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	Rev. Wayne Chambless r, Georgia
Clerk Butler	Bro. C.W. Carroll Georgia
	Sis. Edna Carroll Georgia

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#### ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

First Quarterly Meeting	January 4, 1986
Sermon by Rev. Warren Wyatt	•
Second Quarterly Meeting	April 5, 1986
Trinity	
Sermon by Rev. Charles Clark	
Third Quarterly Meeting	July 12, 1986
Reynolds	··
Sermon by Rev. Hubert Waid	
Annual Meeting	October 4, 1986
New Life	
Sermon by Rev. Jimmy Stubbs	•

#### 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 ignorar

5tn. 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. 18415.

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

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

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

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

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

#### CHURCH ORGANIZATION

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

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

#### CONSTITUTION

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

We, the delegates from our respective churches, being authorized by our churches, to agree to form ourselves into an association to be known by the name of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association, and we promise not to withdraw ourselves from this 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.
- 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.

- 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 remise in attending the meetings of the church according to the covenant (Article 10), he shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

- 12. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows:
  - 1. Prayer (unless divine service has just been conducted and generally then.)

2. Invite visiting brethren to seats.

3. Open the door for the reception of members.

4. Call for absentees.

5. For acknowledgments

- 6. For reserence or deserred 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 baptistm.

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 membets 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 ac-knowledgment 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 bithops 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.
- 20. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further; that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the church—such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders; that as a member of the church, he is no more than any other members, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help, expecially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of hear say.
- 11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
- 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

Pather, 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.

That man was created in a state of holiness wader 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.

- 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.
- 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.

- That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all who received them by a cordial and obedient faith and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but this own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation. - Mark 16:16, John 17:20, Isa. 20.
- That in order to be saved we must be regenerated, or obedient to the Gospel; and that its evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God.

-John 3:3-8: Matt. 3:8-10.

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

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

9. That the preserving attachments of true believers to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial possessors; that a special Providence watches over their welfair, and that they are kept by the power of God

through faith unto salvation. - Eph. 1:1-2.

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

  -Matt. 5:13; Luke 10:13-20, 14:17.
- 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 them take place, the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness, and the wicked to endless punishment, and this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

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

#### By-Laws OF THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

legates should be elected from the laity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

regular session.

BY-LAWS SUBMITTED BY:

Rev. Bobby Whittaker Rev. A. G. Windham

Rev. Hubert Arnold

Bro. Hudson Poole

#### STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	Meeting	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Total Members	S.S. Enrolled	C.T.S. Enrolled	Womens Aux.	Master's Men
Bethany	Carlton Jordan	FT	6	2	2	33	20	No	6	No
Lake Blackshear	Gerald Brown	FT	3	7	1	46	22	46	8	3
Little Bethel	Gene Ross	FT	4	5	6	97	46	No	12	8
Mount Olive	A.G. Windham	FT	2	3	2	153	80	No	No	No
New Liberty	J.C. Grimsley	РТ	0	0	4	22	No	No	No	No '
New Life	Jimmy, Stubbs	FT	14	17	3	113	25	No	No	No
New Prospect (Taylor)	A.P. Wainwright	FT	10	10	О	76	50	No	No	No
New Prospect (Turner)	Wayne Chambless	PT	3	7	3	137	49	30	16	No
Pleasant Hill	·		•				·			ļ
Reynolds	Bobby Whittaker									
Sprin Hill	W.R. Crawley	FΤ	2	7	1	60	40	No	No	No
Thomaston First	Gerald Baxley	FΤ	4	6	2	166	78	45	15	12
Trinity	Warren Wyatt	FT	0	0	2	55	38	No	No	No
Turner's Chapel	Charles Clark	FT	5	5	3	183	68	No	No	No

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#### FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	TITHES AND OFFERINGS	VALUE OF CHURCH AND PARSONAGE	MINUTES	NATIONAL ASSOC. DUES	REPRESEN- TATION FEE
Bethany	Marion	1,300.00	35,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Lake Blackshear	Sumter	28,635.99	100,000.00	5.00	10.00	15.00
Little Bethel	Macon	16,215.16	80,000.00	12.00	10.00	25.00
Mount Olive	Taylor '	18,837.14	220,000.00	25.00	10.00	5.00
New Liberty	Schley		20,000.00	12.00	10.00	10.00
New Life	Marion	3,700.00	33,000.00	25.00	10.00	15.00
New Prospect	Taylor	4,606.87	50,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
New Prospect	Turner	6,316.51	150,000.00	15.00	10.00	10.00
Pleasant Hill	Schley					
Reynolds .	Taylor			5.00	10.00	15.00
Spring Hill	Marion	6,000.00	25,000.00	15.00	10.00	10.00
Thomaston First	Upson	34,728.27	300,000.00	10.00	10.00	15.00
Trinity	Taylor	20,503.58	130,000.00	20.00	10.00	25.00
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	21,621.05	88,000.00	25.00	10.00	25.00

