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of the

Paul Palmer
Fellowship Conference

of the Original Free Will Baptist

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Preface To The Minutes
Of
The Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference
Of
Original Free Will Baptist Of Georgia

In July of 1963, several ministers and laymen of the Midway and Martin Associations of Georgia and Salem of Florida met in the Colquitt, Georgia Free Will Baptist Church, at the invitation of the Pastor, Rev. Joe Fort. The purpose of this meeting was for an open and free discussion of the conflict between brethren of the National Association of Free Will Baptist and the North Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptist on the subject of church government - specifically, congregational and connectional government. The brethren of the National Association insisted on a strict congregational policy, while the North Carolina brethren asserted that Free Will Baptist tradition was a combination of both. As a result of these differences, in the 1962 session of the National Association, an open discussion arose on the floor about the procedure with which a local North Carolina church dealt with an issue in one of its local churches, a procedure which was deemed to be strictly "connectional" by the majority opinion of the National Association then in session. And because the North Carolina Association upheld the local association in its action, a motion was made from the floor and carried to "declare vacant each and every office in the National Association by any delegate from the State of North Carolina," which amounted to a formal dismissal of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist from the National Association of Free Will Baptist

We the brethren who met at the Colquitt Church, a year later, concluded that the action of the National Association against the North Carolina State Association was hasty, unadvisable, and unchristian. We agreed that it was traditional among Free Will Baptist to practice a combination of congregational and connectional government (see: Constitution of Paul Palmer Conference). We further concluded that the action of the National Association was unjustified, and that the motion should have been tabled, so more time and greater effort toward mutual understanding may have been sought by the brethren concerned.

Therefore, we concluded that we would attempt to lead the Midway Association to withdraw from the National Association in support of the position of the North Carolina Association, until such time as the National Association rescinded the above motion. This conclusion was written in the form of a resolution to be presented to the next session of the Midway Association in October 1963. Should the resolution pass, we concluded that we would withdraw as individual churches to form a separate association

To our regret, the resolution did not pass. It was decided that we would set a date on which to meet and write a constitution for a new association, In late October 1963, Reverend's Joe Fort, Daniel F. Pelt, J. B.

Lovering, and Chester Pelt met with Rev. Paul Irvin in his church - White Pond Free Will Baptist church, Damascus, Georgia. There we prepared the first draft of a constitution naming the new association, The Paul Palmer Conference of Original Free Will Baptist, and set the first session to meet in January 1964 at the Jakin Free Will Baptist Church, Jakin, Georgia.

In the meantime, the Jakin church and the White Pond church in called conferences passed the following motion: "Motion carried unanimously that we stand by the Free Will Baptist Treatise of 1902; that we withdraw from the Midway Association in protest, to its neglect to act on a tabled resolution which was written to express our conviction concerning departure of the National Association from traditional practice; that our withdrawal continue in effect until the Midway Association sets its house in order in accordance with the above treatise; and that we invite all other brethren of like minds as ours to join us in fellowship." Subsequently three other churches passed similar motions and joined the new conference - Zion, Bethlehem and Live Oak Free Will Baptist churches.

CONTINUATION OF PREFACE FROM PREVIOUS BOOK

First, we would like to thank the committee responsible for the first book, October 1963 through July 1983. The following is an update from October 1983 through July 2003.

We, the committee proudly dedicate this book to former, present and future faithful pastors, deacons, officers, congregations and youth who have and are giving their toil, prayers and sacrifice to sustain the work of this conference. We pray for future generations who will through this conference, come to know Christ and find in Him "the way, the truth, and the light".

Many thanks to this committee, Rev. Barry Hedrick, Rev. Bobby Johnston, Mrs. Celeice Burch, Hugh Chandler and LaDon McDowell for the preparation of this book. Compiled by David M. Still.

COVENANT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works, endeavor to "grow in grace and in

the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to “keep the unity of the Spirit” in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another’s happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We Will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end, we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Constitution Of The Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference Of The Original Free Will Baptist

Preamble: - We, who are of the Original Free Will Baptist church in the state of Georgia, in order to rediscover the spirit of brotherly love and peace of mind among ourselves; adhere to the customs and practices of our Paul Palmer heritage of more than two hundred and fifty years in American History - an heritage which had its beginning in Eastern North Carolina - and promote the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ in one accord with that heritage through preaching, teaching, missions, the care of needy orphans, widows and the aged, do hereby establish this constitution for all churches and ministers of the said state who are of like minds and spirit as we are:

Article 1

Name: The name of this organization shall be **The Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference of Original Free Will Baptist.**

Article 2

Objectives - The objectives of this conference shall be to:

1. Co-ordinate the activities and aims of those member churches (and ministers) who recognize our true heritage as stemming from the Paul Palmer Free Will Baptist heritage (of the early 1700’s in America.)
2. Maintain our traditional practice of church government

composed of both congregational and connectional usages:

a. Congregational insofar as internal affairs are concerned; such as, calling and dismissing pastors within the accepted rules of the conference; receiving and expending money and other values; the construction and repair of church buildings; the purchasing and sale of real property; receiving and dismissing members within the accepted rules of the conference; establishing and maintaining cemeteries; conducting worship services; Sunday School, youth training and prayer meetings, and all other programs and activities of a purely local nature.

b. Connectional insofar as matters of doctrine and discipline of church and ministers who deviate from accepted doctrine; ordination of ministers and deacons; the traditional practice of conferences and churches with respect to receiving and dismissing members, and of other action which may effect the spirit, harmony and good will of the conference or any of its member churches, especially in regards to the grievances of minority groups.

3. Promote the use of Free Will Baptist literature published at the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, North Carolina, an institution that has served the cause of Christ through the printed page for more than one hundred years without financial profit to any individual - all profits being turned back into various denominational projects.

4. Promote Christian education - especially Mount Olive College, a liberal arts school and "witness of Free Will Baptist in Christian higher education" whose "commitment is to make this witness as effective as possible from the point of view of both education and the church."

5. Promote a missionary program which begins at home (Jerusalem) and extends to the uttermost parts of the world, a program which is not divided into two unscriptural parts called **home** and **foreign** missions.

6. Promote a church extension program for the purpose of establishing and maintaining in this state mission churches, or worship centers, until they are self-supporting, at which time they will be excepted into this conference as duly organized and established churches.

Article 3

Membership: The membership of this conference shall be composed of ministers and churches as follows:

1. All duly ordained and accepted ministers of the Gospel who: (a) accept this constitution and by-laws without reservation, and who are approved and recommended by the ordaining council with final approval of the conference; (b) are actively engaged in pastoral, or related, ministry within the scope of the objectives of this conference; and (c) whose membership in the conference takes precedence over his local church membership, since he may maintain his church membership with any Free Will Baptist church of his choosing. However, ministers who pastor churches in this conference must hold their ministerial membership in this conference.

2. All duly established churches and missions of the Free Will Baptist faith that accept and embrace this constitution and by-laws without

reservation, and the churches and missions must be represented by at least one deacon and one lay person for each fifteen (15) active members or fraction thereof.

Article 4

Organization: In order to equalize the voting strength of this conference, it shall be composed of three divisions, as follows;

1. **A Ministers Division.** This division shall be charged with the responsibility of administering Free Will Baptist doctrine with the sanction of the other two divisions, together with the supervision and jurisdiction over all ordinations of both ministers and deacons.

2. **A Deacons Division.** This division shall be charged with the responsibility of encouraging and fostering the following activities in the local churches; Administration of the ordinances - baptism, communion and feet washing; giving to benevolent causes; support of the entire program of the church and handling all financial matters; seeing that the pulpit is filled in the absence of the pastor; care of the sick and needy; counseling with undisciplined, negligent and absent members, and faithful witness of the gospel. This division will offer such resolutions to the conference as it deems advisable to be passed on to the local churches.

3. **A Lay Division.** This division shall share equally with the other two divisions in establishing policies and making constitutional changes. It may offer such resolutions to the conference as it thinks will enrich and enlarge the service rendered by the conference to the churches.

Article 5 (A By Law).

The officers of the conference shall be: moderator, vice-moderator, clerk, treasurer, corresponding secretary, and any other officers which the conference shall see fit to elect in the administration of its affairs. These officers shall be elected in the (July) annual session of the conference. However, should an annual session not be held, the officers last elected shall serve until their successors are elected.

Article 6 (A By-Law).

Meetings: The conference shall meet quarterly, as follows:

1. The first quarterly session shall be held on Saturday before the third Sunday in October.

2. The second quarterly session shall be held on Saturday before the third Sunday in January.

3. The third quarterly session shall be held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April.

4. The fourth quarterly session shall be held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July.

Article 7 (By-Law).

Voting: All voting shall be of two classifications, as follows:

1. General business which shall require a simple majority vote of the conference in general session.

2. Matters of a specific nature, such as; doctrinal questions,

establishment of missions and churches, discipline of member churches, matters contrary to accepted practice, questions of constitutional amendment, and all controversial questions shall require a three-fourths majority of two divisions, voting separately.

Article 8 (A By-Law).

1. **Committees and Councils:** The Executive committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and two members elected from the conference at large.

2. **The Ordaining Council:** The Ordaining Council shall consist of the pastors of the member churches. In the event a church is without a pastor, that church shall designate a representative member from its board of deacons.

Article 9 (A By-Law).

3.

Candidates for Ordination: A licentiate must be certified by the church of his membership; must have been a licentiate for at least one year, and he must be called to serve a church before he is permitted ordination.

Article 10 (A By-Law).

Amendments: This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority of the conference while meeting in any regular session, such amendment becoming valid after passing two consecutive sessions.

Article 11 (A By-Law).

Rules: The rules of practice in this conference shall be governed by Robert's Rule of order.

Article 12 (Superannuation) Superannuation is an Honorary Love Gift of Appreciation.

Who is Entitled: A; Ministers Widow at the death of her Husband as long as she remains unmarried regardless of length of service.

B; 1. Ministers at age of seventy (70)

2. Time of pastorate: minimum of five years and be a member in good standing of the Paul Palmer conference.

3. Ministers disabled provided he has pastored a church in the conference for one year.

Charter ministers and widows entitled immediately upon becoming disabled or husband passing.

Article 13 (Article change) Change the last sentence from page 70 in "The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)" to read as follows: "A pastorate shall not be terminated by a church or a pastor in the Paul Palmer conference without a thirty day previous notice, or unless agreed by both parties."

Ordaining Council

The ordaining council, made up of minister members of the conference or if a church has no pastor, that church designates a deacon to serve, shall interview the candidate. (See note A) And upon satisfaction, recommend appropriate action. When the recommendation is to ordain, the church sponsoring ordination shall order the service, (See note B). The Ordination Service shall be at a time that magnifies the office and allows for maximum church attendance.

When the recommendation is not to ordain, the council shall notify the candidate in writing with its recommendation for further action.

These are suggestions for the local churches, being the local churches responsibility to ordain their deacons or call on the conference for assistance. Conference responsibility to ordain ministers.

Note A

Concerns of Ordaining Council.

Christian Testimony (describe)

Call to Ministry (describe)

Evidence of Gifts (Ministry gifts)

Demonstrate Doctrinal Views.

"All Scripture....."

Scripture - Inspiration to miracles.

JESUS - birth, substitution death, bodily resurrection.

GOD

HOLY SPIRIT - presence, work, fruit.

Ordinances (means of grace)

MINISTER

Service of Ordination

Call to Worship (Psalms 29: 1-2, 66: 1-4, 95: 1-6)

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Explanation of the Ministry Office

Variety of Gifts to Equip the Saints.

(Ephesians 3: 7-9, 4: 11-13)

Church Minister the Shepherd (John 10: 9-16)

Church Minister, Serving God Willingly

(I Peter 5: 1-3)

The Minister and the Church (II Timothy 4: 1-2)

The Church and the Minister

(I Peter 5: 5, I Thessalonians 5: 12-13)

Special music

The Address to the Candidate (see note)

The Ordination Prayer

The Laying on of Hands

The Presentation of the Bible (II Timothy 3: 16)
Hymn of Service
A Benediction
The Right Hand of Fellowship
Fellowship and Reception

Note B

Service of Ordination (Deacons)
Call to Worship (Psalms 29: 1-2, 66: 1-4, 95: 1-6)
Prayer of Invocation
Hymn of Praise
**Explanation of Office of Deacon
 The pattern of the Seven (Acts 6: 3-8)
 Qualifications (I Timothy 3: 8-13)
 The Deacon and the Church
 The Church and the Deacon
Special Music
The Ordination Prayer
The Laying on of Hands
Present Bible
Hymn of Dedication
Benediction
The hand of Church fellowship
Fellowship and Exchange (Reception)

The time should be one that magnifies the office and allows for maximum church attendance.

The selection and examination have taken place. Men have prayerfully consented to serve.

This is a beautiful, dignified service of recognition of fitness and approval of selection. It is an expression of love and support.

Address To The Candidate(s) (Suggestions)

Note: You have heard of one great dignity and responsibility unto which you are called. And again, we exhort you, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that you are to be a messenger, watchman, and steward of one Lord; to proclaim one Word; to teach and disciple; to feed and provide for the Lord's family.

The church unto whom you are to minister and whom you must serve, are the sheep of christ, for whom he died; it is his bride, his body. You must not cease from your labor, care and effort, until you have done all that you can, to bring all such as shall be committed to your charge, to perfectness in Christ.

And so that this body assembled here may understand also your purpose in these things, and so that your promise shall move you even more

to be faithful in your duties, you shall answer clearly and plainly to these things while we shall ask you in the name of God and His church.

1. Do you believe in your heart that you have been called according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ to this office?

Answer: I so believe.

2. Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures contain all truth required for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same Holy Scriptures to instruct the people in your care, that they may enter into eternal life?

Answer: I am so persuaded and determined by God's grace.

3. Will you faithfully minister the doctrine of Christ, the ordinances, the Discipline of the Church, and Defend the Church against all doctrine contrary to the Word of god?

Answer: I will by the help of the Lord

4. Will you persist in prayer, reading of the Holy Scripture and in such study as help to the knowledge of God and His Kingdom?

Answer: I will by the help of the Lord.

5. Will you give all your effort to shape and live your life, and that of your family, according to the teaching of Christ?

Answer: I will by the help of the Lord.

6. Will you maintain and strive for, as much as you possible can, the unity of the Spirit and bond peace and love among all Christian people and especially among those that are committed to your care?

Answer: I will by the help of the Lord.

First quarterly session with Zion October 15, 1983, prayer by Rev. Jim Lugo, devotion by Mrs. Mildred Pelt, letters read by Mrs. Pauline Carr & Mrs. Wylene McDowell. Rev. Chester Pelt announced the ordaining of Rev. Michael D Akers by the Eastern conference in North Carolina, He is a member of Paul Palmer. Ministers Rev's. Talmadge Worsley, Chester Pelt, Paul Irvin, Melvin Moody, Jim Lugo, D W Poole, & Michael Akers, Deacons Joe McDowell, LaDon McDowell, Lewis Cleveland, Hursteen Rollins, Bobby Davis, Milton Anderson, Joe Freeman, Cyril English, David Still, Curtis Hughes, Wayne Carr & Charlie Burch, Visitors Rev. Willem & Mrs. Lydia Van Der Plas, Finance committee Mrs. Kay Willis, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Melvin Moody, Mrs. Florence Rice & Wayne Carr.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, offertory prayer by David Still, Rev. Jim Pelt sang "Satisfied With Jesus", Rev. Chester Pelt presented our speaker Rev. Willem Van Der Plas, Rev. Willem gave a brief background, being from Holland, being a missionary in Africa. He used Luke 15: 8-10 "A Lost Coin" comparing lost coin with lost sheep & lost son, most impressive message, Rev. Paul Irvin closed with prayer.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, devotion by Rev. Michael Akers using II Timothy 1:1-3, "Good Soldiers for Jesus Christ" asking what kind of soldier am I for Jesus Christ? Rev. Paul Irvin's motion to give Zion rising vote of thanks, carried. Moderator Rev. Chester Pelt Clerk Mrs. Ollie Manion.

Second quarterly session with Jakin January 14, 1984 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John Arthur Brown, prayer by Joe McDowell, devotion by Miss. Veronica Carr using John 7: 45-51 "Committments to Christ". Ministers Rev's. Talmadge Worsley, Chester Pelt, Paul Irvin, Melvin Moody & Michael Akers, Deacons Joe McDowell. Lewis Cleveland, Bobby Davis, David Still, Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, John A Brown, Tommy Pace, Dick Ward & Russell Hanks, visitors Rev. Dan Rivers & Rev. Jim Pelt, all Jakin deacons present, Zion acknowledged Deacon Joe Freeman, who passed October 20, 1983. Letters read by Mrs. John A Brown & Miss. Veronica Carr, finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Billy Sauls, Charlie Burch, Lewis Cleveland & James Weaver. Rev. Chester Pelt stated Rev. Michael Akers has become a Chaplin in the Army, beginning active duty April 1st. Rev. Willem Van Der Plas is trying to go to the Phillipines departing in March, asking for prayer. Rev. Burkette Raper & Rev. Harold Jones plan to attend our annual conference.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John A Brown, offertory by Rev. Melvin Moody. Rev. Talmadge Worsley brought a very inspiring message in song "Jesus is Lord of Lords". Our moderator presented Rev. Dan Rivers, stating he was a native of Florida, a graduate of the University of Florida, 29 years as Chaplin & has accepted the pastorate at Zion, effective April 1st. Rev Rivers chose I Corinthians 1:1-9. Mrs. Dan Rivers led in prayer, Rev. Rivers message "When & To Which", "The Manifestation of Jesus Christ", very inspiring message. Rev. Paul Irvin closed

in prayer & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by John A Brown, Rev. Jim Pelt blessed our hearts with "Only Believe", devotion by Miss. Iva Sewell "Qualities of a good Vineyard" using Galations 5: 22,23. Wayne Carr read a letter from Rev. Burkette Raper thanking the conference for their contributions, also for allowing David & Mrs Hallie Still to attend the Dedication Service of College Hall. David Still stated Dr. Raper's dedication to God, the college & to Free Will Baptist is to be commended. Rev. Talmadge Worsley acknowledged we are now in our 20th year as Paul Palmer. Rev. Worsley motion to have special Anniversary Program in July, carried. Rev. Paul Irvin's motion to give Jakin a rising vote of thanks. carried. Moderator Rev. Chester Pelt Assistant Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Third Quarterly session with Bethlehem April 14, 1984 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Pete Aycock, prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin, devotion by Mrs. Fred Johnson, dignity should be put back in our churches, also our lives, reading an article from an old Bible, Mrs. Ruby Pelt had given her. Letters read by Mrs. Bernice Still & Mrs. Wylene McDowell. The clerk was asked to read "Resolution from Zion to honor the memory of Joseph Swann Freeman, Sr, who passed October 20, 1983. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Chester Pelt & Melvin Moody, Visiting Ministers Dr. Irvin Hyman & Rev. Dan Rivers, Deacons Guy Beard, Lewis Cleveland, Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Marlin Brown & David Still, finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Pearl McDowell, Mrs. Kay Willis, Charlie Burch & Mrs. Florence Rice. Ordaining council Rev Paul Irvin, Mrs. S T Dunning, Rev. Melvin Moody, Guy Beard & Rev. Dan Rivers.

Morning Worship offertory prayer by Guy Beard, Mrs. Chester Pelt blessed us with a beautiful song "The Christ of The Cross". Rev. Chester Pelt presented Rev. Irvin Hyman, who is beginning his pastorate at Bethlehem, reading from Genesis 26:18 "Let's Dig Some New Wells", most inspiring, closing with prayer.

Afternoon session singing led by Mrs. Pauline Carr pianist Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Special music by Mrs. Phyllis Sauls & her daughter, Miss. Beverly singing "As Soon As I Touch Calvary". Mrs. Rossie Hooks also sang a beautiful song "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord". Devotion by Guy Beard using John 3:1-8 "Born Again". Lewis Cleveland gave nominating committee report, asking to keep same officers. Ordaining council preceded to ordain Harvey McDonald, Rev. Dan Rivers giving charge to Harvey & his wife, Guy Beard presented the Bible, prayer preceeding the Laying on of hands by Rev. Melvin Moody. Motion to give Bethlehem rising vote of thanks, carried. Moderator Rev. Chester Pelt Clerk Mrs. Ollie Manion.

Annual session with Live Oak July 14, 1984 singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by. Rev. Dan Rivers, devotion by Joe McDowell, using Psalms 95: 1-6 "We Did It God's Way". In his discussion he brought us up to date with the first ten years of Paul Palmer conference. Letters read by Mrs.

Duane Davis & Mrs. Pauline Carr. Rev. Chester Pelt introduced Rev. William Brunson, Pastor of St Cloud Free Will Baptist Church who in turn introduced Mrs. Lela Bronson, his wife & his daughter Mrs. Julia B Smith. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Talmadge Worsley, Chester Pelt & Dan Rivers, Visitors Rev. William & Mrs. Lela Bronson, Rev. Harold Jones, Rev. Burkette & Mrs. Rose Raper, Mrs. Julia B Smith & George Hatcher, Deacons Lewis Cleveland, Joe McDowell, LaDon McDowell, Charlie Burch, Cheshire DeBary, David Still, Wayne Carr & John A Brown, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Florence Rice, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Vaudine Moody & Mrs. Sybil Still.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, ushers Cheshire DeBary & Charlie Burch, offertory prayer by Cheshire DeBary. Rev. Dan & Mrs. Betty Rivers sang a beautiful song "The Brush". Rev. Chester Pelt presented our speaker, Rev. Burkette Raper, he used Matthew 16:18 telling a little history of the Free Will Baptist stating we were older than our government. Rev. Melvin Moody prayed asking God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Dan Rivers, devotion by John A Brown using Phillipians 4:8,9 "Looking Back to Look Forward", also on giving last ten years of our conference. Rev. Talmadge Worsley blessed us with a special, "He". Mrs. Pauline Carr gave an interesting report on the memorial program, reading "The Bridge Builder". Mrs. Rose Raper gave a report on the North Carolina's Women's Auxiliary. She thanked everyone for their prayers & cards & their son was doing well. Rev's. Irvin Hyman, Rev. William Bronson, Rev. Dan Rivers & Rev. Michael Akers were excepted into our conference. Lewis Cleveland gave nominating committee report as follows: Moderator Rev. Chester Pelt, Assistant Moderator Charlie Burch, Clerk Mrs. Ollie Manion, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Pauline Carr, Camp Director Rev. Dan Rivers, Youth Chairman Mrs. Wylene McDowell, song director Wayne Carr. Charlie Burch motion that the conference write a letter to David Still, thanking him for all his time spent on the twenty years of our conference, carried. David Still asked that we except his resignation as Youth Camp director.

First quarterly session with White Pond October 20, 1984 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Margie Brown, prayer by Mrs. Bernice Still, devotion by Mrs. Regina Barron using Galations 6:10 "Bank Of Time". Letters read by Mrs. Duane Davis & Mrs. Margie Brown. Ministers Rev's. Melvin Moody, Paul Irvin, Chester Pelt, Dan Rivers & William Bronson, Visitor Rev. Charles Crisp, Deacons Joe McDowell, LaDon McDowell, Curtis Hughes, David Still, Wayne Carr, John A Brown & Charlie Burch. Rev. Pelt introduced Rev. Crisp & his wife from Ayden North Carolina, Rev. Crisp gave a very interesting report on Home Missions. We were priviledged to have Mrs. J. N. Barnes with us for the day. Mrs. Florence Rice introduced her niece & husband, Mr. & Mrs. Stancel Jones. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Lester Duke. Mrs. Florence Rice, Mrs.

Henrietta Ready & Mrs. Julia Smith.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, ushers Joe McDowell & LaDon McDowell, prayer by Joe McDowell. Rev. Paul Irvin introduced our speaker, Rev. Dan Rivers who read Joshua 5:13-15, how the walls of Jericho came tumbling down, Rev. Crisp asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by John A Brown, devotion by Rev. Paul Irvin using James 2:18 "A Workable Faith". Memorial service for the late Lewis W Cleveland conducted by Rev. Chester Pelt & Rev. Paul Irvin, Lewis will be remembered as a deacon of White Pond Church since March, 1942 & served as superintendent of Sundry School. Moderator Rev. Chester Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Ollie L Manion.

Second quarterly session with Zion January 19, 1985 singing led Mrs. Bettye Jo Rivers pianist Mrs. Margie Brown, prayer by Mrs. Dan Rivers, devotion by James Weaver using John 14: 23-31, the most inspiring words were when he gave his personal testimony, what God had done for him, what a joy to hear these words coming from one of God's servants. Letters read by Mrs Wylene McDowell & Mrs Kay Willis. Letter in memory of Lewis Cleveland read. Ministers Rev's. Chester Pelt, Melvin Moody, Dan Rivers, William Bronson, Wayne Sheffield & Michael D Akers, Deacons Joe McDowell, LaDon McDowell, Hursteen Rollins, David Still, Bobby Davis & Cheshire DeBary, Finance committee Mrs. Pauline Carr, LaDon McDowell, Cheshire DeBary, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Duane Davis & Mrs. William Bronson. Morning offering received by David Still & Hursteen Rollins, offertory prayer David Still.

Morning Worship began with Rev. Dan Rivers singing "Thru It All". Rev. Rivers introduced our speaker, Rev. William Bronson, who read Isaiah 65: 17 & Revelation 21: 21 "Heaven". Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Mrs. Bettye Jo Rivers, prayer by Rev. Dan Rivers, devotion by Mrs. Linda Ferguson using Proverbs 3:9, Romans 12:1 & I Corinthians 6: 20 giving her personal testimony which was an inspiration to all, prayer by Rev. Rivers. Rev. Paul Irvin brought to the attention of the Conference, the illness of Mrs. Irvin Hyman, churches wanted to send a Love offering, not going thru the conference but directly to Rev. Hyman. Mrs. Hallie Still gave a report on the progress of Dr. & Mrs. Raper's son, Burk. Rev. Rivers stated camp July 14 thru 19th. Motion by Rev. Paul Irvin to give rising vote of thanks to Zion. Mrs. J. O. Fort motion to accept Rev. Wayne Sheffield into our conference, carried. Moderator Rev. Chester Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Ollie Manion.

Third quarterly session with Jakin April 20, 1985 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Margie Brown, devotion by John A Brown using Psalms 33:12, yesterday & tomorrow, stressing tomorrow belongs to God. Letters read by Mrs. Margie Brown & Mrs. Duane Davis. Ministers Rev's. Chester Pelt, Melvin Moody, D W Poole, Wayne Sheffield, Dan Rivers & Irvin Hyman, Visitor Rev Madison Taylor, Deacons Joe McDowell, LaDon

McDowell, Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, John A Brown, Tommy Pace, Russell Hanks, Dick Ward, Hursteen Rollins & David Still, Finance committee Mrs. Frances Martin, Mrs. Doris Mellette, Mrs. Vaudine Moody, Mrs. Florence Rice & Wayne Carr.

