

MINUTES  
Of The  
152ND ANNUAL SESSION  
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FREE WILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

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## ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

First Quarterly Meeting.....January 2, 1988

New Prospect (Turner Co.)

Sermon by Rev. A.G. Windham

Second Quarterly Meeting.....April 2, 1988

Spring Hill

Sermon by Rev. Herbert Waid

Third Quarterly Meeting.....July 2, 1988

Mount Olive

Sermon by Rev. Gerald Baxley

Annual Meeting.....October 1, 1988

Trinity

Sermon by Rev. Leroy Blanchard

## ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16th. That if any among us shall be guilty of gross sins he shall be excluded from our fellowship. An 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. 19:13; 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. 1:20.

7. That in order to be saved we must be regenerated, or obedient to the Gospel; and that its evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God. —John 3:3—8, Matt. 3:8—10.

8. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sacrifices and saves sinners, it being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, that it comprehend all means with the end; that it is a glorious display of God's goodness, being infinitely wise, holy unchangeable; born again; that regeneration consists of giving a holy disposition to the

mind and is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, producing voluntarily that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

9. - That the preserving attachments of true believers to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial possessors; that a special Providence watches over their welfair, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.—Eph. 1:3, 14, 1 Pet. 1:3, 5.

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. 20:8, Heb. 4:9, I 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, I 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

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## FINANCIAL TABLE

Church	County	Tithes and Offering	Values of Church and Parsonage	Minutes	National Assoc. Dues	Representation Fee
Bethany	Marion	1,000.00	35,000.00	3	10.00	5.00
Little Bethel	Macon	12,736.21	80,000.00	12	10.00	25.00
Mount Olive	Taylor	18,665.00	222,000.00	25	10.00	25.00
New Liberty	Schley		20,000.00	18	10.00	10.00
New Life	Marion	5,000.00	33,000.00	20	10.00	15.00
New Prospect	Taylor		50,000.00			
New Prospect	Turner	4,877.26	80,000.00	20	10.00	20.00
Pleasant Hill						
Spring Hill	Marion	8,584.36	50,000.00	20	10.00	10.00
Thomaston First	Upson	34,135.36	350,000.00	10	10.00	15.00
Trinity	Taylor	20,618.29	130,000.00	20	10.00	25.00
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	15,733.22	90,000.00	25	10.00	25.00

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No Report

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No Report

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### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Hubert Arnold. . . . . 3 years  
Dea. Morris Lawhorn. . . . . 2 years  
Rev. A.G. Windham. . . . . 1 year

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

### LOCAL YOUTH CAMP—DIRECTOR—TREASURER

Dea. Monroe T. Ray . . . . . 1 year

### STATE BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Board of Camping. . . . . Monroe T. Ray  
Board of Christian Education . . . . . Rev. Hubert Arnold  
Board of Missions . . . . . Rev. Charles Clark  
Board of Trustees . . . . . Gleason Fowler

## 152ND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 152nd. Annual Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association met October 3, 1987 at New Liberty Church in Schley County at 10:00 a.m.

It began with singing "Amazing Grace" and then prayer by Bro. Roscoe Pitts. The Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark, started with a short message from Proverbs 2: 1-8, then ending with prayer by Rev. Wayne Chambliss. The Moderator then welcomed everyone including our visitors, Rev. Roscoe Pitts and the State Editor-in-Chief, Rev. Herbert Waid. Then he called for corresponding letters. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Moderator to appoint someone to read the letters. He appointed Rev. Gerald Brown and Rev. Warren Wyatt to read the letters.

They are as follows:

1. Bethany—Tom Bullard, Lester Grimsley
2. Little Bethel—Irene Brown
3. Mount Olive—Bro. Syd Crook, Bro. Howard Kelly
4. New Liberty—Bro. Perry Lunsford, Sis. Sara Lunsford, Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Sis. Christine Kirkland
5. New Life—By Letter
6. New Prospect (Taylor Co.)—No letter
7. New Prospect (Turner Co.)—Doris Williams, Loney Williams, Margaret Davis
8. Pleasant Hill — No letter
9. Spring Hill—Sis. Myrtle Grier, Sis. Bernice McCall, Bro. James Harbuck
10. Thomaston First—By Letter
11. Trinity—Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Sis. Josephine Welch, Sis. Peggy Warr
12. Turner's Chapel—Bro. Leroy Lowe, Sis. Gloria Lowe, Bro. Arnold Wainwright, Sis. Delois Wainwright, Bro. Bill Byrd

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. Irene Brown  
Sis. Gloria Lowe  
Bro. Hubert Arnold

### FINANCE:

Bro. Norman Grier  
Bro. Syd Crook  
Bro. John C. Kirkland

## SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Bro. Bill Byrd  
Sis. Josephine Welch  
Sis. Bernice McCall

## OBITUARY

Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr.  
Bro. Gerald Baxley  
Bro. Tyson Ray

## SUGGESTION:

Sis. Juanita Wyatt  
Bro. Arnold Wainwright  
Bro. Elbert Streetman

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Rev. A.G. Windham  
Rev. Wayne Chambliss  
Rev. J.C. Grimsley

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

Sis. Irene Brown

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:

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

## ROLL CALL FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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

Bro. Gleason Fowler had no report for the Executive Committee, but agreed that Camp Mt. Bethel needs more help.

Bro. Elbert Streetman had no report for the Board of Christian Education.

Bro. Gerald Brown reported for the Board of Missions that Rev. Burns is doing good.

Bro. Tyson Ray reported that Camp Mt. Bethel is doing good and that the teachers of our Association did a good job in July.

## The Youth Group reported Oct. 3, 1987:

On hand at last meeting. ....	\$738.05
Chattahoochee Association Offering. ....	73.00
Balance. ....	\$811.05
Disbursements:	
James Windham. ....	\$21.25
Rev. Gerald Brown for Camp supplies. ....	20.00
Board of camping. ....	50.00
Balance on hand. ....	\$719.80

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept his report.

