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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING.....January 8, 1983
New Life

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING.....April 2, 1983
New Prospect

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING.....July 9, 1983
Lake Blackshear

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION.....October 1, 1983
Little Bethel

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

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

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

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in the Associational year; or, if they prefer it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time; but if the choice be made at a special conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contribution made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of minutes of the Association.

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

to him by his predecessor.

8. When it becomes necessary, a committee of not less than 3 male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of dealing, etc., with the church.

9. The church shall hold a two-day meeting monthly, embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following the first of which shall be the regular time of Conference.

10. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline, and the rule of holy living.

11. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according to the covenant (Article 10), he shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

12. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows:

1. Prayer (unless divine service has just been conducted and generally then.)
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
3. Open the door for the reception of members.
4. Call for absentees.
5. For acknowledgments
6. For reference or deferred business.
7. For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church.
8. Miscellaneous business.

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

14. Any orderly member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in membership, may be received into the church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or by baptism.

15. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present but unreasonable objections shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

16. When the moderator calls for absentees, the clerk shall inform the church that members have been absent for three successive conferences, and the moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

17. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend this trial; provided his residence be known to the church.

18. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced he shall not be examined till the question has been put to the church: 'Will you hear the testimony of this witness?'

19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.

20. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letter without a good reason shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

21. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.

22. A vote shall not be taken on any question without a move and a second and in all important questions the votes shall be taken by rising to their feet.

23. No other motion shall be considered while a previous motion and second is before the conference.

24. It shall be considered disorderly for a member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member upon his request, may be excused by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

25. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.

26. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and a good feeling, those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.

27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonable long.

28. When the moderator speaks he must nominate some brother in his stead.

29. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call the speaker to order.

30. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper at least four times a year and the expenses are to be paid by the church.

31. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any.

32. Feet washing shall be attended to as the church sees proper.

33. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

34. This Decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly meetings.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL VIEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

—John 3:3-8: Matt. 3:8-10.

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

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

9. That the preserving attachments of true believers to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial possessors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. —Eph. 1:1-2.

10. That the law of God is the eternal, unchangeable rule of the Government, that is it holy, just and good; that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from his love of sin; to deliver him through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy law is one design of the Gospel of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

—Matt. 5:13; Luke 10:13-20, 14:17.

11. That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, that it should be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation; by the direct observance of all means of grace, both public and private, and preparation, for the rest which remains for the children of God.

—Ex. 19:8; Heb. 4:9, Thes. 1:7, Psalm 16:9

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

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

—Matt. 25:46; Mark 16:16.

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

—John 5:25; Matt. 25:34; 41:46.

BY-LAWS OF THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

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

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

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

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

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

Article VI: Each Sunday School shall send delegates as deemed appropriate to the Convention. All delegates should be elected from the laity.

Article VII: All pastors of the churches of the local Association and superintendents shall be considered members at large with voting power, but should not be sent as delegates.

Article VIII: The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. All officers shall be elected at the close of the session of the Convention each year.

Article IX: PRESIDENT: The President shall preside over all meetings of the Convention, appoint temporary committees and perform the other duties usually devolving upon said officer.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall preside over meetings in the absence or at the request of the President and assist the President in the general supervision of the Convention.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER: The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Convention and record all finances that come as funds into the Convention.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: The Committee shall organize or assist in the organization of new Sunday Schools, the reorganization of existing Sunday Schools that have lapsed into a state of inefficiency. This service being rendered at the request of the local Sunday School.

Article X: Amendments: These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

BY-LAWS SUBMITTED BY:

