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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

- First Quarterly Meeting January 7, 1984
Trinity, Rev. A.G. Windham
- Second Quarterly Meeting April 7, 1984
New Prospect (Turner Co.) Rev. Gene Ross
- Third Quarterly Meeting July 7, 1984
Thomaston First, Rev. Herbert Waid
- Annual Association Oct. 6, 1984
Spring Hill, Rev. Bobby Whittaker

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	Loss by letter, death, revision of Roll, Etc.	Lost to Non FWB Churches	Resident Members	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	F.T.	4	0	2	0	21	27	48	1	0	yes	25	0	yes	0
Decatur	J.E. Blanton	F.T.	0	4	0	0	0	0	54	1	0	yes	56	0	yes	0
Lake Blackshear	Gerald E. Brown	F.T.	0	2	0	0	41	2	43	1	0	yes	32	0	yes	0
Little Bethel	Eugene F. Ross	F.T.	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	1	0	yes	46	0	yes	yes
Mount Olive	A.G. Windham	F.T.	3	4	6	2	120	21	141	1	0	yes	65	0	0	0
New Liberty	J.C. Grimsley	P.T.	0	0	0	2	26	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	Carlton Jordan	F.T.	1	0	2	2	38	75	113	1	0	0	20	0	0	0
New Prospect Taylor County	Perry Wainwright	F.T.	5	3	0	0	58	0	58	1	0	yes	50	12	0	0
New Prospect Turner County	Hubert Arnold	F.T.	2	5	10	0	80	50	130	1	yes	yes	49	31	yes	0
Northside	Ronald Wallace	F.T.	0	15	2	2	35	0	35	1	0	yes	28	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	Irvin Hyman	F.T.	0	0	0	0	29	3	32	1	0	0	28	0	0	0
Reynolds	Bobby Whittaker	F.T.	0	0	0	0	24	0	24	1	0	yes	30	0	yes	0
Spring Hill	W.R. Crawley	F.T.	1	9	4	3	57	0	57	1	0	yes	35	0	0	0
Thomaston First	Mike Creech	F.T.														
Trinity	Warren Waytt	F.T.	1	0	1	0	42	16	58	1	0	yes	41	0	0	0
Turners Chapel	Charles Clark	F.T.	5	1	5	0	133	51	184	1	yes	yes	68	16	0	0

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	Total Offering From any Church	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Literature Utilities Revivals, Etc.	Total Local Expenditures	Cooperative Program	F.W.B. Bible College and Children's Home	Home and Foreign Missions	Paid For Minutes	Total spent For Outside Courses
Bethany	Marion		2,600.00							25.00	
Decatur	Dekalb	37,100.20	19,050.00				120.00	2,000	980.00	15.00	6,100.00
Lake Blackshear	Sumter	18,413.00	4,200.00	7,000	1,932.00	15,513.00	120.00	211.00		15.00	75.00
Little Bethel	Macon	16,291.61	6,490.61	1,058.87	6,295.33	13,844.20	1,606.90	65.00		30.00	
Mt. Olive	Taylor	17,544.30	7,050.00	10,550	4,975.00	22,575.00		1,727		45.00	832.00
New Liberty	Schley									22.00	
New Life	Marion		1,820.00							23.00	
New Prospect	Taylor	5,078.00	1,975.00	614.00	941.00	3,530.00		50.00		20.00	1,091.00
New Prospect	Turner	8,963.50	3,725.00			9,307.54		240.00	120.00	15.00	
Northside	Cobb									10.00	
Pleasant Hill	Schley	6,216.00	2,650.00		1,788.00	4,438.00	615.00	230.00	301.00	25.00	606.00
Reynolds	Taylor	18,938.00	11,192.00		2,252.00	13,444.00		50.00		15.00	710.00
Spring Hill	Marion		3,984.00	285.00	1,617.00	5,886.00	25.00			25.00	
Thomaston First	Upson										
Trinity	Taylor	20,669.99	6,700.00			11,315.26	1,014.00	220.00		45.00	
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	19,451.65	6,500.00	7,048.10	5,175.39	18,723.49	983.16	114.27		45.00	

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ORDAINING COUNCIL

Dea. Morris Lawhorn.	3 years
Rev. Bobby Whittaker.	2 years
Rev. Gerald Brown, Chairman.	1 year

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dea. Elbert Streetman.	5 years
Dea. Fred Brewer	4 years
Dea. Gleason Fowler, Chairman	3 years
Dea. C.W. Carroll.	2 years
Dea. Norman Grier	1 year

148TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 148th Annual Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association met October 1, 1983 in Little Bethel Church, Ideal, Ga. at 10:00 A.M. The meeting began with singing, then prayer by Rev. J.E. Blanton. A warm welcome was given by the pastor of the host church.