The Moderator reported that 27 members from 3 Churches took part in the walk-a-thon for the Bible College and turned in about \$600.00 on Sept. 12, 1987.

Rev. Herbert Waid reported that State and National Association's are doing real good due to each Church's support, large or small. He reported that Rev. Burns is doing good with the Church in Atlanta. Don't forget that next Sunday, October 11, 1987, will be "Barnard Day" for doing something for our own Georgia Missionaries. The next State Association will be at Norman Park, Ga. on November 12-14.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for worship service to begin.

It began with singing and then prayer by Rev. Gerald Baxley. Rev. J.C. Grimsley, pastor of host Church, delivered a wonderful message titled "We Will Walk In Newness Of Him" from Romans 6: 1-11. Then we were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. Elbert Streetman started the business by leading the singing at 1:00, then prayer by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We your Temperance Committee report that all churches are in good standing, but we want to urge all to participate in brotherly love in all functions of our Association.

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

#### OBITUARY:

We, the Obituary Committee have these deaths to report:

Bethany—Rev. Carlton Jordan. . . . . 8-24-87

#### Little Bethel:

Mr. A.L. Fowler . . . . . 3-7-87

Mrs. R.C. Cromer . . . . . 4-3-87

Mrs. Jewel Bone . . . . . 5-9-87

Mrs. Grey Raburn . . . . . 6-30-87

#### Mount Olive:

J. Clay Smith. . . . . 2-28-87

Tommy Purvis. . . . . 2-18-87

Johnny Mullins . . . . . 4-22-87

New Prospect (Turner Co.)

Miss Lillie Ann Edge ..... 1-7-87

Othan G. Little ..... 1-4-87

Thomaston First:

Mr. Charlie Collum ..... 5-30-87

Trinity:

Cecil Gill ..... 2-16-87

Turner's Chapel:

Rev. James R. Stroup ..... 6-27-87

Mrs. Mary Jo Montgomery ..... 6-29-87

It was moved, seconded, and carried to stand with silent prayer, ending with prayer by the Moderator then the delegates dismissed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

We, your Sunday School Committee wish to encourage per-sistant attendance and consistent Bible teaching to build our Sunday School. Matthew 28:19-20: "Go Ye Therefore Teaching Them To Observe All Things".

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

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE:

We, your Suggestion Committee have 5 differencnt items to discuss. It was moved, seconded, and carried to take each item seperately.

1. We, urge all churches to attend the Quarterly Meetings of the Chattahoochee Association and we also request that the Executive Committee contact New Prospect (Taylor Co.) to see why they have not attended the meetings this year.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Executive Committee to contact this Church and since the Chairman, Bro. Gleason Fowler, is not here, the clerk is to let Bro. Fowler know about this case.

2. We, suggest that the clerk's yearly salary be raised from \$100.00 per year to \$150.00 and the Moderator's salary be raised from \$60.00 to \$90.00 per year.

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

3. We, encourage all churches to use Free Will Baptist Ministers in the pulpit and for their revivals.

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

4. We, ask that the host Church be given a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful meal and their hospitality for today, this was moved, seconded, and carried.

5. We, suggest that Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church be removed from our Church Roll as the Church has been closed for 2 years. After discussing this matter, it was moved, seconded, and carried to keep this Church on Roll Call for another year.

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

#### FINANCE REPORT:

Balance at last meeting .....	\$1,280.38
Paid for postage. ....	3.90
Letter fee's today .....	275.00
Balance October 3, 1987.....	\$1,551.48

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

Bro. Welch reported that the Benevolence Fund has a balance of \$437.90.

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

First Quarterly Meeting. .... January 2, 1988  
New Prospect (Turner Co.)  
Sermon by Rev. A.G. Windham

Second Quarterly Meeting. .... April 2, 1988  
Spring Hill  
Sermon by Rev. Herbert Waid

Third Quarterly Meeting .....

July 2, 1988  
Mount Olive  
Sermon by Rev. Gerald Baxley

Annual Meeting. .... October 1, 1988  
Trinity  
Sermon by Rev. Leroy Blanchard

The Moderator asked for volunteer delegates for the State Association Meeting in November 12-14 at the Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, Ga., Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Sis. Josephine Welch, and Sis. Mary Lee Fowler volunteered to go with standing delegates, Rev. Warren Wyatt and Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr.

## THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Nominating Committee called all nominee's names and their positions. It was moved, seconded, and carried for each one be elected seperatley. Rev. Gerald Brown asked not to be elected on the Ordaining Council of this Association. Bro. Elbert Streetman asked not to be elected on the Board of Christian Education of the State Board. The floor was opened for nomination's. Rev. Hubert Arnold was nominated for both positions and the nomination was closed. Each one was elected seperately and listed as follows:

### LOCAL:

Moderator . . . . .	Rev. Warren Wyatt . . . . .	2 years
Asst. Moderator. . . . .	Rev. Wayne Chambliss. . . . .	2 years
Clerk . . . . .	Bro. C.W. Carroll. . . . .	1 year
Asst. Clerk. . . . .	Sis. Edna C. Carroll. . . . .	1 year
Ordaining Council . . . . .	Rev. Hubert Arnold . . . . .	3 years
Executive Committee . . . . .	Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. . . . .	5 years
Local Youth Camp . . . . .	Bro. Monroe T. Ray . . . . .	1 year

### STATE BOARD:

Board of Camping . . . . .	Bro. Monroe T. Ray
Board of Christian Education . . . . .	Rev. Hubert Arnold
Board of Missions . . . . .	Rev. Charles Clark

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

It was then moved, seconded, and carried for the offering today to go to the Youth Group. Rev. J.C. Grimsley then lead in prayer and the offering was \$49.00.

