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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

First Quarterly Meeting. January 3, 198

New Prospect (Turner Co.)

Sermon by Rev. A.G. Windham

Second Quarterly Meeting. April 4, 198

Little Bethel

Sermon by Rev. Gerald Brown

Third Quarterly Meeting July 11, 198

Lake Blackshear

Sermon by Rev. Bobby Whittaker

Annual Meeting. October 3, 198

New Liberty

Sermon by Rev. Gene Ross

ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS

1. Open Meeting with Prayer.
2. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats.
3. Open the door of the Church for the reception of members.
4. Call for Absentees.
5. For Acknowledgements.
6. For reference or deferred business.
7. For Matters of Dealing which are in order to come before church.
8. Miscellaneous Business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

1. Call to order by Moderator or Assistant Moderator.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
3. Call for Corresponding Letters or Appointing of Digest Committee.
4. Read Letter.
5. Call for Petition Letters.
6. Appoint various committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business
 Appoint Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations,
 Obituaries, Number Minutes to print, Committee Reports,
 Selections of place for next session, elect Officers, vote
 of thanks to host church.
8. Election of Executive Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1. The body called to order by the Moderator if he is present, if not the body may select some suitable member to act as Moderator pro-tem.
2. Call for Corresponding Letters.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
4. Appoint Committees
5. Call for Reports of Committees.
6. Program by Host Church
7. Call for Miscellaneous Business.
8. Adjournment

CHURCH COVENANT
Presented to the Churches of the
Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, hereby Covenant and agree:

1st. That we will remain united together in Church capacity and that we will not demand a letter of dismission without giving a sufficient reason and that we will endeavor, faithfully to discharge all our Christian duties.

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

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

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

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 acknowledgement 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 for 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, 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 their 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 set 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 ordinance 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

CONSTITUTION

We, the youth of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist, desire to promote the cause of Christ as represented by our denomination and to advance the "Kingdom of God" through the training and nurturing of our youth do establish this Constitution:

ARTICLE I: Name: This organization shall be known as the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Youth Group.

ARTICLE II: Purpose: The purpose of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Youth Group is to train the youth of our association to be the church and denominational leaders of the future.

ARTICLE III: Members: This Group shall be composed of the youth of the Chattahoochee Association church members and adults with interest to sponsor and train youth.

ARTICLE IV: Officers: Officers of this group shall be a Director-Treasurer, who shall serve as coordinator between the group and the State Director of Camping and State Youth Director as well as be responsible for the receiving and disbursing of funds and to keep acceptable records of such transactions. A President to preside at all meetings and with help from the committee elected by the Association to appoint any other officer or sub-committee as is needed. A Vice-President to fill the position when the President is not present. General oversight to be provided by the Five (5) member committee elected by the Association at its discretion.

ARTICLE V: Finance: This group shall be supported by special offerings, Associational, Church, and/or Individual gifts.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings: Time and place of meetings for this group shall be arranged by the elected committee and may be changed from time to time without conflicting with this constitution.

ARTICLE VII: Alterations or Ammendments: This Constitution may be altered or ammended by the Youth Group at any regular meeting by a Two-thirds majority vote of those present.

This Constitution was adopted by the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Youth Group meeting at Camp Mt. Bethel on April 19, 1986, and recommend its acceptance by the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist at its next meeting.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	Meeting	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Total Members	S.S. Enrolled	C.T.S. Enrolled	Womans Aux.	Masters Men
Bethany	Carlton Jordan	FT.	0	0	1	28	55	0	7	0
Lake Blackshear	Gerald Brown	FT.	1	3	2	26	26	0	8	0
Little Bethel	Gene Ross	FT.	1	1	0	99	38	0	10	8
Mount Olive	A.G. Windham	FT.	3	5	3	170	70	0	0	0
New Liberty	J.C. Grimsley	PT.	0	2	0	24	0	0	0	0
New Life	Jimmy Stubbs	FT.	0	3	0	116	59	0	0	0
New Prospect (Taylor Co.)	Perry Wainwright	FT.	2	2	0	80	50	0	0	10
New Prospect (Turner Co.)	Wayne Chambliss	PT.	5	9	1	112	30	25	15	8
Pleasant Hill										
Reynolds	Bobby Whittaker	PT.	6	7	1	28	34	0	10	0
Spring Hill	James Allen	FT.	0	1	5	56	30	0	0	0
Thomaston First	Gerald Baxley	FT.	3	5	2	165	64	43	18	15
Trinity	Warren Wyatt	FT.	0	2	0	56	38	0	0	0
Turner's Chapel	Charles Clark	FT.	1	1	5	179	68	0	0	0

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	TITHES AND OFFERINGS	VALUES OF CHURCH AND PARSONAGE	MINUTES	NATIONAL ASSOC. DUES	REPRESENTATION FEE
Bethany	Marion	1,300.00	35,000	10	10.00	15.00
Lake Blackshear	Sumter	16,928.27	150,000	6	10.00	10.00
Little Bethel	Macon	14,316.00	80,000	12	10.00	25.00
Mount Olive	Taylor	18,550.00	220,000	25	10.00	25.00
New Liberty	Schley		20,000	18	10.00	10.00
New Life	Marion	5,200.00	33,000	25	10.00	15.00
New Prospect	Taylor	6,582.76	50,000	10	10.00	10.00
New Prospect	Turner	6,233.68	150,000	20	10.00	10.00
Pleasant Hill						
Reynolds	Taylor	18,659.11	14,000	5	10.00	15.00
Spring Hill	Marion	5,200.00	25,000	15	10.00	10.00
Thomaston First	Upson	34,075.31	300,000	10	10.00	15.00
Trinity	Taylor	20,199.91	130,000	20	10.00	25.00
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	15,546.82	88,000	15	10.00	25.00

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ORDAINING COUNCIL

Dea. Morris Lawhorn. 3 years
Rev. A.G. Windham. 2 years
Rev. Gerald E. Brown, Chairman. 1 year

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dea. Gleason Fowler, Chairman 5 years
Dea. C.W. Carroll. 4 years
Dea. Norman Grier 3 years
Dea. Elbert Streetman. 2 years
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr. 1 year

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Rev. Jimmy Stubbs
Sis. Janice Clark
Sis. Lisa Ross, President
Sis. Debbie Ray
Rev. Gene Ross, Director-Treasurer

151ST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 151st Annual Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association met October 4, 1986, at New Life Church in Marion County. It began at 10:00 a.m.