Morning Worship singing by congregation, offering received by Russell Hanks & Tommy Pace, Tommy Pace prayed offertory prayer. John & Mrs Margie Brown presented us with a beautiful song "Jesus & Me". Wayne Carr presented our speaker Rev. Wayne Sheffield, he used II Timothy 4:9-21, benediction & blessing by Rev. Dan Rivers.

Afternoon session singing led by John A Brown, devotion by Miss. Iva Sewell using Romans 12:1,2. Motion by Wayne Carr for delegates to present to each church the need to help pay camp expenses, several reported on last year camp. Rev. Poole stated Madalyn Murry O'Hair, an athiest who has a petition out to do away with all forms of Christian worship on the airways of America, passing out copies to send to Washington. Motion to give Jakin rising vote of thanks, carried. Moderator Rev. Chester Pelt Clerk Mrs. Ollie Manion.

Annual session with Bethlehem July 20, 1985 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Mildred Pelt, devotion Mrs. Frankie Sauls using I Peter 3:15, Psalms 107 & Colossians 4: 6, prayer by Marlin Brown. Letters read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Ministers Rev's. Melvin Moody, Chester Pelt, Irvin Hyman, D W Bronson, Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin & Dan Rivers, Deacons David Still, Marlin Brown. Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr & LaDon McDowell, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Marlin Brown, Mrs. Pearl McDowell, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Julia Smith & Mrs. Sybil Still.

Morning Worship singing by congregation, offertory prayer by Marlin Brown, a very inspiring song by Mrs. Mildred Pelt "Satisfied With Jesus" accompanied by Mrs. Henrietta Ready. Message by Rev. Irvin Hyman using John 8: 32 Revelation - God's plan, Salvation - God's purpose, Resurrection - God's proof closing in prayer, Rev. Paul Irvin asked God's blessing on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Pelt, Rev & Mrs. Dan Rivers blessed our hearts with "The Lord is My Shepherd", devotion by Mrs. Fred Johnson reading from Jonah. Nominating committee report by Mrs. Bernice Still; Moderator Rev. Dan Rivers, Assistant Moderator John Brown, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Margie Brown, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Pauline Carr, Camp Director Rev. Dan Rivers & Song leader Wayne Carr. Rev. Dan Rivers stated we had a good camp, eleven first time committments to Christ & twenty re-dedications. David Still suggested we meet with White Pond on October to hear Rev. Dr. Lall our missionary from India. Mrs. Bernice Still mentioned the need to help with St. Cloud travel expenses, Rev. Irvin made motion but Mrs. Julia Smith, clerk of St. Cloud stated they had rather meet their own needs at this time, thanked everyone. Rising vote of thanks to Bethlehem, Moderator Rev. Chester

Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Ollie Manion.

First quarterly session with Live Oak October 19, 1985 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Celeice Burch, prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin, devotion by Mrs. Melvin Moody using Phillipians 4:13, prayer by Rev. Dan Rivers. Letters read by Mrs. Ollie Manion, Charlie Burch & Mrs. Julia Smith. Ministers Rev's. Dan Rivers, Melvin Moody, Chester Pelt, D W Bronson, Wayne Sheffield & Paul Irvin, Visitor Rev. Jim Pelt, Deacons David Still, Curtis Hughes, Charlie Burch, Cheshire DeBary, Wayne Carr, John Brown & Joe McDowell. Moderator Rev. Dan Rivers stated financial aid is set-up for any person to attend Mt. Olive College, a matching fund. Rev. Rivers asked the nominating committee to meet, he had given his resignation to go to North Carolina. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Jeanette Cleveland, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Julia Smith & Mrs. Hallie Still.

Morning Worship singing by congregation, prayer by Curtis Hughes, Charlie Burch & Cheshire DeBary served as ushers, Mrs. Celeice Burch honored us with a beautiful rendition of "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us", Mrs. Carl Hudson blessed us with "It Is No Secret" message by Rev. William Bronson using Matthew 24: 32-39 & Genesis 6 & 7, "Seven Days to Live". Rev. Chester Pelt prayed benediction & asked God's blessing on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Wayne Carr, after which Mrs. Carl Hudson sang "How Great Thou Art", devotion by Mrs. Joy DeBary, prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody. Rev. Paul Irvin gave mission rally report to be at White Pond at 7:30. Nominating committee gave report: John A Brown Moderator Cheshire DeBary Assistant Moderator, selecting camp director tabled, which was adopted. Rev. Paul Irvin's motion to give Live Oak rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Dan Rivers, Clerk Mrs Bobby Ready.

Mission Rally of the Paul Palmer Conference of Original Free Will Baptist held at White Pond October 30, 1985. Singing led by Wayne Carr, Rev. Paul Irvin gave welcome, prayer by David Still, Rev. Harold Jones, Secretary on the North Carolina Mission Board introduced by Wayne Carr, Rev. Jones told of the visits made in North Carolina with Dr. & Mrs. E. M. Lall, introducing Dr. Lall who presented slides on account of economics, education, customs & missions in India, great need for aid in schools & churches in India. Rev. Jones introduced Dr. Lall as the Founder & President of the Free Will Baptist Church in India in 1975. Dr. Lall preached from Matthew 28: 19 "It is the People That Count". Offering received was \$608.00, adjourned with prayer.

Second quarterly session with White Pond January 18, 1986 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John A Brown, prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody, devotion by Mrs. Ollie Manion using Luke 23: 32, prayer by Joe McDowell. Mrs. Sybil Still & Charlie Burch read letters, Ministers Rev's. Melvin Moody, Chester Pelt, William L Bronson, Paul Irvin & Wayne Sheffield, Visitors Rev. Levy Corey, Rev. William Smith, Rev. D W Poole, Dr. Burkette Raper & George Hatcher, Deacons David Still, Curtis Hughes,

Wayne Carr, John A Brown, Joe McDowell, LaDon McDowell & Charlie Burch. Rev. Levy Corey reported on the Children's Home in the absence of Rev. Carlton Lambert.

Morning Worship opened with singing, ushers Curtis Hughes & Joe McDowell. Rev. Paul Irvin presented Rev. Levy Corey, speaker for the hour, he used Phillipians 4: 4-7 closing with prayer. Mrs. Joe Fort dismissed us & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Mrs. Ollie Manion, prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin, devotion by Mrs. Regina Barron using Psalms 51: 10-17. Ordaining council reported that we except Rev. William Smith into our conference. David Still announced camp July 20th, another announcement James Weaver would be ordained at next conference which would be at Zion. The Mount Olive Singers to be at Zion March 6th. Rev. Raper gave Mt. Olive report. Motion to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield closed in prayer. The Mt. Olive Singers presented the program March 6th with White Pond, Jakin & Zion attending, covered dish supper followed, received \$200.00 , a very good program. Moderator John A Brown Clerk, Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Third quarterly session with Zion April 19, 1986 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John A Brown, prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, devotion by Mrs. Bernice Still using Proverbs 30:19 "The Secrets of an Eagle". Letter read by Mrs. Sybil Still & LaDon McDowell, Fiannce committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Mrs. Florence Rice & Charlie Burch. Ministers Rev's. William Smith, Wayne Sheffield, Melvin Moody, Chester Pelt & Paul Irvin, Visitors Rev's. D. W. Poole, C B Crowley, Ashford Al. Deacons David Still, Cyril English, Curtis Hughes, Hursteen Rollins, John A Brown, Wayne Carr, Joe McDowell, LaDon McDowell & Charlie Burch. Prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. D. W. Poole, ushers Hursteen Rollins & Cyril English, Hursteen praying offertory. Rev. Wayne Sheffield presented our speaker Rev. William Smith using John 4: 21-42 "A Sinner Who Became a Missionary", closing with prayer. Rev. Chester Pelt prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session opened with beautiful piano music, singing led by Mrs. Pauline Carr, devotion by Curtis Hughes, he asked James Weaver to lead in prayer, His devotion "Doing God's Will". Ordination service for James Weaver conducted by Rev. William Smith, Rev. Melvin Moody & Rev. Paul Irvin, James & Mrs Rhonda Weaver were presented a Bible & James is now a Deacon in Zion Church. Special prayer for rain, world crisis & much needed workers on the field, a chain of prayers were offered led by Charlie Burch, concluded by John A Brown. Motion by Rev. Chester Pelt to give Zion rising vote of thanks, carried. James Weaver prayed benediction. Moderator John A Brown Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Annual session with Jakin July 19, 1986 singing led by Mrs. Pauline Carr pianist Mrs. Margie Brown, prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, devotion

by Mrs. Pauline Carr "The Path of Prayer". Letters read by Mrs. Melvin Moody & LaDon McDowell. Nominating committee James Weaver, Mrs. Niza Dunning, Mrs. Pearl McDowell, Mrs. Bo Beard & Mrs. Mattie Duke, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Frances Martin, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Lela Bronson & Mrs. Melvin Moody. Ministers Rev's. William Smith, Wayne Sheffield, Melvin Moody, Paul Irvin & W L Bronson, Visitors Mrs. Earl Jordan from Live Oak & Rev. David C Hansley, Deacons David Still, James Weaver, Hursteen Rollins, John A Brown, Wayne Carr, Dick Ward, Tommy Pace, Joe McDowell, LaDon McDowell & Cheshire DeBary, Mrs. Doris Mellette closed in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr ushers Tommy Pace & Dick Ward, prayer by Rev. William Smith. John A & Mrs. Brown blessed our hearts with "Jesus & Me". Rev. Wayne Sheffield presented our speaker, Rev. David C. Hansley, Director of Home Missions, he used Luke 24: 45-53 "Are We Really Aware of the Great Commission?" Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed benediction & the blessing on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Mrs. Pauline Carr, devotion by Mrs. Niza Dunning "What of Tomorrow?" using Matthew 6: 31-34, prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin. Mrs. Diane Riley, Director of Admissions sang a beautiful song "Forgive", she came to be with us for camp. James Weaver gave nominating committee report: Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Assistant Moderator Ladon McDowell, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Assistant Clerk Mrs Sybil Still, Youth committee Mrs. Ollie Manion, Mrs. Pauline Carr, Mrs. Lydia Burch & James Weaver, Resolutions committee Mrs. Bernice Still, Mrs. Margie Brown, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Charlie Burch, song leader Wayne Carr. Mrs. Margie Brown gave resolution in memory of Mrs. Winnie Leigh Bowen Reeves. Suggestion to increase super-annuation & to include ministers, asked to take back to churches for recommendation. Motion by Rev. Melvin Moody to give Jakin rising vote of thanks, carried. Special chain of prayers led by Rev. Hansley closed by John A. Brown, Rev. William Bronson closed in prayer. Moderator John A Brown Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

First quarterly session with Bethlehem October 18, 1986 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Pete Aycock, prayer by Marlin Brown, devotion by Guy Beard using I Thessalonians 5: 23. Letters read by Mrs. Pauline Carr & Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Melvin Moody, William Smith & Wayne Sheffield, Deacons David Still, Wayne carr, Cheshire DeBary, Marlin Brown, Guy Beard & Robert S Jones, prayer by Cheshire DeBary.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, Robert Jones & Guy Beard served as ushers, offertory prayer by Robert Jones. Guy Beard presented our speaker, Rev. Paul Irvin who chose Ecclesiastes 3:1-9 "What Time Is It?" closing prayer Rev. Melvin Moody, Rev. William Smith prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Mrs. Pauline Carr, special music

"He Touched Me" by Mike Sauls & sister Mrs. Beverly Thompson, devotion by Mrs. Fred Johnson. Guests were Rev. DeWayne Eakes, Rev. J. B. Narron & Rev. Donald Coates. Motion for Wayne Carr to be representative to North Carolina to inquire more into Paul Palmer joining North Carolina, carried. Motion to invite Rev. Eakes to return & bring anyone he chose with him to our next conference, with all expenses paid. Motion to give Bethlehem rising vote of thanks, carried. David Still closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Second quarterly session with Live Oak January 17, 1987 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John A Brown, prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, devotion by Cheshire DeBary using Genesis 1: 31. Letters read by Mrs. Ollie Manion & Mrs. Hallie Still. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield. William Smith & Melvin Moody, Guest Ministers Rev. DeWayne Eakes, President of the North Carolina Convention & Rev. Ronnie Hobgood, Treasurer, Deacons Cheshire DeBary, Charlie Burch, David Still, Guy Beard, Wayne Carr, John A Brown, Joe McDowell, Curtis Hughes & Woody Rice. Superannuation committee appointed by the Moderator, David Still, Guy Beard, Cheshire DeBary, Joe McDowell & John A Brown. Rev. Hobgood gave report on Rev. Wayne King, stating he has cancer & request the prayer of all.

Morning Worship opened by singing "He's a Wonderful Savior", ushers Charlie Burch & Lester Duke, Charlie Burch prayed offertory. Cheshire DeBary introduced our speaker, Rev. Melvin Moody speaking from Galations 6: "What Have I Done". Rev. William Smith closed worship service with prayer & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by John A Brown, devotion by Miss. Joy DeBary using Phillipians 4: 6,7, Rev. Moody concluded in prayer. Question & answer session on North Carolina Convention, Rev. Eakes & Rev Hobgood gave affirmative answers on all questions. Motion by Wayne Carr for each church to receive love offering for Rev. Wayne King family, carried. Motion by David Still to give Live Oak rising vote of thanks. John A. Brown dismissed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Third quarterly session with White Pond April 18, 1987, singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John A. Brown, prayer by Rev. William Smith, devotion by Mrs. Ollie Manion using Mark 16: 1-6, prayer by Joe McDowell. Letters read by Mrs. David Still & Mrs. John A Brown, Ministers Rev's. William Smith, Chester Pelt, Melvin Moody, Paul Irvin & Wayne Sheffield, Deacons David Still, James Weaver, LaDon McDowell, Joe McDowell, Guy Beard, Wayne Carr & Charlie Burch, Laypersons 19, Mrs. John N Barnes from Blakely Free Will & Earl Jordan from Live Oak were visitors, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. David Still, Guy Beard, Charlie Burch & Frank Barron. Superannuation committee David Still, chairman, Joe McDowell, John A Brown, Cheshire DeBary & Guy Beard report: Recommendations: Superannuation is an honorary love gift of appreciation---Who is entitled: A:

Ministers widow at the death of her husband as long as she remains unmarried regardless of length of service. B: 1. Ministers at age 70, 2. Time of pastorate: minimum of five years & be a member in good standing of the Paul Palmer Conference. 3. Ministers disabled provided he has pastored a church in the conference for one year. Charter Ministers and Widows entitled immediately upon becoming disabled or husband passing. This committee recommends we table the increased proposal for one year to see how the above recommendation works. The above provisions become effective upon passing in regular conference. Individual churches be responsible in determining disability. Recommend the present committee remain active a minimum of one year from the annual conference in July 1987. Obituary committee Mrs. Bernice Still, Mrs. John A. Brown, Mrs. Jarrell Burch, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Maxine Beard. Motion to table the North Carolina petition, carried. Read letters from The Fred Baker & The Wayne King families plus short note from St. Cloud. Rev. Paul Irvin closed in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John A. Brown, ushers LaDon McDowell & Frank Barron, offertory prayer by LaDon McDowell, special music by Mrs. Mildred Pelt "No One Ever Cared for me Like Jesus". Message by Rev. Chester Pelt using John 17:, closing in prayer. Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led. by Rev Chester Pelt, prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody, devotion by Rev. Paul Irvin using Isaiah 40: 20 "The Choice of the Impoverished". Camp to be July 19-24th, revival at Zion April 19-24 with Rev. Thomas Mellette, revival at White Pond July 5-10 with Rev. James Barnes. David Still motion to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Guy Beard closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Annual session with Zion July 18, 1987 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John A. Brown, prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody, devotion by Bobby Johnston using I Corinthians 1: 26-31. Letters read by Mrs. LaDon McDowell & Mrs. John A. Brown, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, William Smith, Chester Pelt, Melvin Moody & Wayne Sheffield, Visitors Rev Donald Coates, Smithfield N. C., Rev. Harold Jones, Director Foreign Missions & Dr. Michael Pelt, Professor at Mount Olive, Deacons David Still, LaDon McDowell, John A Brown, Charlie Burch, James Weaver, Hursteen Rollins, Wayne Carr & Cyril English, Laypersons 22. Mrs. John A. Brown acknowledged the deaths of both of Miss. Iva Sewell's parents. Superannuation report & Nominating committee report excepted as submitted. David Still's motion to table the petition of membership to the North Carolina conference indefinitely, carried. David Still's motion to extend an invitation to the Van Der Plas family, for a visit to Paul Palmer, carried. Mrs. Joe Fort closed in prayer.

Morning Worship singing "He Leadeth Me", ushers Hursteen Rollins, James Weaver, Cyril English & Bobby Johnston, offertory prayer by James

Weaver. Special music by Rev. Donald Coates "He Is So Precious To Me". Rev. William Smith introduced our speaker, Rev. Harold Jones who used II Chronicles 7: 14 & Acts 4: 23-31 closing with prayer. Dr. Michael Pelt prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session, devotion by James Weaver. Dr. Michael Pelt Reported on Mount Olive. LaDon McDowell motion to give Zion rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Chester Pelt motion to initiate a Home Mission Fund in our conference, carried. Motion to table until next conference, carried. David Still closed with prayer. Moderator Rev Paul Irvin, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

First quarterly session with Jakin October 17, 1987 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John A. Brown, prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody, devotion by Miss. Iva Sewell using I Peter 1: 21-25. Letters read by Miss. Iva Sewell & Mrs. Wylene McDowell. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield, William Smith & Melvin Moody, Deacons John A. Brown, Wayne Carr, Cheshire DeBary, Dick Ward, Curtis Hughes, Charlie Burch, Russell Hanks & Tommy Pace, Layperson 22. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Sybil Still, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Charlie Burch & Mrs. Phyllis Sauls. Jakin reported a good revival with three new members, Bethlehem announced revival beginning 4th Sunday.

Morning Worship began with singing "Heavenly Sunlight", ushers Tommy Pace & Russell Hanks, Wayne Carr introduced our speaker, Rev. Wayne Sheffield followed with special by Mrs. Phyllis Sauls singing "One Day At A Time". Rev. Sheffield used Proverbs 4: 14-19 & led in prayer, His message "The Path of the Wicked & the Just", closing with prayer. Curtis Hughes prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session devotion by Curtis Hughes using Phillipians 4:19. Rev. William Smith announced Rev. Willem Van Plas family would not be able to visit until May. Motion to give rising vote of thanks to Jakin, carried. Rev. William Smith closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Second quarterly session with Bethlehem January 16, 1988 singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Charlie Burch, devotion by Rev. Irvin Hyman using Ephesians 1:19 closing with prayer. Letters read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Hallie Still, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs Pearl McDowell Charlie Burch & Marlin Brown. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Irvin Hyman, Melvin Moody, Wayne Sheffield & William Smith, Deacons Marlin Brown, David Still, James Weaver, Cheshire DeBary, Charlie Burch & Wayne Carr, Laypersons 22, Rev. Melvin Moody prayed benediction.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, ushers Marlin Brown & Guy Beard with Marlin Brown praying offertory prayer. Special music "Consider The Lillies" by Mrs. Lucy Hyman. Rev. Irvin introduced our speaker, Rev. Wayne Sheffield who used Ephesians 5:17, closing with prayer, benediction & blessings on the meal prayed by Cheshire DeBary.

Afternoon session organ music by Mrs. Florence Rice, the Choir presented "I've Been Changed", then Mrs. Phyllis Sauls sang "One Day At A Time". Devotion by Mrs. Frankie Sauls using Colossians & Ephesians, prayer by Mrs. Lucy Hyman. Rev. Irvin Hyman shared some literature he brought from Randall House. David Still announced Revival at Zion beginning April 11th with Rev. Gary Bailey from North Carolina. Mrs. Doris Mellette closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Third quarterly session with Live Oak April 16, 1988 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John A. Brown, prayer by Curtis Hughes, devotion by Cheshire DeBary using Matthew 28 "Doubt & Prayer. Letters read by Mrs. David Still & Mrs. William Smith. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, William Smith, D W Poole & Melvin Moody, Deacons Cheshire DeBary, Charlie Burch, David Still, Curtis Hughes, James Weaver, Wayne Carr, John A. Brown, Marlin Brown & LaDon McDowell, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. David Still, Mrs. Paul Irvin, Marlin Brown & Charlie Burch, superannuation David Still, Joe McDowell, Chaeshire DeBary, Guy Beard & John A. Brown. Nominating committee Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. Jeanette Cleveland, Mrs. Bernice Still, Mrs. Laurestine Hudson & Mrs. Elise Fort. Announcements, revival June 12, at White Pond with Rev. Wayne Sheffield, June 26 revival at Bethlehem with Rev. C. B. Dowdney, July 17 camp, May 22 Homecoming at Live Oak. Mrs. Elise Fort closed in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, offertory prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody, ushers Earl Jordan & Rev. Moody. Rev. Moody introduced our speaker Rev. D. W. Poole, his text was Joshua 7: 20,21. Benediction & blessings on the meal by Rev. William Smith.

Afternoon session opened with singing, devotion by Mrs. Jerome Phillips using Matthew 13 "The Parable of the Sower & the Seed, prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin. Motion to give Live Oak rising vote of thanks, carried. Closing prayer by David Still. Moderator Rev Paul Irvin, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Annual session with White Pond July 16, 1988 singing led by Wayne Carr, Devotion by Mrs. Wylene McDowell using ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, Rev. Paul Irvin led in prayer. Letters read by Mrs. David Still & Mrs. Bobby Ready. Finance committee Wayne Carr, LaDon McDowell, Charlie Burch, Mrs. David Still & Mrs. Ethel Jones, Superannuation committee David Still, Joe McDowell, Cheshire DeBary, Guy Beard & John A Brown, Nominating committee Mrs. Bernice Still, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Martha Jean Burch, Ministers Rev's. Melvin Moody, William Smith, Wayne Sheffield, Jim Pelt, Chester Pelt & Paul Irvin, Deacons Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Curtis Hughes, LaDon McDowell & David Still Laypersons 26. Mrs. Bernice Still read an obituary from Bethlehem of the death of Mrs. Evelyn Jones written by Mrs. Fred Johnson. Rev. Chester Pelt acknowledged the love the people gave him during his illness, dismissed by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, ushers Rev. Wayne Sheffield & Rev. Paul Irvin, Curtis Hughes prayed offertory, special music by Mrs. Mildred Pelt "The Name Of Jesus" pianist Mrs. Duane Davis. Rev. Paul Irvin presented Rev. Jim Pelt speaker, who used I John 1: 1-3 "Fellowship". Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, special music by Rev. Jim Pelt "Breathe On Me" pianist Mrs. Duane Davis, devotion by Mrs. Pearl McDowell "Belonging to God using John 15: 16. Nominating committee report given by Mrs. Bernice Still was accepted. In the absence of the Superannuation committee, the Clerk read report & was accepted, Motion carried that the committee maintain their duties for the coming year. Motion carried to increase superannuation to \$100.00 per quarter plus add Rev. D. W. Poole to the list. Mrs. Bernice Still's motion to give White Pond a rising vote of thanks, carried. Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

First quarterly session with Zion October 15, 1988 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Duane Davis, prayer by Rev. D. W. Poole, devotion by Jason Brackin using I Peter 1:6,7 -- trials preparing us for his return, then singing "He's Everything To Me". Letters read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Lela Bronson. Deacons Charlie Burch, Cheshire DeBary, David Still, Wayne Carr, Hursteen Rollins, James Weaver & John Brown, Ministers Rev's. William Smith, Paul Irvin, D W Poole, Melvin Moody, Wayne Sheffield & Jim Pelt, finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. David Still, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. LaDon McDowell, Charlie Burch & Mrs. Julia Smith. Rev. Fred Baker scheduled to visit in January & we need to be prepared to receive special mission offering. Mrs. Florence Rice & Mrs. Fred Johnson arrived late (Mrs. Rice forgot the way to Blakely), she then read Bethlehem letter. Mrs. Bernice Still, read two obituary reports: Ralph English & Mrs. Katie Johnson. Rev. William Smith's motion to add Rev. Chester Pelt to superannuation, carried. Rev. William Bronson stated he no longer has a church but is heading a mission branch looking for land.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Duane Davis singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. W L Bronson, offertory prayer by James Wever. Rev. William Smith introduced our speaker, Rev. Jim Pelt who used Luke 5:1-11 "Afraid to Launch Out into the Deep". Benediction & blessing on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. William Smith, devotion by Curtis Hughes, special music by Rev. Jim Pelt "Only Believe". Zion will have revival beginning 2nd Sunday in April with Rev. Harold Jones. Rising vote of thanks to Zion. Rev. D. W. Poole praised God for his goodness during his illness & strength to continue in full-time Christian ministry, asking for prayers. Benediction by Rev. Wayne Sheffield. Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Sybil Still.

Second quarterly session with Jakin January 14, 1989 singing led by

Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John A Brown, prayer by Rev. W. L. Bronson, devotion" Promise of God" by John A. Brown. Letters read by Mrs. John A. Brown & Mrs. Wayne Sheffield, Visitors Rev. Fred & Mrs. Linda Baker, missionaries to Phillipines, Deacons Wayne Carr, David Still, Charlie Burch, Cheshire DeBary, John A. Brown, Marlin Brown, Buck Jones & LaDon McDowell, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, William Smith, Wayne Sheffield, Jim Pelt, W L Bronson, Melvin Moody, Chester Pelt & D W Poole, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs Julia Smith, Buck Jones, Mrs. David Still & Mrs. W. E. McDowell, Rev. Paul Irvin asked to correct the obituary report given on Mrs. Evelyn Jones to read next to oldest not oldest.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. John Brown singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Jim Pelt, ushers John A. Brown & Hugh Chandler with Hugh Chandler praying offertory, Mrs. Brown presented several selections from the piano. Rev. Wayne Sheffield introduced our speaker, Rev. Fred Baker who brought greetings from the mission board & all missionaries & thanked everyone for their support, he used Micah 7: 1-7 "Hope In A Hopeless Society" closing with prayer. Benediction & blessing on the meal by Rev. D. W. Poole.

Afternoon session singing led by John A. Brown singing the verses, congregation joining on the chorus, devotion by Hugh Chandler using Matthew 6: 9-13 "The Lord's Prayer". Rev. William Smith announced camp June 11-15. Rev. Chester Pelt gave report on himself, surgery done & he is doing well. It was brought to our attention that Mrs. Niza Dunning & Mrs. Joe Fort were absent due to illness & were missed. Motion by Rev. Chester Pelt that we earmark our home mission money go to St. Cloud, carried. Rising vote of thanks to Jakin. Rev. Chester Pelt prayed the benediction. Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Third session with Bethlehem April 15, 1989 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Phyllis Sauls, prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody, devotion by Mrs. Fred Johnson using Daniel 6: "Why was Daniel Put in the Lion's Den", closing with prayer. Letter read by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield & Mrs. Ollie Manion, Laypersons 20, Deacons Marlin Brown, LaDon McDowell, David Still, Guy Beard, Wayne Carr & Charlie Burch, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, William Smith, Wayne Sheffield, Irvin Hyman & Melvin Moody, Finance committee Wayne carr, Guy Beard, Mrs. Terra Smith, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Sharon Parker.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, ushers Guy Beard & Marlon Brown, offertory prayer by Guy Beard. Special music, duet by Mrs. Phyllis Sauls & Daughter Mrs. Beverly Thompson & another special by Mrs. Lucy Hyman singing "It is Finished". Rev. Paul Irvin introduced our speaker Dr Irvin Hyman who used Proverbs 9: 1 "The House That Wisdom Built" closing in prayer. Benediction & blessings on the meal by Rev. Wayne Sheffield.