Then we were dismissed for this meeting by singing "O How I Love Jesus".

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

## THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Quarterly Meeting was held at New Prospect Church, Turner County, Ashburn, Ga., January 3, 1987. Song service began at 10:00 a.m. led by Bro. Kim Kelly.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Wayne Chambliss, and also Pastor of the Host Church gave a very warm welcome and started business with prayer. He called for corresponding letters and asked for 2 delegates to read the letters. Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Rev. A.G. Windham volunteered to read the letters.

They are as follows:

1. Bethany—Rev. Carlton Jordan
2. Lake Blackshear—Sis. Irene Brown
3. Little Bethel—Mrs. Gleason Fowler
4. Mount Olive—Bro. Syd Crook, Sis. Ann Wainwright, Bro. Howard Kelly, Sis. Barbara Arnold
5. New Liberty—Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Sis. Christine Kirkland, Sis. Sara Lunsford, Sis. Jewel McDaniel
6. New Life—By Letter
7. New Prospect (Taylor Co.)—Sis. Nellie Lee Wainwright, Bro. Lee Sawyer, Sis. Florence Windham
8. New Prospect (Turner Co.)—Rody Watson, Gloria Watson, Shirley Kelly, Kim Kelly
9. Pleasant Hill—No Letter
10. Reynolds—Sam Whittaker, Sally Whittaker, Sis. Irene Brown
11. Spring Hill—By Letter
12. Thomaston First—By Letter
13. Trinity—Josephine Welch, Juanita Wyatt, Peggy Gibb, Charlie Gibb, Peggy Warr, Elvie Warr
14. Turner's Chapel—Bro. Earnest Heath, Sis. Janice Clark, Sis. Heather Clark, Sis. Sharina Carroll

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

At this time 2 petition letters were brought forward:

1—A letter from Lake Blackshear stating that they have dissolved from the Chattahoochee Association, December 17, 1986 and could they be released from the schedule conference in July? It was then moved, seconded, and carried for the clerk to write a letter releasing Lake Blackshear from the Chattahoochee Association.

Also they accepted the resignation of Rev. Gerald Brown, their pastor, on November 5, 1986 with love, respect and admiration. Since Rev. Brown has moved his membership to Reynolds Church, it was moved, seconded, and carried for him to remain on the Ordaining Council.

2—A letter from Rev. Bobby Whittaker:

I am resigning my position as your Board Member on Mission Board, effective Jan. 3, 1987.

This will be brought up in the afternoon session. 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 ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

#### ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Dea. C.W. Carroll. . . . .	Present
Dea. Norman Grier . . . . .	Not 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 . . . . .	Present
Sis. Lisa Ross, President . . . . .	Not Present
Sis. Debbie Ray. . . . .	Not Present
Rev. Jimmy Stubbs. . . . .	Not Present
Rev. Gene Ross, Director-Treasurer. . . . .	Not Present

This makes two regular meetings that Sis. Debbie Ray has missed.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Moderator to appoint the Committees:

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Rev. Hubert Arnold  
Bro. Tyson Ray  
Rev. Warren Wyatt

#### SUGGESTION COMMITTEE:

Sis. Irene Brown  
Sis. Gloria Watson  
Sis. Josephine Welch

Morning service began with 2 special songs with "The Sweethearts" of the host Church.

Rev. A.G. Windham delivered a wonderful message beginning on Luke 13:10, ending with everyone having fellowship with one another.

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Herbert Waid.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. Kim Kelly started the business by leading the singing at 1:15 and then prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt.

Rev. Herbert Waid gave a good report for Sis. Debbie Griffin and the good Barnard Day and the State is doing real good. The "Target 90" is good and if you need any material, it can be ordered from the State Office.

Bro. Gleason Fowler, Chairman of Executive Committee, reported that Bethany Church is doing good.

The Committee decided that the Association should not have a Ministerial Roll Call because they are already standing delegates.

The Master's Men still wants to do more work on Camp Mt. Bethel this year and needs your help.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Balance Oct. 4, 1986.....	\$1,919.75
Paid Moderator .....	60.00
Paid Clerk.....	100.00
Paid to State for Nat. Association.....	140.00
Paid to State for Debbie Griffin .....	46.85
Paid to William Travis .....	200.00
Paid to State for Delegates .....	60.00
Paid for Minutes .....	250.00
Paid to U.S. Post Office.....	9.52
Balance .....	\$1,053.38
Letter Fees today .....	140.00
Balance Jan. 3, 1987.....	\$1,193.38

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

### Suggestion Committee Report:

1. We, your Suggestion Committee suggests that a special love offering be taken for Bro. Gene Ross for at least \$300.00 with the Association picking up what is lacking in the offering.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this report. The offering was done at this time with prayer by Bro. Bo Rainey for the amount of \$77.60. The Association's balance was \$222.40.

2. We, your Suggestion Committee further recommend that the Moderator, ask for volunteers from the floor for a Church to host the July Session. It was moved, seconded, and carried to be accepted. Trinity Church asked for this session with Rev. Bobby Whittaker to bring the message.

3. It has been suggested to our Committee, that some of the retreats be held at Camp Mt. Bethel instead of Norman Park. Using these monies for needed improvements at the Camp. We need to have pride in our facilities (need to have at home). It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this report.

4. We, further suggest that we give this Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality. It was moved, seconded, and carried.

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

At this time the Moderator asked if anyone would volunteer to take Rev. Bobby Whittaker's place on the Mission Board. No one volunteered. The floor was opened for nominations. Rev. Gerald Brown was nominated, then the nomination was closed. Rev. Brown agreed to accept this position until the Annual Meeting, October 3, 1987.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. A.G. Windham, speaking for the Ordaining Council, asked for the clerk to write a letter to Rev. W.R. Crawley and Rev. Steve Purvis asking to attend the Second Quarterly Meeting at Little Bethel Church on April 4, 1987, or write a letter to explain where they stand on the Ministerial Roll of the Chattahoochee Association. It was moved, seconded, and carried to be accepted.