The moderator, Rev. Charles Clark, lead the singing and then prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt. The moderator then read the Church Covenant. Next "Victory in Jesus" was sung. The moderator welcomed everyone and called for the corresponding letters. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the moderator to appointed Rev. Gerald Baxley and Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. to read the letters. Bro. Coy Watson was welcomed and asked to lead in prayer.

The letters were read:

1. Bethany—Sis. Ruby Grimsley, Bro. Woodrow Hendricks, Bro. Thomas Mathews
2. Lake Blackshear—Sis. Irene Brown
3. Little Bethel—Sis. Lisa Ross, Sis. Mary Lee Fowler
4. Mt. Olive—Bro. Sid Crook, Sis. Ann Wainwright, Bro. Clarence Wainwright, Sis. Mary Wilhoite
5. New Liberty—Sis. Sara Lunsford, Sis. Jenel McDaniel, Sis. Christine Kirkland, Bro. J.C. Kirkland
6. New Life—Sis. Kay Stubbs, Sis. Mary Stubbs, Sis. Liz Stubbs, Sis. Ruby Stubbs, Sis. Dolly Welch, Bro. Billy Stubbs, Sis. Martha Lockhart, Sis. Rachael Bell, Hattie Watson, Sara Anthony
7. New Prospect (Taylor Co.)—Sis. Florence Windham, Sis. Hazel Smith
8. New Prospect (Turner Co.)—Bro. Jimmy Selers
9. Pleasant Hill—No Report
10. Reynolds—Rev. Bobby Whittaker
11. Spring Hill—Sis. Myrtle Grier, Sis. Bernice McCall
12. Thomaston First—Sis. Eudene Pitts, Sis. Jewell Lee
13. Trinity—Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Sis. Peggie Gibbs, Bro. Charlie Gibbs, Sis. Josephine Welch
14. Turner's Chapel—Sis. Edna Carroll, Sis. Sharina Carroll, Sis. Gloria Faye Lowe

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept 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. Juanita Wyatt
 Sis. Irene Brown
 Bro. Elbert Streetman

OBITUARY:
 Bro. Jr. Welch
 Sis. Eudene Pitts
 Bro. Anderson

FINANCE:
 Bro. Roscoe Pitts
 Bro. Leroy Lowe
 Bro. Norman Grier

SUGGESTION:
 Rev. Bobby Whittaker
 Sis. Kay Stubbs
 Sis. Dolly Welch

SUNDAY SCHOOL:
 Sis. Josephine Welch
 Sis. Mary Stubbs
 Sis. Edna Carroll

NOMINATING:
 Rev. Gene Ross
 Bro. Gleason Fowler
 Bro. Truman Lockhart

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

ROLL CALL FOR THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. A.G. Windham.....	Present
Rev. Gerald Brown.....	Present
Bro. Morris Lawhorn.....	Present

ROLL CALL FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dea. C.W. Carroll.....	Present
Dea. Norman Grier.....	Present
Dea. Elbert Streetman.....	Present
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr.	Present
Dea. Gleason Fowler, Chairman.....	Present

ROLL CALL FOR THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Sis. Janice Clark.....	Not Present
Sis. Lisa Ross, President.....	Present
Sis. Debbie Ray.....	Not Present
Rev. Gene Ross.....	Present

Rev. Roscoe Pitts reported that prayer for him at the last meeting caused his ulcers to be gone.

Rev. Herbert Waid was welcomed at this time and he gave a good report for Sis. Debbie Griffin and the State Association. Sis. Debbie Griffin's offerings are real good and she will be leaving for Japan before December. The next State Meeting will be at Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, Ga. Rev. Gerald Baxley, Rev. Bobby Whittaker, and Bro. Jr. Welch from this Association will be present and take part at the meeting.

Bro. Waid and the moderator reported that there will be another Laura Belle Barnard Day on October 12, 1987.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for morning service. Rev. Jimmy Stubbs and his wife began with a special song. Rev. Stubbs message in "Two Resurrections" began on Acts 24:15.

Rev. Gene Ross reported for the Youth Group. It was a good session this year.

We had 11 reported decisions for salvation, 5 assurance of salvation, and 14 rededications.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance in hand at Last Meeting	\$573.69
Received from Turner's Chapel and.....	200.00
Sunday School Convention	
Disbursements.....	37.64

Balance October 4, 1986.....	\$736.05

The next Youth Rally will be at Little Bethel, Oct. 11, 1986 at 3:00 P.M.

No report from Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

Bro. Elbert Streetman gave a good report of the Board of Education. They discussed the budget for next year Sept. 26, 1986. The minister's and wife retreat will be the last week of Feb. The minister's Retreat will be 2 or 3 weeks of May. The State Youth Conference will be May 1 and 2.

Bro. Truman Lockhart reported the next Preachers and Deacons meeting will be at New Life Church on Nov. 1, 1986 and wants to know how many will be there in the next 2 weeks.

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. J.B. Anthony.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service began at 1:00 p.m. then prayer by Sis. Kay Stubbs. Another song was sung and then prayer by Bro. Morris Lawhorn.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

We want to urge all churches and individuals to be moderate in following our Free Will Baptist doctrine and discipline in Church Decorum and practice. The homes also should be moderate in Christian practices.

Bro. Elbert Streetman
Sis. Juanita Wyatt
Sis. Irene Brown

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the report and dismiss the delegates.

Woman's Auxiliary Report:

Sis. Mary Lee Fowler asked if her report could be written in the minutes. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept her request.