Rev. Bobby Whittaker

Rev. A. G. Windham

Rev. Hubert Arnold

Bro. Hudson Poole

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	MEETING	Number of Baptisms	Received by Statement	Lost by letter, Death, Revision of Roll, Etc.	Lost to Non FWB Churches	Resident Member	Non-Resident Members	Total Members	Number of Revivals	Vacation Bible School	Prayer Meeting	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Womens Auxiliary	Master Men
Bethany	Joel Wainwright	FT	4	0	4	0	22	28	50	1	0	yes	25	0	0	0
Decatur	J.E. Blanton	FT	2	6	5	5	42	14	56	0	0	yes	56	0	yes	0
Lake Blackshear	George E. Brown	FT														
Little Bethel	Eugene F. Ross	FT	0	0	0	0	98	0	98	1	0	0	45	0	yes	yes
Mount Olive	A.G. Windham	FT	8	4	25	2	160	20	180	2	0	yes	82	0	0	yes
New Liberty	J.C. Grimsley	PT	0	4	0	0	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	Carlton Jordan	FT	2	2	4	0	38	75	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Prospect	Perry Wainwright	FT	0	0	2	0	50	0	50	1	0	yes	50	8	0	0
Northside	Ronald Wallace	FT	4	15	2	2	30	0	30	1	yes	yes	25	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill		FT	0	0	2	0	28	4	32	1	0	0	28	0	0	0
Reynolds	Bobby Whittaker	FT	0	24	0	0	24	0	24	1	yes	yes	35	0	0	0
Spring Hill	Joe L. Tyler	FT	3	4	1	0	54	0	54	1	0	yes	35	0	0	0
Thomaston, First	Mike Creech	FT	10	22	1	1	103	48	151	2	yes	yes	127	18	yes	yes
Trinity	Warren Wyatt	FT	2	1	1	1	41	17	58	1	0	yes	42	0	0	0
Turners Chapel	Charles Clark	FT	4	6	5	0	139	54	193	2	yes	yes	68	25	0	0

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	Total Offering From Any Source	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Literature Utilities Revivals, Etc.	Total Local Expenditures	Cooperative Program	F.W.B. Bible College and Childrens Home	Home and Foreign Missions	Paid For Minutes	Total Total spent for Outside Courses
Bethany	Marion	5424.56	2650.00	887.44	2083.06	5620.50				20.00	
Decatur	Dekalb	35,919.80			6,500.00	30,240.00	120.00			10.00	3672.90
Lake Blackshear	Crisp									15.00	
Little Bethel	Macon	13,749.35	5450.06	2700.00	3106.41	12524.41	1268.00	65.00		15.00	
Mt. Olive	Taylor	16,025.50	2680.00	125000.	3653.00		120.00	120.00		25.00	2,700.00
New Liberty	Schley									10.00	
New Life	Marion									15.00	
New Prospect	Taylor	6213.00	2590.00	3019.00	1248.00	6857.00		46.00		10.00	759.00
Northside	Cobb									20.00	
Pleasant Hill	Schley	6846.00	3150.00	361.00	2148.00	5659.00	637.50	310.00	200.00	25.00	100.00
Reynolds	Taylor	18,927.69	7466.67	2179.84	4254.62	6434.46				10.00	
Spring Hill	Schley		3240.00	75.00	1331.00	4646.00	37.00	235.00	38.00	20.00	310.00
Thomaston, First	Upson		10,000.00	1,500.00	7,000.00	28000.00	420.00	420.00	420.00	25.00	
Trinity	Taylor	19,381.68	6,700.00	3514.92	6,709.64	17,960.58	780.00		66.00	50.00	
Turners Chapel	Taylor	12,533.66	6,500.00	2958.14	2840.83	12,298.99	721.07	80.85	290.00	30.00	1061.07

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ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Gerald Brown, Chairman—2 years

Dea. E.A. Welch—1 year

Rev. Joe L. Tyler—3 years

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Fred Brewer—5 years

Bro. Gleason Fowler, Chairman—4 years

Bro. C.W. Carroll—3 years

Bro. Norman Grier—2 years

Bro. Tyson Ray—1 year

147TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 147th Annual Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association met October 2, 1982 in Pleasant Hill Church, Ellaville, Ga. at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with singing, a warm welcome was given, then prayer by Rev. Homer Fowler, pastor of the host church.