Rev. A.G. Windham stated that he had found several mistakes in the "Articles of Faith and Doctrinal Views" in the minutes of our Association and he had corrected these mistakes and suggested that these be re-typed the next time the minutes are made. It was moved, seconded, and carried that this be accepted.

### BENEVOLENCE FUND REPORT

Jan. 1986 Little Bethel .....	\$50.00
New Prospect (Taylor Co.) .....	50.00
Spring Hill. ....	50.00
Lake Blackshear .....	25.00
Oct. Turner's Chapel .....	50.00
Trinity .....	50.00
Year 1986 .....	\$275.00
1986 Paid Mrs. Childree .....	\$300.00
Balance in Treasury .....	\$312.90

Bro. Jr. Welch asked that each Church start giving \$100.00 a year to the Benevolence Fund instead of \$50.00. This would help in other situations of needs. It was moved, seconded, and carried to do this but after some discussion it was decided that instead of compelling them to give this amount, we suggest they do so.

After discussing a love offering for Bro. Charles Clark, it was moved, seconded, and carried that each Church have a special offering for him on the first Sunday in February.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn, with prayer by Bro. Bud Williams.

Rev. Wayne Chambliss Asst. Moderator  
C.W. Carroll, Clerk

## THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting was held at Little Bethel Church, Ideal, Ga. on April 4, 1987. Song service began at 10:00 led by Pastor of the host church, Rev. Gene Ross. Then prayer by Rev. A.G. Windham. Then a warm welcome to everyone by Rev. Gene Ross.

The Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark, took charge and asked for the corresponding letters. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Moderator to appoint someone to read the letters. He appointed Rev. Gerald Baxley and Rev. Warren Wyatt.

They are as follows:

1. Bethany—By Letter
2. Little Bethel—Sis. Mary Lee Fowler, Sis. Blondell Layfield, Sis. Clarice Jinks
3. Mount Olive—Bro. Syd Crook, Sis. Ann Wainwright, Bro. Howard Kelly
4. New Liberty—Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Sis. Christine Kirkland, Sis. Annie Lou Streetman
5. New Life—Mary Stubbs, Martha Lockhart, Truman Lockhart
6. New Prospect (Taylor Co.)—No Letter
7. New Prospect (Turner Co.)—Loney Williams, Doris Williams, Shirley Kelly, Margaret Davis
8. Reynolds—Bro. Gerald Brown, Bro. Bobby Whittaker
9. Spring Hill—Sis. Anna Allen, Sis. Myrtle Grier, Sis. Bernice McCall
10. Thomaston First—By Letter
11. Trinity—Juanita Wyatt, Josephine Welch, E.A. Welch, Jr.
12. Turner's Chapel—Leroy Lowe, Bill Byrd

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

The Moderator asked for all Preachers to stand and for all Deacons to stand. There were more Deacons.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Moderator to appoint the committee's.

They are as follows:

### FINANCE:

Bro. Syd Crook  
Sis. Margaret Davis  
Sis. Bernice McCall

### SUGGESTION :

Sis. Ann Wainwright  
Bro. Tyson Ray  
Bro. Gerald Baxley

The Moderator asked for any reports at this time:

Rev. Bobby Whittaker reported that the Reynolds Church will dissolve on May 6, 1987. The Church is giving \$1,045.00 to the Chattahoochee Association for a Mission Board account. The piano, Church furniture, all other supplies, including the balance on their funds will be designated to Camp Mt. Bethel.

A motion was made, then moved, seconded, and carried to send a letter of appreciation to the Reynolds Free Will Baptist Church for their support in the past and also for their donations to the Association and Camp Mt. Bethel.

Financial report of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Youth Group to the Quarterly Associational Meeting on April 4, 1987 at Little Bethel F.W.B. Church.

Balance on hand Oct. 4, 1986 .....	\$736.05
Receipts .....	0
Expenditures:	
Board of Camping 12-30-86	
Deposit for 1987 Session .....	\$50.00
Balance on hand April 4, 1987 .....	\$686.05

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Gene Ross

Rev. Ross also reported the Chattahoochee Association will be at Camp Mt. Bethel the last week in July this year. Rev. Ross requested that he be removed as Director-Treasurer of the Youth committee and recommended Bro. Tyson Ray to take his place. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept his request.

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

## ROLL CALL FOR THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Rev. Jimmy Stubbs . . . . .	Not Present
Sis. Janice Clark . . . . .	Present
Sis. Lisa Ross . . . . .	Not Present
Sis. Debbie Ray . . . . .	Not Present
Rev. Gene Ross . . . . .	Present

Rev. Jimmy Stubbs, Sis. Lisa Ross, and Sis. Debbie Ray have missed two consecutive meetings and will be replaced at another date.

Sis. Ann Wainwright, reported that the next Sunday School Convention will be in May of this year and needs more help from each Church. It was moved, seconded, and carried that this Sunday School Convention be supported by each Church.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to go into Morning worship service. Rev. Gene Ross led the singing and then prayer by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. Rev. Geral Brown took charge and delivered a wonderful message to "Prepare To Meet Thy God" beginning from Amos 4:12.

Bro. Morris Lawhorn, welcomed everyone for lunch. Then all the Preachers, Deacons, and Women gathered at the alter for prayer, led by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:00, led by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. A short devotion by Rev. James Allen from the 4th chapter of St. Luke, ending with prayer.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Finance Committee:

Balance brought forward . . . . .	\$1,010.38
Received from letters . . . . .	135.00
Total Balance . . . . .	\$1,145.38
From Reynolds Church for a Mission Board . . . . .	\$1,045.00

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

### Suggestion Committee:

The Suggestion Committee reported with three different items. It was moved, seconded, and carried for each item to be voted on seperately.