Afternoon session with congregation singing "At the Cross", prayer

by Mrs. Frankie Sauls, special music by youth choir from Bethlehem, devotion by Mrs. Norma Brown "A Go Giver". Nominating committee report by Mrs. Bernice Still: Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Assistant Moderator LaDon McDowell, clerk Mrs. Bernice Still, Assistant clerk Mrs. Sybil Still, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Wayne Carr, Camp Director Rev. William Smith, Assistant Director Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Youth Chairperson Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Obituary Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Margie Brown, Mrs. Jarrel Burch, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Maxine Beard, all accepted. Charlie Burch motion to give Bethlehem rising vote of thanks, carried. Mrs. Lela Bronson stated St. Cloud had made a deposit on some land. Closing prayer by Charlie Burch. Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Annual session with Live Oak July 15, 1989 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Henrietta Ready, prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody, devotion by Cheshire DeBary using Romans 8:29. Letters read by Mrs. Wayne Sheffield & Mrs. Hallie Still, Visitors Rev. Jim & Mrs. Myrtle Pelt, Laypersons 22, Deacons Charlie Burch, Cheshire DeBary, Wayne Carr & David Still, Ministers Rev's. Melvin Moody, Wayne Sheffield, William Smith, Paul Irvin, W L Bronson & Chester Pelt, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. David Still, Mrs. Lela Bronson, Mrs. Pearl McDowell & Mrs. Carolyn Rice, Nominating committee Mrs. Bernice Still, Mrs. Mattie Duke, Mrs. Jeanette Cleveland, Miss. Pete Aycock & Hugh Chandler. Rev. William Smith Stated the previous problems at the Children's Home had been resolved. Mrs. Henrietta Ready read Obituary report from Bethlehem in memory of Mrs. Louise Settles. Morning session closed in prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin.

Morning Worship singing by congregation, prayer by Rev. W. L. Bronson, offertory prayer by Wayne Carr, ushers Jimmy Barnett & Earl Jordan. Message "Does Our Heart Burn Within Us Because of Our Relationship With God" by Rev. William Smith using Luke 24:13-35 closing in prayer, benediction & meal blessing by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Afternoon session singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Mildred Pelt, by special request Mrs. Pelt sang "Only Believe", devotion by Rev. Melvin Moody using II Corinthians 8: 9. Rev. Paul Irvin stated he was much improved, also stated he attended the first planning meeting for organizing the Paul Palmer conference, it had been most peaceful since there had never been any conflicts. Rev. William Smith stated Rev. Chester Pelt is ready to teach an adult class at camp should there be enough to attend. Rev. Wayne Sheffield announced ordination service in Jakin August 12th to ordain Hugh Chandler. Rev. Paul Irvin synpathized with Rev. William Bronson & Mrs. Sharon Parker because one of their car windows was broken while spending the night in Bainbridge having to drive home in the rain. The nominating committee stated they wished to recall a portion of their report, namely that of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk & Chairman of ordaining council, due to each of these asking for resignation. the

following agreed to serve: Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Assistant Moderator Rev.

William Bronson, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready & Ordaining council Rev. Chester Pelt. Rev. Bronson asked to be allowed to furnish special music at next conference since they aren't able to entertain the conference at their church. Rev. Paul Irvin & Mrs. Henrietta Ready were given a rising vote of thanks for their faithfulness in the work of our conference. Rev. Jim Pelt announced revival at White Plains beginning Sunday night July 30th. Rev. Chester Pelt reminded us of our heritage in the Paul Palmer conference & the Lord leads us to be a loving & peaceful people, rising vote of thanks to Live Oak. Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin Clerk Mrs. Bernice Still.

First Quarterly session October 14, 1989 at White Pond, singing led by Wayne Carr, Mrs. Jarrell Burch pianist, prayer by Rev. William Smith. Devotion by Mrs. Mathel Barnes, Her personal testimony, experience, & God's love quoting I John 4: 8 God Is Love. Rev. moderator Wayne Sheffield asked for Junior Officers to sit with each officer. Ron McMickle Mod., Miss. Angela Still clerk. Letters read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Julia Smith. Finance committee: Mrs. Bernice Still, Mrs. Carolyn Rice, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Ollie Manion. Mrs. Julia Smith & Wayne Carr. Visitor present Mrs. Mathel Barnes, Ministers: Rev's. Paul Irvin, William Smith, Melvin Moody, W L Bronson, & Wayne Sheffield. Deacons: Wayne Carr, Ladon McDowell, Hugh Chandler, David Still, Charlie Burch & Cheshire DeBary. There were 23 Laypersons present. Charlie Burch stated Rev. D. W. Poole asked to be remembered in prayer, Rev. Chester Pelt was starting a new pastorate, Ron McMickle led in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, Mrs. Jarrell Burch, pianist ushers Rev. Paul Irvin & LaDon McDowell, special music by Mrs. Julia Smith & Rev. William Bronson from St. Cloud. Morning Message by Rev. Paul Irvin "This Man" using John 7: 46, 43. Rev. Melvin Moody prayed & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon Session singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, devotion by Mrs. Wylene McDowell "Why Me Lord", special music by Mrs. Judy Smith & Rev. W L Brunson. Rev. William Smith stated the youth were meeting quarterly. Ron McMickle requested that the churches encourage their youth to participate & join for the fellowship & games. Youth officers elected at last youth meeting are Moderator Ron McMickle, Clerk Miss. Angela Still, Treasurer Miss. Shelby Warfield, Assistant Moderator Trey Terry & Assistant clerk Richard Miller. Rev. Melvin Moody motion to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Bronson stated a meeting with zoning board was Monday November 2. concerning land & building permit, they were renting a new building, requesting prayers of all the churches. Rev. Wayne Sheffield closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Second quarterly session with Zion January 20, 1990 singing led by

Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, prayer by Rev. D. W. Poole, devotion by James Weaver using Matthew 9: 37,38 "We Each Have a Responsibility". Rev. Sheffield requested Junior Moderator come sit up front, letters read by Mrs. Jean Chandler & Mrs. Hallie Still. Finance committee Mrs. Hallie Still, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Jeanette Cleveland, Mrs. Florence Rice, Mrs. Leila Bronson & Wayne Carr. Ordaining Council requested to meet at lunch time. Visitors Rev. D. W. Poole, Rev. J. Whitworth, Rev. Ralph Barton, Rev. Jim Pelt & Rev. Chester Pelt, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, William Smith, W. L. Bronson, Wayne Sheffield & Melvin Moody, Deacons James Weaver, Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, John A Brown, LaDon McDowell & David Still, Laypersons 30. Rev. Bronson introduced Frank McCann candidate for ordination as a deacon, Hugh Chandler led in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, David Still prayed offertory, ushers David Still & James Weaver. Rev. William Smith requested prayer for our conference, for him & his family as they go to work with the National Association State Mission. Rev. William Bronson presented Rev. Ralph Barton to deliver God's message, the two sang "I'd Like to Talk It Over" & "Caanan Land". Rev. Barton used Epesians 6: 9 "The Whole Armor of God" closing in prayer, Rev. Jim Pelt closed in prayer, David Still prayed god's blessings on the meal. Afternoon session singing led by John A. Brown pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, devotion Mrs. Bernice Still using Deut, 30: 19 "The Secrets of an Eagle". Nominating committee recommended that Rev. Wayne Sheffield be promoted to Camp director since Rev. Smith is leaving. carried. Motion from Ordaining council to meet before July to set policies for the council, carried. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still, memorial to Mrs. Annie Melton Sauls from Bethlehem by Mrs. Fred Johnson, "To many she was known as Annie, Ma & Du Annie, to this writer, she was my friend, neighbor, sister in Christ & an example to pattern your life by. Through the years I found so much commendable about her life, she could weep with those that wept & laugh with those that laughed, never did I see any jealousy, but she would rejoice with the blessings of others, you could share your burdens with her, offering her advice then keeping it to herself, gifted with much wisdom, facing problems, she would state "Just don't say anything." She taught me how to laugh when my heart was broken, she visited me in the hospital & when leaving she handed me a little clown with "I love you" inscribed on it, little did she know I would always treasure my keep sake. Not only I feel such grief by having her leave so unexpected, but the entire church is still in shock. Rev. Melvin Moody requested we give Zion a rising vote of thanks. For several years the conference sent money to help with church in India, church has been completed & pictures were on the table in back. Rev. Bronson stated land had been purchased in St. Cloud, Fla., thanking the conference for support. Revival begins at Zion March 4th with Rev. Thomas Mellette. Rev. Ralph Barton stated he had received a blessing by attending. Rev. D. W. Poole stated he was glad to be present asking that we continue to pray

that God would use him even until the end, turns eighty five in three months. Rev. J. Whitworth invited everyone to visit Blountstown, Fla. Rev. Chester Pelt stated he was still preaching, serving as interim, requesting prayer. Rev. Jim Pelt prayed closing prayer. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Third quarterly session with Jakin April 14, 1990 singing led by Wayne Carr pianists Mrs. John Brown invocation by Rev. Marty McWilliams, devotion by Mrs. Patricia McMickle "Be Strong in the Lord" using Ephesians 6: 10-18. David Still stated Dr. Burkette Raper would not be able to attend due to death of his mother-in-law, requesting prayer for that family. Letters read by Mrs. Beth Johnston & Mrs. LaDon McDowell, finance committee Mrs. Beth Johnston, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Florence Rice, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Wayne Carr. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked the ordaining council meet. Visitors Rev. & Mrs. Chester Pelt & Mrs. Lucy Fogg, Ministers Rev's. Melvin Moody, Wayne Sheffield & Marty McWilliams, Deacons Wayne Carr, David Still, Charlie Burch, Curtis Hughes, LaDon McDowell, Russell Hanks, Tommy Pace, Dick Ward & Hugh Chandler, Layperson 32. Curtis Hughes recognized the ladies present & urged more men to attend, Rev. Melvin Moody led in prayer.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. John Brown singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Curtis Hughes, special music by Wayne Sheffield, Mrs. Patricia McMickle & Mrs. Hugh Chandler "My House is Full". Ushers Tommy Pace, Russell Hanks, Amos Sheffield & Sean McMickle, Tommy Pace prayed offertory. Rev. Wayne Sheffield delivered God's message "The Foundation of God Standeth Sure" using II Timothy 2: 11-21 closing with prayer. Revival beginning at White Pond June 17 with Rev. Jim Pelt evangelist, Revival at Live Oak May 27, also Home Coming will be observed. Rev. Chester Pelt prayed asking God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John Brown, Charlie Burch prayed, special music by Mrs. Patricia McMickle & Mrs. Jean Chandler, devotion by Hugh Chandler using Proverbs 17: 17. Ordaining council chairman, Rev. Chester Pelt stated the council recommends we accept Rev. Marty McWilliams, also the council would meet at the Family Steak House May 25. David Still stated camp would be June 10th, Ron McMickle urged each church to encourage their youth to attend youth meeting. Rev. Chester Pelt motion to give Jakin rising vote of thanks, carried. After benediction, right hand of fellowship extended to Rev. Marty McWilliams, pastor at Zion. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Annual session with Bethlehem July 14, 1990 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, prayer by Rev. Marty McWilliams, devotion by Mrs. Fred Johnson using Matthew 3: 1,2. Mrs. Jean Chandler & Mrs. Sue Hughes read letters. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Mrs. Lela Bronson, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Lillian Williams, Guy Beard & Wayne Carr, Nominating committee Mrs. Fred Johnson, Curtis Hughes, Earl Jordan, Mrs.

Jean Chandler & Mrs. Pearl McDowell, Visitors Rev. David Hansley & Robert North, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Melvin Moody, Marty McWilliams, Wayne Sheffield & W L Bronson, Deacons Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, David Still, Curtis Hughes, Hugh Chandler, Buck Jones & Guy Beard, Laypersons 27. Rev. David Hansley gave Home Mission report showing some examples they use asking for prayer, Rev. Melvin Moody prayed.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, Guy Beard led in prayer, ushers Guy Beard & Buck Jones, offertory prayer by Mrs. Florence Rice, special music Mrs. Judy Rice & Mrs. Phyllis Sauls "For Those Tears I Died". Rev. Paul Irvin introduced Rev. David C. Hansley speaker for the hour. Rev. Hansley used Ezekial 3: 1, I Corinthians 11: 26 & Acts 1: 8 "Will We Partake Whereby We May Proclaim", asking for support of Home Missions & continued prayer. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Bronson.

Afternoon session singing led by. Rev Marty McWilliams pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, devotion by Mrs. Ethel Jones using Psalms 91, closing in prayer. Nominating committee report by Curtis Hughes as follows: Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Assistant Moderator Rev. William Bronson, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Wayne Carr, Camp Director Rev. Marty McWilliams, Assistant Camp Director Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Ordaining council report by Rev. Marty McWilliams, motion by Rev. McWilliams seconded by Rev. Paul Irvin, carried. David Still announced camp June 16th. Rev. Harold Jones expressed his regards from Foreign Missions. Ron McMickle encouraged everyone to attend youth meetings. Mrs Henrietta Ready motion to give Bethlehem rising vote of thanks, carried. Home coming & Revival at Jakin first Sunday in October with Rev. Marty McWilliams. Rev. Hansley to preach Sunday Morning at White Pond, Sunday night at Zion & Wednesday night at Jakin. Mrs. Florence Rice thanked all for attending, Rev. Paul Irvin closed in prayer. Moderator Rev Wayne Sheffield, Clerk Mrs Jarrell Burch.

First quarterly session with White Pond October 14, 1990 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Duane Davis prayer by Rev. William Bronson, devotion by Mrs. Doris Sheffield scripture from Job & Luke. Letters read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Duane Davis. Deacons Joe McDowell, LaDon McDowell, David Still, Charlie Burch & Wayne Carr, Ministers Rev's Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Melvin Moody, William L Bronson & Marty McWilliams, Visitors Bill Lofton, deacon from Albany & Rev. Jerry Williams from Belleview in Midway Association, Laypersons 26.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, offertory prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield including special petitions for Matthew Burch, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jarrell Burch & for Ann & Buddy Lucas daughter, Bliss. Special music by Rev. Marty McWilliams & Johnny Still "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus", message by Rev. Marty McWilliams, ending with prayer for

the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Wayne Carr, Mrs. Fred Johnson pianist, devotion by Mrs. Regina Barron using Acts 1: 12-25. Ron McMickle read minutes from previous conference, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch & Rev. Paul Irvin were named as committee to look into needs of children home. Finance committee Frank Barron, Wayne Carr, Lester Duke, Mrs. Sybil Still, Mrs. Leila Bronson & Mrs. Florence Rice. Rev. Marty McWilliams introduced his father in law, Robert Wortham from Flat River, Mo. Rev. Melvin Moody motion to give rising vote of thanks to White Pond, carried. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Ollie Manion.

Second quarterly session with Live Oak January 19, 1991 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, Rev. William Bronson prayed invocation, devotion by Rev. D. W. Poole "Go Back to the Lord - Let God be First in our Lives" using Joshua 7: 13 closing by reading a poem, special moments of prayer for all the military in the Middle East Persian Gulf crisis. Letters read by Mrs. Julia Smith & Mrs. Beth Johnston. Mrs. JoEllen McWilliams, Mrs. Sue Hughes & Mrs. Ann Brackin were deleted from Zion delegates. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Melvin Moody, William Bronson, Marty McWilliams, Wayne Sheffield & Dr. Irvin Hyman, Visiting Rev's. D. W. Poole, Jim Pelt, David C Hansley & Bruce Dudley, Mrs. Jim Pelt & Andy Bullock, Deacons Charlie Burch, David Still, Wayne Carr, LaDon McDowell, Joe McDowell, Cheshire DeBarry, Hugh Chandler & Guy Beard, 25 Laypersons. Finance committee Guy Beard, Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Julia Smith, Mrs. Pearl McDowell & Mrs. Hallie Still. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked Rev. Hansley what is happening in Home Missions, he urged the conference to continue prayers & support.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne carr pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, the congregation was asked to join hands during these special moments of prayer for our nation & for those serving in the "Operation Desert Storm", prayer led by Rev. Jim Pelt, ushers Charlie Burch & Earl Jordan, offertory prayer Charlie Burch. Special music Mrs. Jarrell Burch "We Are Standing on Holy Ground", Message by Rev. Melvin Moody using Zechariah 4: 1-10 "Facing Life's Mountains." Rev. W. L. Bronson closed in prayer.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Marty McWilliams pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, devotion by Rev. Bruce Dudley, Chairman of Home Mission using Colossians 3: 1-17 "Set Your Mind on Things Above". Request that minutes be sent to Mrs. Jeanette Cleveland instead of Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. D. W. Poole stated he had resigned from Hickory Grove & was available as a supply pastor. David Still motion seconded by Rev. Jim Pelt to give Live Oak rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Paul Grubbs, missionary to philipines would be at Zion in April. Rev. Wayne Sheffield read thank you note from Mr. & Mrs. Jarrell Burch & Family for all prayers, gifts & other expressions of love after their son, Matthew's accident. Rev. Paul Irvin closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs Jarrell Burch, clerk.

Third quarterly session with Zion April 20, 1991, singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Duane Davis, prayer by Rev. William Bronson, devotion Mrs. Bernice Still opening with prayer, "A Council of Darkness" using Romans 16: 20. Letters read by Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Duane Davis, visitors Rev. D. W. & Mrs. Poole, Rev. Chester & Mrs. Pelt, Rev. Willem & Mrs. Lydia Van Der Plas, Rev. Russell & Mrs. McAllister, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Marty McWilliams, Wayne Sheffield & William Bronson, Deacons Charlie Burch, Frank McCann, David Still, Curtis Hughes, Wayne Carr, LaDon McDowell, Joe McDowell & James Weaver, 36 Laypersons. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Leila Bronson, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Mrs. Carolyn Rice & Mrs. Hallie Still. Constitution & By-Laws committee to meet to discuss changes, Article 8, Section 1, the word treasurer needs to be added. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield appointed Rev. Paul Irvin (Minister's division) Curtis Hughes (Deacon Division) Mrs. Gladys Ward (Layperson's Division). David Still announced camp for June 16-20. Rev. Chester Pelt closed in prayer.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Duane Davis singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. D. W. Poole, offering received by James Weaver & Curtis Hughes praying offertory prayer, special music by the Zion Singers, Rev. Marty McWilliams, Curtis Hughes, Mrs. Sue Hughes & David Still "The Way That He Loves". Rev. Marty McWilliams introduced Rev. Willem Van Der Plas, had been in mission work for eleven years six with Free Will Baptists, invitation for Rev. Willem to speak was extended by Rev. Paul Grubbs, Rev. Van Der Plas used Ephesians 1: 3-14. Mrs. Carolyn Rice requested prayer for Mrs. Florence Rice. Rev. Paul Irvin prayed benediction & God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Marty McWilliams pianists Mrs. Duane Davis, devotion By James Weaver "What is Our Relationship to God?" and "How does Our Lives Affect Others?" Wayne Carr stated he had received a letter from Rev. Burkette Raper saying the college is seeking five year pledges or total of \$5000.00. This fund would be used to help build a new dining hall, info to be carried back to each church for report at next conference. Rev. William Bronson invited the conference to come to St. Cloud anytime. The following recommendation from the Constitution-By-Laws committee: The Executive committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer & two members at large. Motion by Rev. Paul Irvin seconded by Rev. Chester Pelt, carried. Rev. Chester Pelt motion to table & be brought back at the July conference, seconded by Rev. Paul Irvin, carried. Motion for the Treasurer to transact any legal business of the Executive Committee until previous motion voted on. Rev. Bronson spoke words of greetings from St. Cloud, Rev. David C. Hansley held revival previously. The signed deed for the property will be recorded about the end of April, then sent to Rev. Hansley, St. Cloud will then receive \$3000.00 to go toward land payment, Rev.

Willem Van Der Plas gave a brief Foreign Mission report. Rev. Russell McAllister expressed thanks for being made welcome & He had a very enjoyable day. Rev. D W Poole stated he was glad to be present & after 57 years of preaching he could not let an opportunity pass to tell the Lord's goodness & love. Rev. Paul Irvin motion to give Zion rising vote of thanks, carried. Wayne Carr read a letter from the Lucas family expressing thanks & appreciation for what the conference had done. Revivals White Pond June 9 with Rev. Jim Pelt, Live Oak Homecoming May 26, Revival May 26-29. Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed benediction. Respectfully submitted Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Annual session with Jakin July 20, 1991 prelude by Mrs. John Brown singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. Jim Pelt, devotion by John Brown "Jesus Is Passing By" closing with John & Mrs. Brown sinnging "Jesus and Me". Letters read by Mrs. Henrietta Ready & Mrs. Duane Davis, Mrs. Shirley Sheffield replacing Mrs. Vera Sheffield from Jakin. Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Melvin Moody & Paul Irvin, Visitors Rev. & Mrs. Jim Pelt, Rev. & Mrs. Paul Grubbs, Sons Nathaniel, Matthew & Andrew, Rev. Donald Coates, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Chandler's Grandchildren Steven & Robert North. Deacons Charlie Burch, David Still, Wayne Carr, LaDon McDowell, Hugh Chandler, John Brown, Guy Beard, Tommy Pace & Dick Ward, Laypersons 39. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Charlie Burch & Guy Beard. Nominating committee Mrs. Bernice Still, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. Laurestine Hudson, Mrs. Jean Chandler & LaDon McDowell.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. John Brown singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin, offertory prayer Tommy Pace, ushers Ron McMickle, Tommy Pace, Amos Sheffield & Andrew Sheffield, special music Mrs. Hugh Chandler & Mrs. John Brown "Try Jesus". Rev. Wayne Sheffield introduced Rev. Paul Grubbs, one of our Phillipine Missionaries, for message, Rev Grubbs used Ephesians 2: 8-10 then led in prayer, message "Grace" - God's free gift of salvation, "Saved" & "Faith" - depend on the Holy Spirit for power, & have the assurance that Jesus will always be present, closing with prayer. Rev. Donald Coates prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. John Brown singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright using Phillipians 4: 6,7 & I Corinthians 10: 13 speaking on Prayer. Home Coming at Jakin October 6, revival October 7-11. David Still stated we had camp for 20 years & another good one this year. Discussion concerning update book of the Churches & Conference from 1983 to 1993, David suggested each church name a person to serve on this committee. Motion that was tabled at last quarterly conference in reference to Constitution & By-Laws, motion to take this item of business off the table by Charlie Burch seconded by Rev. Melvin Moody, carried. Changes were adopted per original recommendation. Nominating committe report by Mrs. Bernice Still: Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield,

Vice Moderator Rev. William Bronson, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Wayne Carr, Camp Director. Rev Marty McWilliams, Assistant Camp Director Rev Wayne Sheffield, Obituary Mrs Bernice Still. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still; Resolution from White Pond to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Mr. Albert Jones, who passed March 11, 1991, He served this church well for about 50 years, regular attendance, good listening qualities, willingness to work & his cooperation was admired & will be remembered by this church. It is with love & respect we submit this. From Bethlehem, Carolyn Avera Rice. I try to pin the words my heart feels when another of our church family is called Home. Always I fail and its then help comes from above, my heart is comforted and I can share my thoughts. As I sat in the church this P. M. attending Carolyn's funeral, every flower seemed perfect in place and a thing of beauty. Then this song, "Gathering Flowers for the Master's Bouquet" came to me. Carolyn is now part of the Master's Bouquet. Pastors Rev. Hyman & Rev. Irvin spoke so truthful as they reminded us of her life, everyone present was aware of this truth. I would add to these remarks by sharing one trait of Carolyn's I don't want to forget & would like to put in practice in my life. Both Carolyn & I had been quite frank in handling a situation, doesn't matter which was right, it's how Carolyn handled it. After we both left the church, Carolyn came to my home & brought the information I needed & left a memory I treasure. Carolyn was so concerned always that everything was physically in place within the church. Coming to my door to put things spiritually in place reminds me we as a church need to learn this truth, by Mrs. Fred Johnson, Bethlehem. Rev. Paul Grubbs spoke greetings from the Foreign Mission Board stating he had been in the Phillipines 3 1/2 years working at the Bible College there. He feels the Lord is calling him to go help Rev. Willem in Bulgaria, requesting prayer for both. Rev. Grubbs would preach at Zion on Sunday morning & show slides that evening. Motion by David Still to give Jakin rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed benediction. Moderator Rev Wayne Sheffield, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

First quarterly session with Bethlehem October 19, 1991, prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. Marty McWilliams, devotion by Mrs. Fred Johnson using I Kings 17: 14. Letters read by Mrs. JoEllen McWilliams & Mrs. Patsy McMickle, Mrs. Pauline Carr replaced Mrs Vera Sheffield from Jakin, Mrs. Wylene McDowell's name removed as White Pond delegate. Ministors Rev's. Melvin Moody, Marty McWilliams, Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield & Dr. Irvin Hyman, Deacons Charlie Burch, David Still, Wayne Carr, Guy Beard, Hugh Chandler & Marlon Brown, Visitors Rev. & Mrs. Jim Pelt, Rev. Levy Corey & Mrs. Mathel Barnes, Laypersons 25. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Mrs. Pearl McDowell, Mrs. Hallie Still, Wayne Carr & Marlin Brown. Mrs. Florence Rice, (age 82) oldest member at Bethlehem, extended a cordial welcome.

Morning Worship prelude piano-organ duet by Mrs. Fred Johnson &

Mrs. Florence Rice, singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Phyllis Sauls, ushers Marlin Brown & Guy Beard. Special music by Mrs. Lucy Hyman singing "Jesus Will Outshine Them All". Rev. Paul Irvin introduced Rev. Levy Corey from the Children's Home in Eldridge, Al. as guest speaker. Rev. Corey stated he had to leave immediately after message because he had to be in Tennessee Sunday morning, speaking greetings from the 34 children. Rev. Corey expressed appreciation for the support from our conference. For his message, he used I Samuel 20: 10 & Matthew, asking "What does a Christian do when he is Wronged?" Jesus gave a plan of action in Matthew 5: 44 closing with prayer. Rev. Hyman prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude Mrs. Fred Johnson & Mrs. Florence Rice, singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt pianist Mrs. Phyllis Sauls, prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody, devotion by Mrs. Frankie Sauls using Psalms 46: 10 & I Kings 19: 11,12 "Be Still", Special music Miss. Lesley Sauls & Miss. Samantha Barfield singing "Heaven Is A Wonderful Place" & Who Is Jesus". Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still, memorial to Garland Dunlap, resolution from Jakin to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Garland Dunlap, who passed June 10, 1991. He served this church faithfully. Mrs Still. asked for a moment of silent prayer, closing in prayer. David Still asked our Moderator to give a Convention report. Rev. Sheffield gave report stating he visited the downtown cafeteria which had no air conditioning, had ground breaking for new campus dining hall. Motion by Rev. Melvin Moody seconded by Wayne Carr to give Bethlehem rising vote of thanks. Motion to give the clerk authority to put together a Quarterly newsletter including the minutes & bind them into a book, seconded by Rev. Paul Irvin, carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed the benediction. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Jarrell Burch clerk.