The Moderator, Rev. Eugene F. Ross, took charge with a short message in Acts, then called for the corresponding letters. Rev. A.G. Windham and Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. volunteered to read the letters. Delegates were as follows:

1. Bethany - Faith Wainwright
2. Decatur - Pastor
3. Lake Blackshear - Ira McCook, Jr., Foise Bailey, Ruth Brown
4. Little Bethel - Sis. Ann Ross, Ruby Layfield, Ruby Ray, Blondell Layfield, Mary Lee Fowler, Clarise Jinks
5. Mt. Olive - Sis. Cynthia Jones, Sis. Mary Wilhoite, Bro. Martin Windham, Sis. Annie Windham, Sis. Loraine Melton
6. New Liberty - Bro. J.C. Kirland, Sis. Christine Kirkland
7. New Life - Bro. Joe Waller, Bro. Huston Shellhouse, Sis. Agnes Shellhouse
8. New Prospect - Sis. Nettie Lee Wainwright, Sis. Florence Windham, Bro. Lee Sawyer
9. Northside - None
10. Pleasant Hill - G.N. Halstead, Geraldine Dillard, Patty Wurtz, Earlene Greene
11. Reynolds - Bro. T.D. King, Sis. Mary King, Bro. Danny Perkins, Sis. Patsy Beeland, Sis. Joan Whittaker
12. Spring Hill - Bro. James Lewis, Sis. Rubye Lewis, Sis. Carol Tyler, Sis. Betty Sue Corkle
13. Thomaston, First - By Letter
14. Trinity - Josephine Welch, Charlie Gibbs, Juanita Wyatt, E.A. Welch, Bess Williams
15. Turner's Chapel - Earnest Heath, Nell Heath

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

The committees were then appointed:

TEMPERANCE:

Josephine Welch
Carol Tyler
Earnest Heath

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

Foise Bailey
Clarice Jinks
Ruby Lewis

STATE OF CHURCHES &
CHARACTER OF THE
MINISTRY:

James Wilhoite
Bill Guy
Leonard Layfield

SUGGESTION:

Lee Sawyer
Joan Whittaker
Geraldine Dillard

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Ira McCook, Jr.
Morris Lawhorn
Houston Shellhouse

OBITUARY:

Juanita Wyatt
Betty Sue Conkle
Florence Windham

NOMINATING:

Rev. A.G. Windham
Rev. Charles Clark
Rev. Roscoe Pitts

FINANCE:

Rev. Bobby Whittaker
Nettie Lee Wainwright
Ruby Layfield

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Gerald Brown, Chairman—2 year—Present
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr.—1 year Present
Rev. Eugene F. Ross—0— Present

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Gleason Fowler, Chairman—4 Year—Present
C.W. Carroll—3 year—Present
Norman Grier—2 year—Present
Tyson Ray—1 year— Present
Joe Waller—0—Present

Rev. Mike Creech gave a good report about the Youth Camp. The Chattahoochee Association had 11 churches present. The balance in bank \$1,057.93.

Rev. J.E. Blanton, in charge of the Board of Missions, gave an interesting report on the new churches in Georgia. Northside church in Atlanta is about 40% completed.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried to go into morning service.

Song Service began. Prayer by Rev. Charles Clark. The pastor of the host church, Rev. Homer Fowler, gave a special song and then an inspiring message beginning in Romans I. Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. J.E. Blanton.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We assembled again at 1:10 with singing.

Rev. Paul Kettermann, gave a good report on Free Will Baptist Bible College at this time.

Rev. Herbert Waid, Georgia State Executive Secretary, gave a good report on State Association. The next State Meeting will be held at White Oaks Church, Macon, Ga. on November 18-20.

Rev. John R. Ingham reported that he started a Free Will Baptist Mission with seven people in Pendleton Homes in Macon, Ga. in May 1980. The mission has had up to 50 people in service. The moderator then asked the Chattahoochee Association to get more interested and do more business with this mission.

The next item was the call for committee reports (see committee reports). Moved, seconded, and carried to receive all reports as presented.

It was moved, seconded and carried for the clerk at this time to give Rev. Herbert Waid \$150.00 (15 churches X \$10.00) to the State Association for the National Association.

The appointing of places and time for our meetings for the next year are as follows.