1. We suggest that this Association vote today as to their preference of continuing the Sunday School Convention and Youth Rally's. It was moved, seconded, and carried for the Sunday School Convention to continue and still be held in May. Then after discussing the Youth Rallies, it was moved, seconded, and carried for the Youth Rallies to continue and the next meeting will be held at Turner's Chapel on April 25, 1987, and the Youth Committee be re-elected because all but Sis. Janice Clark had missed two consecutive meetings.

2. We suggest that the gift from the Reynolds Church to the Association be placed in a special fund and that, we consider the establishment of the Association having a Mission Board Account. It was moved, seconded, and carried to be accepted.

3. We suggest that we give Little Bethel Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. It was moved, seconded, and carried to be accepted. It was then moved, seconded, and carried for this committee to be dismissed.

### THE ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

Bro. W.R. Crawley and Bro. Steve Purvis has requested that they be removed from our Ministerial Roll since they are now serving in another field of service. We the Ordaining Council recommend their request be honored. Also recommend that Rev. James Allen be accepted into our Association, after we receive a good report from Calvary Church. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept this report.

The balance of the Benevolence Fund is \$372.00.

Bro. Gleason Fowler said the Master's Men need help at Camp Mt. Bethel and they need about \$20,000.00.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for an offering to go to Camp Mt. Bethel at this time. Prayer by the Moderator and the offering was \$51.80.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Tyson Ray.

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

### THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Quarterly Meeting was held at Trinity Church, Mauk, Ga. on July 11, 1987. Song service began at 10:00, led by Bro. Jr. Welch, then prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt.

The Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark, took charge reading the 25th. Psalm. Then called for the corresponding letters with Bro. Jr. Welch and Rev. Warren Wyatt to read the letters. They are as follows:

1. Bethany—By Letter
2. Little Bethel—Sis. Ruby Layfield, Sis. Ruby Ray, Sis. Mary Lee Fowler
3. Mount Olive—Bro. Syd Crook, Sis. Frances Mullins, Bro. Joe Logue, Bro. Howard Kelly
4. New Liberty—Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Sis. Christine Kirkland
5. New Life—By Letter
6. New Prospect (Taylor Co.)—No letter
7. New Prospect (Turner Co.)—Lonie Williams, Joyce Arnold
8. Pleasant Hill—No letter
9. Spring Hill—Sis. Anna Allen, Sis. Bernice McCall, Sis. Michele Grier, Sis. Sherri Grier, Sis. Laura McCall
10. Thomaston First—By letter
11. Trinity—Juanita Wyatt, Carol Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gibb, Melissa Wyatt
12. Turner's Chapel—Heather Clark

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

The Moderator asked for all Preachers to stand, there were 7 present; then all Deacons to stand, there were 10 present.

The Moderator then asked for all Preachers and Deacons to come to the alter and pray for all Preachers of the Association and especially Rev. Carlton Jordan and Rev. Gerald Brown for sickness and to be lead by Rev. Hubert Arnold. Then ending with singing.

The Moderator invited all visitors and then appointed the committees.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Bro. Elvie Warr  
Bro. Norman Grier  
Bro. Tyson Ray

#### SUGGESTION

#### COMMITTEE:

Sis. Carol Welch  
Sis. Christine Kirkland  
Sis. Mary Lee Fowler

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

## ROLL CALL FOR THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. A.G. Windham. . . . . Not 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

The Moderator then appointed Rev. Warren Wyatt to be on the Ordaining Council for today.

The Moderator reported that the National Association has a good Roll Call once a year and is doing good, but the Chattahoochee Association needs to do better.

Bro. Tyson Ray reported that the young people will be at Camp Mt. Bethel this year, beginning on July 26, 1987. He has the applications for the young people today.

Bro. Gleason Fowler reported that the Masters Men needs more help at Camp Mt. Bethel.

Rev. Gerald Brown reported that the State Mission is doing good but needs more help with prayer's and the Church under Rev. Burns especially.

The Moderator suggested for an offering this morning to go to Camp Mt. Bethel. It was discussed, then moved, seconded, and carried. Rev. James Allen and Bro. Robert Chambliss received the offering with prayer by Rev. Allen. The offering was \$72.50

The week of July 26, there will be a bon fire on Thurs. nite July 30. It was suggested that all that can attend this bon fire. The Moderator appointed Rev. James Allen, Rev. Hubert Arnold, and Rev. Gerald Brown to make plans for this meeting.

It was moved, seconded, and carried for morning service. Bro. Jr. Welch led the singing.

The host pastor, Rev. Warren Wyatt, invited Rev. Bobby Whittaker to deliver the message. Rev. Bobby Whittaker delivered a wonderful message entitled "Prayer" beginning with 1st Timothy 2:1-3, then ending with prayer.

Rev. Wyatt welcomed everyone and asked Rev. Gerald Brown to dismiss the meeting and ask the blessing on the food.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service began at 1:00 p.m. A short devotion was brought by Rev. Wayne Chambliss on St. John 3:16, beginning with prayer.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Finance Committee:

Balance brought forward . . . . .	\$1,145.38
By letters today . . . . .	135.00
Present balance . . . . .	\$1,280.38

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

#### Suggestion Committee:

The Suggestion Committee reported two different items.

1. We, your Suggestion Committee suggest that all preachers, deacons, and all members, pray for our Churches and our district, as we seem to be declining in membership and concern for the Lords work and that our session of Youth Camp will be a success.
2. Give the host Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

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

### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:

The Ordaining Council received a letter from the Twin Cities Association that highly recommended Rev. James Allen be accepted into the Chattahoochee Association. At this time Rev. James Allen was accepted into our Association with full fellowship.