Second quarterly sessions with Live Oak January 18, 1992 prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. W. L. Bronson, devotion by Rev. Melvin Moody "On the Other Side of the Jerico Road" using Luke 10: 31, closing with Luke 12 asking the question "Which side of the road are we on?" Letters read by Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Jean Chandler, Mrs. Jean Chandler replaced Mrs. Catherine Miller as Jakin delegate. Ministers Rev's. Melvin Moody, W L Bronson, Marty McWilliams, Paul Irvin & Wayne Sheffield, Deacons Cheshire DeBarry, Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler & David Still, Visitors Rev. & Mrs. Jim Pelt, Rev. D. W. Poole, Rev. Russell McAllister, Hickory Grove, Fla., Rev. C.H. Overman, Excutive Director of the Original Free Will Baptist convention, Rev. J. B. Narron, North Carolina, & Rev. Kent Barwick, Pastor Travelers Rest, Laypersons 28. Finance committee Cheshire DeBary, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Frankie Sauls, Mrs. Lela Bronson, Mrs. Frances Martin & Mrs. Hallie Still, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Rev. Wayne Sheffield, in his report on the convention last quarter intended to state "all of the convention, Officers, Staff & Departments loves our Paul Palmer conference not just the mission

boards. Several comments on a very good youth rally, approximately 125 attended. Rev. J. B. Narron closed in prayer.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. Jim Pelt, ushers Cheshire DeBary & Earl Jordan, Cheshire praying offertory prayer. Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked Rev. J. B. Narron if he would like to say anything. Rev. Narron stated he was Rev. C. H. Overman's traveling companion, retired from ministry after 41 1/2 years full time. Rev. Wayne Sheffield introduced Rev. C. H. Overman for morning message, Rev. Overman expressed greetings from the Convention & was happy to be here today. He stated he had worked at the Free Will Baptist Press with Rev. Joe Fort where he learned a lot after graduation from Atlantic Christian in May 1957. After graduation, he went to Rev. Fort asking for a job which he got starting as assistant editor. Rev. Overman expressed pleasure at having Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Sheffield & Rev. Marty McWilliams at the convention. Rev. Overman spoke on "Rendering Praise to God" using Psalms 145 through 150, closing with prayer. Rev. D. W. Poole prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led Rev. Marty McWilliams pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, devotion by Mrs. Jerome Phillips "Love & Trust" using John 15: 9-13, Mrs. Laurestine Hudson closed in prayer. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still, from White Pond, To honor the memory of one of our beloved membes, Mrs. Janie Laura Johnson, who passed Saturday July 20, 1991. Miss. Janie as she was affectionately called by her fellow members, was for many years faithful in her attendance, at the time of her death, the church's oldest member. When her illness no longer allowed her to attend, all hearts were saddened because of the admiration held for her. There was a moment of silence & prayer in memory of Miss. Janie. Rev. Bronson brought greetings from St. Cloud stating Rev. Hansley, Rev. Graham Lane & Rev. Harry Jones visited last October to see what could be done to better the church. Decision was for the Home Mission & St. Cloud Church purchase (5) 12 X 60 Modular buildings at cost of \$41,000.00. Rev. Hansley took the plans to architect to finish plot plans, then St. Cloud would take them to Planning & Zoning Board for approval, Rev. Hansley would get someone to set-up Sunday School rooms, foyer & landscaping the yards. Purchased tract of land adjacent to St. Cloud, the Home Mission Board approved up to \$85,000.00 for the cost at St. Cloud. Paul Palmer had contributed approximately \$6000.00. Rev. Paul Grubbs to join Rev. Willem & Lydia Van der Plas in Bulgaria in May, Mrs. Diane Riley stated Mount Olive needed about \$500,000.00 for the completion of the dining hall. David Still announced camp in June. Motion to give Live Oak rising vote of thanks seconded by Rev. Paul Irvin, carried. Rev. Paul Irvin prayed benediction. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Third quarterly session with White Pond April 18, 1992 singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt pianist Mrs. John Brown, invocation by Rev. Paul Irvin, devotion by Mrs. Wylene McDowell "The Highway of Life" using Matthew

6: 33, 24: 11, 6: 24, 7: 14 & Galatians 6: 9. Letters read by Mrs. Ollie Manion & Mrs. Beth Johnston, James Weaver replacing David Still as league president & Mrs. Wendy Powell replacing Mrs. Sue Hughes as Woman's Auxiliary President. Finance committee Marlin Brown, Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Lela Bronson, Mrs. Ollie Manion & Mrs. Hallie Still. Rev. Sheffield asked Mrs. Wylene McDowell to serve as Obituary Chairperson. Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Melvin Moody & W L Bronson, Deacons Charlie Burch, Hugh Chandler, LaDon McDowell, David Still, Joe McDowell, & Marlin Brown, Visitors Rev. & Mrs. Jim Pelt & Rev. David C. Hansley, Laypersons 28. Charlie Burch stated Rev. D. W. Poole has terminal lung cancer, he is in good spirits, still driving & wants all to know he loves each one & the Paul Palmer conference. Rev. Jim Pelt stated Mrs. Poole's health is not good, but she is holding up well. Rev. Poole said that when the Lord calls for him, he knew he would have a better place. Rev. Sheffield stated that he knew Rev. Poole really loved the Lord. Rev. Irvin stated that Rev. Poole had been with us for several years & he knew the Lord was still working with him, taking care of him. Rev Poole is unable to preach, Charlie Burch reported, William (Cutter) Hamill, a member at Live Oak has cancer asking for prayer. Special prayer by Rev. Jim Pelt interceding on behalf of these two men.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. John Brown singing led by Wayne Carr, ushers Joe McDowell & LaDon McDowell, offertory prayer Joe McDowell. Special music Rev. Jim Pelt "In the Garden". Rev. Paul Irvin introduced Rev. David C. Hansley for morning message. Rev. Hansley showed the architect's drawing of St. Cloud church plus pictures by Rev. William Bronson. Rev. Hansley stated his love of preaching sermons on seasonal themes, this being Easter he spoke on "Reflections of the Cross" using I Corinthians 1: 17,18. Everyone invited to Rev. & Mrs. Paul Irvin 50th wedding anniversary at Newton Baptist Church. Rev. Bronson prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. John Brown singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by Mac Barron, youngest member & only teen in the White Pond Church, using Ecclesiastes 3: 1 & Solomon 2: 11 "Springtime", relating spring growth to spiritual growth closing with a poem by Helen Steiner Rice. Obituary report by Mrs. Wylene McDowell from Jakin to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Robert F Wright, who passed December 27, 1991, although Robert could not participate in the activities of the church because of his illness, he was an asset by loving & praying for all. Rev. Hansley had recently visited California where the Mission Board had a person come to them wanting to preach, this will be first Ethnic Free Will in the United States, he stated the United States is the fourth largest mission field in the world, other countries are sending missionaries to the United States, we are approximately 32% Christianized but are not getting the job done in taking the Gospel of Christ to others, biggest problem alcohol. Paul Palmer is a vital part of the work at St. Cloud having given \$4500.00.

Churches in Florida have to be incorporated, St. Cloud has not incorporated, therefore the mission board is preceeding in doing what has to be done. Rev. Hansley stated he had met with a realtor who is planning to build many homes in the area where St. Cloud is, the Lord continues to open doors. The board needs help in Contributions & volunteer help, July 11, a Youth Choir from Tarboro will present a musical-drama at Zion then go to St. Cloud to work & hold Vacation Bible School. Rev. Hansley asked for special prayer for this work. Miss. Kydie Sheffield had saved two big envelopes filled with pennies, she presented to Home Missions. Rev. Melvin Moody motion to give rising vote of thanks to White Pond, carried. David Still stated camp would be June 21-25. Revivals announced, Jakin June 7-11, White Pond begins June 14, Bethlehem begins June 28. Rev. Chester Pelt prayed benediction. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Annual session with Zion July 18, 1992 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Margie Brown, Rev. Marty McWilliams prayed invocation, devotion by Mrs. Bernice Still "Looking Within" using Matthew 23: 25,26. Rev. Wayne Sheffield welcomed Rev. David Hines & Grandfather David Fleming. Letters read by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield & Mrs. JoEllen McWilliams. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Melvin Moody, Marty McWilliams & Wayne Sheffield, Deacons Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, H W Rollins, David Still, Hugh Chandler, Guy Beard & John A. Brown, Visitors Rev. David Hines & David Fleming, Laypersons 27. Charlie Burch stated Rev. D. W. Poole is in our Father's hands & is doing alright but very weak, still able to drive.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Margie Brown, prayer by Rev. Melvin Moody, offering received by David Still & H. W. Rollins, Rev. Marty McWilliams sang "Embrace the Cross". Rev. David Hines sang "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" message "Change" we all need to experience change in our lives, three ways: Revolution, followed by nurture, reminding us of the Phillipians jailer; then evolution, reminding us how we gradually grow in Christ; then resolution, making a decision to stand for Christ. Rev. Bronson closed in prayer asking God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by John Brown pianist Mrs. Margie Brown, devotion by Mrs. Hallie Still "In His Steps" asking what would Jesus do using I Peter 2: 21. Rev. Hines stated Mount Olive is not a building, it is a Liberal Arts College, not a Bible College, perse, but one that emphasizes the development of the whole person, noting that he starts & finishes his classes with prayer, asking if we had learned that Jesus Christ is Lord. Not every student is a christian, sadly but they come there ready to learn, he is having home study courses Christian Beliefs, Evangelism & Development of a Christian philosophy & character. Rev. William Bronson stated wonderful things are happening at St Cloud, Rev Hansley will return in near future with about 40 people for dedication service. Resolution from Jakin to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Russell Hanks, who passed June 26, 1992. Russell served this Board with quiet, peaceful, assistance that was

admired by all. His regular attendance, good listening, willingness to work & cooperation will be remembered by this church. He was senior member of the Deacon board & stood tall in all its functions. Mrs. Bernice Still gave nominating committee report, motion by Rev. Paul Irvin seconded by Guy Beard to elect the slate, carried. David Still stated the Tarboro Choir was a most enthusiastic group of young people. Rev. Wayne Sheffield stated there is a great potential in Donalsonville for a mission. Zion was given a rising vote of thanks, Rev. Marty McWilliams closed in prayer. In His Service, Mrs. Bernice Still, Assistant clerk.

First quarterly session with Jakin October 17, 1992, singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Margie Brown, Rev. William Bronson prayed invocation, devotion by Miss. Iva Sewell "Three Things to Give God Time Talent & Treasure". Wayne Carr stated Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference enters into its 29 year, we have truly been blessed. Letters read by Mrs. Margie Brown, Mrs. Ollie Manion & Mrs. Lela Bronson. Rev. Bronson stated St Cloud had two new members, Rev. Paul Irvin stated Bethlehem had three & Rev. Wayne Sheffield stated Jakin had six. Finance committee Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Wayne carr, Mrs. Lela Bronson & Charlie Burch, obituary Mrs. Bernice Still, Resolution Mrs. Ollie Manion, Bobby Johnston & Mrs. Laurestine Hudson. Charlie requested the Ordaining council to examine Rev. Jim Pelt & present him to the conference. Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, William Bronson, Jim Pelt, Paul Irvin & Marty McWilliams, Deacons Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, John Brown, Hugh Chandler, David Still & Curtis Hughes, Visitors Rev. Weldon Rentz, Hayne Pelt & Mrs. Audrey Saunders, Laypersons 34. Rev. Bronson stated that few changes taking place, Ron Howse, the engineer has taken over most of the jobs by faxing information to Rev. Hansley, buildings are ready to be moved, plan to worship in new building by Christmas. Brief recess before morning worship.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Margie Brown singing led by Wayne Carr, offertory prayer by Hugh Chandler, Hugh & John Brown served as ushers. Mrs. Shirley Sheffield had asked Mrs. Diane Riley to sing a special & Mrs. Duane Davis to accompany, she sang "More Than Wonderful". Rev. Wayne Sheffield delivered God's message using Luke 9: 57-62 asking "What Kind of Christians are we? How effective are we? & What do we propose to do in the service of God's Kingdom?" Rev. Weldon Rentz prayed the benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Margie Brown, John Brown singing the verses of "I Walk With the King" the congregation joining on the chorus, devotion by Hugh Chandler "Friendship: A Friend is a Special Gift from God" using Proverbs 17: 17 closing with poem by Helen Steiner Rice "Golden Chain of Friendship". Rev. Paul Irvin stated the Council examined Rev. Jim Pelt & it was a pleasure to have him in our conference, motion by Wayne Carr seconded by Rev. Irvin to receive Rev. Jim Pelt, carried. Rev. Jim Pelt stated he had been a visitor for 29 years, but now felt he was home.

Resolutions committee report by Bobby Johnston: The Jakin Free Will Church in regular conference voted unanimously to present the following resolution at the Paul Palmer Conference on Saturday, October 17, 1992. 'Whereas, We The Jakin Church Having Enjoyed These Many Years, A Full And Fraternal Relationship In The Faith Of Our Lord Jesus Christ As Orginal Free Will Baptists, Do Recommend That The Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference Request The Convention Of Orginal Free Will Baptists To Accept Us As A Regular Member Conference.' Motion by Rev. Paul Irvin seconded by Rev. W. L. Bronson to receive the resolution, Charlie Burch motion seconded by Wayne Carr to table until January conference, carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield explained that is was Parliamentary procedure to table a motion without discussion in order for the churches to discuss the matter before a vote takes place. David Still's motion to give Jakin rising vote of thanks, carried. Mrs. Diane Riley, Director of Admissions at Mount Olive, reported on the college & stated it was a pleasure to be here & that she was glad we had met Rev. David Hines, she also stated they always enjoy having us visit Mt. Olive. Mrs. Riley requested prayer for Jason Pelt (son of Hayne Pelt, Grandson of Rev. Chester Pelt) who will be going to Mt. Olive in January. Mrs. Riley also requested prayer for Mt. Olive's Fall Retreat & she asked everyone to read the report she passed out needing funds to complete the new dining hall. Rev. Wayne Sheffield stated he & Mrs. Sheffield attended the Convention, it was very enjoyable, informative & the Fellowship was great. Mrs. Vera Sheffield & Mrs. Ola Mae Howard enjoyed having the Sheffield's children stay with them. Rev. Jim Pelt prayed the benediction. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Second quarterly session with Bethlehem January 16, 1993 prelude by Mrs. Lucy Hyman singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. Paul Irvin, devotion by Mrs. Fred Johnson, after prayer she used Lamentations 2: 9 closing with prayer. Letters read by Mrs. Ollie Manion & Mrs. Beth Johnson with changes Mrs Lela Bronson, from St Cloud could not attend, Mrs. Pauline Carr replaced Mrs. Margie Brown from Jakin. Ministers Rev's. Jim Pelt, Paul Irvin, William Bronson, Marty McWilliams, Wayne Sheffield & Dr. Irvin Hyman, Deacons Guy Beard, Hugh Chandler, Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, LaDon McDowell, David Still & Marlon Brown, Visitor Mrs. Audrey Saunders, Laypersons 22. Mrs. Florence Rice came in, stated it was a treat to be here, she was glad to see everyone, her pastor & church family take real good care of her & she is the oldest member at 83. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Guy Beard, Rev. William Bronson, Bobby Johnston, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Wayne Carr, Obituary Mrs. JoEllen McWilliams.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Jan O'Hearn singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Jim Pelt, offertory prayer by Guy Beard after which he & Marlon Brown received the offering. Special music Mrs. Florence Rice playing "I'll Go With You all the Way", special music by Mrs. Hyman singing "Sin Will Take You Farther than you want to go." Guy Beard stated

they had two wonderful men who come every other Sunday, Rev. Paul Irvin & Dr. Irvin Hyman. Message by Dr. Irvin Hyman "The Necessity of Forgiveness" using Philippians 3: 7-13 closing in prayer. David Still prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Florence Rice & Mrs. Jan O'Hearn, Rev. Jim Pelt led singing, devotion by Mrs. Judy Rice using Proverbs 3: 5,6, stating we should learn from experiences God is allowing us to go through, difficulties turn into blessings. Charlie Burch stated there was someone in our conference who has been called into the ministry, do we want to help with his expenses, recommend churches take back home for recommendation at next conference, Wayne Carr stated the Paul Palmer college fund had \$2100.00 in it. Obituary by Mrs. JoEllen McWilliams from Zion to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Mrs. Myrtle English Murkerson, who passed August 7, 1992. Miss. Myrtle served this church with good attendance, cooperation, good listening qualities, love for her Savior, determined to serve Him, was admired & will be remembered by this church. Also to honor the memory of one of our beloved members Mrs. Ola Pearl English Murkerson, who passed August 29, 1992, Miss. Pearl served this church with good attendance, cooperation, good listening qualities, love for her Savior, determined to serve Him, was admired & will be remembered by this church. Rev. Bronson stated building was ready but permits had not cleared, Rev. Hansley is coming March 15-19 to work, paint, landscape, build Sunday School rooms, re-carpet & etc. Paul Palmer has placed \$4000.00 in an account for St. cloud & will take \$1600.00 of this as a final payment on the building when the Mission Board & St. Cloud approve. Resolution from previous conference which was tabled, discussed, then Motion from pastors to table for twelve months by Rev. Marty McWilliams seconded by Rev. Jim Pelt, carried. We have a vision to go beyond where we are. Resolution from Jakin: Whereas, Miss. Niza Dunning taught Sunday School for 42 years, made out-standing contributions to the welfare & Christian growth of her classes; Whereas, Miss. Niza has never failed to witness effectively & promote Christianity in our church; Whereas the Jakin church recognizing the failing health of Miss. Niza & her inability to attend church, agreed in 1992 to discontinue the Niza Dunning Sunday School Class & combine it with the regular adult class, Therefore be it resolved that: The Jakin Free Will Baptist Church hereby express its grateful appreciation to Miss. Niza for her untiring efforts & faithful service & wish her God's continued blessings. Revival at Zion with Rev. David Hines March 1-5 & Camp June 20-24. Motion by Rev. Jim Pelt to give Bethlehem rising vote of thanks, Closing prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Third quarterly session with White Pond April 17, 1993 prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr. Cheshire DeBary prayed invocation, devotion by Mrs. Regina Barron using John 15: 4,5,11 "What does it take to follow Christ." Letters read by Amos Sheffield & Mrs. Patsy

McMickle, Mrs. Pauline Carr replaced Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright as Jakin delegate. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Frankie Sauls & Mrs. Wylene McDowell. Ministers Rev. Wayne Sheffield & Rev. Paul Irvin, Deacons Charlie Burch, LaDon McDowell, Cheshire DeBary, Hugh Chandler & Wayne Carr, Visitor Mrs. Larry Turner, Laypersons 20.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, Offertory prayer, Rev. Paul Irvin, ushers Amos & Andrew Sheffield, message by Rev. Paul Irvin using Nehemiah 8: 1-9 "A Worship Service - Revival." It's not what happens in the church that counts, it's what happens in the heart, closing in prayer & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by Mrs. Larry Turner "What is Sin?" using I John 3: 4-9. Rev. Paul Irvin announced Homecoming & Revival at White Pond beginning June 13th, evangelist Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Homecoming at Zion April 25th. Camp to be June 20-24th. Charlie Burch motion to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield stated St. Cloud had their first service Easter Sunday. Charlie Burch stated Rev. D. W. Poole's condition is not good, request prayer, others added to prayer list: H. W. Rollins Family, Leroy Singletary, Manuel McDowell & Mrs. Donnell McDowell. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Annual session with Live Oak July 17, 1993 prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation Rev. William Bronson, devotion by Cheshire DeBary "God so Loved Us That He Gave" using John 14:26. Letters read by Mrs. Bobby Johnston & Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Mrs. Eloise Irvin was deleted as delegate. Ministers Rev's. Jim Pelt, William Bronson, Paul Irvin & Wayne Sheffield, Deacons Hugh Chandler, David Still, Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Cheshire DeBary, Frank McCan, Ladon McDowell & Marlon Brown, 22 laypersons. Finance committee Mrs. Hallie Still, Frank McCann, Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch & Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Nominating committee Mrs. Bernice Still, Ladon McDowell, Hugh Chandler, Cheshire DeBary, Marlon Brown & Rev. William Bronson, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Request Ordaining committee meet.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, offertory prayer Charlie Burch, ushers Charlie Burch & Earl Jordan, special music by Miss. Jill Dowdy "The Master of The Wind", Rev. Jim Pelt delivered the morning message "God's Spirit is Here & Within Us" using I Peter 1:18-20; I Cor. 6:19,20; Romans 12:1,2 closing with prayer. Wayne Carr led in prayer & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, prayer by David Still, devotion Mrs. Tim Burch "What Kind of Samaritan Are You" using Luke 10:30-37. David Still stated total 71 at camp. Testimonies by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright, Mrs. Beth Johnston, Mrs. Jarrell Burch, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Jim Pelt, Bobby Johnston & Rev. Wayne Sheffield of what camp meant to each. Nominating committee report, Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Vice-Moderator Charlie Burch, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch, Assistant clerk Mrs. Bobby Ready, Ordaining Council Rev. Paul Irvin, Camp Director Rev. Marty McWilliams, Assistant Director Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant treasurer Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Director Mrs. Wayne Sheffield, & Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Motion by Rev. Paul Irvin second by David Still to elect full slate carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield stated he & Mrs. Shirley Sheffield plan to go to the Convention in N C. Report of Ordaining Council reads as follows: "We the Ordaining Council, after careful examination & consideration of Brother Bobby Johnston's call of God to the Gospel Ministry, do hereby recommend to his home church, Zion that he be licensed to preach the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Motion by Rev. Paul Irvin second by Rev. Jim Pelt to adopt carried. Zion Church will proceed to license Brother Bobby July 18. Obituary by Mrs. Bernice Still; "A resolution from Zion, This is to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Violeita West Rollins Reeves who passed April 14, 1993. Bobbie, as she was affectionally called, served this church with humility, good attendance, faithfulness, & reverence, Her love for our church family & willingness to do all she could for others & a keen

knowledge of God's word was admired & will be remembered." Rev. William Bronson stated that two acres of the Church property looked good, County regulations required 200 plants of viburnum, 3 oak, 1 maple, 12 Florida palms, 1 Chinese Talow trees. They have a pianist. Rev Wayne Sheffield recognized Frank McCann, deacon St. Cloud. Motion by Rev. Paul Irvin second by Wayne Carr to give host church rising vote of thanks, carried. Bobby Johnston thanked everyone for support. Closed in prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield. Moderator Wayne Sheffield, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

First quarterly session with Zion, October 16, 1993 prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Curtis Hughes, devotion Curtis Hughes "American Family" prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Curtis used Proverbs 3:5,6 asking question "Do Christian Families live like God wants them to?" Letters read by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright & Mrs. Bernice Still, Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Marty McWilliams & Jim Pelt, Deacons Curtis Hughes, Hugh Chandler, David Still, Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch & H W Rollins, 24 laypersons. Rev Jim Pelt asked for anyone report on Rev. Paul Irvin knee surgery, several responded doing as well as possible, Wayne Carr lead in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, prayer Mrs. Bernice Still, H W Rollins led in offertory prayer & he & Curtis Hughes served as ushers, Rev. Jim Pelt sang "Now I Belong to Jesus". Message by Rev. Marty McWilliams "Patches & Wineskins" using Mark 2:18-22 stressing Revival for our Churches.closing in prayer. A prayer of thanksgiving for the noon meal was prayed by Lance Brackin.

Afternoon session singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, devotion by Mrs. Bernice opening with prayer using 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Rev. Jim Pelt stated Rev. D W Poole who passed away in August, had a very special place in our hearts, his last days were calm & quiet, didn't talk much, medication kept pain down & he visited him almost everyday, funeral in Blountstown, Florida. Rev. Pelt apologized that he didn't call everyone. Rev. Pelt requested all stand for moment of silent prayer in memory of Rev. Poole, Rev. Pelt closed in prayer. Wayne Carr's motion to give host church rising vote of thanks carried. Rev. Marty McWilliams reported Bobby & Beth Johnston both have jobs & he is doing well with his classes & express great appreciation. David Still stated Bobby Ready had lung cancer & asked for prayer. Motion to adjourn by Charlie Burch, after several other comments, including Mrs. Sybil Still suggested all proceedings be transacted before lunch so everyone could go home after lunch, would be considered, second by. Rev. Wayne Sheffield carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed closing prayer. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Second quarterly session with Jakin January 15, 1994 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. John Brown, invocation by Rev. William Bronson. Miss. Iva Sewell gave devotion using Matthew 16:26 "The Old

Year Ends & The New Year Begins", Are we using our time well? Mrs. Shirley Sheffield served as clerk in the absence of Mrs. Jarrell Burch, letters read by Mrs. Francis Martin & Mrs. Wylene McDowell. Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Marty McWilliams, William Bronson, Jim Pelt, Paul Irvin & Chester Pelt, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, David Still, Dick Ward, Marlin Brown & Cheshire DeBary, 37 laypersons. Bobby Johnston was recognized for achieving excellent grade point average in his studies at Mt. Olive. Finance committee Mrs. Leila Bronson, Cheshire DeBary, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Rev. Marty McWilliams, Marlin Brown & Wayne Carr. Obituary should have report after lunch. Prayer by David Still.

Morning worship singing led by Wayne Carr Pianist Mrs. Margie Brown organist Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright, invocation by Tommy Pace, ushers Tommy Pace & Hugh Chandler, Junior ushers Amos & Andrew Sheffield, special music Rev. Jim Pelt "Others", Rev. Wayne Sheffield delivered God's message using Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 10:13 & Malachi 3 on missions. Rev. Chester Pelt prayed thanksgiving for noon meal & God's blessings upon us all.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt musicians Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright & Mrs. Margie Brown, Rev. Pelt stated Rev. Paul Irvin was recovering from surgery at the time of last conference, Rev. Irvin thanked everyone for prayer, cards, calls & visits, then prayed invocation, devotion by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright using I Thess. 5:18, I Samuel 12:24, & Isaiah 26:3 "In Everything Give Thanks". Money previously invested in Gold Kist was \$500.00, Gold Kist ended this program & sent \$2400.00 to conference, \$1000.00 goes to college fund for Bobby Johnston, balance reinvested for two years, motion by David Still seconded by Rev. Marty McWilliams to accept carried. Obituary, Mrs. Bernice Still stated report on Vercé Fort would be sent to the clerk, few minutes silent prayer then prayer by Rev. William Bronson. Motion by Mrs. Still second by Rev. Paul Irvin carried. Camp to begin June 19. Rev. Bronson stated Rev. David C. Hansley had suffered a heart attack but is fine now, Rev. Graham Lane would be handling business while Rev. Hansley is recuperating. The Mission Board is scheduled to come down on February 21-28 for crusade, Rev. Timothy Sellers will be conducting services. David Still motion second by Rev. Paul Irvin let motion stay tabled for indefinite time until later date as would be stated. Motion by Rev. Paul Irvin second by Rev. Jim Pelt to give Jakin rising vote of thanks carried. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Asst. clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield. Attached Bobby Johnston final grade report three A's & 1 B.