1st Meeting —	January 8th —	New Life
2nd Meeting —	April 2nd —	Prospect
3rd Meeting —	July 9th —	Lake Blackshear
Annual Meeting —	October 1st —	Little Bethel

It was moved, seconded and carried for Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Sis. Ann Ross, Sis. Joan Whittaker and Sis. Clarice Jinks to be delegates of the Chattahoochee Association at the next State Association at White Oaks Church in Macon, Ga. Nov. 18-20. Also pay \$60.00 (\$15.00 X 4) to the State Association.

A rising vote of "Thanks" was given to the host church. It was then moved, seconded and carried to adjourn until the First Quarterly Meeting on January 8, 1983 at New Life Church. We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Home Fowler.

Rev. Eugene F. Ross, Moderator
C.W. Carroll, Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEMPERANCE:

We your committee find in 1st Timothy 6-17; Charge them that are rich in this word, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the Living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

We, your Auxiliary Committee, suggest the Auxiliary in each church attend the District and State Workshops and retreats. If your church doesn't have an auxiliary try to get one organized.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

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

SUGGESTION:

1. That we take from the Chattahoochee Camp account \$225.00 and send to Camp Mt. Bethel.
2. Trinity Church voted in conference to ask this body to consider the possibility of asking each church to pay for their own minutes, as a separate item from normal associational expenses.

We propose that at each 3rd Quarterly Meeting each church would send in a request for the amount of minutes that they would need for that year, then sometimes between the 3rd and 4th meeting the associational clerk would

determine the cost of each minute and at that time each church would be billed for their requested minutes. This to be paid no later than the 4th Quarterly Meeting.

Hopefully each church would continue to send any amount they could afford to help with the expenses of the meetings as in the past. An offering of \$111.25 was taken to help for minutes this year.

3. After the seating of the delegates, the reading of the minutes of the last regular session at each quarterly session to standard procedure.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We the Sunday School Committee urges every church to participate in all active campaign programs.

To take part in an overall enlargement of our Sunday Schools. We recommend that all church Sunday Schools attend and support the Chattahoochee Sunday School Convention which will convene in May 1983.

With Sunday School growth, comes church growth. It will richly benefit all churches.

OBITUARY:

We, the Obituary Committee have these deaths to report.
Bethany—Mrs. Lillie Mae Stubbs Youngblood, 10-1-1980;
Mrs. Connie S. Youngblood, 1-12-82; Mrs. Delora Ann Toomey, 7-13-1982; Mrs. Laura Parker unknown.
Mt. Olive—Bro. Hudson Poole, 4-15-82; Mrs. Stella Perkins, 6-1-82.

Spring Hill—Bro. Horace Lockhart, 5-1-1982; Sis. Cora Lockhart, 10-2-1982.

Turners Chapel—Mrs. Lucille H. Abbott, 6-9-1982.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

The Ordaining Council asked that Rev. Andrew Perry Wainwright be ordained at New Prospect, Taylor County, on October 7, 1982.

Bro. Julius Clyde Grimsley be given a license to preach the Gospel at New Liberty Church.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

No Report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We the Nominating Committee submit the following nominations:

- For Ordaining Council — Rev. Joe L. Tyler
- Executive Committee — Bro. Fred Brewer
- State Board—None
- Youth Camp Director — Rev. Mike Creech
Asst. Rev. Gerald Brown

Local:

- Moderator — Rev. Eugene F. Ross — 1 year
- Asst. Moderator — Rev. Warren Wyatt — 1 year
- Clerk — C.W. Carroll — 1 year
- Asst. — Edna Carroll — 1 year

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

From Quarterly Meetings	
Balance In Treasure, Oct. 2	\$346.74
Received from Annual Meeting	285.00
Balance	\$631.74
3 Churches paid for National Assoc.	30.00
Reg. Offering	111.25
Balance	\$772.99
Paid to State Assoc. for National Assoc.	150.00
Paid to Moderator	60.00
Paid to Clerk	100.00
Balance	\$462.99

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Meeting was held at Trinity Church, Taylor County, Maun, Georgia on January 2, 1982. Song service began at 10:00 o'clock, led by Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. Prayer by Rev. J.E. Blanton.

The Moderator, Rev. Eugene F. Ross, announced that the corresponding letters be brought forward and asked for volunteers to read the letters.