OBITUARY:

We, the Obituary Committee have these deaths to report:

Bethany—Rev. Johnny Grimsley — 12-28-85
Mt. Olive— Bro. J.C. Smith — 7-16-86
Bro. Carl Peacock—6-16-86
New Prospect (Turner Co.)
Sis. Dathula M. Dobbs — 4-10-86
Spring Hill—Bro. Crawford Hand — 12-29-85
Bro. Homer Wright — 5-9-86
Turner's Chapel—Sis. Becky Wainwright—3-7-86

It was then moved, seconded, and carried to accept these reports and dismiss the delegates. Then everyone stood in silent prayer, ending with prayer by our moderator.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, your Sunday School Committee find written in God's Holy Word, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. We encourage parents not to send your children only, but to take them to Sunday School and Church.

Sis. Josephine Welch
Sis. Mary Stubbs
Sis. Edna Carroll

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this report and dismiss the delegates.

Bro. Gleason Fowler reported that the Master's Men want to work on the camps at Camp Mt. Bethel for the young people and install air conditioners and would each church send \$100.00 to help them.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance brought forward.....	\$1,579.75
Letter Fees	340.00

Present Balance	\$1,919.75

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this report and dismiss the delegates.

The Benevolence Fund brought forward a balance of.....	\$337.90
Today Turner's Chapel gave	50.00

Present Balance	\$387.90

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE:

We, your suggestion committee have no suggestions to present to you at this time.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this report and dismiss the delegates.

Rev. Roscoe Pitts made a move for an offering for Sis. Debbie Griffin, it was then seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for a rising vote of thanks to New Life Church.

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

First Quarterly Meeting.....January 3, 1987
New Prospect (Turner Co.)
Sermon by Rev. A.G. Windham

Second Quarterly Meeting.....April 14, 1987
Little Bethel
Sermon by Rev. Gerald Brown

Third Quarterly Meeting.....July 11, 1987
Lake Blackshear
Sermon by Rev. Bobby Whittaker

Annual Meeting.....October 3, 1987
New Liberty
Sermon by Rev. Eugene Ross

Bro. Gleason Fowler, chairman of the Executive Committee, reported that the committee attended a special meeting with Bethany Church, because of a misunderstanding they had concerning

two ministers. It was discussed with the association, with two members of the ordaining council recommending that the church forget the two ministers they were having the misunderstanding with and ask Jesus Christ to send them the minister that should be their pastor

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, your nominating committee make the following nominations:

Clerk-----To replace C.W. Carroll

Bro. C.W. Carroll

Asst. Clerk-----To replace Edna Carroll

Sis. Edna Carroll

Executive Committee-----To replace Gleason Fowler

Bro. Gleason Fowler

Ordaining Council-----To replace Dea. Morris Lawhorn

Deacon Morris Lawhorn

Youth Committee-----To replace Johnny Helms

Rev. Jimmy Stubbs

To replace Rev. Gene Ross

Rev. Gene Ross

It was moved, seconded, and carried for nominating to be closed and these nominations be accepted as read and delegates be dismissed.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Sis. Ann Ross, Sis. Euden Pitts, and Rev. Bobby Whittaker, a standing delegate, be elected as delegates at the next State Association Meeting in November, at the Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, Ga.

The offering was taken at this time. Prayer by Rev. Wayne Chambliss. The offering was \$53.15.

After discussing the sickness of Rev. William Travis, it was moved, seconded, and carried for our association to send him \$200.00.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to raise the offering for Sis. Debbie Griffin from \$53.15 to \$100.00

It was then moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn and dismissed with singing "Amazing Grace".

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator

C.W. Carroll, Clerk

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Quarterly Meeting was held at New Prospect, Turner County, Ashburn, Ga., January 4, 1986. The singing, led by Bro. W.J. Farmer, began at 10:15.

The Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark, took charge and welcomed everyone, then asked Rev. Wayne Chambliss, pastor of the host church, to start the business with a short message. The message came from Proverbs 3:5-6-7, then ending with prayer.

The Moderator called for corresponding letters. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the moderator appoint someone to read the letters. He appointed Bro. Jr. Welch and Rev. A.G. Windham.

They are as follows:

1. Bethany—By Letter
2. Lake Blackshear—Irene Brown
3. Little Bethel—Debbie Ray, Mary Lee Fowler, Leslie Ross
4. Mount Olive—Bro. Syd Crook, Bro. Clarence Wainwright, Sis. Ann Wainwright
5. New Liberty—No Letter
6. New Life—By Letter
7. New Prospect(Taylor Co.)—No Letter
8. New Prospect (Turner Co.)—W.J. Farmer, Gloria Watson, Mary Ann Timms, Dianne Busbee
9. Pleasant Hill—No Letter
10. Reynolds—By Letter
11. Spring Hill—Bro. Homer Wright, Sis. Nellie Wright, Sis. Mary Crawley, Sis. Myrtle Grier
12. Thomaston First—Eudene Pitts
13. Trinity—Peggy Gibb, Charles Gibb, Juanita Wyatt, Josephine Welch, E.A. Welch, Jr.
14. Turner's Chapel—Edna Carroll, Janice Clark,

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 them with item 4 on page 26 saying, let the President of the Ladies Auxiliary report for the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sunday School youth group President, this eliminating so many committees.

Rev. Roscoe Pitts suggested to have standing prayer in memory of the death of Rev. Johnny Grimsley. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this request and also the deaths in the Obituary, ending with prayer by the moderator.

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. A.G. Windham. Present
Rev. Gerald Brown, Chairman. Present
Dea. Morris Lawhorn. Not Present

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Dea. C.W. Carroll. Present
Dea. Norman Grier Present
Dea. Elbert Streetman. Not Present
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr. Present
Dea. Gleason Fowler, Chairman Present

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

They are as follows:

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Sis. Peggy Gibb
Sis. Mary Ann Timm
Sis. Euden Pitts

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr.
Bro. Tyson Ray
Bro. Clarence Wainwright

At this time everyone stood and sung "O, How I Love Jesus".

Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary, gave a report for the State.

The meeting of the Minister/Wife Retreat will be held Jan. 31-Feb. 1, at Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park.

The next National Association will be in Tulsa, Okla., July 20-24.