Third quarterly session with Bethlehem April 16, 1994 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Irwin Hyman, Cheshire DeBary prayed invocation, devotion Mrs. Winifred Johnson Using Ruth "Why We Have seen the Hand of God" comparing her life to Ruth & Naomi closing with prayer. Letters read by Mrs. Henrietta Ready & Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield, Jim Pelt & Dr. Irwin Hyman,

Deacons Charlie Burch, Cheshire DeBary, Wayne Carr, Guy Beard, Hugh Chandler & Marlin Brown, 24 laypersons. Fiannee committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Marlin Brown, Mrs. Bernice Still, Nominating committee Guy Beard, Hugh Chandler, Cheshire DeBary, Mrs. Francis Martin, Mrs. Henrietta Ready. Mrs. Florence Rice 84 years young recognized as the oldest member present, be 85 in two weeks.

Homecoming to be at Zion April 17 announced by Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Rev. Thomas Mellette to be guest speaker.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Phyllis Sauls singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Jan O'Hearn, Marlin Brown prayed invocation, ushers Guy Beard & Marlin Brown. Mrs. Lucy Hyman rendered special music "The Master of the Sea". Morning message Dr. Irvin Hyman using Psalms 13 & II Cor. 6:1 "How to Win over Depression" closing with prayer, then asked Mrs. Phyllis Sauls to sing "One Day at a Time" extending Alter Call. Rev. Paul Irvin asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt pianist Mrs. Phyllis Sauls, prayer Rev. Wayne Sheffield. Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Mrs. Frankie Sauls, Mrs. June Howard, Rev. Jim Pelt, Marlin Brown & Dr. Irvin Hyman sang "We Are so Blessed", devotion Mrs. Frankie Sauls "How God Wants Us Witness-Observing the Lord's Day" using Lev. 23:3, Luke 4:16, Acts 20, I Cor. 16:2. Charlie Burch motion to give Bethlehem rising vote of thanks carried. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Annual session with Zion July 16, 1994 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Duane Davis invocation by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, devotion by Mrs. Diane Riley Admission Director at Mt. Olive, she sang "Make Me a Servant" then read from Psalms 25:1, 4, 5, 9, 12 closing her devotion with song "My Desire is to be Like Jesus" then led in prayer. Rev. Jim Pelt spoke on the "flood", Rev. David Hansley asked if it had effected any of our people, Home Mission wanted to help, all Churches should check & send info to Mrs. Jarrell Burch, clerk. Letters read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Hallie Still, White Pond, Mrs. Eloise Irvin replaced by Mrs. Jeanette Cleveland. Obituary reports to Mrs. Bernice Still. Ministers Rev's. Jim Pelt, David Hansley, Dan Jordan & Bobby Johnston, Wayne Sheffield, William Bronson, & Stephen Prescott, Deacons Charlie Burch, David Still, Wayne Carr, Cheshire Debary, John Brown & Hugh Chandler, Visitors Mrs. Diane Riley, Rev. Dan Jordan, & Rev. David Hansley, 26 laypersons. Fiannee Committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Leila Bronson, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Wylene Mc Dowell, Nominating Committee. Mrs. Bernice Still, Guy Beard, Hugh Chandler, Cheshire DeBary, Mrs. Frances Martin, & Mrs. Henrietta Ready. Rev. Bronson prayed.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne carr pianist Mrs. Duane Davis Prayer by Cheshire DeBary, David Still prayed offertory prayer, David Still & Buddy Lucas served as ushers. Mrs. Diane Riley sang "I have no Regrets" accompanied by Mrs. Duane Davis, Rev. Jim Pelt presented

our guest speaker, Rev. Stephen Prescott, he used Jude 1:17-23 stating we need to start looking at what it takes to be an humble servant of God, perservance is required to be a child of God closing with prayer then extended an invitation, Hugh Chandler prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Margie Brown, singing led by John Brown, devotion by Mrs. Kay Willis "The Prodigal Teacher" using Luke 15:10 & Acts 1:8. Nominating Committee report Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Vice-Moderator Charlie Burch, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch, Asst. Clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Ordaining Council Chairman Rev. Paul Irvin, Co-Camp Directors Rev's. Jim Pelt & Wayne Sheffield, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Asst. Treasurer Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Director Mrs. Wayne Sheffield, Obituary Chairperson Mrs. Bernice Still. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still, resolution from White Pond, This is to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Lemuel W. McDowell who passed Oct. 14, 1993, Lemuel served this Church with faithfulness & attendance, Buddy was a 34 year member, He was admired & will be remembered by this Church. A resolution from White Pond, This is to honor one of our beloved members, Bonnie Lewis who passed June 24, 1994, Bonnie served this church with faithfulness & attendance, a charter member of Paul Palmer Conference, was admired & will be remembered by this church. A Resolution from White Pond, This is to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Manuel McDowell who passed April 19, 1993, He served this church with faithfulness & attendance, a Charter Member of Paul Palmer Conference, 34 year member, admired & will be remembered by this church, following a few minutes of silent prayer, Bobby Johnston led in prayer. Mrs. Diane Riley brought greetings from Dr. Burkette Raper & faculty at Mt. Olive thanking the conference for all the support. Bobby Johnston expressed thanks for everthing the conference & the college has done for he & his family, presenting a transcript of subjects & grades. Rev. David C. Hansley brought greetings from the Mission Board & Rev. C. H. Overman. Rev. Hansley stated that it was good to have Rev. Dan Jordan, (retired trucker) waiting to be placed as a Home Missionary here. He recognized Miss. Kydie Sheffield, presenting her with a certificate from the Seed Club for collecting pennies. Rev. Hansley requested Prayer for the Mission Board, himself & Rev. William Bronson as he is getting things lined up for his successor. Rev. Bronson spoke greetings from the Sunshine State & Rain State, he stated they had 2 saved, 2 baptised & had improvements at St. Cloud, He announced he would retire soon but plans to continue to be active in the Church & Conference. Wayne Carr mentioned missing Bethlehem friends & members. Charlie Burch motion to give Zion a rising vote of thanks. Revival at Jakin Aug. 1-5 with Rev. Talmadge Worsley.

Following Conference session, ordination for Bobby Johnston, Bobby, Beth & children were asked to come sit on the front pew, Prayer of Invocation, David Still, Charge to Church, Rev. Jim Pelt, respond to call,

Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Prayer of Dedication, Rev. David Hansley, Presentation of Bible, Rev. William Bronson, Hand Of Christian Fellowship, Ministers, Deacons & Congregation closing with prayer. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

First quarterly session with White Pond Oct. 15, 1994 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, invocation Hugh Chandler, devotion by Mrs. Wylene McDowell using I Corinthians 6:19, 20, Romans 12:19, 6:25 "What Would God see if He looked inside us"? She closed with prayer. Letters read by Mrs. Ollie Manion & Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Ministers Rev's. Jim Pelt, Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield, Deacons Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, David Still, Hugh Chandler, LaDon McDowell, & Curtis Hughes, Visitors Mrs. J. N. Barnes, Rev. & Mrs. Fleming McDuffie, Laypersons 3, Finance Committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Mrs. Bernice Still, Rev. Paul Irvin, Charlie Burch. Mrs. Bernice Still shared greetings from The Rev. Marty McWilliams family. David Still shared letter from Bobby & Beth Johnston, they enjoyed visiting the Rev. Wayne Sheffield in Sept. at the Convention, special appreciation for the Ordination Service, continue prayers. St. Cloud still doesn't have a Pastor.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, Mrs. Jarrell Burch pianist, Wayne Carr prayed offertory prayer, ushers Amos & Andrew Sheffield, special music Rev. Jim Pelt "Only Believe", Morning Message by Rev. Paul Irvin using II Kings 6:1-7 "The Borrowed Axe". Rev. Jim Pelt prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Wayne Sheffield led in prayer, devotion by Mrs. Ollie Manion using Romans 6:23 "Characteristics of, consequences of & cure for sin" Mrs. J. N. Barnes closed with prayer. Each Church was asked to determine amount it could give for flood victims, motion by Rev. Wayne Sheffield seconded by Hugh Chandler passed. Obituary by Mrs. Bernice Still, A resolution from White Pond this is to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Dorothy (Dot) McDowell who passed August 3, 1994, Dot served this church with dignity, pride & honor, charter member of White Pond, very much loved by the church, very faithful & loved by all, She is greatly missed, was admired & will be remembered by this church, following a few moments of silent prayer, Rev. Paul Irvin closed in prayer. Charlie Burch motion to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield reported on his trip to the Convention in N. C., Rev. & Mrs. Willem Van der Plas were there. Rev. David Hansley would like to start 5 new churches in Georgia by 2000. Rev. Paul Irvin stated that Rev. David C. Hansley & Rev. C. H. Overman brought food & money to be used in helping flood victims, \$6,020 was divided between 5 families, Rev. Hansley asked Rev. Paul Irvin to be in charge of the balance of the money. Motion by Rev. Wayne Sheffield seconded by Rev. Paul Irvin to send letter of thanks to the Convention. Closed in prayer by Charlie Burch. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Second quarterly session with Live Oak January 14, 1995 singing led by Wayne Carr, pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch invocation Mrs. Bernice Still, devotion by Cheshire DeBarry using Luke 23:34, Acts 3:17-19, Matthew 18:7, 26:53 & James 3 "Do We always know just what We are doing, aren't we glad we are serving someone who knows what He is doing?" closing in prayer. He requested prayer for the Charlie & Tim Burch families on trip to Hawaii. Letters read by Mrs. Kay Willis & Mrs. Ollie Manion, delegates added from Zion Mrs. Kay Willis, Mrs. Sue Hughes & Mrs. Thelma Freeman. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield & Jim Pelt, Deacons Cheshire DeBary, Wayne Carr, David Still, Hugh Chandler & Curtis Hughes, Laypersons 8. Finance committee Hugh Chandler, Mrs. Ollie Manion, Mrs. Bernice Still, Rev. Paul Irvin & Cheshire DeBary. Rev. Jim Pelt requested By-Laws committee meet.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch, singing led by Wayne Carr, Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed the invocation, ushers were Earl Jordan & Cheshire DeBary, special music by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing "He Loves Me", Rev. Jim Pelt brought morning message using Galatians 5:16-26 stating the Apostle Paul wanted the Galatians & us to live for God, closing with prayer.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, pianist Mrs. Jarrell Burch, prayer by Curtis Hughes, devotion by Mrs. Kay Kelly using a poem "The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi" Rev. Jim Pelt prayed. By-Laws committee recommends change in Constitution: Page 70 in "THE ARTICLES OF FAITH AND PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS (OF THE ENGLISH GENERAL BAPTIST HERITAGE) last sentence heading "Pastor" be changed to read as follows: "A PASTORATE SHALL NOT BE TERMINATED BY CHURCH OR PASTOR IN THE PAUL PALMER CONFERENCE WITHOUT A THIRTY DAY NOTICE OR UNLESS AGREED BY BOTH PARTIES". Motion by David Still seconded by Wayne Carr to present this to conference, after discussion, Rev. Paul Irvin made motion seconded by Cheshire DeBary to accept the report, to lay on table until the April Conference then vote. The committee stated the conference needed to incorporate for tax purposes, motion by Rev. Paul Irvin seconded by Cheshire DeBary to secure more information, after discussion, Mrs. Sue Hughes was requested to secure info & bring to April conference, passed, this motion made by David Still seconded by Rev. Paul Irvin. Need resolution on death of Rev. Chester Pelt, clerk was requested to write the article from The Free Will Baptist & to include write-up by Mrs. Bernice Still as part of conference minutes. Rev. Jim Pelt related info concerning his brother's death & funeral. He stated that Rev. Chester's pastor, Rev. Tim McDonald, Rev. Mike Pelt & He conducted the funeral. Rev. Paul Irvin motion to give Live Oak rising vote of thanks for wonderful hospitality, food & fellowship. Rev. Paul Irvin motion to adjourn carried, Wayne Carr closing in prayer. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt,

clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Third quarterly session with Jakin April 15, 1995 prelude by Mrs. Margie Brown & Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation Curtis Hughes, devotion by Miss. Iva Sewell telling a story which illustrates John 3:16 while Mrs. Margie played soft music, closing with congregation singing Amazing Grace. Letters read by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright & Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Mike Lee & Jim Pelt, Deacons Charlie Burch, Hugh Chandler, Curtis Hughes, John Brown Wayne Carr, H W Rollins & Dick Ward, Laypersons 27. Finance Committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Laurestine Hudson, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Hallie Still. Moderator requested the Ordaining Council meet & for obituaries to be given to Mrs. Bernice Still. Motion to remove from table the report of By-Laws committee made in January conference by Curtis Hughes seconded by Rev. Paul Irvin. After discussion motion by Rev. Paul Irvin seconded by Charlie Burch to adopt the report with recommended changes, carried. Motion by Mrs. Bernice Still, from Zion Church to submit Rev. Mike Lee to become a member of this body of Believers, We have called Rev. Lee to be our pastor, seconded by Rev. Paul Irvin, carried. Previous discussion on incorporating, Mrs. Sue Hughes had not able to find out anything, Moderator Pelt asked Wayne Carr if he would secure the info & report back. Rev. Lee dismissed in prayer.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Margie Brown & Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer Rev. Paul Irvin, John A Brown prayed offertory prayer, Ushers John Brown, Hugh Chandler, Amos & Andrew Sheffield. Wayne Carr stated that Jakin community had been holding Sunrise Services for 35 years, group Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Wayne Carr, Miss. Iva Sewell & Mrs. Jean Chandler sang "The Blood that stained the Old Rugged Cross" they had prepared for Sunrise Services. Rev. Wayne Sheffield prefaced the Morning Message by saying "to stay a long time, you do what you are told". Scripture John 19:28 subject "One Final Act". Prayer closed Morning Worship.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Margie Brown & Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by John A Brown "What is a devotion?" using Isaiah 43:5. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still reading "In Memoriam, Chester H. Pelt by Rev. Michael Pelt & Mrs. Bernice Still, requesting everyone stand for a few moments of silent prayer after which Rev. Wayne Sheffield led in prayer. Ordaining Council presented by Rev. Paul Irvin "The Ordaining Council has examined Rev. Mike Lee, found him to be satisfactory, therefore recommend him to conference to be licensed Sunday April 16, 1995 during business conference of Zion, ordination October 21, 1995 at Zion following our Paul Palmer conference, motion by Rev. Paul Irvin seconded Rev. Wayne Sheffield, carried. Vice-Moderator Charlie Burch extended welcome to Rev. Mike Lee. Rev. Paul Irvin motion to give host church rising vote of

thanks carried. Tina Wetherington & Michelle Bartlett two young ladies from N. C. plan to attend camp, following camp they will go to St. Cloud to work, from St. Cloud back to Jakin for a week Youth Retreat called Youth Celebration, Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked for prayer as they make this trip & they are staying in the Jakin parsonage. Revival at Zion April 30-May 3, 1995, evangelist Rev. Thomas Mellette, Homecoming at White Pond June 11, revival June 11-14 evangelist Rev. Jim Pelt. Motion to adjourn Rev. Paul Irvin, benediction John Brown. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Annual session with Zion July 15, 1995 prelude by Mrs. Duane Davis singing led by Wayne Carr invocation by Guy Beard, devotion Tina Wetherington "The Lord's Prayer" asking do you mean what you pray? Letters read by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield & Mrs. Ollie Manion, Mrs. Ola Mae Howard replaced by Mrs. Ethel Rogers as delegate from Jakin, Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Mike Lee, Jim Pelt & Donald Coates, Deacons Charlie Burch, Hugh Chandler, Curtis Hughes, Wayne Carr, David Still, Guy Beard, Marlon Brown, Cheshire DeBary, John Brown & H W Rollins, Visitors Miss Michelle Bartlett & Miss Tine Wetherington, Laypersons 7. Finance Committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Mrs. Hallie Still & Marlon Brown, Nominating committee Mrs. Bernice Still. Wayne Carr reported on Incorporating, cost approximately \$600 to \$700., needed Name, Officers (now & future) & mailing address, motion by David Still seconded Rev. Paul Irvin for Wayne Carr's address be used, carried, including to incorporate. Rev. Wayne Sheffield recognized Miss Tina Wetherington & Miss Michelle Bartlett (from N. C.) stating they had been doing great work. A minister from N. C. is considering the St. Cloud Pastorate, all stood for prayer for the St. Cloud work.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Duane Davis singing led by Wayne Carr, Rev. Donald Coates prayed, David Still prayed the offertory prayer, He & H W Rollins served as ushers, special music Miss Michelle Bartlett "Higher Ground". Morning Message by Rev. Mike Lee using Colossians 2:19 referring to other scriptures I Cor. 12, Acts 16:6, Matthew 28:16-20 & John 15:5 closing with prayer. John Brown closed in prayer asking God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt pianist Miss Tina Wetherington, Hugh Chandler prayed, devotion Miss Michelle Bartlett using John 5:17 "How Important is Revival to me & What is the condition of your life?" Ordination for Rev. Mike Lee, Charge to Church Rev. Jim Pelt using Matthew 4:18 "The Calling of the First Disciples" Give him your loyalty, respect, prayers, love & financial support closing in prayer. Rev. Wayne Sheffield charge to candidate stating Rev. Henry Melvin gave the following to his son, As we have received, so give, Minister holds special place, but not above his people, look into your own faith, sermon we live is weightier than any sermon preached, Your reputation is not only you but

the life of Christ & you are charged to be a preacher - preach the Word. This is a divine calling, you did not choose, God chose, As a Free Will Baptist Preacher, you are to follow our doctrine not using the pulpit as a whipping post, be responsible for the unsaved, closing using II Timothy 4. Rev. Paul Irvin presented Rev. Lee the Bible & certificate of Ordination, stating the Bible gives us direction - the narrow road. Rev. Irvin said "This Certificate is good as long as you minister in the Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference & have good conduct: otherwise, it will be revoked. Laying on of hands & prayer of dedication took place at this point, David Still asked former pastor, Rev. Donald Coates to pray prayer of dedication. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt trusted each one had been touched by this service. Rev. Pelt had to leave to attend a wedding. Nominating committee report by Mrs. Bernice Still, Mod. Rev Jim Pelt, Vice-Mod Charlie Burch, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch, Asst. clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Asst. Mrs. Wayne Carr & Camp Directors Rev. Wayne Sheffield & Rev. Jim Pelt, Youth director Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still & Ordaining Council Rev. Paul Irvin. Rev Paul Irvin motion to give Zion rising vote of thanks carried. Total of 65 attended camp. Rev. Paul Irvin motion to adjourn, benediction by David Still. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

First quarterly session with Bethlehem October 14, 1995 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Fred Johnson, invocation Rev. Paul Irvin, devotion Mrs. Fred Johnson "A School of Sorrow" based on Job 13:15. Letters read by David Still & Rev. Mike Lee. Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Mike Lee, Jim Pelt & Dr Irvin Hyman, Deacons Charlie Burch, Hugh Chandler, Wayne Carr, David Still, Guy Beard & Marlon Brown, Laypersons 4. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, David Still, Mrs. Eloise Irvin & Marlin Brown. Rev. Wayne Sheffield closed in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, pianist Mrs. Phyllis Sauls prayer by Charlie Burch, ushers Guy Beard & Marlin Brown, offertory prayer Guy Beard, special music Mrs. Phyllis Sauls "A Clear Title to a Mansion." Dr. Irvin Hyman brought message "This is Living" based on Philippians 1:21 stating "For Me to Live is Christ & to die is gain" Daily devotion, fellowship with a church, love for Christ & Eternal life is found thru Christ, then asked Rev. Jim Pelt to sing "Only Believe" & Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked Rev. Pelt to sing "My Jesus I Love Thee".

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt pianist Mrs. Phyllis Sauls devotion Mrs. Judy Roundtree using John 6:66-69 "Who are sufficient for these", special music Samantha Barfield "He's Still Working on Me". Rev. Paul Irvin motion to adjourn, Wayne Carr prayed. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt clerk protem Mrs. Ollie Manion.

Second quarterly session with White Pond January 20, 1996 prelude Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation Mrs. Bernice Still, devotion Mrs. Ollie Manion "Do Not Worry" using Matthew

6:25 & Phillipians 4:19 closing in prayer. Mrs. Ollie Manion & Mrs. Pauline Carr read letters. Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Jim Pelt, William Bronson & Mike Lee, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch, David Still & LaDon McDowell, Visitor Scott Bronson & 14 Laypersons. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Rev. William Bronson, Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Mrs. Francis Martin, & Mrs. Frankie Sauls. Rev. Bronson stated the St. Cloud Mission was trying to hold things together until a Pastor could be found & is proud to announce Rev. Aubrey Williamson has excepted the pastorate. Rev. Williamson, wife & three sons have moved into the new house built for them 6 houses from the church, Rev. Bronson thanked the conference again. The Bobby Johnston family sent greetings from them & Mt. Olive college expressing thanks for love, prayers & support stating this is beginning his last semester at Mt. Olive. Bobby stated our prayers are with you daily especially for Rev. Wayne Sheffield & Bliss Lucas.

Morning Worship prelude Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, Prayer Charlie Burch, offertory prayer Rev. Wayne Sheffield, ushers Amos & Andrew Sheffield, special music Rev. Jim Pelt "Amazing Grace". Rev. Paul Irvin delivered God's message using Psalms 11:3 "Homes" honor thy father & mother, obey the Lord, manner of person, ear, servants, closing in prayer. Wayne Carr prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Mike Lee prayed. Devotion Mrs. Regina McDowell using Luke 8:4-15 "Parable of the Sower". Bobby Johnston asked that any contribution coming to him be given to Rev. Wayne Sheffield, finance committee handled. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still a resolution from White Pond, this is to honor one of our beloved members, Mrs. Helen Barron a very gracious & loveable lady, she joined our church in 1992 & a faithful member, she loved her church & all the members, she fought a great battle the last 14 months, trusted in the Lord, learned patience & tolerance, she will be greatly missed. Motion to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Revival at Jakin April 1 thru Thurs, Rev. Mike Lee guest speaker. Rev. Wayne Sheffield stated they had been richly blessed financially, overwhelmed by all the love & prayers by God's wonderful people, he said he didn't want to except the gifts at first, but learned to lay aside pride, accept the gifts, & May God bless you, continue prayers. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Third quarterly session with Live Oak April 20, 1996 prelude Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Joey Hudspeth, devotion Cheshire DeBary "Do We Use Our Faith - Do We Exercise Our Faith?" using Matthew 14:31,32 he asked, "How much faith do we have & how often does God have to pull us up, closing in prayer. Letters read by Mrs. Ollie Manion & Mrs. Frankie Sauls. Ministers Rev's. Mike Lee, Paul Irvin, & Jim Pelt, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch & David Still, Laypersons 4. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Francis

Martin & Mrs. Frankie Sauls, Nominating committee Cheshire DeBary, Mrs. Bernice Still, Hugh Chandler, Mrs. Frankie Sauls & Mrs. Ollie Manion. Revival at Zion May 5-8 with Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Charlie Burch prayed.

Morning Worhsip prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Joey Hudspeth, prayer Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Mike Lee prayed offertory prayer, ushers Rev. Mike Lee & Earl Jordan, special music Joey Hudspeth "Sweet Beulah Land". Rev. Jim Pelt brought message using Exodus 8:25, 10:10-29 closing in prayer. Rev. Paul Irvin prayed God's blessing on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Joey Hudspeth, David Still prayed, devotion Miss Jill Dowdy using Isaiah 53:3-7 "The Soldier & The Boy" asking prayer for all churches, all sick especially Rev. Wayne Sheffield & Wayne carr, Ministers & Deacons formed circle around Wayne Carr & the ladies formed circle around Rev. Wayne Sheffield Prayer by Rev. Jim Pelt. Wayne Carr stated conference Prayers were being answered, Amos Sheffield would graduate in June from Miller County High & wanted to attend Mt. Olive College, We have \$1500.00 in College fund, Mt. Olive will match the amount we give Amos, Motion by Wayne Carr seconded by Rev. Paul Irvin to give Amos the Scholarship fund, carried. Wayne Carr gave words of thanks & appreciation to the conference for prayers & support during his illness, asking for continued prayers. Motion to give Live Oak rising vote of thanks, carried. Revival at Bethlehem June 23-27 with Rev. Terry Pearce speaker. Revival at White Pond begining June 16. Mrs. Shirley Sheffield thanked everyone for continued prayers on behalf of Rev. Wayne Sheffield. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Annual session with Jakin July 20, 1996 prelude Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed invocation, devotion Miss Iva Sewell using Psalms 62:8 "God is a Refuge" she stated Trusting in God is the most important thing in life. Visitors recognized, Rev. Scott & Janie Sowers from N. C. & Rev. Aubrey Williamson, sons Charles & Phillip from St. Cloud, Fl. Back Home Rev. Bobby & Beth Johnston. Letters read by Mrs. Bobby Johnston & Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright. Rev. Aubrey Williamson apologized for not having St. Cloud letter, gave oral report, name of church had changed to "Old Canoe Creek Chruch. Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Jim Pelt, Aubrey Williamson, Bobby Johnston & Scott Sowers, Deacons Charlie Burch, Hugh Chandler, David Still, Dick Ward & Cheshire DeBary, laypersons 3. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Miss Iva Sewell, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs Francis Martin & Mrs Frankie Sauls, nominating committee Mrs. Bernice Still, Mrs. Ollie Manion, Hugh Chandler & Cheshire DeBary. Quarterly youth rally to be held at William & Evelyn Powell's July 27, 1996.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led

by Rev. Jim Pelt prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin, Hugh Chandler prayed offertory ushers Dick Ward & Hugh Chandler. Rev. Bobby Johnston speaker of the hour "How to Lose our Christian Living" using Joshua 7:1-11 closing with prayer. Rev. Scot Sowers asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Henrietta Ready singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, devotion by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield using Mark 8:36 & Daniel 12:3 "Go Tell Others of Jesus" closing with prayer. Resolution from Bethlehem, this is to honor one of our beloved members, Mrs. Florence Rice who passed May 24, 1996, Mrs. Rice served this church with great love, a very gracious lady & faithful member. She loved her church, was dedicated to playing the organ, always entertained pastors & their wives in their home, we know she is at home now with The Lord. She will be missed by all. Rev. Paul Irvin led in prayer. Rev. Scot Sowers brought greetings from all the work in N. C. thanking the conference for all the support, extending invitation for us to join State association. Rev. Wayne Sheffield expressed thanks to everyone for love & support to him & family during sickness. Rev. Jim Pelt requested special prayer for J. W. Gaines. Rev. Paul Irvin motion to give Jakin rising vote of thanks, carried. Officers: Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, vice-moderator Charlie Burch, clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch, asst. clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Ordaining council Rev. Paul Irvin, Co-camp directors Rev. Mike Lee & Rev. Wayne Sheffield, treasurer Wayne Carr, asst treasurer Mrs. Wayne Carr, youth director Mrs. Shirley Sheffield & obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt asst. clerk Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

First quarterly session with Zion October 19, 1996, singing led by Joey Hudspeth pianist Miss Julie Wetherington from N. C., invocation David Still, devotion by Mark Still "Prescription for Loving Each Other" using Luke 6:27-32. Letters read by Mrs. Bernice Still & Mrs. Pauline Carr, Miss Iva Sewell replaced Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright from Jakin, Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Mike Lee & Jim Pelt, Deacons Charlie Burch, Hugh Chandler, Curtis Hughes, Wayne Carr, David Still, Guy Beard, Marlin Brown & Hursteen Rollins, Visitors Mrs Diane Riley, Miss Julie Wetherington, Michael Thames, David Smith & Brian Holiday, Laypersons 26, Finance committee Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Pearl McDowell & Marlin Brown. Rev. Aubrey Williamson had called David Still expressing regrets for not being able to attend.