Rev. A.G. Windham and Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. volunteered. They were as follows:

1. Bethany - no
2. Decatur - letter
3. First Thomaston - Letter
4. Lake Blackshear - O.V. Smith, Kathy McCook, Ira McCook, Irene Brown.
5. Little Bethel - Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Sis. Blondell Layfield, Bro. Tyson Ray, Sis. Ann Ross
6. Mt. Olive - Jimmy Wilhoite, Clarence Wainwright, Joe Logue, Mary Wilhoite, Ann Wainwright, Charlotte Logue, Martin Windham, Belinda Windham, Cynthis Jones.
7. New Liberty - no
8. New Life - Joe Waller, Rachel Bell
9. New Prospect - Lee Sawyer, Nettie Lee Wainwright
10. Northside - Letter
11. Pleasant Hill - Frances Wall, Ida Wall, Geraldine Dillard, Fred Brewer, Don Brewer.
12. Spring Hill - Sis. Betty McClellan, Carol Tyler, Angie McCall, Sis. Myrtle Grier
13. Trinity - Charlie Gibb, Carol Welch, Peggy Gibb, Juanita Wyatt, Alane Patterson, Fred Jackson.
14. Turner's Chapel - Bro. Eugene McLeod, Sis. Edna Carroll.

Motioned, Seconded and carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

The committees appointed next.

FINANCE:

Geraldine Dillard
Irene Brown
Joe Waller

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

Fred Jackson

Tyson Ray

Joe Logue

SUGGESTION:

Juanita Wyatt

Betty McClellan

Jimmy Wilhoite

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Gerald Brown - yes

Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr. - yes

Rev. Eugene F. Ross - yes

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Joe Waller - yes

Gleason Fowler - yes

C.W. Carroll - yes

Norman Grier - yes

Tyson Ray - yes

The Moderator invited the visitors at this time, they were: Rev. Herbert Waid and Sis. Geraldine Waid (husband and wife) came from the State Office and Sis. Wyatt from Alabama, mother of Rev. Warren Wyatt.

Rev. Ronald Wallace gave a good report on Northside Church that it is getting better and he will be visiting the churches of our association in the near future.

Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary, of the State Association, would like to attend and visit all churches of our Association. He also explained how tithes really help all churches.

There were 14 ministers present.

Rev. A.G. Windham reported that Mt. Olive is getting better and thanks to all of the Chattahoochee Association for helping and the new church is 80% completed.

A congregational song was lead by Bro. E.A. Welch after which we had some special singing by Bro. Martin Windham and his wife.

After Rev. Homer Fowler led in prayer, Rev. Herbert Waid brought the morning message. He took his text beginning with 1st John 4:15.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone and asked Rev. J.E. Blanton to dismiss in prayer for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service began at 1:00 p.m. Prayer by Rev. W.R. Crawley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS OF:

FINANCE:

Accepted by Letters-----	\$130.00
For Youth Camp-----	25.00
Total -----	\$155.00

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

We the committee find them to be in order and in good standing. We feel that God should be the head of each church and should be allowed to do the divine guiding.

SUGGESTION:

We the Suggestion Committee make the following suggestions. We urge the churches to take greater interest in the young peoples projects in civic matters, such as Rock-A-Thons, Bowl-A-Thons and etc.

We also ask the churches to support all phases of Free Will Baptist work.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept these reports.

No report from the Ordaining Council.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee gave a report stating their desire that the moderator and clerk be a part of the Executive Committee. Also that each church should consider paying more money into the fund to pay for the minute books, as in the past, our finances have not been sufficient to meet the bills. After much discussion it was decided that this should have been brought up by the suggestion committee, therefore nothing was ever settled on completely.

Rev. J.E. Blanton, pastor of Decatur, stated that, Rev. Kenneth Barber has moved to Huntsville, Ala. and he requested that we dismiss him from our Association with good standing.

It was moved seconded and carried that Rev. Kenneth Barber be dismissed with good standing to the North Alabama Association.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Chattahoochee Association pay \$10.00. for each church (\$140.00) to the State Association for National Association and the clerk to send a letter to the churches that had not paid their \$10.00.

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

Rev. Bobby Whittaker reported that he has started another church in Reynolds, Ga. It has not been organized but services are being held each week with an average of 25 present.

Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Joe L. Tyler.

Rev. Eugene F. Ross, Moderator
C.W. Carroll, Clerk

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association was held at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist in Mauk, Georgia, April 3, 1982. The Congregation began singing at 10:00 a.m., led by the host church, Rev. Joe L. Tyler Prayer led by Bro. Herbert Waid. Rev. Tyler then welcomed everyone at this time, then turned service over to the moderator, Rev. Eugene F. Ross.

The Moderator called the body to order for business. He called for corresponding letters with Rev. Gerald Brown and Rev. Charles Clark to read the letters. They were as follows:

1. Bethany - Woodrow Hendricks, Tom Bullard, Virginia Bullard, Faith Wainwright.
2. Decatur - Letter
3. First Thomaston - Carla Creech, Evlene Pitts
4. Lake Blackshear - Letter
5. Little Bethel - Sis. Anne Ross, Sis. Ruby Ray, Sis. Lisa Ross.
6. Mount Olive - Barbara Arnold, Annie Windham, Cynthia Jones, Clarence & Ann Wainwright, Mary Wilhoite, Barbara J. Windham, Joe & Charlotte Logue, Martin & Belinda Windham, Frances Mullins, Charnie Pearl Swafford.

7. New Liberty - no
8. New Life - Letter
9. New Prospect - Florence Windham, Lucille Wainwright,
Nettie Lee Wainwright.
10. Northside - no
11. Pleasant Hill - William Guy, Edyth Guy, Fred Brewer
12. Spring Hill - Sis. Mary Grier, Sis. Michele Grier, Sis. Carol
Tyler, Bro. Mickey McClellan, Sis. Angie McCall.
13. Trinity - Juanita Wyatt, Fred Jackson, Josephine Welch,
Bess Williams
14. Turners Chapel - Bro. Earnest Heath, Sis. Nell Heath,
Sis. Edna Carroll

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

The Chattahoochee Association received a position letter
from Mt. Olive Church requested to be read by the moderator.
It was moved, seconded and carried and the letter was read.

The committees were then appointed.

FINANCE:

Bro. Earnest Heath
Sis. Carla Creech
Sis. Josephine Welch

SUGGESTION:

Sis. Mary Grier
Sis. Lucille Wainwright
Bro. Martin Windham

STATE OF CHURCH & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

Bro. Fred Jackson
Bro. Mickey McClellon
Sis. Edna Carroll

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Gerald Brown - yes
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr. - no - 1
Rev. Eugene F. Ross - yes

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Joe Waller - no - 1
Gleason Fowler - no - 1
C.W. Carroll - yes
Norman Grier - yes
Tyson Ray - yes

The Moderator gave a warm welcome to the visitors from the Reynolds Free Will Baptist Church at this time.

Rev. Herbert Waid, Clerk of State Association, gave a very interesting report.

Rev. Mike Creech, Director of Youth Board, gave a very interesting report.

It was moved, seconded and carried to turn the service to the host church.

Rev. Tyler welcomed everyone again then asked Rev. A.G. Windham to deliver the morning message. The message began with Eph. 6:10.

It was then moved, seconded and carried to receive an offering for the Youth Rally with prayer by Rev. Mike Creech. The amount of \$133.70.

After singing, Rev. W.R. Crawley dismissed the morning service and for lunch with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:10 p.m. led by Rev. Ross, then prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt.

A letter from Reynolds Free Will Baptist Church, requesting to be a member of the Chattahoochee Association was read. It was moved and seconded to accept the Reynolds church. After several discussions there was a substitute move and second and then carried that the request be under care of the Executive Committee until the next meeting at Bethany Church on July 10, 1982.

After several discussions it was moved, seconded and carried for all the churches to attend all the Quarterly meetings with more money to help pay the expenses.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Spring Hill for the enjoyable day.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer by Rev. Joel Wainwright.

Moderator, Rev. Eugene F. Ross
Clerk, C.W. Carroll

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Association-----	\$130.00
Youth Camp Fund -----	\$133.70

SUGGESTION:

The suggestion committee has two suggestions.