The next State Association will be Nov. 13-15.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker, on the Mission Board, was not present, but sent a letter that was read by Rev. Waid.

Mission Board Report:

We have three mission projects at this beginning of a new year. The Northside Church, Marietta, Dublin Church, Dublin, and Riverdale Church, South Atlanta.

The Mission Board met during the State Meeting at Norman Park, we have not had a meeting since then. We ask you to continue to support and pray for our Mission Churches.

A Mission Conference is being planned for April 6-13, 1986 by the North Ga. District. If any Church wants to be part of this meeting, let me know as soon as possible. We'll try to see you at Trinity in April, the Lord willing.

Bro. Bobby Whittaker

Also a letter from Rev. Ronald Wallace saying, The Conference for this coming year is set for the week of April 6–13, 1986. The following Missionaries are already scheduled to be in the Conference: Allen Crowson, Debbie Griffin (Foreign), and Sandy Adams, and Bob White (home Mission).

Consider this letter a personal invitation for your Church to be a part of the Missions Conference. We would be very glad to have you included in the schedule. The conference week is broken into two four day meetings, starting on Sunday 6th and ending on Wednesday 9th and starting on Thursday 10th and ending on Sunday 13th.

You may respond by letter, or by telephone by calling 404-429-8842 or call Rev. Bobby Whittaker and be included in the Conference.

Your Sincerely,
Rev. Ronald Wallace

It was then moved, seconded, and carried for worship service. After singing, the moderator welcomed the visitors and then turned service over to Rev. Warren Wyatt. Rev. Wyatt delivered a message entitled “Jesus Cares” from Matthew 14:13–21, then ending with prayer.

Sis. Debbie Griffin was welcomed at this time. She read Isaiah 25:1, then reported, she is going to Japan, because God wants her to go.

The offering was done at this time with prayer by Rev. Hubert Arnold. The offering was \$42.00.

Bro. Gleason Fowler, reported for the Master’s Men and all churches should have one.

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

Rev. Gene Ross reported that we have Camp Mt. Bethel this year from July 27 thru August 1st.

YOUTH CAMP FINANCE REPORT:

Transferred from Rev. Gerald Baxley	\$555.44
Rec’d from Little Bethel through Assoc	22.00
Sub Total	\$577.44
Paid to Camp Mt. Bethel for 1986.....	50.00
Balance on hand	\$527.44

Bro. Gene Ross spoke for Lisa Ross, President of the Youth Rally. He said they would in the future have 2 Youth Meetings annually. They met last Nov. at Camp Mt. Bethel and the next meeting will be the 3rd Sat. in April. The Youth Committee voted

to ask the Association to help support them and to be on arm of the Youth Rallys.

Rev. Wayne Chambliss, welcomed everyone and then asked Rev. Gene Ross to dismiss us all for lunch with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. W.J. Farmer started the business by leading the singing at 1:15 and then prayer by Bro. Gleason Fowler.

The short devotion was brought with 2 special songs by Rev. Jimmy Stubbs and his wife and Bro. Farmer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Suggestion Committee reported with three different items.

1. We strongly suggest that all churches, in our district support Debbie Griffin during the coming months prayerfully and financially as she prepares to go to Japan. Bro. Roscoe Pitts asked that an amendment be made, that each church bring \$25.00 for Sis. Debbie Griffin at the next meeting. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the item and the amendment be accepted.

2. That we give our offering of \$42.00 today to Sis. Debbie Griffin. It was moved, seconded, and carried to be accepted.

3. That we give the host Church a rising vote of thanks for the great hospitality today. The rising vote was accepted.

Sis. Peggy Gibb

Sis. Mary Ann Timm

Sis. Eudene Pitts

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bal. Jan. 1st, 1986. \$1,074.29

Received from letters 160.00

Total Balance \$1,234.29

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

Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr.

Bro. Tyson Ray

Bro. Clarence Wainwright

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—No report

ORDAINING COUNCIL—No report

It was tabled at the last meeting to have a 5—man committee to be in charge of all youth groups. Rev. Gene Ross made a move this item be taken off the table. It was accepted and carried. This 5-man committee consists of:

Bro. Johnny Helms

Sis. Janice Clark

Sis. Lisa Ross, President

Sis. Debbie Ray

Rev. Gene Ross, Director

It was a move, seconded, and carried that this committee draw up rules, and they should be present at all meetings of the Association. If any of the committee miss 2 consecutive months, they will be replaced.

Bro. Welch reported, The Benevolence Fund has a balance of \$387.90.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Harris Davis.

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator
C.W. Carroll, Clerk

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting was held at Trinity Church, Mauk, Ga. on April 5, 1986. Song service began at 10:00 led by Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr., then prayer by Rev. Gene Ross.

The Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark, took charge, asking everyone to stand and repeat John 3:16, then had prayer by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Moderator to call for the corresponding letters and appoint someone to read them. He appointed Rev. Warren Wyatt and Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

They were as follows:

1. Bethany—Thomas Bullard, Woodrow Hendricks, Virginia Bullard, Lester Grimsley
2. Lake Blackshear—Ira McCook, Ira McCook, Jr., Irene Brown
3. Little Bethel—Sis. Blondell Layfield, Sis. Ruby Ray
4. Mt. Olive—Bro. Syd Crook, Sis. Barbara Windham, Bro. Joe Logue
5. New Liberty—Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Sis. Christine Kirkland, Sis. Doris Giddens
6. New Life—Sis. Kay Stubbs, Sis. Mary Stubbs, Sis. Martha Lockhart, Sis. Liz Stubbs, Rev. Jimmy Stubbs, Bro. Truman Lockhart
7. New Prospect—(Taylor Co.) No Letter
8. New Prospect—(Turner Co.) Margaret Davis, Rudy Watson, Gloria Watson, Doris Williams, Loney Williams, W.J. Farmer
9. Pleasant Hill—No Letter
10. Reynolds—Rev. Bobby Whittaker
11. Spring Hill—Bro. Norman Grier
12. Thomaston First—Eudene Pitts
13. Trinity—Peggy Gibb, Juanita Wyatt, Charlie Gibb, Carol Welch
14. Turner's Chapel—Sis. Dorothy Lowe, Sis. Gloria Faye Lowe, Bro. Jesse Carroll

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

The moderator gave a warm welcome to everyone, and then asked for the minutes of the last meeting.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried for them to be accepted as read.