The Ordaining Council asked the clerk to write a letter to the Georgia Union Association on their request of Rev. Roscoe Pitts. Rev. Pitts was dismissed from our Association, with good standing on July 11, 1987.

The Ordaining Council then agreed to give Rev. Bobby Whittaker a letter of good standing with the Chattahoochee Association and should we receive a request of the Union Association for his membership he will be dismissed from our Association. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept these reports.

Bro. Jr. Welch reported that the Benevolence Fund has a balance of \$512.90.

Rev. Herbert Waid was welcomed at this time and he gave a good report on the State and the Bible College.

The Bon Fire Committee reported that all that want to go in the motorcade, meet at Hardees in Montezuma at 6:30 on July 30, 1987. Anyone that wants to eat supper at the Camp, bring your food.

It was discussed, but no date was set for a Preachers march from Butler to Reynolds.

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

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

## MINUTES – SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee Sunday School Convention held its annual convention on the first Saturday in May, 1987 at Little Bethel.

The meeting was called to order by Diane Hinton. During the business session it was voted to have only one officer for the coming year. Sis. Ann Wainwright was elected to this position.

A report on various Sunday Schools visited by Bro. & Sis. Ray was given by Bro. Ray.

Our next convention will be the first Saturday in May, 1988.

Ann Wainwright  
Secretary/Treasurer

**DUE TO POOR ATTENDANCE AND  
VERY LITTLE SUPPORT FROM  
OUR CHURCHES, OUR SUNDAY  
SCHOOL CONVENTION MAY BE  
DISCONTINUED IN THE VERY  
NEAR FUTURE.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS VERY  
IMPORTANT! PLEASE COME AND  
SUPPORT YOUR CONVENTION  
AT THE NEXT MEETING!!!**

## CHATTAHOOCHEE FWB WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary met at Little Bethel near Ideal, Ga. on September 12, 1987.

Theme was "Reaping The Harvest".

The President, Mary Lee Fowler, opened the meeting with reading John 4:35. The ladies sang two songs—"We'll Work Til Jesus Comes" and "To The Work". Prayer was given by Clarice Jinks.

Mary Williams gave the welcome.

Loneta Baxley of First Thomaston sang a special for us.

Devotional was given by Geraldine Taunton of Thomaston Church.

Report of Credentials Committee—2 members from Thomaston Church—7 from Little Bethel.

Committee's were appointed after which the minutes were read and approved.

Geraldine Taunton—Study Mission Chairman encouraged all to study and named books to help each one.

Mary Williams, Mission Prayer Chairman, asked each to pray for State Project as well as all Missionaries.

After lunch, a report was heard from each committee with recommendations. Each was passed.

Appointment of delegates to State Convention were:

Mary Lee Fowler and Clarice Jinks.

Meeting place of 1988:

Workshop—April 23, 1988 — First Thomaston, Thomaston, Ga.

Annual Meeting—September 10, 1988—Little Bethel, Ideal, Ga.

A Dedication Prayer was offered for the officers then we were dismissed with prayer.

Mary Lee Fowler, President  
Clarice Jinks, Secretary

*IN MEMORY OF BRO. CLAY SMITH*

*Bro. Clay Smith was born Feb. 26, 1910 and departed this life January 29, 1987. Bro. Clay was a member of Mt. Olive Church and a great asset to the Church, our community, and to all his many friends. We miss him so much, but we know the time will soon come when we will be with him again, never to depart. May he rest in perfect peace until the great gathering together.*

*A.G. Windham  
Mt. Olive Church*

*IN MEMORY OF BRO. TOMMY PURVIS, JR.*

*Bro. Tommy Purvis, Jr. was born May 28, 1952, and life was taken from him February 18, 1987. Tommy married into our family in June 1973, and was to us our own dear son until his untimely death. Along with his beloved wife Phyllis, and his dear son Zack, we deeply mourn his passing. However, we are comforted in knowing that this separation is temporary, and that one day soon we will all be reunited along with all those that love and expect the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*May God's love and perfect peace be Tommy's forever.*

*A.G. Windham  
Mt. Olive Church*

*IN MEMORY OF BRO. JOHNNIE MULLINS*

*Bro. Johnnie Mullins was born July 23, 1922, and died April 22, 1987. Bro. Johnnie was a devoted friend and brother to all of us that knew him. He was a member of Mt. Olive Church and a great inspiration to us in the Church. Bro. Johnnie was very devoted to his family that loved him so, and to his numerous friends. His death is grieved by us, but we know he is now at rest and that soon, we shall see him again. "Tears may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning".*

*A.G. Windham  
Mt. Olive Church*

*IN MEMORY OF SISTER LETTIE STUCKEY*

*Sister Stuckey was born November 7, 1908 and departed this life December 6, 1986, making her stay on earth 78 years 29 days, she was a member of Bethany Church. She will be missed by her 2 daughters, grandchildren and by all who knew her.*

*We hope to meet you in heaven.*

*By Rev. J.C. Grimsley*

*In memory of beloved brothers and sisters of Little Bethel Church, who have passed away since our last Association. We miss them dearly but feel our loss was their gain to a heavenly home that is prepared for all.*