The moderator, Rev. Eugene F. Ross, took charge with a short message from St. John 15:15. Then he called Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Rev. Charles Clark to read the letters:

1. Bethany - Bro. Tom Bullard, Sis. Faith Wainwright, Bro. Woodrow Hendrix.
2. Decatur - Pastor
3. Lake Blackshear - Sis. Irene Brown
4. Little Bethel - Bro. Fred Fowler, Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Sis. Ann Ross
5. Mt. Olive - Sis. Ann Wainwright, Teresa Wainwright, Bro. Joe Logue, Sis. Charlotte Logue, Sis. Florie Windham.
6. New Liberty - Bro. Perry Lunsford, Sis. Sara Lunsford, Sis. Christine Kirkland, Bro. J.C. Kirkland.
7. New Life - Bro. J.W. Teate.
8. New Prospect (Taylor Co.) - Pastor
9. New Prospect (Turner Co.) - Sis. Catherine Tomlinson, Sis. Margaret Davis.
10. Northside - Pastor
11. Pleasant Hill - Sis. Geraldine Dillard, Sis. Ida Wall.
12. Reynolds - Sis. Joan Whittaker.
13. Spring Hill - Sis. Mary Crawley, Sis. Betty Conkle, Sis. Bernice McCall, Sis. Myrtle Grier.
14. First Thomaston - Sis. Eudene Pitts.
15. Trinity - Bro. Charlie Gibb, Sis. Josephine Welch, Sis. Juanita Wyatt.
16. Turner's Chapel - Bro. Earnest Heath, Sis. Nell Heath, Bro. Jesse Carroll.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

The minutes of the last meeting were read at this time. It was then moved, seconded, and carried to accept them as read.

The moderator read a letter from Rev. John R. Ingham, saying the mission at Pendleton Homes in Macon, Ga. is doing good.

The moderator then read a letter to the association from Rev. Marvin Eugene McLeod, requesting the mission that has started in Jackson, Ga. to be put under watchcare for 90 days, and then be accepted into the Chattahoochee Association as a church, under the name of Union Ridge Church. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this request. It was then moved, seconded, and carried for Bro. Roscoe Pitts and his wife to be in charge of this request, and the association will pay .20 a mile to help pay their expenses.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried for the moderator to appoint the following committees:

TEMPERANCE

Josephine Welch
Christine Kirkland
Jesse Carroll

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Eudene Pitts
Joan Whittaker
Mary Lee Fowler

STATE OF CHURCHES &
CHARACTER OF THE
MINISTRY:

Earl Bone
Earnest Heath
Elbert Streetman

SUGGESTION:

Rev. A.G. Windham
Fred Fowler
Mary Crawley

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Hardy Davis
Morris Lawhorn
J.W. Teats

OBITUARY:

Irene Brown
Nell Heath
Margaret Davis

NOMINATING:

Rev. Warren Wyatt
Rev. Roscoe Pitts
Rev. W.R. Crawley

FINANCE:

J.C. Kirkland
Betty Conkle
Florie Windham

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Bobby Whittaker - 2 year - Present
Rev. Gerald Brown, Chairman - 1 year - Present
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr. - 0 - Present

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Bro. Fred Brewer - 4 year - Present
Bro. Gleason Fowler, Chairman - 3 year - Present
Bro. C.W. Carroll - 2 year - Present
Bro. Norman Grier - 1 year - Present
Bro. Tyson Ray - 0 - Present

It was moved, seconded, and carried to go into the worship hour and to take an offering. Began with prayer by Rev. Charles Clark. Then sang and took an offering in the amount of \$61.00. Rev. Ronald Wallace brought the message from Matthew 22: 1-14, ending with prayer.

Letters from Decatur church and Northside church were read requesting to be removed from the Chattahoochee Association and start a new association in the northern part of the state, called the North Ga. Association. It was moved, seconded, and carried to dismiss them with good understanding at the end of this meeting. Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Gleason Fowler.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We assembled again at 1:15 with singing. Prayer by Rev. W.R. Crawley. We had a special song by Rev. Gene Ross.