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. A.G. Windham	Not Present
Rev. Gerald Brown	Present
Dea. Morris Lawhorn	Present

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dea. C.W. Carroll	Present
Dea. Norman Grier	Present
Dea. Elbert Streetman	Not Present
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr.	Present
Dea. Gleason Fowler, Chairman	Present

Dea. Elbert Streetman missed 2 consecutive months and will be replaced.

ROLL CALL FOR THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Bro. Johnny Helms	Not Present
Sis. Janice Clark	Present
Sis. Lisa Ross, President	Not Present
Sis. Debbie Ray	Not Present
Rev. Gene Ross	Present

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

FINANCE

Rev. Jimmy Stubbs
Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr.
Rev. Carlton Jordan

SUGGESTION

Bro. W.J. Farmer
Bro. Jesse Carroll
Rev. Roscoe Pitts

Rev. Gene Ross, the Youth Director, was to bring the By-Laws for the Youth Group to this meeting. Rev. Ross asked that this be extended and brought to the Youth Rally at the third Saturday in April. It was moved, seconded, and carried for this request be accepted.

Rev. Herbert Waid, the State Secretary, gave a good report for the Minister/Wife meeting, Camp Mt. Bethel, and the State Office. He also recommended to help the young people and be at Camp Mt. Bethel on April 23 and 24 to work on the buildings there.

Bro. Gleason Fowler gave a good report on the Master's Men meeting held at New Prospect (Turner Co.) in February.

Sis. Fowler was not present to report for the Woman's Auxiliary.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker reported that the Mission Board is doing good.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to begin the morning service. Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. lead the singing.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone and asked Rev. Charles Clark to take charge and bring the message. Sis. Janice Clark brought a special song. Rev. Clark's message was based on the church, Rev. 3:7-13.

Rev. Wyatt asked Bro. Gleason Fowler to dismiss in prayer for the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:00, then we had two special songs by Rev. Jimmy Stubbs and wife and Bro. W.J. Farmer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance brought forward.....	\$1,226.68
By Letters.....	170.00
Present Balance.....	1,396.68
By Letter for Debbie Griffin.....	100.00
For Youth Meeting.....	15.00
Benevolence Fund.....	75.00

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE:

1. Church's should be concerned about ministerial roll. We need young and new ministers to replace those that will be going out. Church's need to pray about this.
2. Church's to adopt new form letters for each quarterly meeting.
3. Rising vote of thanks to the host church.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept both reports and the delegates be dismissed.

Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. reported that the benevolent fund has a balance of \$487.90.

The next youth rally will be April 19, 1986, beginning at 10:00.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for an offering to be taken with one half of it to go to the youth funds and the other half to Debbie Griffin. Prayer for this offering was by the moderator. The offering was \$60.50.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt.

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator
C.W. Carroll, Clerk

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Quarterly Meeting was held at Reynolds Church, Taylor County, Reynolds, Ga. July 12, 1986. Song service began at 10:00, lead by Rev. Bobby Whittaker, pastor of host church. Then prayer by Bro. Gleason Fowler. The welcome was given by Rev. Bobby Whittaker.

The Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark, took charge to start the business. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the moderator to call for corresponding letters and appoint two people to read the letters. He appointed Rev. Warren Wyatt and Rev. Gene Ross. They are as follows:

1. Bethany—By Letter
2. Lake Blackshear—No Letter
3. Little Bethel—Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Sis. Ann Ross, Sis. Lisa Ross, Sis. Debbie Ray
4. Mt. Olive—Bro. Syd Crook, Sis. Barbara Windham, Sis. Denise Martin
5. New Liberty—By Letter
6. New Life—Sis. Kay Stubbs, Sis. Ruby Stubbs
7. New Prospect—(Turner Co.) Sis. Doris Williams, Sis. Loney Williams, Sis. Gloria Watson, Rodney Watson, W.J. Farmer
8. New Prospect—(Taylor Co.) Sis. Nettie Lee Wainwright, Sis. Florence Windham, Sis. Hazel Smith, Sis. Montene Gresham
9. Pleasant Hill—No Letter
10. Reynolds—Bro. Mickey Hobbs, Sis. Lillie Hobbs, Sis. Imogene Busbee
11. Spring Hill—By Letter
12. Thomaston First—Sis. Eudene Pitts
13. Trinity—Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Bro. Charlie Gibb, Sis. Josephine Welch, Sis. Bess Williams
14. Turner's Chapel—Sis. Janice Clark, Bro. Jesse Carroll

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

The moderator invited all visitors and then had prayer led by Rev. Wayne Chambliss.

The following committees were appointed at this time:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Sis. Lillie Hobbs
Bro. Bud Williams
Sis. Denise Martin

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Charlie Gibb
Sis. Eudene Pitts
Sis. Mary Lee Fowler

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. A.G. Windham. Present
Rev. Gerald Brown, Chairman. Not Present
Dea. Morris Lawhorn. Not Present

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dea. C.W. Carroll. Present
Dea. Norman Grier Not Present
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr. Present
Dea. Gleason Fowler, Chairman Present

Deacon Elbert Streetman was removed from this committee at the last meeting because he had missed two consecutive meetings. Bro. Streetman was present at this meeting and said he didn't attend the last meeting because he had to work. After some discussion it was moved, seconded, and carried to re-elect him to this committee.

ROLL CALL FOR THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Bro. Johnny Helms Not Present
Sis. Janice Clark Present
Sis. Lisa Ross, President Present
Sis. Debbie Ray. Present
Rev. Gene Ross. Present

Bro. Johnny Helms missed two consecutive meetings because he has moved from this association and he will be replaced at the next meeting in October.

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

Rev. Herbert Waid gave a good report on Sis. Debbie Griffin and Foreign Missions and the State.