1. The money taken up this morning (\$133.70) for Youth Camp Fund to be held at Camp Mt. Bethel should be put in the checking account with the other (\$791.19). Those to draw from the account are to be Mike Creech, Charles Clark and C.W. Carroll.
2. Delegates, when appointed, should stand to be recognized.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

We the committee of State of Churches and ministers report there has been no complaints concerning any church or any minister and we commend the association for its work for the Lord.

It was moved, seconded and carried all reports are accepted.

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association was held at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Marion County, Juniper, Ga., July 10, 1982. The congregation began singing at 10:00 a.m., led by the host church pastor, Rev. Joel Wainwright. Prayer led by Rev. Mike Creech.

The Moderator, Rev. Eugene F. Ross called the body to order for business, asking for volunteers to read the corresponding letters. Volunteers were, Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. and Rev. J.E. Blanton.

They were as follows:

1. Bethany - Bro. Tom Bullard, Sis. Faith Wainwright, Sis. Lucille Grier, Sis. Lois Bullard.
2. Decatur - Pastor, Rev. J.E. Blanton.
3. First Thomaston - Bro. Henry Daugherty, Sis. Eudene Pitts, Sis. Mary Daugherty, Sis. Carla Creech.
4. Lake Blackshear - Bro. Ira McCook, Jr.
5. Little Bethel - Sis. G.N. Fowler, Sis. Ruby Ray.
6. Mount Olive - Bro. Martin Windham, Bro. Joe Logue, Sis. Charlotte Logue, Sis. Barbara J. Windham, Sis. Pearl Hinton.
7. New Life - Bro. J.B. Anthony, Bro. L.F. Bell, Bro. Oliver Stubbs, Bro. Joe Waller, Sis. Rachel Bell, Sis. Kay Stubbs.
8. New Liberty - Bro. J.C. Kirkland & wife, Sis. Liz Stubbs.
9. New Prospect - Sis. Florence Windham, Sis. Nettie Lee Wainwright.

10. Northside - 0
11. Pleasant Hill - Sis. Geraldine Dillard, Sis. Ida Wall.
12. Spring Hill - Sis. Myrtle Grier, Bro. James Lewis, Sis. Ruby Lewis, Sis. Bernice McCall.
13. Trinity - Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Bro. Bobby Hill, Sis. Betty Hill, Sis. Josephine Welch, Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr.
14. Turners Chapel - Sis. Edna Carroll, Bro. Ernest Heath.

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

Bro. Gleason Fowler, chairman of the Executive Committee, read a report written by the committee in request of the previous session of the Chattahoochee Association held at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, on April 3, 1982, in request of the Reynolds Free Will Baptist Church asking to become a member of the Chattahoochee Association.

To the Chattahoochee Association:

The Executive Committee met with Mt. Olive Church May 3, 1982, to try to resolve the reason why approximately 25 members of this church had asked for their names removed from the church roll.

Families were torn apart and brothers and sisters who had worshiped and worked together for many years were also torn apart.

The meeting went well, and progress was made. On May 4, 1982, this committee met with Bro. Bobby Whittaker and the brothers and sisters who had left Mt. Olive. There was much discussion and little progress was being made, when all at once it seemed the Holy Spirit came into this meeting. You know what happens when the Holy Spirit speaks to hearts and souls.

On May 5, 1982 the Executive Committee met with these two groups at Mt. Olive and I am sure the same Holy Spirit was working in the hearts and souls of these good people. There was spirit of revival there. Many tears were shed and many hearts that had been sad were healed and made to be happy and joyous.

Thank God for that happy meeting, and thank God for having these men to work with on the Executive Committee. Not a man missed a meeting and they could not have done a better job.

Respectfully submitted,
Gleason Fowler, Joe Waller, C.W. Carroll,
Norman Grier, Tyson Ray

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this letter as read, and to accept the Reynolds Free Will Baptist Church into the Chattahoochee Association. The delegates were then seated. Bro. Danny Perkins and Bro. Heath Beeland.