Rev. Herbert Waid, Georgia State Executive Secretary, gave a good report on the State Association and the Youth Camp. The next State Meeting will be held at the Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, Ga., November 17-19, 1983.

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

It was moved, seconded, and carried for Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Sis. Euden Pitts, Sis. Irene Brown and Sis. Ann Ross to be delegates of the Chattahoochee Association at the next State Association held at Norman Park, Ga. on November 17-19. Also it was agreed to pay \$60.00 (\$15.00 x 4) to the State Association for delegates.

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

1st Meeting — January 7th — Trinity

Sermon by - Rev. A.G. Windham

2nd Meeting - April 7th - New Prospect (Turner Co.)

Sermon by - Rev. Eugene Ross

3rd Meeting - July 7th - First Thomaston

Sermon by - Rev. Herbert Waid

Annual - October 6th - Spring Hill

Sermon by - Rev. Bobby Whittaker

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:

We recommend that Bro. J.C. Grimsley be ordained into the ministry. This was moved, seconded, and carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn with prayer by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEMPERANCE:

We your committee find in Proverbs 23:12; Apply thine heart unto instructions and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

Committed to Christ's missioning command as colaborers with God, Women's Auxiliary is rewarding to ladies through prayer, study and action. It provides inspiration and fellowship with members of other Free Will Baptist Auxiliary members. Why not start your auxiliary today?

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

We the committee having no complaints brought before us, 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, your Suggestion Committee have received the following suggestions and offer them for your consideration:

1. The committee on State of Churches and the Character of Ministry be abolished and these duties be assumed by the Executive Committee.
2. That a Missionary Conference be instilled between this association and the newly formed North Georgia Association. Further explanation on this matter will be by Bro. J.E. Blanton and Bro. Ronald Wallace. Bro. Bobby Whitaker, Bro. Gene Ross and Bro. Gerald Brown volunteered to be our committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We the Sunday School Committee urge every church to participate in all active campaign programs, to take part in all overall enlargement of our Sunday Schools, attend and

support the Chattahoochee Sunday School Convention, which will convene in May, 1984. With Sunday School growth comes Church growth. It will richly benefit all churches. Out of the 14 churches in the Chattahoochee Association, only 4 participate in the convention.

OBITUARY:

- We, the Obituary Committee have these deaths to report:
 - Bethany - Bro. Truie Wilson Youngblood, 5-31-83; Bro. Hoke S. Garrett 12-19-82.
 - Little Bethel - Mrs. Berta J. Weeks 10-9-82.
 - Mt. Olive - Bro. Johnnie S. Windham 6-6-83; Bro. R.C. Barrow 8-26-83; Sis. Gladys Childree 5-16-83; Sis. Evelyn Wilson 5-83; Sis. Ida Mae Gallmon 9-13-83.
 - New Life - Mr. Thomas Ansel Stubbs 2-2-83.
 - New Prospect (Turner Co.) - Mrs. Virginia Jolly 1-83; Miss Myrtle Edge 8-31-83.
 - Trinity - Mr. Elijah Lewis Watson 11-10-82
 - Turner's Chapel - Mr. Robert Wainwright 4-21-83; Mr. Aden Wainwright 7-24-83; Mrs. Mattie Lee Wainwright 1-21-83; Mr. Lewis Wilson 12-14-82; Mr. Lila Fuller 1-22-82.
 - First Thomaston - Mary Jo Taylor 8-83.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

From Quarterly Meetings	
Balance in Treasure, Oct. 1	\$892.17
Letter Fees	540.00
Balance	\$1432.17
Paid to National Association	160.00
Paid to Moderator	60.00
Paid to Clerk	100.00
Paid for Minutes	250.00
Balance	\$862.17
Received for Youth Camp Fund	\$45.00

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Local:

Moderator - Rev. Warren Wyatt - 2 years
Asst. Moderator - Rev. Charles Clark - 2 years
Clerk - C.W. Carroll - 1 year
Asst. Clerk - Edna Carroll - 1 year
Ordaining Council - Morris Lawhorn - 3 years
Executive Committee - Elbert Streetman - 5 years

STATE BOARD:

Board of Missions - Rev. Bobby Whittaker
Board of Christian Education - Mr. W.T. Williams
Board of Camp Mt. Bethel - Rev. Mike Creech

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Meeting was held at New Life Church, Marion County, Mauk, Ga., on January 8, 1983. Song service began at 10:00, led by Sis. Kay Stubbs. Rev. Carlton Jordan, pastor of host church welcomed everyone at this time, then prayer by Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr.