#### CLERKS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Dea. C.W. Carroll.5 yearsDea. Norman Grier4 yearsDea. Elbert Streetman3 yearsDea. E.A. Welch, Jr.2 yearsDea. Gleason Fowler, Chairman.1 year

## 150TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 150th Annual Meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association met October 5, 1985, at Turner's Chapel, Butler, Ga. at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with singing, led by Bro. Jr. Welch.

The Moderator, Rev. Warren Wyatt took charge calling for corresponding letters. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the moderator to appoint someone to read the letters. Bro. Jr. Welch and Rev. A.G. Windham volunteered.

They are as follows:

- 1. Bethany Thomas Mathews, Woodrow Hendricks, Mrs. Polly Jordan
- 2. Lake Blackshear Irene Brown
- 3. Little Bethel Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Sis. Blondell Layfield, Sis. Ruby Ray
- 4. Mt. Olive Bro. Syd Crook, Bro. Clarence Wainwright, Sis. Ann Wainwright, Bro. Edward Bloodworth, Sis. Annie Windham, Sis. Mary Wilhoite
- 5. New Liberty Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Sis. Christine Kirkland, Sis. Jewell McDaniels
- 6. New Life Sis. Kay Stubbs, Sis. Mary Stubbs, Sis. Ruby Stubbs
- 7. New Prospect (Taylor Co.) By Letter
- 8. New Prospect (Turner Co.) W.J. Farmer, Fay Arnold, Mary Ann Tiemms, Margarette Davis
- 9. Pleasant Hill No Report
- 10. Reynolds Pastor
- 11. Spring Hill Sis. Mary Crawley, Sis. Myrtle Grier, Bro. & Sis. Homer Wright
- 12. Thomaston First Eudene Pitts, Jewel Lee, Kate Watson
- 13. Trinity Bess Williams, Josephine Welch, E.A. Welch, Jr., Juanita Wyatt
- 14. Turner's Chapel Leroy Lowe

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

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

TEMPERANCE
Sis. Annie Windham
Sis. Jewel McDaniel
Bro. Leroy Lowe

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
Sis. Mary Lee Fowler and
for her to ask for her assistant

SUGGESTION
Bro. Clarence Wainwright
Sis. Irene Brown
Sis. Eudene Pitts

OBITUARY
Bro. W.J. Farmer
Sis. Kate Watson
Sis. Bess Williams

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sis. Ruby Ray Sis. Kay Stubbs Bro. Thomas Mathews

FINANCE Bro. J.C. Kirkland Bro. Jimmy Stubbs Bro. Roscoe Pitts

NOMINATING Rev. W.R. Crawley Rev. Wayne Chambliss Sis. Josephine Welch

At this time the moderator asked for any reports.

Bro. Tyson Ray gave a good report on Camp Mt. Bethel.

The Executive Committee - No Report.

Rev. Gerald Brown reported that Bro. Jr. Welch will be in charge of the next meeting for the Preachers and Deacons. Bro. Welch said the next meeting will be held in Butler, Ga. at the High School Cafeteria, Nov. 2, 1985. It will cost approximately \$5.00 or \$6.00 per person. About 20 people said they would attend.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker, on the Mission Board, reported that the churches in Dublin and Atlanta are doing good, but need some help in support and prayer.

Sis. Mary Lee Fowler gave a good report for the Woman's

Auxiliary.

Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. reported that the Benevolent Fund balance is \$387.90. Then he asked when the offering was received, what would it be used for. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the offering to go to the Suggestion Committee.

A special meeting for all people, young and old will be held at Camp Mt. Bethel on Oct. 19, 1985, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Those in charge are Rev. Gene Ross and Rev. Charles Clark.

Bro. Gleason Fowler gave a good report on the Masters Men and said that all churches should have one. There will be a Masters Men Meeting at Camp Mt. Bethel on Dec. 7, 1985.