Bro. Gleason Fowler had no report for the Master's Men, except that they did a good job at Camp Mt. Bethel.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker gave a report on the Atlanta Church.

Bro. Elbert Streetman and Bro. Herbert Waid gave a good report on the Christian Education.

Rev. Gene Ross gave a report for the Advance Celebration and he had more literature for some of the Church's to get at the end of this meeting.

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

Rev. Gene Ross asked if it would be possible for the Twin Cities Association to join our association at Camp Mt. Bethel this year and to give him an answer in the afternoon session.

Sis. Mary Lee Fowler gave a report for the Woman's Auxiliary and the next meeting will be Sept. 13th at Little Bethel.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to go into the morning worship service. Then prayer by the moderator. Rev. Bobby Whittaker led the singing and asked Rev. Gerald Baxley to lead in prayer.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for two volunteer deacons to receive the offering. Prayer by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. The offering was \$38.80.

Rev. Herbert Waid took charge and delivered a wonderful message reading from Matthew 24:35. It ended with prayer.

We were then dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. A.G. Windham.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service began at 1:00 p.m. Prayer by Rev. Hubert Arnold. The moderator took charge asking Sis. Geraldine Waid to lead in prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE—

Balance brought forward.....	\$1,394.04
Letter Fees	175.00
Balance 7-12-86	\$1,569.04

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

- 1. Reaffirm each Church to participate in all activities of the association including Sunday School, C.T.S., Master's Men, Women's Auxiliary, Rallies, and Association Meetings.
- 2. Love Offering to Reynolds Mission.
- 3. Rising vote of thanks to host church.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept both committee reports and dismiss the delegates.

Rev. Gene Ross reported that Camp Mt. Bethel has Bro. Roger Spivey to be in charge of the camp and that he is doing a good job. Our Youth Group Fund has a balance from last meeting of:

	\$527.44
Donations Of.	292.25
Disbursements.....	146.00
Balance on hand	\$673.69

It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Twin Cities Association to join our association at Camp Mt. Bethel on July 27, 1986.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Chattahoochee Association Free Will Baptist Youth Group Constitution to be put in the minute book.

It was discussed to have roll call on the Ministerial Roll. It was decided for this to come before the Executive Committee and report at the next meeting in January.

Bro. Roscoe Pitts asked if the association would pray for him for his sickness.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for all Preachers and Deacons to meet together and pray for Bro. Pitts and also the family of Bro. Wyatt, for sickness.

We were then dismissed.

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator
C.W. Carroll, Clerk

MINUTES – SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee Sunday School Convention held its annual convention on May 3, 1986 at First Thomaston.

Bro. Gerald Baxley gave a very interesting talk on Sunday School and the church in general. He brought out points on how our churches need to meet the needs of the people. He also said that we are the CHURCH, therefore the church is wherever we are.

A film strip was shown that gave some very interesting ideas some of our churches might like to try.

After prayer, the business session began. Officers elected for the coming year are: President, Diane B. Hinton; Vice President, Bro. Herbert Salter; Secretary&Treasurer, Ann Wainwright; and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Florrie Windham.

An offering was taken and the four churches in participation gave their \$5.00 registration fee. It was voted to give \$100.00 to Camp Mt. Bethel again this year. We now have a balance in the treasury of \$151.65.

It was voted that each church in the Association give one Sunday School offering to the convention again this year.

Bro. Baxley was elected to get someone to meet with all Sunday School officers and teachers in the Association and have a mini-seminar. Each church will be notified about this.

Bro. and Sis. Ray volunteered to visit the Sunday Schools in the Association to observe the different teaching methods used. They will give a report at next years Convention.

After a motion to be adjourned, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Ann Wainwright
Secretary/Treasurer

CHATTAHOOCHEE FWB WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee District Woman's Auxiliary Annual Meeting was held at Little Bethel September 13, 1986.

Theme: "God's Wonders For Tomorrow"

Scripture: Joshua 3:5—And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

President, Mary Lee Fowler presided. Mary Williams gave the welcome. Devotion was by Joan Whittaker. Five auxiliaries reporting, total membership, 57; giving to Mission causes this year was \$3,968.82. The district project for the new year is giving to the Debbie Griffin account.

Meeting places for 1987—

Work Shop—April 25—First Thomaston

Annual Meeting—September 12—Little Bethel

Retreat—October 23, 24—Reynolds

Officers to be elected for two years at next annual meeting.

Mary Lee Fowler, President

IN MEMORY OF BRO. J.C. SMITH

Bro. J.C. Smith was a very faithful member of Mt. Olive Church until his passing July 16, 1986. He has gone to be with Jesus, however, he left us many precious memories that we treasure most highly. Bro. J.C. set many good examples as a believer, husband, father, and grandfather, that follows his departure. Thank you dear brother. "Blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord."

His Pastor, A.G. Windham

IN MEMORY OF BRO. CARL PEACOCK

Bro. Carl Peacock was born November 20, 1917 and departed this life June 6, 1986. He was a kind man, and a great asset to our community and his home. Bro. Carl had many traits that portrayed a life of love and care. He will surely be missed by us all, but his loving memory will be with us until we see him again.

His Pastor, A.G. Windham

IN MEMORY OF SIS. BECKY WAINWRIGHT

Sis. Becky was born October 15, 1903 and went home to be with the Lord March 7, 1986. She was a faithful member of Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for many years. She was laid to rest in the Church cemetery.

To know Sis. Becky was to love her. She will be greatly missed by her Church, many friends and loved ones.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them. (Rev. 14:13)

Turner's Chapel Church

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER HOMER WRIGHT

Bro. Homer was born May 20, 1910—Died May 9, 1986. He was a member of Spring Hill Church for several years. Bro. Homer was ill for the last few years but rarely missed church services. We miss him very much in the Church and our community, however, we know he is now free from the pains of this life, and awaits the greater reunion of all the redeemed. May he rest in peace now and forever.