The moderator, Rev. Gene Ross, took charge with a short message, beginning in Acts 1:7, then called for corresponding letters. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the moderator to appoint Rev. Ronald Wallace and Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. to read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Bethany - Thomas Bullard, Virginia Bullard, Lucille Greer
2. Decatur - By Letter
3. Lake Blackshear - Irene Brown
4. Little Bethel - Mary Lee Fowler, Blondell Layfield
5. Mt. Olive - Teresa Wilhoit, Denease Windham, Barbara Jean Windham, Annie Windham.
6. New Liberty - Bro. J.C. Kirkland
7. New Life - Hattie Watson, Florence Teat, Kay Stubbs, Rachael Bell, Oliver Stubbs
8. New Prospect (Taylor Co.) - Florence Windham, Lucille Wainwright, Nettie Lee Wainwright.
9. Northside - Pastor
10. Pleasant Hill - Geraldine Dillard, Ida Wall
11. Reynolds - Heath Beeland
12. Spring Hill - Myrtle Grier, Bernice McCall, Betty McClellan, Geraldine Grier
13. First Thomaston - Pastor
14. Trinity - Bess Williams, Juanita Wyatt, Josephine Welch
15. Turner's Chapel - Rev. Eugene McLeod, Nannie Lou Rodgers, Edna Carroll

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

The minutes of the last meeting were read at this time. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept as read.

A letter from New Prospect Church (Turner Co.) asking to reunite with the Chattahoochee Association was read at this time. The moderator asked the Pastor of New Prospect to come before the ordaining council.

It was moved, seconded and carried for the moderator to appoint the committees. They are as follows:

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

Elbert Streetman
Morris Lawhorn
Edna Carroll

FINANCE:

Rev. Roscoe Pitts
E.A. Welch, Jr.
Ida Wall

SUGGESTION:

Tom Bullard
Bess Williams
Irne Brown

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Gerald Brown - Yes
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr. - Yes
Rev. Joe L. Tyler - No - 1

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Bro. Fred Brewer - No - 1
Bro. Gleason Fowler - Yes
Bro. C.W. Carroll - Yes
Bro. Norman Grier - Yes
Bro. Tyson Ray - Yes

It was moved, seconded and carried for Rev. Gerald Brown, chairman of the ordaining council, to get someone to take Rev. Joe L. Tyler's place for today.

Rev. Mike Creech gave a good report about Camp Mt. Bethel and our young people will be there this year from July 31 to August 5. The camp fund balance is \$660.48. We also need more grown people this year.

Rev. Ronald Wallace agreed to take Rev. Gerald Brown's place with Rev. Mike Creech at this time.

Rev. Creech also gave a good report for the State Association.

Rev. Ronald Wallace gave a report on Northside Church and it is now about 85% finished. Hope to have a quarterly meeting at Northside Church next year.

(It was discussed about doing away with the benevolent committee account this year in July. If we want this in our Chattahoochee Association we need to act now. This will be brought up in the afternoon session.)

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

Singing was led by Sis. Kay Stubbs, then prayer by Rev. Ronald Wallace.

A message of "Love" beginning in 1st John 4:15, was brought to us by Rev. Eugene McLeod. It was then turned over to Rev. Carlton Jordan who again welcomed and dismissed for lunch, with prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We assembled again at 1:00 with a song by Sis. Kay Stubbs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS OF:

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

We, your committee have not had anything brought to our attention concerning any of the churches or ministers. So far as we know they are all in unity. We are happy to report this to you. It was moved, seconded, and carried to be accepted and the committee dismissed.

FINANCE:

Oct. 1982 Balance.....	\$462.99
Paid State Assoc. for delegates	60.00
Paid U.S. Postal Service.....	20.00
Paid for minutes	325.00
Paid for annual report forms.....	21.00
Deposit for the National Assoc.....	120.00
Accepted by letters 1-8-83	260.00
Offering for Faith Mission.....	30.78
Balance 1-8-83.....	\$427.21

It was moved, seconded and carried to be accepted and the committee be dismissed.

SUGGESTION:

We suggest that when a meeting is asked for, the preacher also be named at the same time. This should also be reflected in the minutes. If this informaton is not furnished, then a new source be considered. This was moved, seconded and carried and the committee was dismissed.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:

We, the ordaining council recommend to the body that New Prospect Church (Turner Co.) be brought back into our association in fellowship, but we request that the pastor be placed under the watchcare of the association until he submits the proper forms at our next quarterly meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept New Prospect (Turner Co.) back into the Chattahoochee Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(No report)

(After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried for the moderator to appoint a committee to be in charge of the Benevolent Account and ask each church to send one person to represent the church in their behalf of the account. The committee appointed were: Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr., Bro. Gleason Fowler and Rev. Gerald Brown.)