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

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Morning Service began with singing led by Bro. Welch. A special song by Rev. Jimmy Stubbs. Rev. Charles Clark, pastor of host church, gave a welcome. Rev. Warren Wyatt asked for Rev. Charles Clark and Rev. A.G. Windham to accept the offering and for it to go to the suggestion Committe. Rev. Windham led in prayer. The offering was \$71.10. Rev. Wyatt brought an inspiring message entitled, "God is God", from Psalm 19:1, then ending with prayer.

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Gene Windham.

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

Song service began at 1:15 p.m. led by Sis. Kay Stubbs, then prayer by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **TEMPERANCE:**

We, your Temperance Committee, urge each of us to adhere to the Bible and our Church Decorum that stresses temperance in our daily living. Remember that our life has a great influence on those in our world today.

Leroy Lowe Annie Windham Jewel McDaniel

#### SUGGESTION:

- 1. We, your Suggestion Committee, would like for every church to participate in all auxiliaries of the church, such as the Sunday School, C.T.S. Masters Men, Woman's Auxiliary, all rallies and associational meetings.
- 2. It was suggested to revert back to the old system of paying for the association minutes from the treasure fund. We feel the treasure is now able to support the effort.

- 3. We suggest that \$200.00 be given to the next Youth Rally to be held at Camp Mt. Bethel, if the treasure can affort it.
- 4. Let the President of the district Ladies Auxiliary give report and the Sunday School youth group President, this eliminating so many committees.

5. Let's all give our host church a rising vote of thanks.

Irene Brown Euden Pitts Clarence Wainwright

Woman's Auxiliary:

We, the committee, wish to encourage each church to organize a Ladies Auxiliary. It helps to promote better Christian fellowship with the women of the churches, districts, state, and national associations. We feel it helps women to fulfill their part in the great commission.

Mary Lee Fowler Blondell Layfield Helen Lawhorn

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We, your Sunday School Committee, urge each church to take part in every Sunday School Activity. We encourage every parent and the children to take advantage of every opportunity of going to Sunday School. We feel everyone will receive a blessing by participating in Sunday School.

Thomas Mathews Kay Stubbs Ruby Ray

#### **OBITUARY:**

We, the Obituary Committee have these deaths to report:

Lake Blackshear-Mrs. Hazel Kennett 12-16-84 Little Bethel-Mr. Lester Cromer 3-17-85

Mrs. Essie E. Williams 5-7-85

Mrs. Odell Duncan 6-8-85

Mr. Harold McCarty 7-1-85

Mrs. Adrian McInvale Jones 7-20-85

Mr. Homer Cromer 7-28-85

Mt. Olive—Mrs. Carrie Donavan Payne 6-12-85
Mrs. Cecille Jones Peacock 3-20-85
New Liberty—Mrs. Marilu C. Wilson 9-1-85
New Life—Mrs. Maude Adams 4-28-85
Mrs. Florence Teat 9-28-85
New Prospect—Mr. Hubert H. Parton 10-1-84
(Turner Co.) Miss Berta Little 8-85
Reynolds — Mr. Lewis G. Blair 2-28-85
Thomaston First—Mrs. Ruby Louise Wells 1-25-85
Trinity—Jennie Ivey Waller 2-26-85
Mary Elizabeth Emberton 12-21-84
Turner's Chapel—Mrs. Cora Moore 12-13-84

W.J. Farmer Kate Watson Bess Williams

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FINANCE COMMITTEE: From Quarterly Meetings Balance\$1,336.52 Letter Fees
NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
Local:
Moderator Rev. Charles Clark 2 years Asst. Moderator Rev. Wayne Chambless 2 years Clerk C.W. Carroll 1 year Asst. Clerk Edna C. Carroll 1 year Ordaining Council Rev. A.G. Windham 3 years Executive Committee C.W. Carroll 5 years Local Youth Camp Rev. Gene Ross 1 year
STATE BOARD:
Board of Missions Rev. Bobby Whittaker
Board of Trustees
Rev. Wayne Chambless
Rev. W.R. Crawley
Josephine Welch

It was moved, seconded, and carried for all committee reports to be accepted and the delegates dismissed.

Rev. Gerald Baxley gave a good report on Camp Mt. Bethel and asked if we wanted to have camp again next year. It was moved, seconded, and carried to have it again next year.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried to have a 5-man committee to be in charge of all youth groups. After several discussions, it was suggested that it be brought up at the January meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried for the previous move and second to be tabled until the next meeting.