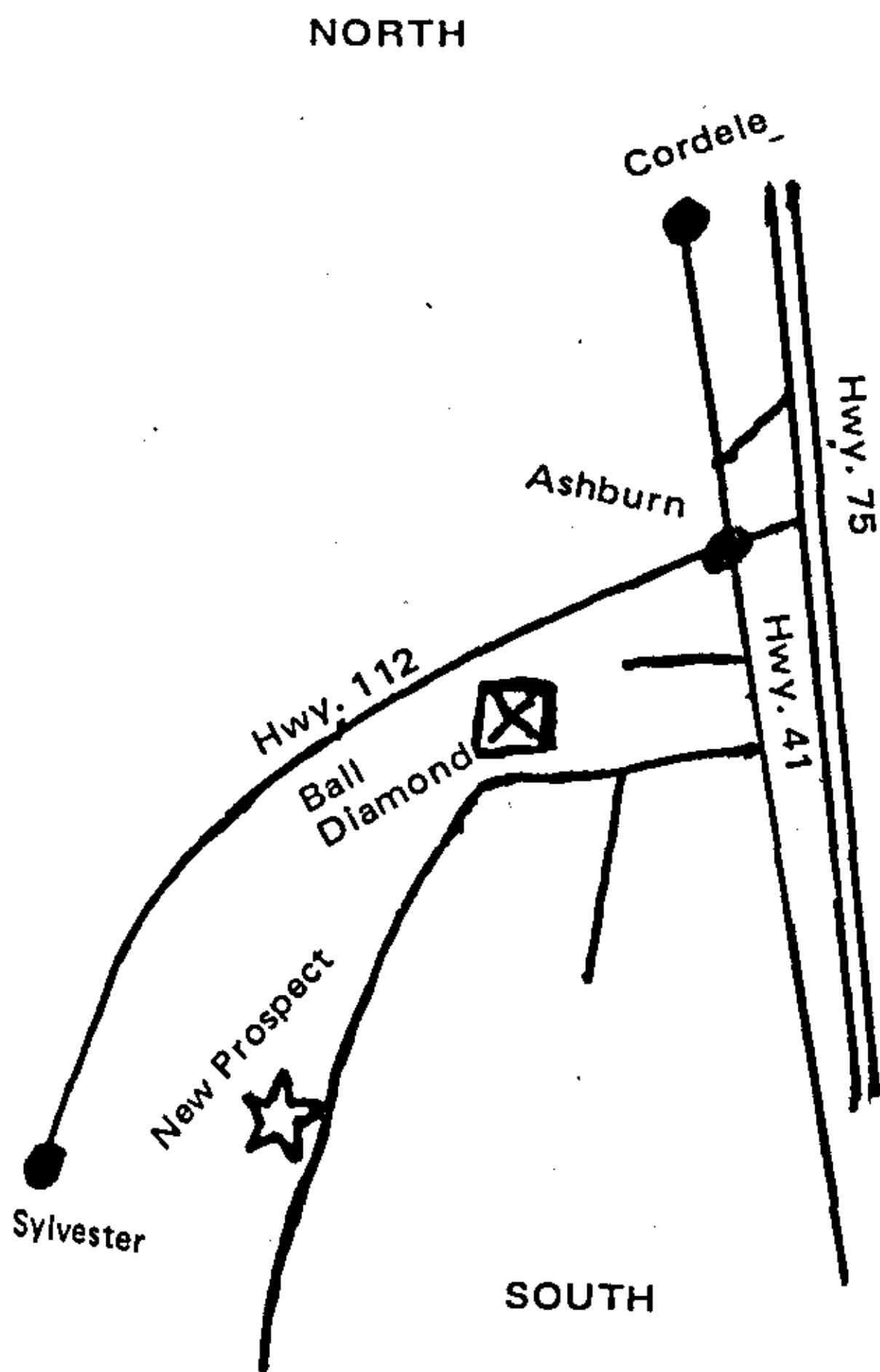
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Church Clerk*

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER CRAWFORD HAND

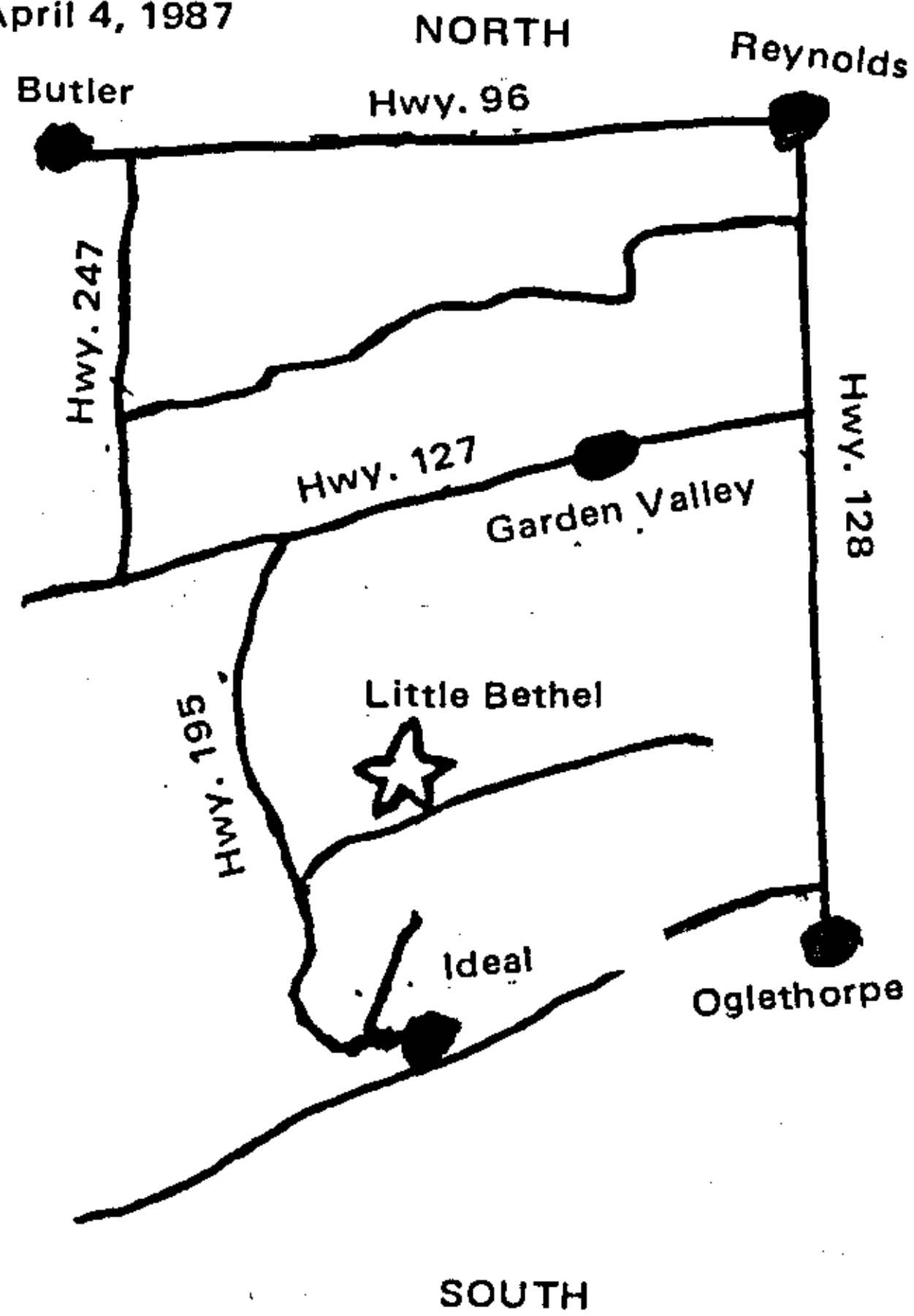
Bro. Crawford was born September 8, 1887. He departed this life December 29, 1985 making his stay on earth 98 years, 3 months and 21 days. He joined Spring Hill Church in 1917. He was one of the oldest members of the Church. He was the clerk for a number of years. He attended Church regularly until his health failed him. He leaves a wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 2 sisters and other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