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

It was moved, seconded and carried for an offering be divided between the Faith Mission in Macon, Ga. and the Youth Camp Fund and dismissed at the same time with the next meeting to be held at New Prospect Church (Taylor Co.), April 2, 1983. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

Offerings for each of the above were \$30.78.

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

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association was held at New Prospect, Reynolds, Ga., April 2, 1983. Song service began at 10 o'clock, led by Bro. Lee Sawyer. A welcome was given by the pastor of the host church, Rev. Perry Wainwright. Prayer by Rev. W.R. Crawley.

The moderator, Rev. Eugene F. Ross, called the body to order for business with a short message taken from I Corinthians, then called for the corresponding letters. It was moved, seconded and carried for Rev. A.G. Windham and Rev. Bobby Whittaker to read the letters. They were as follows:

1. Bethany - Bro. Tom Bullard, Sis. Faith Wainwright
2. Decatur - Bro. Tom Kemble
3. Lake Blackshear - Bro. Ira McCook, Sis. Irene Brown
4. Little Bethel - Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Sis. Ruby Ray, Sis. Blondell Layfield
5. Mt. Olive - Sis. Barbara Jean Windham, Denise Windham, Teresa Wilhoite, Frances Mullins, Joe Logue
6. New Liberty - Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Sis. Christine Kirkland
7. New Life - By Letter
8. New Prospect (Taylor Co.) - Bro. Lee Sawyer, Sis. Nettie Lee Wainwright, Sis. Lucille Wainwright, Bro. Emory Bloodsworth, Todd Wainwright, Patsy Nelson
9. New Prospect (Turner Co.) - Willie J. Farmer
10. Northside - By Letter
11. Pleasant Hill - Sis. Ida Wall, Sis. Geraldine Dillard
12. Reynolds - Sis. Joan Whittaker
13. Spring Hill - Sis. Myrtle Grier, Sis. Ruby Lewis, Bro. James Lewis, Sis. Bernice McCall, Sis. Mary Crawley
14. First Thomaston - Steve Collum, Jesse Daugherty
15. Trinity - Juanita Wyatt, Josephine Welch
16. Turner's Chapel - Bro. Earnest Heath, Sis. Edna Carroll

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Our association received a letter from New Prospect, Turner County, requesting to examine Bro. Benny Smith for the Ministry and requested that his name be put on the available list at the State Office for available ministers.

New Prospect F.W.B. Church
Turner County
Doris Williams, Clerk
Rev. Steve Purvis, Moderator

It was moved, seconded and carried for this request to be brought before the ordaining council.

It was moved, seconded and carried for the moderator to appoint the committees.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTRY:

Bro. Earnest Heath

Bro. Tom Bullard

Bro. James Lewis

FINANCE:

Bro. Lee Sawyer

Bro. Willie J. Farmer

Sis. Joan Whittaker

SUGGESTION:

Sis. Mary Lee Fowler

Sis. Christine Kirkland

Sis. Barbara Jean Windham

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Gerald Brown - Present

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

Rev. Joe L. Tyler - Absent - Twice

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Bro. Fred Brewer - Present

Bro. Gleason Fowler, Chairman, Present

Bro. C.W. Carroll - Present

Bro. Norman Grier - Present

Bro. Tyson Ray - Present

It was moved, seconded and carried for Rev. Gerald Brown, chairman of the ordaining council to appoint someone for today in the place of Rev. Joe Tyler. Rev. J.E. Blanton was appointed.

Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. gave a report for the Benevolent Committee.

We recommend that each church of this body send \$50.00 per church to start this retirement fund. We will continue to contribute to this fund until the need is exhausted. The funds are to be used on a monthly basis by the chairman of this committee. Our plans now are to continue to send Sis. Childree \$25.00 per month. Any money left in this fund, after the need exists, will be dealt with later.

Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr.
Bro. Gleason Fowler
Rev. Gerald Brown

After several discussions it was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

It was then moved, seconded and carried to go into the morning service. Song service led by Bro. Lee Sawyer, Prayer by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. Rev. Perry Wainwright brought an inspiring message entitled "Why Sleep Ye?" from St. Luke 22: 39-46.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a love offering be taken at this time for the Benevolent Committee. The amount was \$110.00.