The appointing of places for our meetings for the next year

are as follows:

Second Quarterly Meeting...... April 5, 1986
Trinity
Sermon by Rev. Charles Clark

Third Quarterly Meeting . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . July 12, 1986
Reynolds
Sermon by Rev. Herbert Waid

Annual Meeting.....October 4, 1986
New Life
Sermon by Rev. Jimmy Stubbs

The third quarterly meeting should be on July 5th, and being a long holiday weekend, it was moved, seconded, and carried for it to be held on July 12th.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Bro. Gleason Fowler, Sis. Ann Ross, and Sis. Irene Brown to be elected delegates and Rev. Gene Ross to be a standing delegate in the Georgia State Association Meeting which will be on November 14–16, at the Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, Ga.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Association to send \$140.00 (14 X \$10.00) to the State Association for the National Association.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Dismiss with prayer by Bro. Ralph Windham.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Moderator C.W. Carroll, Clerk

#### THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Quarterly Meeting was held at New Prospect, Turner County, Ashburn, Ga., January 5, 1985. The singing began at 10:00 led by Bro. W.J. Farmer. Rev. Wayne Chambless, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone at this time, then opened the business with prayer.

The Moderator, Rev. Warren Wyatt, took charge and called

the meeting to order.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Moderator to call for the letters and appoint someone to read them. He appointed Rev. Gerald Brown and Rev. Gerald Baxley.

They were as follows:

1. Bethany-By Letter

2. Lake Blackshear-Tony Morgan, Charles Cole, Irene Brown, Gerald Brown

3. Little Bethel-Ann Ross, Ruby Ray

- 4. Mt. Olive–Bro. Syd Crook, Jewel Powell, Dale Payne, Barbara Jean Windham, James Windham
  - 5. New Liberty-No Letter

6. New Life-By Letter

7. New Prospect (Taylor Co.)—By Letter

8. New Prospect (Turner Co.)-Margarette Davis, W.J. Farmer, Audrey Burgess

9. Pleasant Hill-No Letter

10. Reynolds-By Letter

11. Spring Hill-Sis. Mary Crawley, Sis. Myrtle Grier

12. Thomaston First-Johnny Helms, Sylvia Helms, Loreta Baxley

13. Trinity-Josephine Welch, E.A. Welch, Jr.

14. Turners Chapel-Earnest Heath

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 for them to be accepted as read.

#### ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Gerald Brown, Chairman	Present
Deacon Morris Lawhorn Not	
Rev. Bobby Whittaker	Present

#### ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Deacon Norman Grier	. Present
Deacon Elbert Streetman	t Present
Deacon E.A. Welch, Jr	. Present
Deacon Gleason Fowler, Chairman No	
Deacon C.W. Carroll	. Present

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

FINANCE:

W.J. Farmer Johnny Helms Roscoe Pitts

**SUGGESTION:** 

Irne Brown Ruby Ray Earnest Heath

It was moved, seconded, and carried to go into the morning service. Song service was led by W.J. Farmer. A visitor, Rev. Alton Everson, from First Church of Tifton, took the place of Rev. Gene Ross to bring the message. Rev. Everson's message was, "Do We Meet The Conditions?", taken from II Chron., 6th Chapter, beginning with the 21st verse, with prayer by Rev. Herbert Waid. After the message, an invitation was given, ending with prayer.

Rev. Wayne Chambless, pastor of the host church, again welcomed everyone and asked Rev. Gerald Brown to dismiss

for lunch with prayer.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service began at 1:00. Rev. A.G. Windham gave a short devotion, from II Thess. 3: 1-5.

The Moderator asked Rev. Gerald Baxley and Rev. W.R. Crawley to receive the offering, with prayer by Rev. Baxley. The offering was \$45.40.

Rev. Herbert Waid was welcomed at this time and he gave

a good report on the State and the Bible College.

Rev. Gene Ross reported for Bro. Elbert Streetman on the Education Board and there will be a special meeting for the

ministers and wives at Norman Park on February 1 & 2.

Rev. Gerald Baxley reported that our young people will be at Camp Mt. Bethel again this year about the last week of July or 2nd week in August. Will know at a later date. The young people now have a balance of \$165.00.

Bro. Welch reported that some of the churches gave \$50.00 each, which left a balance in the Benevolent Funds of \$440.00.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker reported on the Mission Board and that Rev. Burns needs more help.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS OF:

Ordaining Council:

Ralance brought forward

Your ordaining council has met with Bro. Wayne Chambless, finding him in order, and being recommended in good standing from the Midway Association. We do receive Bro. Chambless in full fellowship into our Chattahoochee Association.

