittaker
5. New Hope - By Letter
6. New Life - Randall Lumpkin
7. New Prospect (Taylor) - Nettie Lee Wainwright, Florence Windham, Carol Windham, Lucille Wainwright
8. New Prospect (Turner) - By Letter
9. Northside - By Letter
10. Pleasant Hill - Fred Brewer, Don Brewer, Geraldine Dillard, Ida Wall, Earlene Green
11. Spring Hill - Nell Foster
12. Trinity - Josephing Welch, Bill Smith, E. A. Welch, Bess Williams, Charlie and Peggy Gibb
13. Turners Chapel - Edna Carroll, Nanie Lou Rogers, Joyce Spillers
14. Griffin Mission - Jay Munson

It was then moved, seconded and accepted as read and delegates seated. The Moderator appointed the committees at this time. They were as follows:

Finance Committee - Fred Brewer, Carol Windham and Bess Williams

Suggestion - Caral Creech, Randall Lumpkin and Joan Whittaker

State of Churches & Character of the Ministry - E. A. Welch, Nell Foster and Tyson Ray

There was discussion about the young people attending Camp Mt. Bethel but no moves were made.

A letter from the St. Francis District Association of Free Will Baptist of Missouri certifies that Rev. Mike Creech is in good

standing. Rev. Mike Creech is now in full fellowship with the Chattahoochee Association.

The morning message of repentance was delivered by Rev. W. R. Crawler.

The body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Wilbur Carroll.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. A. G. Windham leading and prayer by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. The committees reported, (see Reports).

The Ordaining Council approved Kenneth Barber. It was moved, seconded and carried to receive Kenneth Barber into the Association.

It was moved, seconded and carried for the Rev. B. P. Hayes to be moved into the East Alabama Association.

The Association felt that New Hope did right by changing their name to Lake Blackshear.

ROLL CALL FOR ORDANING COUNCIL

Bill Guy - Yes

W. T. Williams - No - 1

J. E. Blanton - Yes

Bill Jones - Yes

Gene Ross - No - 1

Mike Creech - Yes

A. G. Windham - Yes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

N. R. Lumpkin - Yes

Buddy Taylor - No - 1

Wilbur Carroll - Yes

Norman Grier - No - 1

Tyson Ray - Yes

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer by Gene Windham.

Rev. J. E. Blanton, Moderator
C. W. Carroll, Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

\$105.00

SUGGESTION

We, the Suggestion Committee, ask that each Church put forth a *definite* effort to have representation at the Quarterly Meetings. If you can't have a delegate present at least return you letter prior to the meetings.

Joan Whittaker
Randall Lumpkin
Carla Creech

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY

No one appeared before this committee. We assume that all the Churches and ministers are in good fellowship one with another.

Nell Foster
Tyson Ray
E. A. Welch, Jr.

IN MEMORY OF
SISTER MURRY LEE BULLARD

Sister Murry Lee Bullard went home to be with the Lord, on February 14, 1980.

She was the daughter of Murry and Abbie Watson. She was laid to rest in Bethany Cemetary.

*We know you're with loved ones who have gone on before,
To sing and rejoice with them every more.
And we're sure that up there your joy is complete,
As you worship with others at Jesus' feet.*

*Bethany Freewill Baptist Church
and Pastor, Rev. Lewis Tyler*

IN MEMORY OF
SISTER PEARY GUY

Sister Pearl Guy was born June 11, 1892 and had lived a long useful life, being a charter member of Pleasant Hill Church. She so submissively relinquished the claims of this life on April 18, 1980 to take upon herself the waiting crown, for her Lord had already assured her, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life". Rev. 2:10.

Very seldom did she ever miss her church - - she never taught a class or served in any official capacity, but she was one whose presence and smile always brought a blessing.

She is greatly missed, but what she left with us ever remains fresh and inspiring.

Rev. Homer G. Fowler

IN MEMORY OF
BROTHER JOHN F. GREER, SR.

Brother Greer was born in Chattahoochee County, July 28, 1906, died October 9, 1979. He was the son of George and Addie Greer. He was a member of Bethany Freewill Baptist Church. He was laid to rest in Juniper Cemetary. Brother Greer will be missed by his many friends and loved ones.

*Bethany Freewill Baptist Church
and Pastor, Rev. Lewis Tyler*

IN MEMORY OF
SISTER BEUNOLA GILL WATSON

Sister Buenola was born September 10, 1896 and departed this life February 12, 1980. She was a member of Trinity Church. She had joined early in life and was loyal to her church as long as health permitted.

The Husband, three daughters, the church and a host of friends will feel a keen loss. Yet we are sure that our loss is Heaven's gain.

*Not a sigh at the Post of Duty,
Not a dread to stand the test,
Not a doubt of Heaven's beauty,
She patiently waited for rest.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Welch, Clerk*