*Church Clerk,  
Mrs. Leonard Layfield*

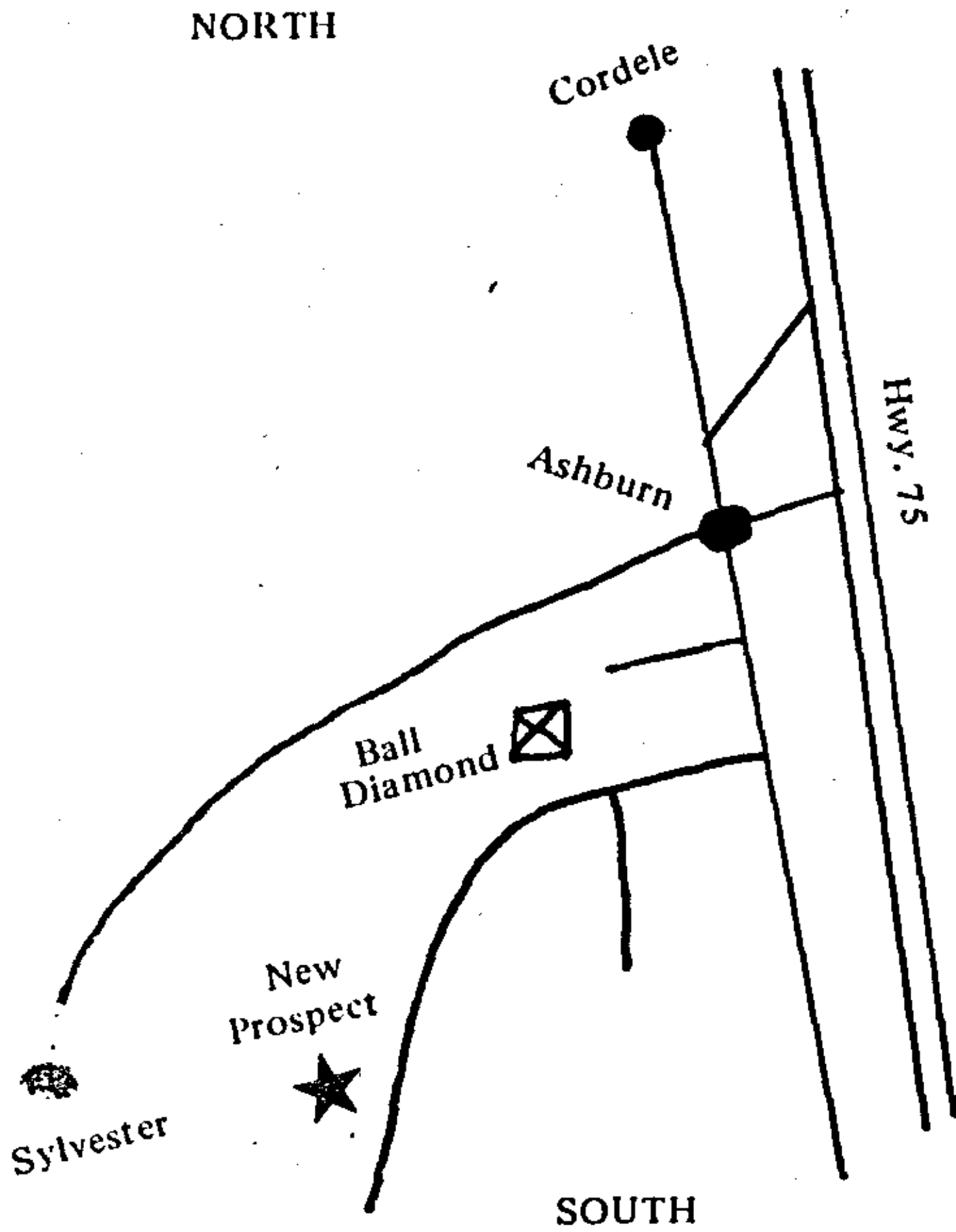
*IN REMEMBRANCE OF BRO. CECIL GILL*

*Born January 17, 1906 departed this life on Feb. 16, 1987. Making his stay on earth 81 years and 1 month. Bro. Gill was a member of Trinity Church for many years, and will be missed by all.*

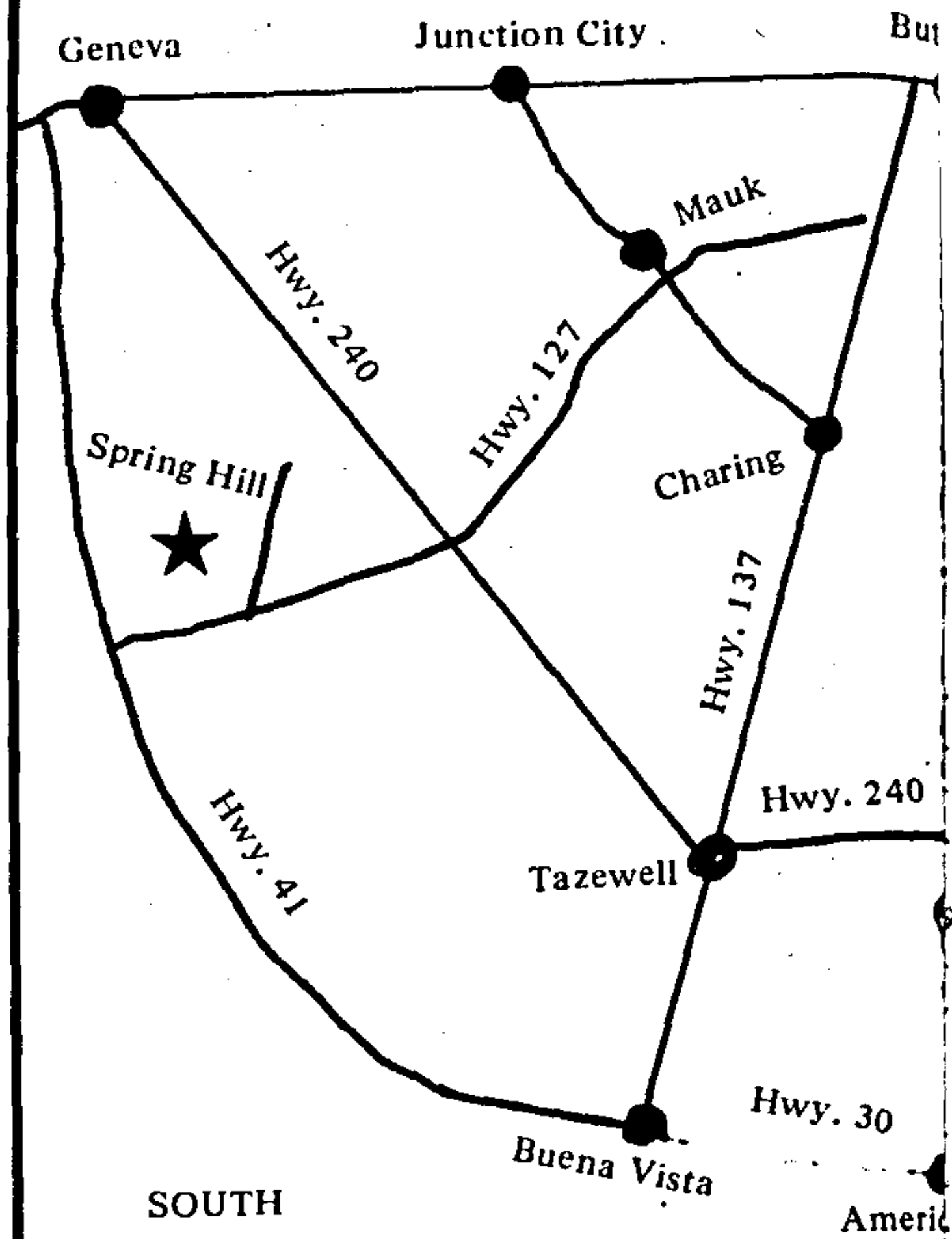
*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. From Henceforth! Yea; saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them". Rev. 14:13*