Rev. Gerald Brown Rev. Bobby Whittaker Bro. Roscoe Pitts

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept Rev. Wayne Chambless in full fellowship.

#### SUGGESTION COMMITTEE:

We, your committee, suggest that if your church does not have a visitation program, start one. We feel that there is a great need for all services of the church to be attended.

Irene Brown Earnest Heath Ruby Ray

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Letter Fees	•
Balance, January 5th	\$1,480.52 Roscoe Pitts W.J. Farmer Johnny Helms

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept all reports, and dismiss delegates.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to turn the request of the Faith Free Will Baptist Mission in Macon, Ga. to the Executive Committee since no one from the mission was present.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church.

It was moved seconded, and carried to give the offering of \$45.40 to Rev. Gerald Baxley for the Youth Camp Funds.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the clerk.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Wayne Chambless.

Rev. Warren Wyatt-Moderator C.W. Carroll-Clerk

#### THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting was held at Mt. Olive Church at Potterville, Ga. on April 6, 1985. Song service began at 10 o'clock, then a warm welcome by the pastor of the host church, Rev. A.G. Windham. Rev. Bobby Whittaker opened the business with prayer.

The moderator, Rev. Warren Wyatt, took charge by inviting everyone in and welcoming them. Then he asked for the church letters. He appointed Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Rev. Gerald

Brown to read the letters.

They were as follows:

- 1. Bethany-Bro. Tom Bullard, Bro. Woodrow Hendricks, Sis. Lovie Grier, Sis. Ruby Grimsley, Bro. Thomas Mathews
- 2. Lake Blackshear-By Letter

3. Little Bethel-Sis. Mary Lee Fowler

- 4. Mt. Olive–Bro. Joe Logue, Bro. Syd Crook, Bro. Jasper Childree, Sis. Charlotte Logue, Bro. Clarence Wainwright, Bro. Edward Bloodsworth
- 5. New Liberty-Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Sis. Christine Kirkland

6. New Life-By Letter

- 7. New Prospect (Taylor)-Sis. Nettie Lee Wainwright, Sis. Blondell Wainwright
- 8. New Prospect (Turner)-Willie J. Farmer, Margarette Davis, Curtis Evers
- 9. Pleasant Hill-None

10. Reynolds-Sis. Lillie Hobbs

11. Spring Hill-Bro. Homer Wright, Sis. Nellie Wright, Sis. Myrtle Grier, Sis. Bernice McCall

12. Thomaston First-Eudene Pitts, Kate Watson

13. Trinity-Josephine Welch, Juanita Wyatt, Alane Patterson

14. Turners Chapel-By Letter

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 for them to be accepted as read.

#### ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Gerald Brown, Chairman	. Present
Deacon Morris Lawhorn	. Present
Rev. Bobby Whittaker	. Present

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Rev. Gerald Baxley reported that our young people will be at Camp Mt. Bethel this year from July 28th to August 2nd. To know how many will be there, the applications will have to be turned in by June 28, 1985. It will cost about \$2,500.00. Will also need some adults to help.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker gave a good report on the Mission

Board and Rev. Burns.

Bro. Elbert Streetman, on the Board of Christian Education, reported the Annual Ministers Retreat will be held April 30-May 2, at Norman Assembly and State Youth conference will be May 10 and 11 at White Oaks Church in Macon.

Rev. Herbert Waid gave a good report on the State and

The Mission Board and missionaries are doing good.

At this time the moderator appointed the following committees:

#### **SUGGESTION:**

Rev. Wayne Chambless

Rev. Gerald Baxley

Rev. Hubert Arnold

#### FINANCE:

Bro. J.C. Kirkland

Bro. Willie Farmer

Bro. Ralph Windham

The morning service started with singing led by Rev. A.G. Windham. Rev. Herbert Waid brought an inspiring message, beginning with Mark 15:1-39, ending with Galatians 6:14 and prayer.

We were then dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev.

A.G. Windham.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service began at 1 o'clock, then prayer by Bro. Norman Grier.

The Moderator then asked for everyone to stand and have silent prayer in memory of Rev. John R. Ingram.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Suggestion Committee suggested we all stand and give a rising vote of thanks to the host church.

#### THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance brought forward	_
Letter Fees	210.00
April 6th Balance	.\$1,784.18
Benevolence Fund Balance (brought f'wd)	\$412.90
Three Churches brought today	125.00
April 6th Balance	\$537.90

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept both re-

ports and the delegates be dismissed.

The Executive Committee reported that Pleasant Hill Church has closed. The committee has asked Bro. Elbert Streetman to contact the deacons and set an appointment to see if our

association can help the church.

After the death of Rev. John R. Ingram, in charge of the Faith Free Will Baptist Mission in Macon, had two delegates, Sis. Little and Sis. Powell present at this meeting. They reported that Rev. Ingram was doing a good job with the mission and they had decided for their money (\$115.66) to go to the Chattahoochee Association. It was moved, seconded, and carried to hold this open until the next quarterly meeting.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried to have an offering for our Youth Camp Fund. Prayer was by Rev. Hubert

Arnold. The offering taken was \$59.00.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Morris Lawhorn.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Moderator C.W. Carroll, Clerk

#### THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Quarterly Meeting was held at Little Bethel Church, Macon County, Ideal Ga., July 6, 1985. Song service began at 10:00, then prayer by Rev. Gerald Baxley. The welcome was given by the pastor of the host Church, Rev. Gene Ross.

The Moderator, Rev. Warren Wyatt, took charge of the Third Quarterly Meeting of the Annual Session asking Rev. Charles Clark to start the business with prayer. Then a special welcome to Bro. and Sis. Huckaby from Alabama. Then called for the corresponding letters. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Moderator to appoint Rev. Charles Clark and Rev. A.G. Windham to read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Bethany-By Letter

2. Lake Blackshear-Ira McCook, Irene Brown

- 3. Little Bethel-Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Sis. Blondell Layfield
- 4. Mount Olive-Syd Crook, Barbara Windham, Annie Windham, Mary Wilhoite, Jewell Powell
- 5. New Liberty-Bro. J.C. Kirkland

6. New Life-By Letter

- 7. New Prospect (Taylor Co.)—Sis. Nellie Lee Wainwright, Sis. Von Amerson, Bro. Chris Cotney
- 8. New Prospect (Turner Co.)—W.J. Farmer, Bo Rainey

9. Pleasant Hill-No Letter

10. Reynolds-Joan Whittaker

11. Spring Hill-By Letter

- 12. Thomaston-Eudene Pitts, Jewel Lee
- 13. Trinity-Josephine Welch, E.A. Welch, Juanita Wyatt

14. Turners Chapel-By Letter

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

The Moderator appointed the committees:

## SUGGESTION: Sis. Irene Brown Sis. Joan Whittaker Sis. Josephine Welch Sis. Josephine Welch SISUGGESTION: FINANCE: Bro. Morris Lawhorn Bro. Roscoe Pitts Bro. W.J. Farmer

#### ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Gerald Brown	resent
Dea. Morris Lawhorn	resent
Rev. Bobby WhittakerP:	resent

#### ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Dea. Norman Grier	No
Dea. Elbert Streetman	
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr	. Present
Dea. Gleason Fowler, Chairman	. Present
Dea. C.W. Carroll	. Present

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

Rev. Herbert Waid gave a good report for the State Association and the National Association Meeting will be July 21–25, 1985 at Nashville, Tennessee.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to go into morning service. Rev. Charles Clark suggested to receive the morning offering at this time for the Youth Camp Funds. It was moved, seconded, and carried. The offering was \$56.00 received by Rev. Roscoe Pitts and Rev. Hubert Arnold with prayer. After more singing then prayer by Rev. Gerald Brown. Rev. Gene Ross brought the morning message from Joshua 3: 2–4, ending with prayer.

We were then dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Huc-kaby.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:00 p.m. and followed with a short devotion by the Moderator.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance brought forward	\$1,784.18
By letters	210.00
Present balance	\$1,994.18
By letter for Youth Fund	
By letter for Minister Fund	

#### SUGGESTION COMMITTEE:

We your committee on suggestions have nothing to report at this time.

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

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Bro. Gleason Fowler, Chairman, asked to keep Pleasant Hill Church on roll of the Chattahoochee Association and see if we could get the church to re-open.

The floor was opened about the Mission in Macon and the \$115.66. It was moved, seconded, and carried to give the \$115.66 to Mrs. Beulah Bonnie Ingham (Rev. John Ingham's wife).

Bro. Welch reported the benevolent funds have a balance of \$462.90.