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Sis. Mary Crawley.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service began at 1:00 P.M. with a special song by Rev. Joel Wainwright and wife. Prayer by Rev. A.G. Windham.

The moderator read from Eccles. 12:9-14.

Rev. Mike Creech gave an interesting report on Camp Mt. Bethel and the State Association.

Rev. J.E. Blanton of the State Mission Board reported that the Northside Church is doing real good.

COMMITTEE REPORTS OF:

THE ORDAINING COUNCIL:

I. We recommend that Bro. Steve Purvis be received into full fellowship with our association.

II. We recommend that Bro. Benny Smith be placed on the availability list with the State as a licensed minister and the clerk report this to the Secretary of the State Association.

It was moved, seconded and carried for both reports to be accepted and our association to have fellowship with both Bro. Steve Purvis and Bro. Benny Smith.

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY:

I. Bro. Johnnie B. Lumpkin has been divorced and remarried. This is against the teaching and belief of our denomination and the Bible. We recommend that the Executive Committee investigate this matter.

II. It has also been reported that Bro. Joe L. Tyler has also received a letter of resignation from Spring Hill Church. We suggest that his name be removed from any committees of our association.

It was moved, seconded and carried for both reports to be accepted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance in Treasure 1-8-83	\$427.21
Accepted with letters today	250.00
Balance in treasure 4-2-83	\$677.21

It was moved, seconded and carried to be accepted.

SUGGESTION:

We, your committee would like to encourage every church to try and participate in all arms of the church, such as Master Men, Ladies Auxiliary, Sunday School, C.T.S., Prayer Meetings, Youth for Christ, and others regardless of age, young or old. They all have something in church for you to participate in and that we give the host church a vote of appreciation for their great hospitality.

It was moved, seconded and carried to be accepted.

It was then moved, seconded and carried for Rev. Bobby Whittaker to take the place of Rev. Joe L. Tyler on the Ordaining Council.

It was moved, seconded and carried for the clerk to draw a map and put it in the minutes showing where each quarterly meeting will be held.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn until the next meeting to be held at Lake Blackshear on July 9th, 1983.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Steve Purvis.

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

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association was held at Lake Blackshear, Crisp County, Cordele, Ga., July 9, 1983. Song service began at 10:00, led by Rev. Bobby Whittaker, then prayer by Rev. Herbert Waid. The welcome was given by the pastor of the host church, Rev. Gerald Brown.

The moderator, Rev. Eugene Ross called the body to order, followed by a short message from St. John on "Christlikeness". Then he called for the corresponding letters. Rev. Ronald Wallace and Rev. Bobby Whittaker volunteered to read the letters. They were as follows:

1. Bethany - Bro. Tom Bullard, Sis. Lucille Greer
2. Decatur - By Letter
3. Lake Blackshear - Bro. Ira McCook, Sis. Pat Phillips
4. Little Bethel - Sis. Ann Ross, Sis. Lisa Ross
5. Mt. Olive - Sis. Barbara Jean Windham, Sis. Mary Wilhoite, Sis. Florie Windham, Sis. Annie Windham, Denise Windham, Teresa Wilhoite.
6. New Liberty - Bro. J.C. Kirkland
7. New Life - By Letter
8. New Prospect (Taylor Co.) - Sis. Florence Windham, Bro. Emory Bloodsworth, Sis. Nettie Lee Wainwright.
9. New Prospect (Turner Co.) - Sis. Bud Williams, Sis. Harvey Davis.
10. Northside - By Letter
11. Pleasant Hill - Sis. Ida Wall, Sis. Geraldine Dillard, Sis. Patty Wurtz.
12. Reynolds - Sis. Joan Whittaker, Sis. Patsy Beeland.
13. Spring Hill - By Letter
14. First Thomaston - Sis. Carla Creech, Sis. Eudene Pitts.
15. Trinity - Sis. Josephine Welch, Bro. Charlie Gibb, Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Sis. Bess Williams, Sis. Mae Williams.
16. Turner's Chapel - Bro. Raymond Moore, Sis. Vera Moore, Sis. Edna Carroll.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the last meeting as read.

The committees were then appointed:

STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY:

Bro. J.C. Kirkland
Bro. James Wilhoite
Bro. Ira McCook, Jr.