Morning Worship prelude Brad Hughes singing led by Joey Hudspeth, Prayer by Rev. Jim Pelt, offertory Curtis Hughes, ushers Curtis Hughes & H W Rollins, special music by Joey Hudspeth "What a Healing Jesus". David Still presented our speaker for the hour, Mrs. Diane Riley Admissions director at Mt. Olive college stating she had left Mrs. Beth Johnston crying to come with group, Bobby & Beth are doing well. Mrs. Riley read from Luke 5 "Living Today: This Moment Is Your Beginning". Amos Sheffield, Brian Holiday, David Smith, Julie Wetherington, Michael

Thames & Julie Johnston with Mrs Riley, she sang "A Time of New Beginnings", Michael Thames sang "My House is Full, but My Fields are Empty", Amos Sheffield, David Smith & Brian Holiday read Luke 5, Michael sang "People Need the Lord" Diane closed with prayer. Mt. Olive group to be at Zion on Sunday night everyone invited. Rev. Wayne Sheffield closed in prayer.

Afternoon session prelude by Brad Hughes singing led by Joey Hudspeth, special music by Joey Hudspeth singing "Beulah Land" devotion by Brad Hughes "Prayer" using Matthew:6:6-9 stating prayer should not be proud, seen, heard, mindless or meaningless but be in Jesus Name, According to His Will, Help of the Holy Spirit, Persistent, Continually, Intermittently, Publicly & Pray seeking the Word, closing in prayer. Wayne Carr stated words are not adequate enough to say "thank you" for your prayers, doctors had told him he had 6 months to a year to live, doing surgery giving him 20% chance, got infection & almost died, if anyone ever doubted the power of Prayer just listen to what God has done for him, doctors gave up but God didn't, continue praying. Resolutions from Jakin to honor the memory of one of their beloved members, Mrs. Holly Averitt who passed at age 96, born September 19, 1989. She was a person who loved the Lord, His Church & its People, faithful member of Womans Auxiliary, Her Home was always open for Church Prayer meetings. She raised five wonderful children. She was very jolly, lovable person that had a smile & kind word for everyone. She passed July 16, 1996. This is to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Mrs. Ethel Rodgers who passed July 17, 1996, she accepted the Lord as her Savior in 1944 during revival at Open Pond Free Will Baptist Church & was faithful, Ethel never learned to drive but members of her church were faithful to see that she got to church to worship & be with her friends, sometimes she walked. Motion by David Still seconded by Rev. Wayne Sheffield to honor Rev. Burkette Raper's 50 years in ministry by placing a book in the Mt. Olive library, carried. Rev. Paul Irvin motion to give Zion rising vote of thanks, carried. David Still reported on Convention, Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Rev. Mike Lee, Hugh Chandler & David Still attended. Amos Sheffield thanked the conference for prayers & financial support. Rev. Jim Pelt announced his brother Rev Michael Pelt had written a book on the history of Free Will Baptist and Mrs. Riley had some copies \$21.95 each. Rev. Wayne Sheffield commented it would be nice if each church purchased one for their library. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, acting Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

Second quarterly session with Bethlehem January 18, 1997 prelude by Mrs. Phyllis Sauls singing led by Joey Hudspeth Rev. Paul Irvin prayed, devotion by Mrs. Judy Rountree using Galations, we, as Christians should be proud to wear spiritual marks: Loyalty to God, family, home, courage to stand for right, patience on the things that come into your life, humility as a Christ-like quality, seperation from the things of this world & generosity in forgiveness, loving, caring, time & tithes. Letters read by Mrs. Hallie Still

& Mrs. Phyllis Sauls, Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright & Mrs. Ola Mae Howard replaced by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield & Miss Kydie Sheffield as Jakin delegates. Mrs. Bernice Still replaced Mrs. Henrietta Ready Zion delegate. Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Mike Lee, Jim Pelt & Dr Irvin Hyman, Deacons Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, David Still, Guy Beard, Marlin Brown & Cheshire DeBary, Visitors Mrs. Joleen Skinner. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Francis Martin, Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Frankie Sauls.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Phyllis Sauls singing led by Joey Hudspeth offertory prayer Guy Beard, ushers Guy Beard & Marlin Brown, special music Mrs. Lucy Hyman "Sheltered in the Arms of God". Speaker for the hour Dr. Irvin Hyman, after scripture & prayer he asked "What is God Like?" Dr. Hyman closed the message with a poem "Would I Be Called a Christian" & prayer. Marlin Brown prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Joey Hudspeth pianist Mrs. Phyllis Sauls organist Mrs. Lucy Hyman, special music Joey Hudspeth "How Long Has it Been", devotion by Guy Beard "What if we decided to just give up & live a life of the world & go to Hell?" using II Peter 3:9 he stated God wants all to be saved. David Still motion to give Bethlehem rising vote of thanks, carried. Zion will have a sing January 26, 1998. Rev. Wayne Sheffield thanked the conference for supporting Amos. Rev. Sheffield stated he would be going to Birmingham on Tues. for check up, continue praying for him & his family. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Third quarterly session with White Pond April 19, 1997 prelude by Mrs. Celeice Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, the conference was delighted to have Wayne Carr back leading the singing, devotion by Mrs. Ollie Manion "My Cup has Overflowed" using Psalms 23, she stated "The Lord is my Shepherd this is all I need" closing with poem "Drinking From a Saucer". It is especially good to have Rev. Mike & Mrs. Pelt with us. Letters read by Mrs. Ollie Manion & Mrs. Frankie Sauls. Ministers Rev's. Mike Lee, Paul Irvin, Jim Pelt & Wayne Sheffield, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch, David Still & LaDon McDowell, Visitors Mrs. Audrey Saunders, Rev. & Mrs. Mike Pelt & Rev. Levy Corey, Laypersons 5. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Francis Martin & Mrs. Frankie Sauls, Nominating committee Mrs. Opal Bush, Mrs. Kay Willis, Hugh Chandler, & Mrs. Francis Martin, Obituary committee Mrs. Bernice Still, Mrs. Ollie Manion, Guy Beard, Cheshire DeBarry & Mrs Johnnie Dot Wright. Camp to be July 6-10. Rev. Mike Lee stated he would be leaving Zion on May 4, 1997. Rev. Wayne Sheffield closed in prayer.

Morning Worship prelude Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, David Still prayed offertory after which he & LaDon McDowell received the offering. Rev. Mike Pelt stated he has served on the faculty of

Mt. Olive for 37 years. Special music Rev. Jim Pelt "In The Garden". Rev. Levy Corey stated the Children's Home was building a new building. Rev. Corey delivered morning message using Isaiah 49:13, 48:22, 57:21, 66:24, if we would keep Jesus Christ where God keeps Him - in the Center of things - our problems would be solved. Simple truths I am special to God, God Loves me & God will not forget you, closing in prayer. Rev. Mike Lee prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, Charlie Burch prayed, devotion Mrs. Regina Barron using I John 2:15-17 & Psalms 20:7. Rev. Mike Pelt gave words of welcome from Mt. Olive, 400 graduates this year, campus classes in New Bern & Wilmington, teacher education with East Carolina for first time. Obituary report resolution from White Pond to honor the memory of one of our beloved members Mrs. Doris Allen Temples who passed March 10, 1997, she was an inactive member, very sweet, loving person, well liked by everyone & will be remembered by this church. Resolution from Jakin to honor the memory of one of our beloved members Mrs. Myrtice Tolar Pace who passed January 6, 1997. Mrs. Pace served this church with much love & dedication coming to church many times when most of us would have stayed at home, her health didn't stop her from attending church, worshipping her God, fellowshiping with neighbors & friends. There will always be an empty spot in Jakin church, Mrs. Pace was 80 years young when she left this world to continue with Jesus & will always be admired & remembered by this church. She was baptized in 1934. Mrs. Pace is survived by her loving husband Tommy G. Pace, sons Bob & Earl, daughter Doris Mueller, 8 grandchildren & 6 great grand children. Mrs. Henrietta Ready motion to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield announced a Sunday School Teacher's meeting at Jakin June 21st with Mrs. Mary Dudley. Special prayer for Tommy Pace, he has broken arm, hip & stress from losing his wife. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Annual session with Live Oak July 19, 1997 prelude by Mrs. Celeice Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, David Still prayed invocation, devotion by Rev. Jim Pelt using Matthew 5, We need to see ourselves as God does, closing in prayer. Rev. Scott Sowers was allowed to speak. Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Wayne Carr read letters, Mrs. Kay Willis replaced Ronnie Ashley as delegate from Zion, Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin & Jim Pelt, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch, David Still & Cheshire DeBary, Visitor Rev. Scott Sowers, Laypersons 11. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Francis Martin, nominating committee Mrs. Opal Bush, Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Hugh Chandler, Mrs. Frankie Sauls & Mrs. Ollie Manion. Brief recess prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt then he prayed. Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed offertory, ushers Charlie Burch & C. W. Bush. Rev. Jim Pelt delivered God's message using

John 16:29-33, Peace comes from our Lord Jesus Christ closing in prayer. Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked God's blessing on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude, singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, devotion by Mrs. Evelyn Phillips "Friends for all Times" using Proverbs 17:17 closing with poem "The House By The Side of the Road". Nomination committee report by Mrs. Bernice Still, Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Vice-Moderator Charlie Burch, Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch, Assistant clerk Mrs. Wayne Sheffield, Ordaining council Rev. Paul Irvin, Camp director Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Assistant David Still, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth director James Weaver & Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Rev. Paul Irvin Motion to give Live Oak rising vote of thanks, carried. David Still gave camp report. Rev. Jim Pelt closed with prayer. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

First quarterly session with Jakin October 18, 1997 prelude by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, Mrs. Bernice prayed invocation, devotion by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield using Exodus 20:1-6 "Loving God & Charity - Do We Really Love God?" Letters read by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright & Amos Sheffield, Change Zion delegates Mrs. Hallie Still, Keith Rice, Mrs. Melinda Rice, Mrs. Thelma Freeman & Mrs. Lisa Still to Mrs. Bernice Still & David Still, Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irving & Jim Pelt, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch, David Still, Curtis Hughes & Dick Ward, Laypersons 8. Finance committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Curtis Hughes & Mrs. Francis Martin. Rev. Jim Pelt stated Jakin Church really looked good, renovations, carpet, curtains & painting had added very much to the Church & the conference was very proud for Jakin, then brief recess.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, Curtis Hughes led in prayer, Amos Sheffield prayed offertory prayer ushers Amos & Andrew Sheffield. Rev. Wayne Sheffield delivered God's message "The Great Falling Away". Rev. Sheffield stated that while at the convention he had asked Rev. Aubrey Williamson if he could come to conference & bring message, Rev. Williamson had called David Still saying he would be unable to attend. Rev. Sheffield, Hugh Chandler & David Still attended the convention. Rev. Sheffield used Matthew 28:9-20 as his text, worship is more than being present, it is the out pouring of our soul to God, closing his message with prayer. Rev. Jim Pelt prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev Jim Pelt, devotion by Rev. Wayne Sheffield using II Timothy 3:1-4, 13-17 if people would turn themselves over to God then He would do Something for us, closing in prayer. Wayne Carr asked would Amos Sheffield receive money from the conference for college if he attended Mt. Olive only or could he receive for any college, Rev. Paul Irvin's motion to table this until next conference in order for each church to discuss, seconded by Charlie Burch carried. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still, Resolution from Zion to honor Mrs.

Annie Mae Still Cannon & from Jakin to honor Tommy Pace, congregation stood for silent prayer, David Still requested prayer for other sick in our churches & communities, Rev. Paul Irvin closing in prayer. Rev. Paul Irvin's motion to give Jakin rising vote of thanks, passed. Moderator Pelt stated Miss. Iva Sewell had broken her ankle. David Still announced Rev. Willem & Lydia Van Der Plas would be home for 6 months. David Still motion to have conference mission rally on April 5, 1998 seconded by Charlie Burch, carried. David stated the Van Der Plas would be here for a week & Zion would like to have them on Sunday but adjustments could be made. Rev. Paul Irvin stated he had resigned the pastorate at Bethlehem. Moderator Pelt asked for all to pray for God's guidance at Bethlehem. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch. Resolution to honor the memory of Mrs. Annie Mae Still Cannon, who passed April 1, 1997, Miss. Annie Mae as she was affectionately called was faithful in attendance, at time of passing was oldest member, younger age walked to most services always on time, all hearts were saddened when illness prevented her attendance. Resolution to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Tommy Pace passing June 7, 1997. Tommy served Jakin with love, kindness & dedication, was married to Mrs. Myrtice Tolar Pace Oct. 1933, preceded him in death January 6. He was 84 years young, born November 11, 1912, baptized in 1931, ordained as deacon serving many years until death, was a loyal, dedicated church member & deacon, could always rely on Mr. Tommy to support the Pastor & church, coming to church when wasn't physically able, an avid gardener, sharing his bounty with church family & friends, a kind, loving & generous person, very fair, just, meek & humble exemplifying what a Christian husband, father & friend should be teaching us well throughout the years & giving us a recipe of life to follow best described in poem by Helen Steiner Rice "A Favorite Recipe" "Take a cup of kindness, mix it well with love, Add a lot of patience & Faith in God above- Sprinkle very generously with Joy, Thanks & Cheer- And you'll have lots of "Angle Food" to feast on all the Year."

Second quarterly session with Zion January 17, 1998 prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by LaDon McDowell, devotion by Mrs. Melinda Rice using Psalms 138:7, Ephesians 6:16 & Ephesians 6:6, when we are tempted we should go the extra mile for God. Mrs. Frankie Sauls & Mrs. Wylene McDowell read letters, Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Jim Pelt, Ricky Gilmore & David C. Hansley, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, H W Rollins, Milton Anderson, Curtis Hughes, David Still & LaDon McDowell, Visitors Mrs. David Hansley (Sylvia) Mrs. Kathy Still Scarborough, Daughter Leigh, Laypersons 10. Finance Committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Opal Bush, Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Frankie Sauls. Moderator Pelt asked the Ordaining Council to meet with Rev. Ricky Gilmore. David Still presented Rev Ricky & Renee Gilmore as their Pastor, Rev. Pelt stated the Zion renovations looked great & He preached the dedication

service.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Celeice Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, Rev Paul Irvin leading in prayer, Wayne Carr prayed offertory prayer, H. W. Rollins & Milton Anderson served as ushers. Rev. & Mrs. Gilmore presented special music "I Will Praise The Lord". Rev. David C Hansley (Executive Director of Home Missions & Evangelism) delivered God's message. Rev. Hansley brought supplies & money to Newton, Ga. during the flood of 1994. Rev. Hansley stated it was a special privilege to have his wife Sylvia with him. Rev. Hansley used Ephesians 6:9,10 "Will You Follow The Star? - In What Directions Will Our Lives Take in 1998?" In closing Rev. Hansley asked if we had decided to redirect our lives & become the Church God wants us to have & be what God wants us to be, closing in prayer. Rev. Jim Pelt asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, prayer by David Still, devotion by Curtis Hughes "Commitment" using Proverbs 16: 7 3: 5,6, & I Samuel 16: 7, prayer by Rushie Scott. Wayne Carr told the conference the Finance Committee needed guidance concerning Superannuation, Rev. Pelt asked each church to take home, discuss & bring to next conference. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still, Resolution from White Pond to honor Mrs. Hazel Haddock Redding, congregation stood for prayer by Rev. Ricky Gilmore. Ordaining Council report by David Still accepting Rev. Ricky Gilmore in Paul Palmer. Rev. Hansley gave Missions report stating St. Cloud was doing fine, Rev. Williamson had resigned but they had met someone that would go, asking for prayers. Rev. Paul Irvin's motion to give Zion rising vote of thanks carried. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Clerk Mrs. Jarrell Burch.

Third quarterly session with Bethlehem April 18, 1998 prelude by Mrs. Lucy Hyman & Mrs. Phyllis Sauls singing led by Wayne carr, Rev. Ricky Gilmore prayed invocation. Devotion by Mrs. Frankie Sauls using Luke 6:45 stating we all should pray for each other instead of critizing, get the mote out of our eye & forgive one another. Mrs. Frankie Sauls & Mrs. Lucy Hyman read letters. Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Paul Irvin, Jim Pelt, Ricky Gilmore & Irvin Hyman, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh chandler, Marlin Brown, Harvey McDonald & David Still, Laypersons 11, Finance Committee Wayne Carr, Mrs. Opal Bush, David Still, Mrs. Francis Martin & Mrs. Frankie Sauls. Rev. Ricky Gilmore stated Zion Revival April 19-22 with Rev. Chip Gresham evangelist. Prayer by David Still.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Lucy Hyman & Mrs. Phyllis Sauls singing led by Wayne Carr, offertory prayer by Marlin Brown, Marlin & Harvey McDonald serving as ushers. Special music by Mrs. Lucy Hyman "The Lighthouse" Mrs. Phyllis Sauls joining on the chorus. Rev. Jim Pelt delivered God's message "Little Faith- What We Are Guilty of" using Mark 6:1 & Mark 5:22. Rev. Paul Irvin prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session opened with special music by Mrs. Lucy Hyman

singing "Sin Will Take You Farther Than You Want To Go" devotion by Mrs. Judy Roundtree "Power" using John 17, reasons to pray Jesus set example, Because there is a devil, will flee when you pray, Prayer is God's way for us to obtain our blessings & Our souls will grow when we pray, four ways of prayer submissive, thankfully, expectantly & Perseveringly. motion by David Still to give rising vote of thanks to Bethlehem, carried. Rev. Jim Pelt reported the Mission Rally was enjoyed by all, Rev. Willem Van Der Plas presented a fine program. Previous motion that was tabled in reference to Amos Sheffield brought back to table, Rev. Paul Irvin motion, seconded by Mrs. Frankie Sauls to give Amos money to go to Bainbridge College, carried. Moderator Pelt closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Clerk Mrs. Wayne Sheffield assistant clerk.

Annual session with White Pond July 18, 1998 prelude by Mrs. Lisa Still singing led by Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler prayed invocation, devotion Mrs. Ollie Manion using Genesis 9:13-17 "The Rainbow is a Sermon in Nature" four reasons God speaks to us; Power of God, Perfection, Promise & Purpose. Mrs. Ollie Manion & Mrs. Francis Martin read letters, Mrs. Melinda Rice & Mrs. Kay Willis replaced Chip & Mrs. Michelle Houston as Zion delegates, Mrs. Myrtle Pelt replaced Charlie Burch as Live Oak delegate, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Jim Pelt & Wayne Sheffield, Deacons Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler & David Still, Visitors Rev Bobby & Beth Johnston, Laypersons 10. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Francis Martin, nominating committee Mrs. Jolene Skinner, Hugh Chandler, Mrs. Bernice Still & Mrs. Ollie Manion. Special prayer for; Cheshire DeBarry, Mrs. Opal Bush, Mrs. Bronnie Smith & Russell Lanier, closing in prayer Mrs. Ollie Manion.

Morning Worship Prelude Mrs. Lisa Still, special music Mrs. Melinda Rice "Majesty" singing led by Wayne Carr, Johnny Dozier prayed offertory, after which he & Charlie Burch served as ushers. Special music Mrs. Melinda Rice "Place Your Hand in the Nail-Scarred Hand". Rev. Wayne Sheffield delivered God's message using Isaiah 51:1,2 "Being a Free Will Baptist". We stand in awe of the church, it's hard to believe the early church, had great success because They were in one accord in prayer & Jesus was their rock & out of this rock they received their salvation. After reading the Free Will Baptist Doctrine he stated: 1- We believe that we can fall from grace, do not believe in eternal security, as long as we abide in Christ, He will abide in us. 2-We believe a believer should be immersed in water through baptism. 3-We believe in the washing of the Saints' feet & the Communion, Rev. Paul Irvin prayed God's blessing on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, David Still prayed, special music Mrs. Melinda Rice "Thou Art Worthy", devotion by Mrs. Regina Barron "Are we Constantly Looking Up?" using Psalms 121:1,2. Wayne Carr motion to change superannuation from \$100 to \$125 second by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, carried. Mrs. Bernice Still gave

nominating committee report as follows: Moderator, Rev. Jim Pelt, Vice-Moderator Charlie Burch, Clerk Mrs. Celeice Burch, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Director James Weaver, Mark & Mrs. Lisa Still, Assistant Youth Director Amos Sheffield, Camp Director Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Assistant Camp Director David Still, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still & Ordaining Council Rev. Paul Irvin. Motion by David Still to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Mark Still, Mrs. Beth Johnston, Mrs. Hallie Still & Rev. Wayne Sheffield made comments concerning excellent camp. Rev. Donald Coates & singers will be at Zion Sunday morning August 9. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Wayne Sheffield assistant clerk.

First quarterly session with Live Oak October 17, 1998 prelude by Mrs. Jarrell Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. Melvin Moody, devotion by Miss. Kayla Kelley reading poem "Heavens Grocery Store" while walking down a road, a man came to a grocery store full of Angels suggesting he fill his basket with patience, love, understanding, wisdom, faith, courage, strength, Holy Ghost, grace, salvation, prayer, peace, joy, song & praise stating God had paid his bill a long time ago closing in prayer by Charlie Burch. Letters read by Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Mrs. Lisa Still & Mrs. Lavonia Fortner were taken off as Zion delegates, Mrs. Laurestine Hudson was added for Live Oak. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Jim Pelt & Wayne Sheffield, Deacons Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler & David Still, Visitors Rev Melvin Moody, Bridget, Rebecca, Sonja, Kimberly & Nicole Duke, Laypersons 7, Finance committee Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Frances Martin. Everyone was invited to the 100th anniversary of the Midway Association at Patmos July 25, 1998. Rev. Melvin Moody thanked everyone for the love offering, Rev. Paul Irvin closed in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, Rev. Wayne Sheffield led in prayer, David Still prayed offertory prayer, he & Charlie Burch served as ushers. Rev. Jim Pelt's message was about faith using Matthew 8:23, faith is one of the most important part of our lives. The Bible speaks of several degrees of faith: 1) Deep abiding - Abraham had this kind of faith. 2) Faith of devils - the devils believed God & trembled but did not act. Where is your faith & where do you belong? Rev Pelt closed in prayer. Wayne Carr prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Pelt, David Still led in prayer, special music by Major Skinner, devotion by Mrs. Jolene Skinner using Psalms 91 "We know we believe in God but do we believe Him? Motion by Rev. Paul Irvin to give Live Oak rising vote of thanks, carried. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Celeice Burch.

Second quarterly session with Jakin January 16, 1999 prelude by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by Hugh Chandler using I Corinthians 13 "The Love of Jesus" Love never fails.

Motion by Hugh Chandler seconded by Rev. Wayne Sheffield for Rev. Paul Irvin to serve as Moderator protem, carried. Rev. Irvin stated regrets for Rev. Jim Pelt's absence & welcomed Rev. Travis & Mrs. Amanda Sturgill. Letters read by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield & Mrs. Ollie Manion, Mark Still & Mrs. Melinda Rice replaced Mrs. Michelle Houston as Zion delegates, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield & Travis Sturgill, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler & David Still, Laypersons 16. Finance committee Mrs. Opal Bush, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Melinda Rice & Mrs. Ollie Manion, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Travis Sturgill, offertory prayer by Rushy Scott after which he & Hugh Chandler served as ushers, Mrs. Shirley Sheffield asked Mrs. Melinda Rice to provide special music "It is Well With My Soul". Rev. Paul Irvin stated we are looking at two of God's miracles in Rev. Wayne Sheffield & Wayne Carr. Rev. Wayne Sheffield delivered God's message for the hour "Faith" using St John 6:26. "What shall we do that we might work the works of God?" If we believe God will give us a work to do, We can do all things thru Christ closing with prayer, Rev. Paul Irvin prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing led by Mrs. Melinda Rice, Wayne Carr led in prayer, special music by Mrs. Melinda Rice "He Touched Me", devotion by Amos Sheffield "State of The Church" using Phillipians 4 & Revelations 3, missing the spiritual part, If we let Jesus in, then the true worship will begin. Rev. Jim Pelt was added to superannuation committee. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still for Lamar Waller, from White Pond to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Dennis Lamar Waller who passed January 4, 1999. He served this church with much love, faithfulness & support, a good loving person, admired & will be remembered by this church, following a few moments of silent prayer Mrs. Eloise Irvin prayed. David Still motion to give Jakin rising vote of thanks, carried. Mark Still stated we need someone to have a nursery at each conference & someone established to keep it. Motion by Mark seconded by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, carried. Rev. Paul Irvin closed in prayer.