Rev. Gerald Baxley reported that we don't have enough young people to attend Camp Mt. Bethel, July 28—Aug. 2. If we don't have enough to register by July 7th we will call the Midway Association and see if we can join them on the 1st week in August.

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

Your Ordaining Council received the Credentials of Bro. Marvin Eugene McLeod due to circumstances in his personal life.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker Bro. Morris Lawhorn Rev. Gerald Brown, Chairman

Bro. Roscoe Pitts made a move to give the Youth Camp Fund \$250.00 and the Reynolds Church \$250.00. It was then seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to give Little Bethel a rising vote of thanks.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn with prayer by Rev. Wayne Chambless.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Moderator C.W. Carroll, Clerk

#### CHATTAHOOCHEE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

On May 4, 1985 the Chattahoochee Sunday School Convention met at Turners Chapel Church. We started the meeting with a song. Diane Hinton welcomed everyone. We sang another song and had a prayer and dismissed for supper. We had a delicious supper prepared by the Ladies of Turners Chapel. After we assembled back, Bro. Gene Ross led us in the Sunday School song. After prayer Bro. Charles Clark brought the devotion. The topic was Why Do We Have Sunday School? He brought out some good points. Some of the verses he used was II Timothy Chapter 2, II Peter Chapter 5. After devotion we went into the Business part. Minutes were read and accepted. Love offering was taken at this time. It was \$29.39. Treasurer's report was given. We had a balance of \$209.55 in treasury. \$30.00 was turned in from the six churches that were represented as their representation fee. This made a total in Treasury of \$268.94. The report was accepted. It was also brought up about every church in our Association was to have one Sunday a year to take up an offering for the Sunday School Convention. We are to continue sending four newsletters a year. We are going to add helpful hints to help with Sunday School growth. It was moved, seconded and accepted that we have a representative from this body to visit each Sunday School in the Chattahoochee Association and get ideas of how to help or better our Sunday Schools and attendance. Bro. Ralph and Sis. Barbara Jean Windham were elected. The Sunday School Convention is to pay them 10 cents per mile for this. We voted to have our minutes from this meeting put in the Chattahoochee Association Minutes and to have our By laws retyped. It was voted and seconded to send Bro. Gerald Baxley a \$100.00 check for the camp of our Association. Next years meeting will be held at First Thomaston on May 3rd at 6:00. The host church will be in charge of devotion. A rising vote of thanks for the officers and host church. We were dismissed in prayer.

## CHATTAHOOCHEE FWB WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Woman's Auxiliary Convention met September 14, 1985, at the Thomaston Church. The meeting opened with the song, "Faith is the Victory". Our president, Eudene Pitts presided. Opening prayer was given by Mary Lee Fowler. Sylvia Helms gave the welcome. Devotion was by Joan Whittaker.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

Registration-Geraldine Taunton

Credentials-Joan Whittaker, Jewell Lee, Mary Lee Fowler

Resolutions-Mary Williams, Irene Brown, Ruby Ray, Sylvia Helms, Clarice Jinks

Finance-Ann Ross, Ida Tabb, Lonita Baxley

A break was taken for refreshments and committee meetings.

#### THE REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Registration: Four Auxiliaries represented-7 delegates 6 district officers-1 state officer-13 present.

Credentials: Read and accepted, report in order.

Finance-Read and accepted, report in order.

#### Resolutions:

- 1. A list of the new Auxiliary Officers, (their addresses and telephone number) be sent to the district secretary. She would then make a complete list and return a copy to each auxiliary. Amended: A copy of this resolution be added to this letter.
- 2. Debbie Griffith (Missionary) be selected for our district project. Each Auxiliary is encouraged to send amount of money that they deem they are able (to be presented to Debbie) before our workshop in April.
- 3. To decide to schedule meetings as we are doing to be dismissed by twelve noon.
- 4. That we have a District Golden Fellowship Retreat at Lake Blackshear FWB Church at 7:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, 1985 until 12:00 noon, Saturday, Oct. 26, 1985.

All Resolutions were adopted.

Delegates to State Convention: Ida Tabb, Ann Ross, Irene Brown, Eudene Pitts, and Jewell Lee.

Semi-Annual Workshop-Lake Blackshear FWB Church,

Saturday, April 26, 1986.

Annual Convention-Little Bethel, Ideal, September 13, 1986.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mary Williams.