The committees were then appointed as follows:

FINANCE:

Bro. Tom Bullard
Bro. Ira McCook, Jr.
Bro. J.C. Kirkland

SUGGESTION:

Bro. Martin Windham
Bro. Ernest Heath
Sis. Faith Wainwright

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY:

Bro. Henry Daugherty
Bro. Danny Perkins
Sis. Josephine Welch

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Gerald Brown - yes
Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. - yes
Rev. Eugene Ross - yes

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Joe Waller - yes
Gleason Fowler - yes
C.W. Carroll - yes
Norman Grier - yes
Tyson Ray - yes

Rev. Mike Creech gave a good report on our Youth Camp at Camp Mt. Bethel, to be held August 1-6. Money was needed (\$100.00) for parts for the tractor at the camp.

Rev. J.E. Blanton then gave a report from the Mission Board.

It was then moved, seconded and carried to receive an offering, and divide it equally between the Youth Camp Fund and the Association. The total offering was \$68.20.

A congregational song was sung, led by Rev. Joel Wainwright, Prayer by Rev. A.G. Windham.

Rev. Eugene Ross brought an inspiring message from Jeremiah 2:12-13.

The body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by C.W. Carroll.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:00 p.m. Prayer by Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

Committee reports were given:

FINANCE:

Accepted by letters-----	\$220.00
Offering -----	34.10
Total-----	\$254.10

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Encourage youth to attend Youth Rallys
2. Encourage support of Sunday School Convention.
3. Encourage each church to contribute \$10.00 to camp for \$100.00 tractor part.
4. Encourage each church to back and support their church and pastor throughout the year to support our association every quarter.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

We, your committee wish to report that we have nothing but praise for the character of our ministers. To the knowledge of this committee all churches are at harmony and fellowship with one another.

A motion was made to accept all committee reports as given. It was then seconded and carried.

Rev. Perry Wainwright has been called to pastor New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Reynolds, Ga. He came before the ordaining council to be ordained. He was given papers to fill out and return to October meeting.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Bethany Church for the enjoyable day.

It was then moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr.

Moderator, Rev. Eugene F. Ross
Clerk, C.W. Carroll

PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETING

Our Preachers and Deacons Meeting was held at Lake Blackshear on the first Saturday of November 1982.

The meeting was opened in prayer by the host pastor, Gerald Brown.

Special singing by Mrs. Foise Bailey was enjoyed by everyone. The devotion was given by Rev. Charles Clark.

Rev. Alton Everson spoke to us about Camp Mt. Bethel. A question and answer period followed this.

We received an offering of \$30.00 which was presented to Bro. Alton Everson. He asked that the \$30.00 be given to the camp.

There were 6 preachers and 4 deacons present. Total in attendance was 27.

Our next meeting will be at Little Bethel, the first Saturday of November 1983 MSC to adjourn.

Lunch was then served in the fellowship hall.

IN MEMORY OF
BROTHER HUDSON POOLE

Brother Hudson was born October 23, 1919, and departed this life April 15, 1982. He was a member of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church and our Adult Sunday School teacher for several years. Brother Hudson was a devoted husband and father that was loved by all that knew him. He is missed very much by all of his loved ones, but the memories he left behind are daily blessings to us all and will be with us until we meet again. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their laborers: and their works do follow them."

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church
A.G. Windham, Pastor

IN MEMORY OF
BROTHER HORACE LOCKHART

Brother Lockhart was born May 12, 1903, passed away May 1, 1982, making his stay on earth 78 years, 11 months, 19 days. Bro. Lockhart was a deacon and a faithful member of Spring Hill Church and his presence is missed by all.

Brother Lockhart leaves behind one daughter, 3 sons, a number of grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Sis. Bernice McCall
Church Clerk

IN MEMORY OF
SISTER CORA LOCKHART

Sister Cora was born August 17, 1903 and departed this life October 2, 1982. She was a member of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church and attended as often as her health permitted.

Her presence will be greatly missed by her many friends and loved ones.

Spring Hill Church
Bernice G. McCall, Clerk

IN MEMORY OF
LUCILLE H. ABBOTT

January 12, 1909

June 9, 1982

She joined Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist Church early in life. She loved her family and her Lord and Saviour. She enjoyed testifying of the goodness of God and singing praises to him as long as her health permitted.

Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist Church