Third quarterly session with Zion April 17, 1999 prelude by Keith & Mrs. Melinda Rice singing "Feel The Nails" singing led by Mrs. Melinda Rice pianist Mrs. Lisa Still, Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed invocation, Devotion by members of the MET, a Mount Olive College Ministry Effective Team & Mrs. Diane Riley, devotion began with the group singing "In The Presence of Jehovah" using Acts 2:1-4, Marci Rollins & Angie Bell performed a mime to the song "Mercy Came Running to Me". While the team traveled they discussed Easter: the importance, what it meant in their lives & what it had taught them sharing some of these, we need to work for the Lord & let Easter represent a time for change, What has Easter meant to you? they closed with prayer & singing "Sanctuary". Rev. Travis Sturgill stated we need to thank the Lord for these young

people. Mrs. Lisa Still & Mrs. Michelle Houston read letters, Amos Sheffield replaced Johnny Dozier as delegate from Jakin. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield, Travis Sturgill, Jim Pelt & Matt Pinson, Deacons Wayne carr, Hugh Chandler, David Still, Charlie Burch, Curtis Hughes, H W Rollins & James Weaver, Visitors Mrs. Diane Riley, David Allen, Miss. Angie Bell, Miss. Kristin Gibson, Miss. Maria Nicholas, Miss. Marci Rollins, David Smith & Miss. Sharon Zirkle, Laypersons 20. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Frances Martin, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Lisa Still singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by James Weaver, James Weaver prayed offertory prayer, He & Hursteen Rollins served as ushers. David Still stated Mrs. Diane Riley had touched many lives, gives her life to the young people of Mount Olive college, wears a lot of different hats, join me in welcoming Mrs. Diane Riley speaker for the hour. Mrs. Riley stated the greatest part of serving the Lord is being with so many people. Easter has been vivid - people & events have changed our lives. We can't spread the gospel without going: go with joy in your life; run, share & worship Him, be not afraid. When we enter the house of the Lord, we should worship. Are we sharing Jesus Christ? - Do we set an example, give of our time & talents to the Lord. After closing in prayer, Maria Nicholas sang "Take Your Candle & Go Light Your World". Rev. Jim Pelt thanked Mrs. Riley for that wonderful message & asked if Rev. Matt Pinson would like to say a few words to the conference. Rev. Pinson stated he had written a book, A Free Will Baptist Handbook. Rev. Travis Sturgill prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by the children, the youth from Mt Olive gave devotion, Sharon Zirkle read John 4:7-14 & sang "Flower in The Rain" stating we only need the living waters, find material things, they lead us astray, we need God to lead us, then sang "There Will be Peace in the Valley, Mrs. Melinda Rice & Maria Nicholas sang "Out of His Great Love", Marci Rollins stated that God is there for us, if we choose to go His way, She performed a mime to "I know You Know". David Smith stated we all need encouragement then sang "Beyond", Jeremiah 29:11 led David to the ministry, Angie Bell read scripture Proverbs 3:5,6 then sang "I Love The Lord" the group sang "What Am I to God?" Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still from Live Oak to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Cheshire Brack DeBary who passed February 12, 1999. Cheshire served this church with a true commitment of his life, His conviction & love for the Lord was evident in all he did, from Deacon, Sunday School Director, Sunday School Teacher, Music Leader, simply cleaning church yards, Cheshire was loyal, steadfast & true, continuing to support, love & gave of himself to the total work of the church even when health failed, He was truly a compassionate, generous, kind person & will be missed by Live Oak, will be remembered with affection. And to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Lester Duke who passed March 2, 1999, he

served this church with humility, good attendance, faithfulness, & reverence, having love for our church family & willing to do all he could for others & others, he was admired, will be missed & remembered by all. Ordaining Council report by Rev. Paul Irvin having met with Rev. Travis Sturgill coming from Wilson Chapel Free Will, Norton, Va. ordained 12-6-98. Rev. Sturgill pledged to preach & teach the Word of God from the Holy Bible according to the Articles of Faith & principles of Church Government of Original Free Will Baptist, discussing personal & social life find Rev. Sturgill to be a man of most persuasion & integrity & recommend him to this conference in good standing. Rev. Paul Irvin chairman, Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Rev. Jim Pelt & David Still. Mrs. Diane Riley brought greetings from Mount Olive, (enrollment 1800) remember Dr. Burkette Raper in prayer, Dr. Michael Pelt, Beth & Bobby Johnston send their love & best. Motion by Rev. Paul Irvin seconded by Charlie Burch to give Zion rising vote of thanks, carried, Camp to be July 4-8. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Clerk Mrs. Celeice Burch. A

Annual Session with Bethlehem July 17, 1999 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Fred Johnson, Miss. Julie Sauls prayed invocation, devotion by Miss. Julie Sauls using Ephesians 4:29, two things hard on the heart - running upstairs & running down people, don't put others down. Letters read by Mrs. Melinda Rice, Mrs. Jean Chandler replaced Rushing Scott from Jakin, Mrs. Amanda Sturgill added from Zion. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield, Travis Sturgill, Jim Pelt & Billy Starling, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, David Still, Charlie Burch, James Weaver & Marlin Brown, Visitors Rev David C Hansley, Rev Bruce Dudley & Miss Ansley Clements, Laypersons 10, Finance committee Charlie Burch, Mrs. Jean Chandler, James Weaver, Mrs. Eloise Irvin & Mrs. Frankie Sauls, Nominating committee Mrs. Martha Jane Burch, Mrs. Jean Chandler, James Weaver, Chairperson, Mrs. Eloise Irvin & Mrs. Frankie Sauls. Morning session closed with prayer by David Still.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Fred Johnson singing led by Wayne Carr, offertory prayer by Marlin Brown, he served as usher, special music by Mrs. Melinda Rice "Go Reach the World". Mrs. Melinda Rice stated that she was flabbergasted that Mrs. Fred Johnson played without opening a book, she said it was a God given talent because she knew nothing about music. Marlin Brown stated it takes two ministers to take care of Bethlehem, thanking Rev. Bill Starling for bringing the message, "Believe & Behave" using Romans 1:16 & 12:2. Rev. Paul Irvin prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Fred Johnson singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, devotion by Mrs. Judy Roundtree using I Thessalonians 5:18-20 "Remember to Thank God", when things are good we forget to say thank you & pray to God, In all things thank God. Rev. David C Hansley brought greetings from the convention of Original Free Will Baptist, he commended the campers for the fine work they do. Rev Wayne

Sheffield stated what a good camp we had, nine saved with seven being baptised. Nominating committee report by James Weaver as follows: Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Vice Moderator Charlie Burch, Clerk Mrs. Celeice Burch, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Pauline Carr, Ordaining Council Rev. Paul Irvin, Camp Director Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Assistant Camp Director Rev. Travis Sturgill, Youth Director Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Assistant Youth Director James & Rhonda Weaver, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still & Music Director Wayne Carr. Motion by David Still to give Bethlehem rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Travis Sturgill closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

First quarterly session with White Pond October 16, 1999 singing led by Mrs. Nancy Sanders pianists Mrs. Celeice Burch, invocation by Rev. Travis Sturgill. Devotion by Mrs. Wylene McDowell using Galations 6 "Hugs", we should love our neighbor as ourselves, everytime you give a hug you get one in return, sometimes you need to hug yourself, we need to bring a touch of God's love to others, closing in prayer. Letters read by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield & Mrs. Francis Martin. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield, Travis Sturgill & Jim Pelt, Deacons LaDon McDowell, Hugh Chandler, David Still, Charlie Burch, James Weaver & Joe McDowell, Laypersons 6, Finance Committee Charlie Burch, Mrs. Linda Crozier, James Weaver & Mrs. Frances Martin, Obituary Mrs. Shirley Sheffield reported from Jakin to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Mrs. Vera Daniels Sheffield who passed October 11, 1999, living all her life in Miller County, joining this church at a young age, in 1977 her son Wayne was called to preach, from that time on she followed him wherever he was called to preach, churches she was memner of: Thompson Town from 1976-1980; Mothers Home 1980-1984; & Jakin from 1984-Oct 11, 1999, she was a faithful, dedicated church member, a sweet, quiet person that loved her family & everyone she came in contact with & they loved her in return, she was a true child of God, quietly serving him daily, Her faith was strong & she prayed to Him often. Miss. Vera no longer has any suffering or tears. Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Sheffield attended the conference of Original Free Will Baptist in Mount Olive, had to leave early due to hurricane.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Celeice Burch singing led by Mrs. Nancy Sanders, Joe McDowell prayed offetory prayer after which he & LaDon McDowell served as ushers, special music by Rev. Jim Pelt "Breathe On Me". Rev. Paul Irvin delivered God's message for the hour "The Temptation of Adam & Eve" using Genesis 3, Christians ought to be happy, for us to be saved we have to obey God.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Celeice Burch singing led by Mrs. Nancy Sanders, then singing special "How Great Thou Art". Charlie Burch stated Jakin & Live Oak were prepared to give \$1000.00 to the North Carolina flood relief, Zion & White Pond were to get back with their

churches & let Wayne Carr know, Rev. Paul Irvin stated Bethlehem had sent \$1300.00 directly. David Still's motion to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Travis Sturgill announced revival at Zion beginning Sunday with Rev. Milton Fields evangelist. Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked Johnny & Mrs. Linda Dozier to stand, Jakin had voted to ordain Johnny as a deacon, Ordination service to be announced, Rev. Wayne Sheffield closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Clerk Mrs. Celeice Burch.

Second quarterly session with Live Oak January 15, 2000 prelude by Mrs. Celeice Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed invocation, devotion by Rev. Jim Pelt using Mathew 5:1. Letters read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Frances Martin, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield & Jim Pelt, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler & David Still, Laypersons 7. Finance committee Major Skinner, Wayne Carr, David Still & Mrs. Wylene McDowell. David Still closed morning session with prayer.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Celeice Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin. Rev. Jim Pelt prayed offertory prayer, he & Major Skinner served as ushers. Mrs. Nancy Sanders sang "In The Garden". Rev. Jim Pelt brought morning message using John 3:16 "The Golden Text" "The Bible in Miniature" & "The Great Text" God of all mercies, no variousness, never changing, always the same & always present, closing in prayer. Wayne Carr prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Celeice Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by Mrs. Jolene Skinner using Psalms 91:11,12 "Angels". Rev. Paul Irvin motion to give Live Oak a rising vote of thanks, carried. David Still requested prayer for Mrs. Ailene Hawley's family & for Mrs. Diane Riley in passing of her mother. Motion carried to go back to individual churches to determine what to send to Bulgaria asking for \$100.00, Rev. Van Der Plas is working very hard trying to build a church. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt Clerk Mrs. Celeice Burch.

Third quarterly session with Jakin April 16, 2000 prelude by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, James Weaver prayed invocation, devotion by Rev. Wayne Sheffield "The Power of Circumstances" using Luke 10: Circumstances & evils of world prey on people who are the weakest, we need to be thankful for loving & kind people that have helped shape our lives. Letters read by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright & Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield, & Jim Pelt, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, David Still, Charlie Burch, James Weaver & Johnny Dozier, Laypersons 14. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Wylene McDowell. Rev. Wayne Seffield announced ordination service for Johnny Dozier afternoon session.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Johnny Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Mike Miller, Johnny Dozier prayed offertory

after which he & Daniel Scott served as ushers, special music by Mrs. Nancy Sanders "The King is Coming". Morning message by Rev. Wayne Sheffield using Acts 13-12 "The Call" the church at Antioch, served & fasted - in service to God they prayed, put feet on their prayers, how long has it been since the Holy Ghost spoke to us? Rev. Paul Irvin prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr. Motion by David Still seconded by Rev. Paul Irvin to give Jakin rising vote of thanks. Hugh Chandler announced camp to be July 9-13. The Service of Deacon Ordination for Johnny Dozier from Jakin singing, David Still read I Timothy 13 & led in prayer, Rev. Wayne Sheffield stated that it is an honor to be able to ordain a Deacon in God's service, reading a tribute, written by Mrs. Linda Dozier then he read qualifications of a deacon from I Timothy 13 beginning with verse 8, Rev. Paul Irvin gave the charge to Johnny explaining where deacons come from & how all of this came about, the Pastors could not do it all, needed some help, Deacon means servant, The Bible states we should have seven men full of the "Holy Spirit" A good deacon is a learner, a listener & a reader of God's word, Rev. Jim Pelt gave prayer of dedication during the laying on of hands, after which Johnny was presented a Bible by the Deacons, the hand of Christian fellowship was extended closing in prayer, it was announced that Mrs. Fred Johnson from Bethlehem had passed & she would be missed at Bethlehem & Paul Palmer having rendered many wonderful devotions through the years. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

Annual session with Zion July 15, 2000 prelude by Mrs. Lisa Still singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by James Weaver, devotion by Rusk Still "Happiness" using Job 5:7, Rusk stated that humor is man's kindest blessing, put your trust in God, have good, clean fun. Our greatest blessing is to live eternally with Christ Jesus closing in prayer. Letters read by Mrs. Frances Martin & Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Mrs. Wylene added to finance committee in place of Mrs. Frances Martin. Ministers Rev's. Paul Irvin, Wayne Sheffield, Jim Pelt, Barry Hedrick & Amos Sheffield, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, David Still, LaDon McDowell, Johnny Dozier & James Weaver, Visitors Miss. Carol Stewart & Mrs. Diane Riley, Laypersons 11 plus nursery, finance committee Mrs. Celeice Burch, Wayne Carr, James Weaver & Mrs. Frances Martin. Rev. Wayne Sheffield stated Amos had accepted the call to the ministry & had been licensed, Amos was recognized. Several commented on what a good camp session we had.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Lisa Still singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield. Mrs. Diane Riley gave report on Mount Olive & the convention. Mrs. Riley thanked Rusk for the devotion. She stated this had been a very trying year for her, with sickness & death in family, college accreditation problems, had learned a lot. Mrs. Riley announced Willem & Lydia Van der Plas would be at the convention in

September, closing her comments by singing "I Don't Know About Tomorrow". Offertory prayer by David Still, after which he & LaDon McDowell served as ushers. David presented Rev. Barry & Mrs. Gail Hedrick, who had been at Zion about three weeks. Rev. Hedrick message "How to Cross the Jordan River Without a Boat" using Joshua 3:1-17 leading in prayer. There is no burden God can't handle. Rev. Hedrick gave ten points how to cross the Jordan river with out a boat, Trust God, Cross God's way, Trust the Guide, Don't dwell on the deep water, Don't gather rocks on the way, Don't cross without a life boat - we can't go through life dragging a boat, just need to trust God, Don't stop & fish, Don't lose sight of yonder shore, Don't tarry & Don't look back, closing with prayer. Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked the Ordaining council to meet, Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session singing by Zion children & Mrs. Lisa Still, congregation singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by Zion children led by Mrs. Lisa Still using I Corinthians chapter on love, presenting a play about love, closing the play with John 3:16 & singing "God so Loved The World", closing prayer by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield. Nominating committee report by James Weaver. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Vice-Moderator Charlie Burch, Clerk Mrs. Celeice Burch, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Treasure Wayne carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Pauline Carr, Youth Director Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Assistant Youth Director James & Rhonda Weaver, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still & Ordaining council Rev. Jim Pelt. Rev. Jim Pelt stated he would write Bethlehem a letter to let them know we have been missing them & hope to have them back soon. Rev. Pelt stated Amos Sheffield had accepted the call to the ministry, recommendation from Ordaining council to give Amos our prayers & pledge our support, licensed by Jakin, motion by David Still seconded by Wayne Carr, carried. Rev. Pelt also made recommendation from Ordaining council for the clerk to write two letters of recommendation for Rev. Travis Sturgill to present to Union Association & Western Quarterly Association, motion by David Still seconded by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, carried. Rev. Amos Sheffield asked to speak to the conference, stating it is an humbling thing to accept the call to the ministry, thanking the conference for the vote of prayers & support. Motion to give Zion rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Wayne Sheffield asked Rev. Paul & Mrs. Eloise Irvin to stand, Rev. Irvin has served as pastor in this conference for thirty even years, stating we want to express our appreciation for his dedication & comittment to God & to this conference, motion & second to give rising vote of thanks to Rev. Paul & Mrs. Eloise, carried. Rev. Sheffield asked the conference to give outgoing Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt rising vote of thanks. Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Celeice Burch.

First quarterly session with White Pond October 14, 2000, singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Catherine Lewis, invocation by Rev. Bobby

Johnston, devotion by Miss. Lauren, granddaughter of LaDon & Wylene McDowell, prior to devotion Miss. Alecia Willis sang "Who Am I", Miss. Lauren's devotion "God's Perfect Timing" using I Corinthians 1:18, Are You sure of your salvation - Have you been praying for the lost? Mrs. Wylene McDowell stated both young ladies are very active in their youth group at New Hope Baptist church, they love the Lord & are willing to serve Him. Letters read by Mrs. Beth Johnston & Mrs. Duane Davis. Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Jim Pelt, C B Dowdney, Barry Hedrick, Bobby Johnston & Paul Irvin, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Johnny Dozier, Charlie Burch, Joe McDowell, LaDon McDowell & David Still, Visitors Mrs. Wylene McDowell's granddaughter Miss. Lauren, Miss. Alecia Willis & Rev. Paul Irvin, Laypersons 6. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Hallie Still & Mrs. Frances Martin, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Rev. Paul Irvin apologized for not writing the letter to Bethlehem. Charlie Burch stated Rev. Paul Irvin was one of the founding ministers of our conference & he wasn't comfortable calling him a visitor, legally, Rev. Irvin is a visitor but will always be welcome as part of this conference, Rev. Irvin stated he moved his letter to Travelers Rest Free Will because it is his home church & is more convenient, he will visit as much as possible, asking for his letter to be sent to Midway association.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne carr pianist Mrs. Catherine Lewis, offertory prayer by Joe McDowell, after which he & Rev. Jim Pelt served as ushers. Joe McDowell stated God really blessed White Pond in sending Rev. C B Dowdney as their pastor & He would deliver the morning message "The Model Church" using I Thessalonians 1 & II Thessalonians 2:13, the church is made of imperfect people, grow in grace & knowledge. The Model Church, Model in their position, Divinely situated in Christ & sustained by Christ, Model in praise, Model in performance, Model in witnessing, Model of purity, Model in their prayers - prayer keeps us in close fellowship with God. Rev. Paul Irvin prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Catherine Lewis singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by Rev. Bobby Johnston "Prayer for Healing & Moral Renewal" using Psalms 55:16,17. Rev. Johnston stated it is good to be home, closing in prayer. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still resolution from Jakin to honor one of our beloved members, Dewey King, who passed March 16, 2000, Dewey King served this church with "Love for God", compassion & love for the church family, He was ill for ten years, yet came to church as often as possible, joining the church on March 8, 1998, he was admired, loved & will be remembered by this church. It was a delight to see him & his wife, Teresa coming in the door sitting where he always sat, when we look at the pew, it makes us miss him more, I guess he got more hugs from his church family than usual & he always hugged back. Resolution from Jakin to honor the memory of one of our beloved members, Dick Ward, who passed September 4, 2000, served this church

with honor, dignity, love & compassion, his "Love for God" & the church came first in his life, he was admired & will be remembered by this church. Dick Ward was ordained as a Deacon on March 13, 1983, served God & the church well & fulfilled the "Biblical Requirements" for a Deacon faithfully. Ordaining council asked the clerk to send a letter of recommendation to Travelers Rest Church for Rev. Paul Irvin, also to write letter to former conference of Rev. C B Dowdney for recommendation. Rev. Jim Pelt motion seconded by Charlie Burch to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. David Still suggested we see about starting a church in Athens, Ga. Rev. Bobby Johnston stated we need prayer for our Boy & Girl Scouts & their stand for what is right. Revival at Zion October 15-18 with Rev. Terry Drinkwater. Mrs. Shirley Sheffield gave an excellent report on the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist. Moderator Rev Wayne Sheffield, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

Second quarterly session with Live Oak January 20, 2001 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Celeice Burch, invocation by Rev. Bobby Johnston, devotion by Miss. Kayla Kelley, "A Devotion on God's Promise" using Joshua 1:5 stating we need to stay focused on God. Letters read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Evelyn Phillips, change from Jakin Mrs. Shirley Sheffield replaced Mrs. Pauline Carr, Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Jim Pelt, C B Dowdney, Barry Hedrick & Bobby Johnston, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, David Still, Charlie Burch & LaDon McDowell, Laypersons 6. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Michelle Houston & Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Corrections in October 14, 2000 should have read Psalms 51:16, 17 & State convention report should read Convention of Original Free Will Baptist. Rev. Wayne Sheffield stated the Paul Palmer conference would soon celebrate 40 years, we need a committee to begin work on this, motion by Rev. Barry Hedrick seconded by Rev. Bobby Johnston for Moderator to appoint a committee to compile the information for a book 1983-2003, carried. Committee Rev. Bobby Johnston, Bethlehem, Hugh Chandler, Jakin, LaDon McDowell, White Pond, Rev Barry Hedrick Zion, Mrs. Celeice Burch Live Oak. Moderator Sheffield appointed Rev. Barry Hedrick to serve as chairperson & David Still to assist. David Still announced camp to be June 3-7 thirtieth year. Moderator Sheffield stated this is an important day in the history of our Nation, The Presidential Inauguration, important for nation to be nation of prayer, we carry the power --prayer. David Still requested prayer for Rev. David C. Hansley & Rev. Paul Irvin both having surgery. Rev. C. B. Dowdney closed in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Celeice Burch, prayer by Rev. Barry Hedrick, offertory prayer by David Still after which he & Charlie Burch received the offering. Mrs. Nancy Sanders blessed the conference with "Surely The Presence of The Lord". Rev Jim Pelt delivered God's message "New Year's" using II Corinthians 13:5. it is

hard to get people excited about the Lord & the Church, if people would get as excited about the Lord as they do other events, a lot of witnessing & winning souls to the Lord could be done, Are we as faithful as we think we are? Are we willing to lay down beside god & compare ourselves? Are you willing to examine yourself in the standard's of God's Word? Are you satisfied with words you use, Are you satisfied with where you did not go, Are you satisfied with family relations, Did we do all we could to bless & promote harmony, Does Romans 12: 1,2 characterize ours lives, Do I stay away from sin, Are our evangelistic efforts what they should be? Rev. Pelt closed with a story & prayer. Moderator Rev. Sheffield prayed God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Celeice Burch singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by Mrs. Jill Dozier "God's Calling" using Psalms 91: 11 reading a story from the Soup For the Christian Soul about angels. Live Oak held their Deacon Ordination Service; Rev. Jim Pelt gave the charge to the Deacon Elects & wives, after the death of Cheshire DeBary, Live Oak felt the need for more deacons, electing three men to serve, Tim Burch, Rickly Dowdy & Major Skinner, from Acts 6: 3 & I Timothy 3 the deacon should be (1) Consecrated Christian (2) Attend church & church meetings regularly (3) have an evangelistic & missionary spirit (4) cooperate with the church & pastor (5) have no criticism for the church or harm the church in any way (6) keep secrecy when needed (7) be active in church (8) be financial supporter (9) people should say he is a good man, we thank God for you, your calling & for your acceptance to the office of a deacon, Charlie Burch, chairman of the deacons of Live Oak presented Bibles & words of encouragement, Jarrell Burch asked each deacon elect, their wives, Rev. Jim Pelt & Charlie Burch to join hands as he prayed the prayer of dedication, closing with Rev Pelt sing "How Great Thou Art". Motion by David Still seconded by Mrs. Bernice Still to give Live Oak a rising vote of thanks, carried. Moderator Rev. Sheffield suggested we purchase a fire proof file cabinet for records, David Still to check on prices, each church to discuss. Closing prayer by Wayne Carr. Moderator Rev Wayne Sheffield Clerk Mrs Celeice Burch.

Third quarterly session with Jakin April 14, 2001 prelude by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by Hugh Chandler "Keep Meaning in Life" from a book he had read, the Lord should have first place in our lives. Letters read by Major Skinner & Mrs. Wylene McDowell. Ministers Rev's. C. B. Dowdney, Barry Hedrick, Bobby Johnston, Jim Pelt, Wayne Sheffield & Dale Belvin, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch, Major Skinner, LaDon McDowell, David Still & James Weaver, Laypersons 15, Visitors Mrs. Diane Riley, Shannon Nixon, Jonathan Skinner, Dale Belvin, Emily Skinner, Nikki McLawhon, Melissa Creech, Sharon Zirkle & Marci Rollins. Finance committee Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Frances Martin & David Still, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Mrs. Riley gave report on Mount Olive

bringing greetings from the college, pray for people's hearts to be opened to help with scholarships & donations.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Wayne Carr, offertory prayer by Grady Miller after which he & Hugh Chandler received offering. The Mount Olive group presented special music message "In My Life Be Glorified", everyone sang "Old Rugged Cross" then Mrs. Riley led in prayer. Mrs. Riley spoke of Jesus Resurrection, each one from Mt. Olive talked about different ideas of what Peter might have said or the way he reacted, one presented a song with mime motions, Rev. Dale Belvin presented God's message for the hour, stating he had been preaching since the age of twelve, his text Matthew 28: 1-6. The joy of becoming a Christian is what the women felt when they realized Christ had risen. What the Resurrection means today (1) Jesus is a living promise (2) It symbolizes the greatest victory ever. More singing by the group then the congregation joined in singing "How Great Thou Art". Rev. Jim Pelt closed in prayer.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Johnnie Dot Wright singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, devotion by Mrs. Pauline Carr "Jesus" Who should be on our minds more than anything else this week? "JESUS" He is the resurrection of life. Nominating committee report by James Weaver; Moderator Rev. Barry Hedrick, Vice Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Hallie Still, Assistant clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Song Director Wayne Carr, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Pauline Carr, Camp Director Rev. Barry Hedrick, Assistant camp director Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Youth Director Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, James & Mrs Rhonda Weaver. Obituary report by Mrs. Bernice Still from White Pond to honor Mrs. Martha Haddock, who passed March 11, 2001, Mrs. Haddock served this church for many years, was a faithful, loving person, attending until she became disabled, loved by all & will be greatly missed. called home to be with her Lord & will be remembered by this church. Mrs. Still asked for the congregation to stand for prayer. White Pond announced revival second Sunday in June, Live Oak will have revival beginning Easter April 15th. Motion by David Still seconded by Charlie Burch to give Jakin rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. C. B. Dowdney was given the right hand of fellowship in the Paul Palmer conference of Orginal Free Will Baptist. Rev. Wayne Sheffield closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

Annual session with Zion July 14, 2001 prelude by Mrs. Duane Davis singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, devotion by Miss. Meredith Weaver "Doughnuts" telling the story of Steve going to seminary in Utah, had problems with rules, the Instructor asks Steve to do ten push-ups to allow each student to receive a doughnut, after four rows, Steve was tired, Steve did everything that was required of him just like Jesus did, Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice that we all may be saved even though some do not partake. Letters read by Mrs. Wylene

McDowell & Mrs. Gail Hedrick. Ministers Rev's. C B Dowdney, Barry Hedrick, Bobby Johnston, Wayne Sheffield & Randy Key, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch, LaDon McDowell, Milton Anderson, H W Rollins, David Still & James Weaver, Laypersons 8, Visitors Rev Randy & Mrs. Glenda Key, Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Finance committee Charlie burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Sybil Still, Nominating committee Mrs. Beth Johnston, LaDon McDowell, Grady Miller, Major Skinner & James Weaver. Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Rev. Bobby Johnston closed in prayer.