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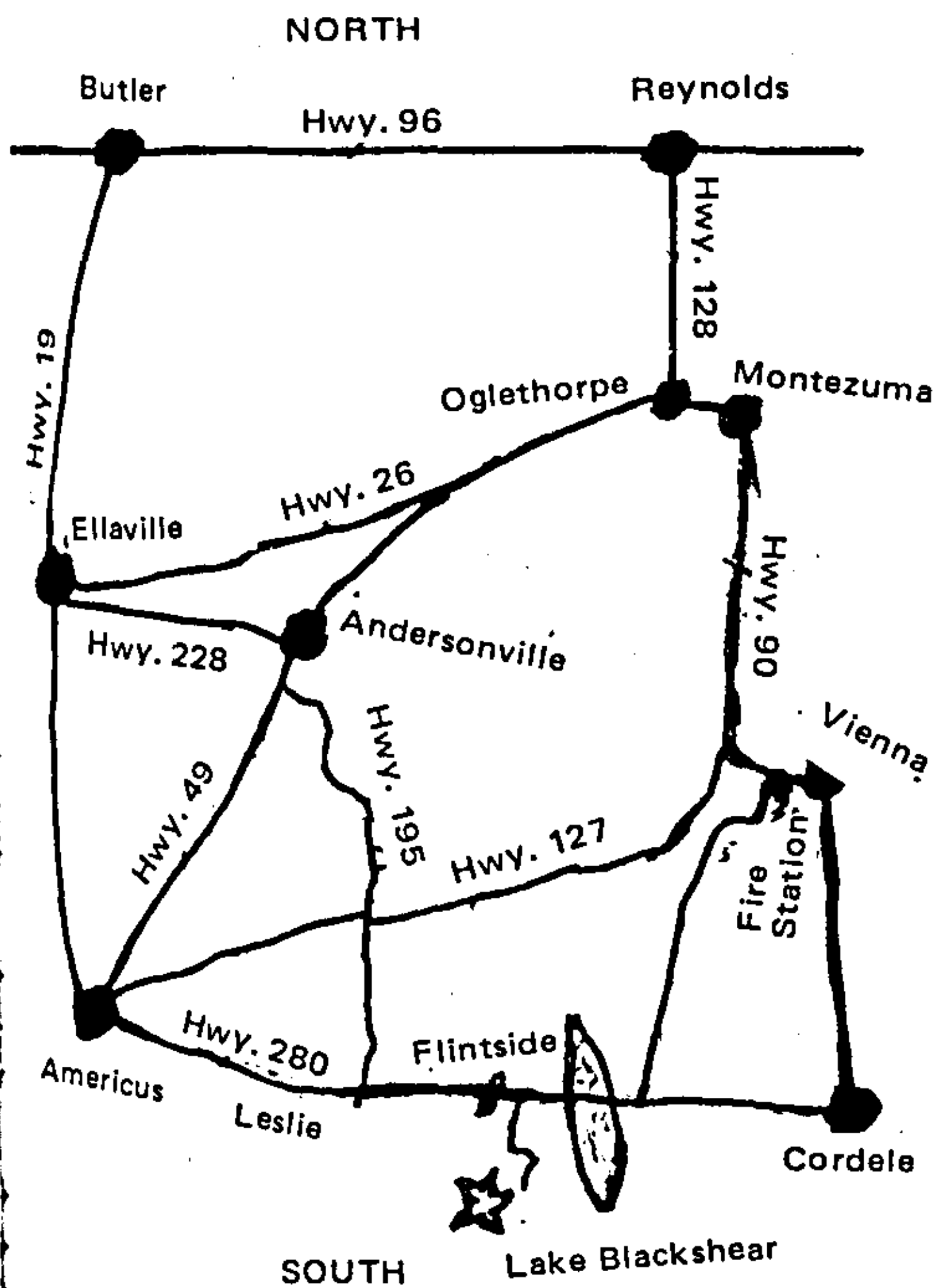
FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
New Prospect (Turner Co.)
January 3, 1987



SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
Little Bethel
April 4, 1987



THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
Lake Blackshear
July 11, 1987



ANNUAL MEETING
New Liberty
October 3, 1987