Clarice Jinks, Reporting

#### TO THE MEMORY OF SIS. JENNIE IVEY WALLER

A beloved and devoted member of Trinity Church, having united her fellowship when very young, and spent many years of devotion and consecration to the cause she loved so well.

She was born July 1, 1893, departed this life Feb. 26, 1985, a stay on earth 91 years.

Josephine Welch, Clerk

Sis. Mary Elizabeth Emberton was a member of Trinity Church and faithful as long as health permitted.

She was born Sept. 28, 1932, departed this life Dec. 31, 1984, making her stay on earth 52 years.

Josephine Welch, Clerk

## LITTLE BETHEL In Memory

We bow in submission and with humble hearts to our Heavenly Master, who has seen fit to call unto himself the beloved Saints.

We are thankful for allowing us and their families to have them on earth for a short time.

Each of them are missed by all that knew them, but we hope to meet them in our eternal home, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" Rev. 7:17

Church Clerk, Blondell R. Layfield

#### MARILU COLQUITT WILSON

Sister Marilu Colquitt Wilson was born on September 4, 1928, died on September 1, 1985, making the stay on earth 56 years, 11 months and 28 days. She was a member of New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, was true to her church and faithful to her family and neighbors, and to know her was to love her.

She leaves to mourn her 5 children and a number of grandchildren, 1 brother and a host of friends.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is still A place is vacant in our home That never can be filled.

By Pastor Julius C. Grimsley

#### NEW LIFE In Loving Memory Of Mrs. Maude Adams

Mrs. Maude Adams was born in Guinnett County on April 25, 1928. She was a longtime member of New Life Free Will Baptist Church. She passed away April 28, 1985 after a long illness. Mrs. Adams is survived by her husband, her mother, a sister, 8 children and 12 grandchildren. She leaves to her loved ones and many friends, sweet and loving memories.

> By Sis. Kay Stubbs, Clerk New Life F.W.B. Church

#### In Loving Memory Of Mrs. Florence Teat

Mrs. Florence Teat was born on April 21, 1909, was a longtime and faithful member of New Life Free Will Baptist Church. She passed away September 28, 1985, after a long illness. Although it has only been a few days since she passed away, Mrs. Teat is missed by all her friends and her loved ones.

By Sis. Kay Stubbs, Clerk New Life F.W.B. Church

#### IN MEMORY OF BROTHER HUBERT H. PARTEN

Born December 6, 1913 being a devoted Christian, Husband, Father and Friend to all. He was a loving and faithful member of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church all of his life until the last four years when his health failed him.

On October 1, 1984 (Daddy) Brother Hubert H. Parten took up his cross to follow Jesus. Daddy believed in being and living for the right.

If we as Christian People (Brothers and Sisters) would be just half the Person that my Daddy was a man, then we won't have any trouble making it through the Pearly Gates.

Sure we miss (Daddy) Brother Hubert Parten, but we know that "OUR LOSS IS CERTAINLY HEAVENS GAIN." One day we're looking forward to joining Daddy in that happy meeting place, where we all sing around GODS THRONE ETERNAL.

Leaving behind a wife Audrey Parten, a son Ronald Parten, a daughter-in-law Betty Parten, and four grand-kids Felicia, Kevin, Cristy and Rusty.

Written By His Son, Ronald Parten

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER RUBY LOUISE WELLS

Sister Ruby Louise Wells was born January 16, 1910 and went home to be with the Lord January 25, 1985, making her stay on this earth 75 years, 9 days.

She was a charter member and faithful worker and attender of the First Free Will Baptist Church Of Thomaston. She served as the treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary of her church for 32 years as well as in various other positions of service within the church. She and her husband were always faithful to provide transportation for the elderly to all of the services and activities of her church.

She leaves behind her husband, Al Wells, three (3) sons, one (1) daughter, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as a host of friends.

Sister Wells was a faithful member of her church and her presence and service is greatly missed.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Thomaston Gerald Baxley, Pastor

#### IN MEMORY OF MRS. CORA DELL INGRAM MOORE

Mama was born November 5, 1894, went home to be with the Lord December 13, 1984.

She was the Mother of nine children, grandmother of 27 grandchildren, great grandmother of 53 and great great grandmother of 10. She joined Turners Chapel in 1914 and was faithful through attendance and prayer. Mama always put her husband and children ahead of material things so that she was always at home for us. She was Christ like in her quiet gentle ways.

Servant of God, well done, the battle's fought, the race is won come faithful one, now rest from care, we soon shall meet you in heaven fair.

The Moore Children