FINANCE:

Bro. Elbert Streetman
Bro. Roscoe Pitts
Rev. A.G. Windham

SUGGESTION:

Bro. Ronald Wallace
Rev. Warren Wyatt
Rev. W.R. Crawley

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Gerald Brown - Present
Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. - Present
Rev. Bobby Whittaker - Present

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Bro. Fred Brewer - Not Present - 1st time
Bro. Gleason Fowler - Present
Bro. C.W. Carroll - Present
Bro. Norman Grier - Not Present - 1st time
Bro. Tyson Ray - Present

Rev. Herbert Waid gave an interesting report of the National Association.

It was moved, seconded and carried to go into the morning service with a special song by Sis. Lisa Ross.

Rev. Gerald Brown brought a sermon on "Courage" from I Samuel 17:34.

Rev. Mike Creech and Rev. Ronald Wallace both gave interesting reports of Camp Mt. Bethel.

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Gerald Brown.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service began at 1:30 P.M. then prayer.

Rev. Ronald Wallace gave a good report on Northside Church and the State Mission Board.

COMMITTEE REPIRTS

SUGGESTION:

1. We suggest that the association give the host church a rising vote of "Thanks" for their warm hospitality.

2. We suggest that each church encourage their young people to attend the Summer Camp Session.

FINANCE:

Balance in Treasure - July 9, 1983.	\$652.17
Letter Fees	240.00
Total	\$892.17

Today's Camp Mt. Bethel Fund.	\$88.00
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STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF THE MINISTRY:

We, your committee, having no complaints brought to us and having to report, we thank God for the fellowship being enjoyed by our people.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept all reports and committees be released.

Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. gave a good report on the Benevolence Fund:

1st Quarterly Meeting	\$110.00
Today's	
Trinity.	75.00
Little Bethel	50.00
New Liberty	50.00
First Thomaston	50.00
Reynolds.	50.00
Turner's Chapel.	50.00
New Prospect (Taylor Co.)	50.00
Total	\$485.00

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordaining Council have examined Bro. J.B. Lumpkin. We find that he has two living wives. Therefore, according to I Timothy 3: 1-7 he has disqualified himself as a Free Will Baptist Minister of the Chattahoochee Association. We, the Ordaining Council recommend that his name be dissolved from our ministerial roll.

This report was moved, seconded and carried to be accepted.

It was then moved, seconded and carried to adjourn until the next meeting to be held at Little Bethel on October 1, 1983. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Mike Creech.

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

PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETING

November 5, 1983

Preachers and Deacons' Meeting was held at the Golden Corral in Warner Robins, Ga. with 42 present. Rev. Warren Wyatt returned Thanks, after which we enjoyed a fine meal.

There were 9 preachers present and 10 deacons, along with their wives.

After the meal, we had a short discussion on disbanding the officers and just having one person in charge of the meeting and the place to meet each time. It was voted to do this. Then Morris Lawhorn volunteered to be in charge of the next meeting to be held in Butler, Ga. next year at the same time, the first Saturday in November.

Sis. Geraldine Waid read to us some interesting stories of actual happenings in the church. Then Bro. Waid talked to the preachers and deacons about their duties, and the duties of the people.

The meeting was then dismissed with prayer by Rev. Eugene Ross.

Rev. Gerald Brown

CHATTAHOOCHEE FWB WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Woman's Auxiliary District Convention met September 10, 1983, at the Decatur Church. The meeting was opened with our theme song, "We Love The Bible" (tune, The Church's One Foundation.) Janice Wallace lead the singing. Our president, Mary Williams presided. The welcome was given by Jean Blanton. Our theme was "Enriched by Knowledge", I Corinthians 1:5. Special music by Bernadene Kimble and daughter. Devotion by Janice Wallace. (Isaiah, 6th chapter).

Appointment of Committees:

Registration—Jean Blanton - Bernadene Kimble

Credentials—Wylene Williams, Ruby Wells, Patsy Beeland

Finance—Mary Lee Fowler, Mary Bruner, Freda Snow

Resolution—Eudene Pitts, Joan Whittaker, Clarice Jinks

Nominating—Mary Lee Fowler, Geraldine Taunton, Mary Bruner

Mary Lee Fowler gave an interesting report on Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

We had a special sharing time where each auxiliary shared some activities they had during the year.

Special music by Sheri Bruner and Bobby Poole, singing in the language of Brazil.

Special Speaker—Bernadene Kimble (I Corinthians 1:5)

Subject: "Enriched by Knowledge", using flannel graph.