*By His Pastor Warren Wyatt*

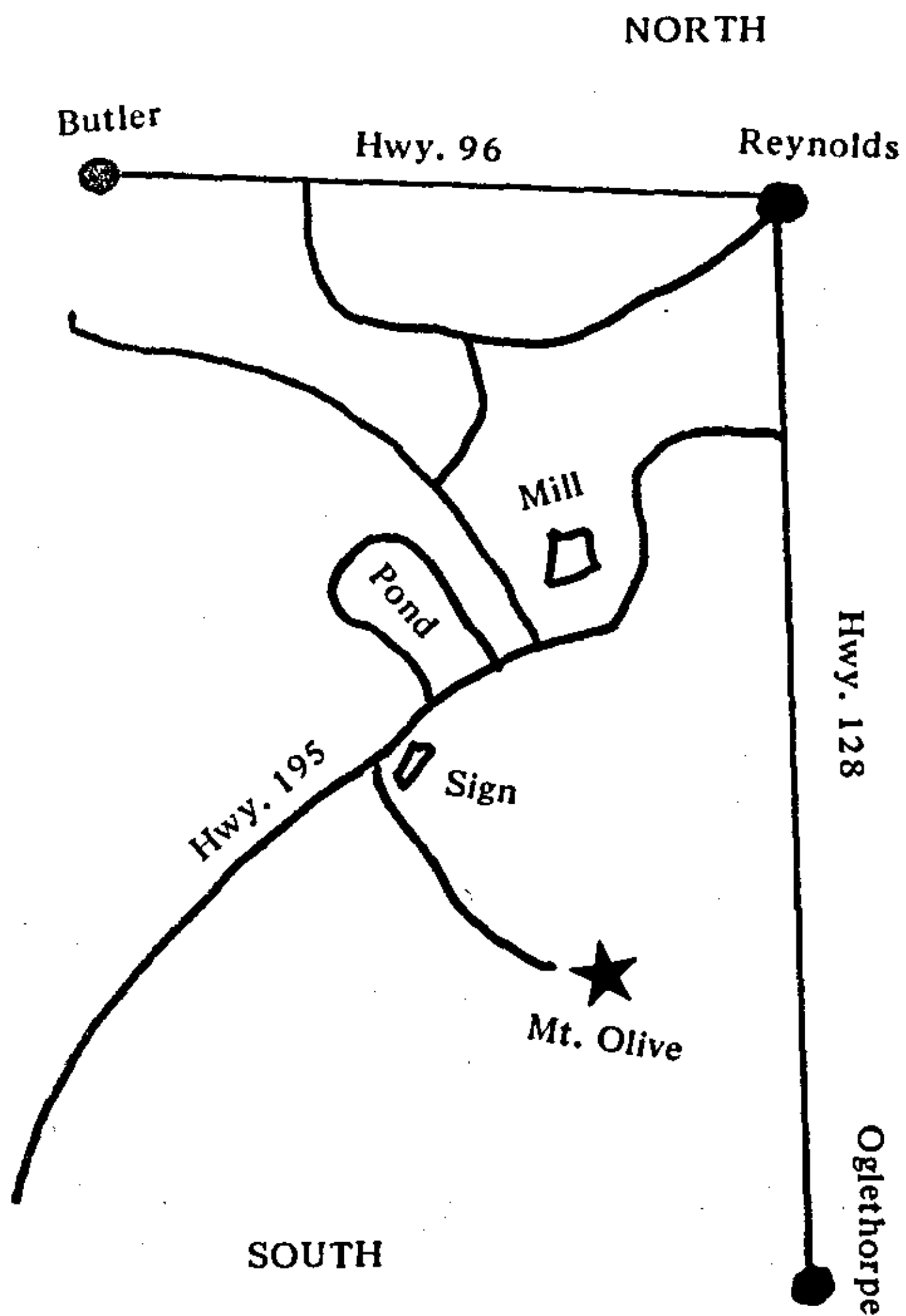
First Quarterly Meeting  
New Prospect (Turner Co.)  
January 2, 1988



Second Quarterly Meeting  
Spring Hill  
April 2, 1988



Third Quarterly Meeting  
Mount Olive  
July 2, 1988



Annual Meeting  
Trinity  
October 1, 1988