After lunch, we assembled back in the church. We had congregational singing led by Janice Wallace and prayer by Mary Bruner. Special music by Sheri Bruner and Bobby Poole.

Report of Committees:

Registration—4 auxiliaries represented - 26 present

Credentials—read and accepted - reports in order

Finance—read and accepted - reports in order

Resolutions—

1. That each local auxiliary "adopt" Terry and Janie Eagleton in Brazil as our missionaries for this year.
2. Encourage each auxiliary to subscribe and study the Bible correspondence courses offered by WNAC.
3. That each auxiliary continue rolling bandages for our medical missionaries in Ivory Coast, Africa.
4. A rising vote of thanks to the host church for the fine hospitality of the day.

Nominating—President—Eudene Pitts
Vice President—Joan Whittaker
Recording Sec.—Clarice Jinks
Treasurer—Mary Lee Fowler
Field Worker—Carla Creech
Mission Prayer Chairman—Mary Williams
Mission Study Chairman—Geraldine Taunton
Mission Action Chairman—Patsy Beeland

Delegates to State Convention—Ruby Wells, Mary Lee Fowler, Mary Williams, Joan Whittaker, Eudene Pitts.

Semi-Annual Workshop—Reynolds Church, April 28th, 1984.

Annual Convention—Thomaston Church, 2nd Saturday in September, 1984.

Devotional by Eudene Pitts (Proverbs, Chapter 2)

Installation of Officers by Mary Williams:

A very beautiful installation using lighted candles concluded our day.

Eudene Pitts, Reporting

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BRO. JOHN S. WINDHAM

Bro. John S. Windham was born May 21, 1898–1983. He was known to most of us as "Uncle Johnny", and was a living inspiration to all that knew him. Uncle Johnny served the Lord faithfully from a lad, and was a devoted deacon of Mt. Olive Church for over 40 years. Though we know he is now where he desired to go. We miss his warm Christian attributes daily and the sweet fellowship we were blessed with in the past. May he rest in the Lord's eternal peace and abide, and may his life inspire us to live a more dedicated life for our Lord.

A.G. Windham, Pastor, Mt. Olive Church

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BRO. R.C. BARROW

Bro. Robert Cauley Barrow was a member of Mt. Olive Church for only a brief time, however, he was a christian brother for many years and a dear friend to all that knew him. Bro. Cauley was born February 11, 1904 and was called to his blissful home August 26, 1983. His life was one of great honor and dignity that enriched the lives of many others. He is now with his Lord in perfect peace and free from all former things. May the Lord be praised for his saving grace, and for having been blessed by the life of one of his servants, Bro. Cauley Barrow.

A.G. Windham, Pastor, Mt. Olive Church

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SIS. IDA MAE GALLMON

Sis. Ida Mae Gallmon passed from this life September 13, 1983 having lived on the earth 82 years. She was a member of Mt. Olive Church for many years and will be missed by our Church and community. She leaves us many sweet memories of her very fruitful life that will be cherished by all that knew her. The Lord be praised for her life in him and for calling her to eternal glory known only to Lord's children.

A.G. Windham, Pastor, Mt. Olive Church

IN MEMORY OF
BROTHER HOKE S. GARRETT

Brother Hoke S. Garrett was born June 25, 1910. Making life's flight three score and 12 years. Brother Garrett died December 19, 1982 leaving his wife and six children.

Many loved ones and friends will miss his kind and humble ways, reminding us of the humbleness Christ had for us.

Brother Garrett was a member and Deacon of Bethany Church.

His Pastor
Rev. B.P. Hayes

IN MEMORY OF
SISTER VIRGINIA JOLLEY

Sister Virginia Jolley was born February 24, 1905. She went to be with the Lord January 1, 1983. She was a member of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church. She attended Church as long as her health allowed. She was a devoted wife, Mother and Grandmother. She was loved by family and friends alike. She is missed by all who knew and loved her. She leaves behind four daughters and one son, thirteen grandchildren and many friends. Our loss is heaven's gain. Preceding her in death was two sons and her husband.

New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church
Brenda Burgess, Granddaughter

IN MEMORY OF
SISTER MYRTLE EDGE

Sister Myrtle Edge was born December 8, 1908, the daughter of Robert L. Edge and Maude Yarbrough Edge. She was a devoted sister and daughter.

She leaves behind two sisters, Miss Lillie Edge and Mrs. Bonnie Cooper.

She was called home on August 31, 1983.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was a member of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church in Turner County.

New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church