Morning Worship prelude by Brad Hughes singing led by Wayne Carr, offertory prayer by Milton Anderson after which he & Hursteen Rollins received morning offering. Special music by Brad Hughes, who grew up in Zion Church, Brad is a wonderful piano player & sang, "Come to the Water". Rev. Randy Key stated it was a pleasure to with us, the Children's Home is my home place, spent forty years wondering in the wilderness, a year ago, God dealt with me to go to the Children's Home work, we have to believe & obey god. The Home doesn't receive any federal funds, just free will offerings, the Children attend all church services. Rev. Key's message "Paul's Last Will and Testimony to Timothy" using II Timothy 4:6, five things about Paul: Paul's Confirmation - not to compromise stand true, Conflict - Paul said he fought a good fight, Conquest - Paul stated he had finished his course, Commitment - Through it all Paul kept the Faith, Crown of Righteousness - If we are not fighting a good fight, keeping the faith, finishing the course, then the crown will not be for us. Wayne Carr led invitation song, Just As I Am, James Weaver closed in prayer & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Duane Davis singing led by Rev. Barry Hedrick, Prayer by Rev Wayne Sheffield, devotion by James Weaver using I Samuel 17:45-49, David was obedient to God & was being prepared to come against Goliath, supposed to be man's armour but David used God's plan, We all face a "Goliath" everyday, some stones we can use; commitment, faithfulness, God's word & prayer. Nominating committee report by James Weaver: Moderator Rev. Barry Hedrick, Vice-Moderator Rev. Jim Pelt, Clerk Mrs. Hallie Still, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Music Director Wayne Carr, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Wayne Carr, Camp Director Rev. Barry Hedrick, Assistant Camp Director Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Youth Director Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, Assistant Youth Director James & Rhonda Weaver. Motion by Charlie Burch seconded by LaDon McDowell to give Zion rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Bobby Johnston closed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

First quarterly session with White Pond October 20, 2001, prelude by Mrs. Sybil Still singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. Bobby Johnston, devotion by Mrs. Wylene McDowell "To Tell the World" using I John 4:19, we need to witness, stop playing church & have real church.

Letters read by Mrs. Beth Johnston & Mrs. Gail Hedrick, Ministers Rev's. C. B. Dowdney, Barry Hedrick, Bobby Johnston, Jim Pelt & Wayne Sheffield, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch & Joe McDowell, Laypersons 5, Finance committee Mrs. Beth Johnston, Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Francis Martin & Mrs. Sybil Still, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still.

Morning Worship prelude by Mrs. Catherine Lewis singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev Jim Pelt, offertory prayer by Joe McDowell after which he & LaDon McDowell served as ushers. Rev. Barry Hedrick presented the speaker Rev. C. B. Dowdney who presented God's message for the hour "Promises" using II Peter 1:4 P-peace of mind, R-rest-Christ will give you rest, O-opportunity for service, M-mercy-helps in time of need, I-instructions-He teaches us the way to go, S-strenth, E-escape from temptation, S-security. closing prayer by Hugh Chandler & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Catherine Lewis singing led by Rev. Barry Hedrick, prayer by Mrs. Bernice Still, devotion by Mrs. Regina Barron "A King's Story Unfolds", the end being Heaven for believers. Resolution from Bethlehem to honor the memory of our beloved Mrs. Lantte Brown Aycock (Miss Pete). Motion by Rev. Wayne Sheffield seconded by Mrs. Beth Johnston to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Barry Hedrick announced Sunday School workship April 19-21 also on revival at Zion beginning Sunday, closing prayer by Hugh Chandler. Moderator Rev. Barry Hedrick, Assistant clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

Second Quarterly session with Live Oak January 19, 2002 singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Sybil Still, invocation by Rev. C. B. Dowdney, devotion by Major Skinner "Love Story", played the guitar & sang "A Love Song", God wrote for you & me. Major expressed in song what he thought it would be in paradise, follow Jesus to "The Promised Land", the Pearly Gates will open wide & we will realize the glory of salvation. Letters read by Mrs. Beth Johnston & Mrs. Gail Hedrick, Ministers Rev's. C. B. Dowdney, Barry Hedrick, Bobby Johnston, Wayne Sheffield, Harold Jones & Randy Key, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Jarrell Burch, Tim Burch, Ricky Dowdy, Major Skinner & David Still, Laypersons 6, Finance committee Rev Bobby Johnston, Wayne Carr, Jarrell Burch, Mrs. Frances Martin & Mrs. Sybil Still. Special prayer for Rev. Thomas Mellette who has cancer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr pianist Mrs. Sybil Still prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, offertory prayer by Tim Burch after which he & Ricky Dowdy received the offering. Mrs. Nancy Sanders presented a beautiful rendition of "In His Hands". Rev. Barry Hedrick presented our speaker, Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions Director, Rev. Jones shared an experience, he stated he appreciated the song "In His Hands" because he truly experienced being in God's hands, had planned a trip to India,

September 18th he flew to Bulgaria, on 28th flew to India. He assured everyone God is God in good times & the bad times. His message "Armies Going to Battle" using II Chronicles 20:1-13. Prior to lunch break our Moderator asked Ministers & Deacons to join him. Rev. Jim Pelt wasn't doing well & Rev. Wayne Sheffield was having tests. Rev. Hedrick asked Rev. Sheffield to come forward for prayer, also including Rev. Thomas Mellette.

Afternoon session singing led by Rev. Barry Hedrick, prayer by Rev. Randy Key, devotion by Mrs. Jolene Skinner "Hello from Heaven" stating angels are assigned to us at birth, they guide, teach, & watch over us everyday, be still, be aware & listen, be still & know that I am God. Rev. Randy Key gave a brief report on the children's home. Hugh Chandler motion seconded by Rev. Bobby Johnston to give Live Oak a rising vote of thanks, passed. Rev. Barry Hedrick stated camp would be in Marianna, Fl. Blue Springs Baptist Assembly June 9-13. Rev. Harold Jones to be with Zion in weekend revival. Sunday School workshop in April with Mrs. Mary Dudley. Closed in prayer by David Still. Moderator Rev. Barry Hedrick Clerk Mrs. Hallie Still.

Third quarterly session with Jakin April 20, 2002 prelude by Mrs. Mary Dudley singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. Paul Irvin, devotion by Rev. Wayne Sheffield "What is the Greatest Question Paul ever asked?" using Acts 9:1-6, three points Purpose-seek God's guidance, Practice-be working Christians, Perfection-experience builds faith, closing with prayer. Omitted reading of letters, Moderator stated "All letters are correct & complete." Ministers Rev's. C. B. Dowdney, Barry Hedrick, Jim Pelt, Wayne Sheffield, Bruce Dudley & Paul Irvin, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch & LaDon McDowell, Laypersons 5, Finance committee Mrs. Beth Johnston, Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Frances Martin & Mrs. Gail Hedrick, Mrs. Jean Chandler served on the Obituary committee. Pastors met & decided to make changes in camp because of circumstances, Zion will have Vacation Bible School, several young people plan to go to Cragmont, North Carolina June 17-23.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, offertory prayer by Hugh Chandler after which he & Rev. Sheffield received the offering. Rev. Hedrick presented our speaker, Rev. Bruce Dudley, haven't heard him preach but his wife does a pretty good job, Rev. Dudley stated, I am smarter than my wife...I married her...Look what she married, I am Executive Director of the Retirement Home in Ayden, North Carolina, retirement homes are very special to me, people retire for various reasons. Rev. Dudley put a praying hands pin on Rev. Wayne Sheffield helping us to remember to pray for Free Will Baptists. Rev. Dudley's text was taken from Matthew 11:28-30, team work is what Free Will Baptist work is, are we carrying our share of the load? Life is...Christians Brothers & Sisters yoked together for one cause. It was announced that Rev. Thomas Mellette was still battling cancer but has

good attitude, Rev. Wayne Sheffield is doing fine & thanked the conference for prayer & gifts, Rev. Jim Pelt also thanked everyone for prayers, Rev. Dowdney closed in prayer.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Mary Dudley singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Barry Hedrick, devotion was omitted, time given to Mrs Mary Dudley to present Sunday School workshop. Obituary report was given on Mrs. Margaret English, who passed following a long illness, March 13, 2002. Revival at Bethlehem the fourth week in June. Rev. Jim Pelt's motion to give Jakin a rising vote of thanks, carried. Moderator Rev. Barry Hedrick, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

Annual Session with Zion July 20, 2002 prelude by Mrs. Duane Davis singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. Jim Pelt, devotion by Mrs. Bernice Still using Genesis 1, 14:18-20 & Psalms 110:4 "What are the proper channels you expect spiritual leadership to come from?", closing with prayer. Letters read by Mrs. Gail Hedrick & Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Ministers Rev's. C. B. Dowdney, Barry Hedrick, Jim Pelt, Wayne Sheffield & Bobby Johnston, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Major Skinner & David Still, Laypersons 5, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Major Skinner, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Sybil Still. Nominating committee report by Hugh Chandler: Moderator Rev. Barry Hedrick, Assistant Moderator Charlie Burch, Treasurer Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Pauline Carr, Clerk Mrs. Hallie Still, Assistant Clerk Mrs. Shirley Sheffield. Rev. Wayne Sheffield challenged everyone to develop a vision for our churches & conference, Rev. Wayne Sheffield closed in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. C. B. Dowdney, offertory by David Still after which he & Hugh Chandler served as ushers. Zion choir sang "Statue of Liberty", speaker Rev. Barry Hedrick using Psalms 51, the Church must deal with the issue of sin. Sin is, An act or action, A state---absence of righteousness, A nature---empathy against God. Christians need to be washed, the key to spiritual success is a clean heart, God has to restore & rebuild us, closing in prayer. Mrs. Bernice Still prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Duane Davis singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Hedrick, devotion by Mrs. Gail Hedrick using John 15:2, the grape vines must be pruned to produce, God prunes our lives to produce mature fruit. The churches were encouraged to get any material on history of each church since 1983 for next printing. Revival at Enterprise Free Will July 28-31. Rev. Wayne Sheffield motion to give Zion rising vote of thanks, seconded by Wayne Carr, carried. Moderator Rev. Barry Hedrick Clerk Mrs. Hallie Still.

First quarterly session with White Pond October 19, 2002, prelude by Mrs. Catherine Lewis singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. Jim Pelt, devotion by Mrs. Wylene McDowell using John 14:14,15, Luke 11:9, & Daniel 9:4 "Have You ever thought about why our prayers aren't answered?" Letters read by Mrs. Gail Hedrick & Mrs. Beth Johnston,

Ministers Rev's. C. B. Dowdney, Barry Hedrick, Jim Pelt, Bobby Johnston, & Paul Irvin, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch, David Still & LaDon McDowell, Laypersons 4, Finance Committee Charlie Burch, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Beth Johnston. Revival at Zion October 20-24 with Rev. William Smith. Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Rev. Barry Hedrick, Hugh Chandler & David Still attended the convention in North Carolina, Rev. Wayne Sheffield stated he would like to charter a bus & take Paul Palmer conference next year. Rev. Wayne Sheffield had responsive reading on Wednesday & Rev. Barry Hedrick spoke at the Sunday School workshop, prayer requested for Saint Cloud. Wayne Carr led in prayer.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Bobby Johnston, offertory prayer by LaDon McDowell after which he & Rev. Barry Hedrick served as ushers. Rev. Dowdney sang "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus" & presented Rev. Paul Irvin stating he had loved Rev. & Mrs. Irvin since 1950. Rev Irvin chose "Strange Things" using Luke 5:16-26, only one way to Heaven, turn right & go straight, strange that HIS blood is sufficient. Hugh Chandler prayed benediction & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session, Wayne Carr's motion to give White Pond rising vote of thanks, carried. Rev. Jim Pelt dismissed in prayer. Moderator Rev. Barry Hedrick, Clerk Mrs. Hallie Still.

Second quarterly session with Live Oak January 18, 2003 singing led by Wayne Carr accompanied by Major Skinner on the Guitar, invocation by Rev. Bobby Johnston, Major Skinner played & sang "I've never Been This Home Sick Before" for Devotion. Letters read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs Beth Johnston, Ministers Rev's. Bobby Johnston, Wayne Sheffield, C. B. Dowdney, Barry Hedrick & Paul Irvin, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Jarrell Burch, Tim Burch, Major Skinner & David Still, Visitors Rev. Randy & Mrs. Glenda Key, Laypersons 4, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Jarrell Burch, Mrs. Frances Martin & Mrs. Beth Johnston. Rev. Wayne Sheffield was in Pensacola, Fla for a nephew's wedding. David Still challenged all to encourage youth to go to camp at Cragmont. Clerk, Mrs. Hallie Still asked for new addresses & phone numbers on Ministers & Deacons due to E-911 changes. Rev. Jeff Daughtry to be with Zion in Revival March 23-27. Rev. Randy Key gave children's home report.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Tim Burch prayed offertory after which he & Jarrell Burch served as ushers. Wayne Carr presented Rev. Paul Irvin stating he is not that old-just been around a long time & we love him. Rev. Irvin chose Ephesians 5:22 "What's Right About the Church" sharing, Foundation, It is built of the right materials, Right Authority, Right Backing, Right Head & Right Message. Rev. Hedrick requested special prayer for Rev. & Mrs. Jim

Pelt & family in the death of their grandson, closing in prayer & asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Mrs. Celeice Burch singing led by Rev. Barry Hedrick, devotion by Mrs. Lydia Burch "What Kind of Leader Are You?" Jesus was willing to build on what others had already done, Jesus had determination, Early in Jesus' life, he searched out people who would be key members of his team, Jesus had regular quiet times for meditation & prayer, Jesus had humility, Jesus was able to maintain focus on his purpose & priorities, Jesus was a calm person, Jesus had enormous compassion, Jesus was filled with gratitude, Jesus was adamant about the truth, Jesus knew the value of encouragement, Jesus built his organization with an environment of forgiveness, Jesus understood the value of empowerment, Jesus was a good communicator, Jesus knew about proper timing. Jesus knew about the need for unity & Jesus stressed results. Moderator reminded the churches June 15 had been set to get material for new history books. Executive committee to contact Bethlehem about being a part of the conference, Rev. Paul Irvin stated they aren't about being a part of any conference, but will support all facets of Free Will Baptists. Rising vote of thanks to Live Oak, Rev. Sheffield closed in prayer. Moderator Rev Barry Hedrick, Clerk Mrs. Hallie Still.

Third Quarterly session with Jakin April 20, 2003 prelude by Miss. Iva Sewell, singing led by Wayne Carr, invocation by Rev. C. B. Dowdney, devotion by Miss. Iva Sewell "God is Our Refuge" using Psalms 62: 7,8, encouraging us to keep our trust in God regardless of what. Fret not, Fear not, Faint not, Spare not & Depart not, Trust in God any other trust will fail, Trust in God simply trusting everyday. Letters read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Beth Johnston. Ministers Rev's. Bobby Johnston, Wayne Sheffield, Jim Pelt, C. B. Dowdney & Barry Hedrick, Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch, Major Skinner, LaDon McDowell & David Still, Laypersons 2, Finance committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Wylene McDowell & Mrs. Beth Johnston, Obituary Mrs. Bernice Still. Ministers to discuss the situation at Bethlehem, asking for prayer. Camp at Craigmont June 16-21. Motion by Mrs. Wylene McDowell for each church to get names, addresses & telephone numbers of active members, seconded by Mrs. Bernice Still, carried. Prayer by Rev. Wayne Sheffield.

Morning Worship prelude by Miss. Iva Sewell singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Mrs. Bernice Still, offertory prayer by Hugh Chandler after which he & David Still received the offering. Wayne Carr presented our speaker for the hour, Rev. Wayne Sheffield "Was the Tomb Empty?" using John 20: 1-10, empty because the Lord was not there, there was something there that made them believe --- Jesus clothes! John & Peter had the first foot race, John outran Peter to the Tomb, Peter ran into the tomb & saw the napkin & Jesus clothes, What does the tomb teach us? We need to believe that Jesus is going to bring us forth just like he came

forth from the grave, closing in prayer. David Still asked God's blessings on the meal.

Afternoon session prelude by Miss. Iva Sewell singing led by Wayne Carr, devotion by Rev. Wayne Sheffield using I Corinthians 15: 42-44 & 15: 51-58. Wayne Carr asked to be replaced as treasurer. Youth rallies to cease until we have more children, this motion by Rev. Wayne Sheffield seconded by Hugh Chandler. Motion by Charlie Burch to give Jakin rising vote of thanks, carried. Moderator Rev. Barry Hedrick, Clerk Mrs. Hallie Still.

Annual session with Zion July 19, 2003 prelude by Mrs. Duane Davis, singing led by Wayne Carr. Invocation by Hursteen Rollins, devotion by Mrs. Bernice Still using I Peter 2:21 followed by prayer. Mrs. Still used five characteristics to pattern our lives after Jesus:

1. Joy - rejoice in our salvation --- Salvation brings joy and blessing
2. Faith - only Jesus can give us faith. We are saved and kept by faith.
3. Purity - thru Christ our minds and hearts are kept pure and clean.
4. Love - enables us to forgive.
5. Unselfishness - emulate Jesus. Life will be full, rich, and great.

Rev. Barry Hedrick extended a welcome to everyone, response by Hugh Chandler, stating we thoroughly enjoy coming, thank you for having us.

The Moderator called for church letters which were read by Mrs. Gail Hedrick and Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

Ministers Rev's. Wayne Sheffield, Barry Hedrick, Jim Pelt, Bobby Johnston, Bruce Dudley and Fred Baker. Deacons Wayne Carr, Hugh Chandler, Charlie Burch, David Still, LaDon McDowell and Hursteen Rollins, laypersons 22. Finance Committee Wayne Carr, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Frances Martin and Mrs. Beth Johnston, Obituary Mrs. Jean Chandler. Nominating committee Mrs. Jean Chandler, Major Skinner, LaDon McDowell and Mrs. Bernice Still. Announcements, Mrs. Bea Dowdney in Hospital, asked to remember her in prayer. The churches reminded to get material, in time for committee meeting in August, also to get names, addresses and phone numbers of active members to the clerk.

Morning Worship singing led by Wayne Carr, prayer by Rev. Jim Pelt. LaDon McDowell prayed offertory prayer after which he and Hursteen Rollins received the offering. Rev. Hedrick presented our morning speaker, Rev. Fred Baker, Pres. of the Conference of Original Free Will Baptist. Rev. Baker used Mark 5: 1-20 reminding us that satan fills our minds with the idea we can not grow --- but Jesus says we CAN

grow. Jesus did thee things for the man with the unclean spirit and He will do that for us today:

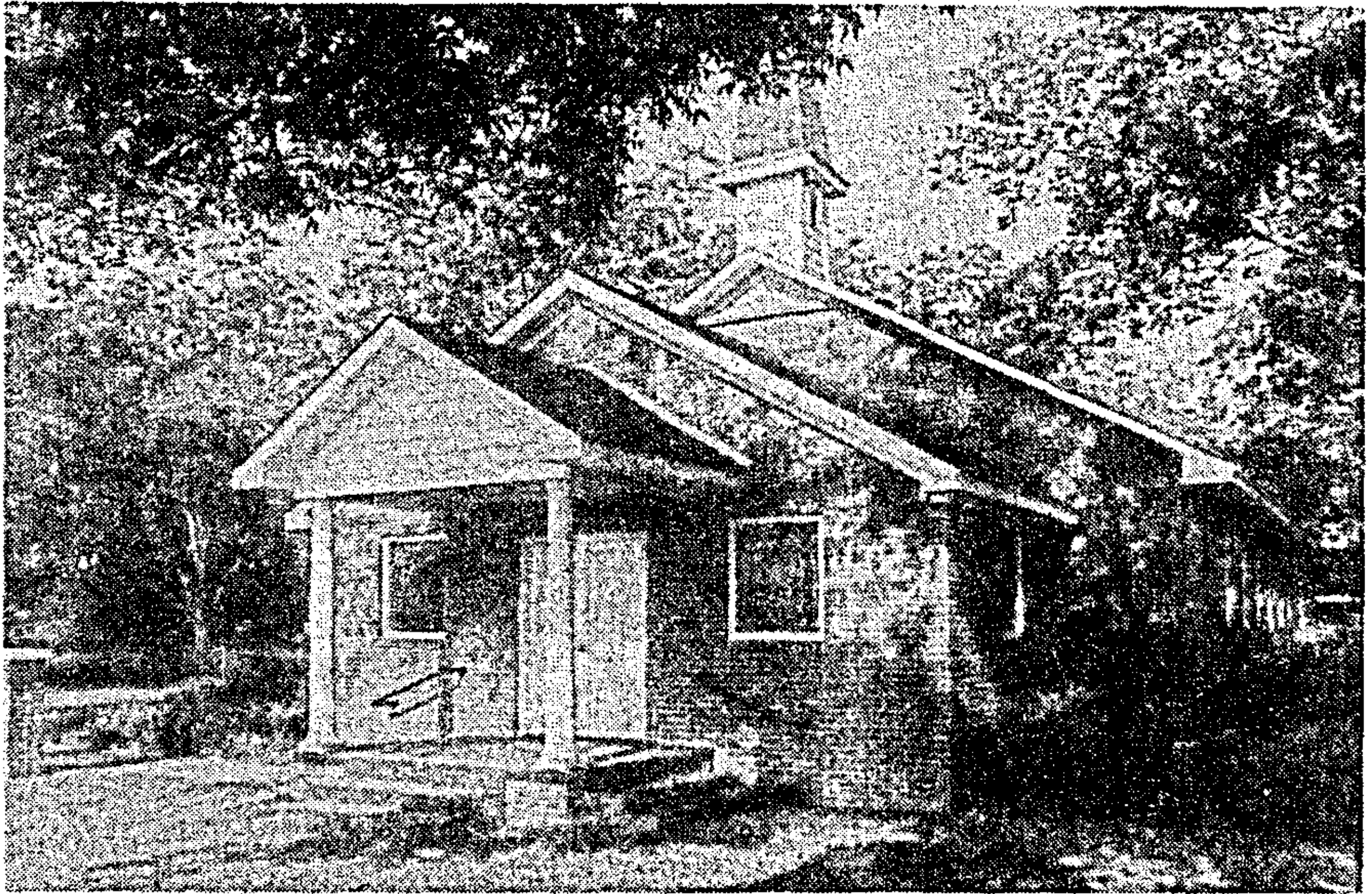
1. Found --- Jesus found the man and knew what he could become. Jesus came to seek and save, He has commissioned the church to seek.
2. Freed --- Jesus freed the man of his unclean spirit and today delivers us from our unclean conditions. Are we helping Jesus in setting captives free?
3. Follow Jesus --- We must be involved with spiritual warfare. The man wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus said "Go Home to Your Family and Friends and tell them what great things God has done for you".

Rev. Baker closed with prayer. Everyone was invited to lunch. Rev. Wayne Sheffield prayed benediction and asked God's blessings on the meal.

The afternoon session prelude with Mrs. Mary Dudley playing a medley, singing led by Rev. Barry Hedrick, prayer by David Still. Devotion by Mrs. Sybil Still using Is. 64: 8 sharing a parable of "The Tea Pot", reminding us that the tea pot was ugly and made of clay until the Masters hands touched it, so it is with our lives until God The Master shapes us into a vessel to be used by him. Wayne & Mrs. Pauline Carr were recognized for thirty nine years of dedicated service to our LORD & to the Paul Palmer Conference. A plaque was presented to them and a resolution to be written, picture and article to be sent to the Free Will Baptist for publication. Nominating committee report tabled until October conference. Rev. Bruce Dudley brought greetings from all ministering programs of the convention, Mrs. Mary Dudley shared the Sunday School Ministry would be giving six scholarships to attend camp at Cragmont, encouraging the churches to submit applications, Rev. Fred Baker expressed appreciation to Free Will Baptist for helping meet the June 30th challenge for Mount Olive College donations and encouraged everyone to attend the convention. Rev. Barry Hedrick reported five young people attended camp at Cragmont. It was a wonderful week of spiritual growth, fellowship and fun. Rev. Hedrick asked for a rising vote of thanks to Zion, Rev. Wayne Sheffield honored his request with everyone rising expressing their appreciation. Rev. Bobby Johnston closed in prayer. Rev. Barry Hedrick moderator, clerk Mrs Hallie Still.

History Of Churches

History Of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church



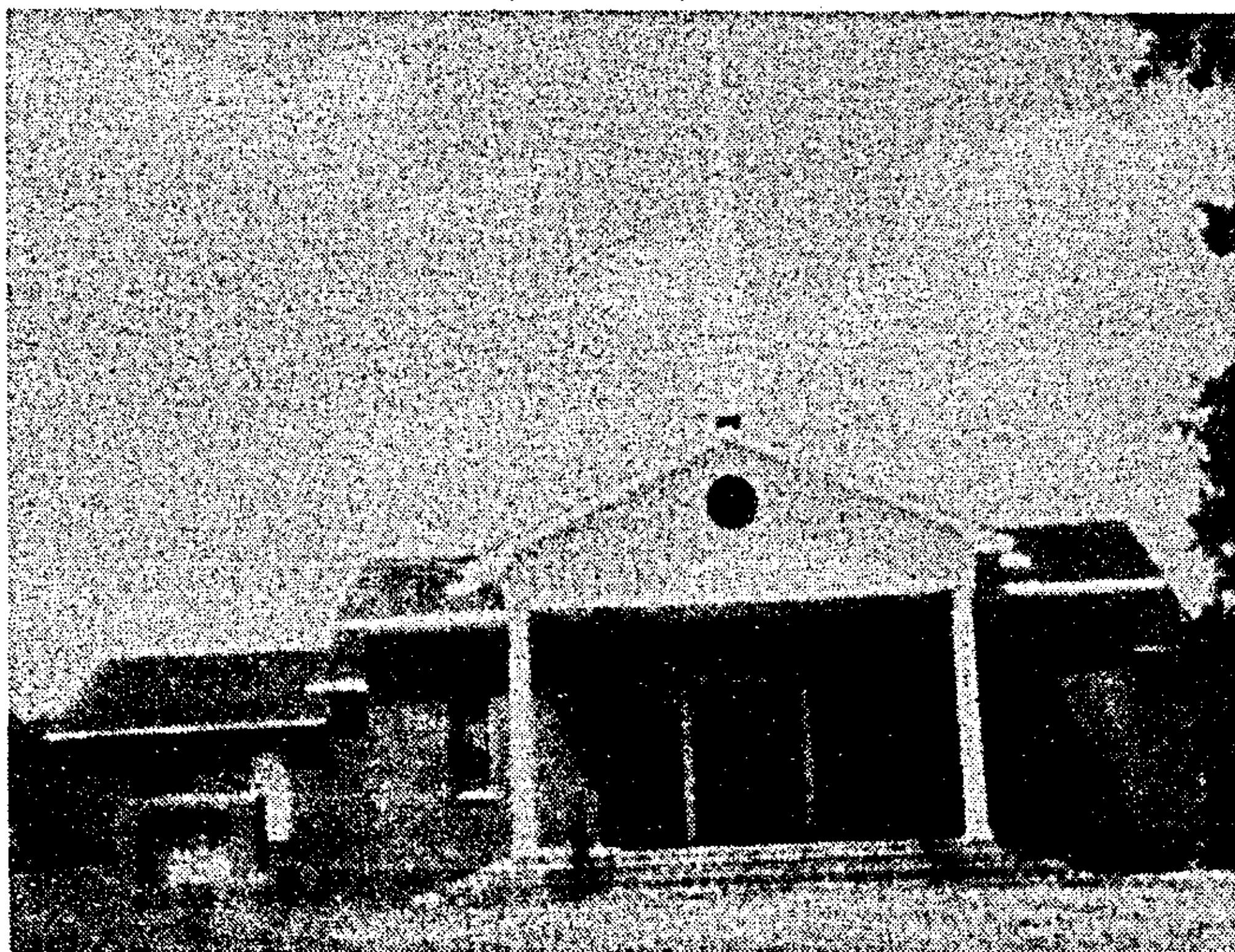
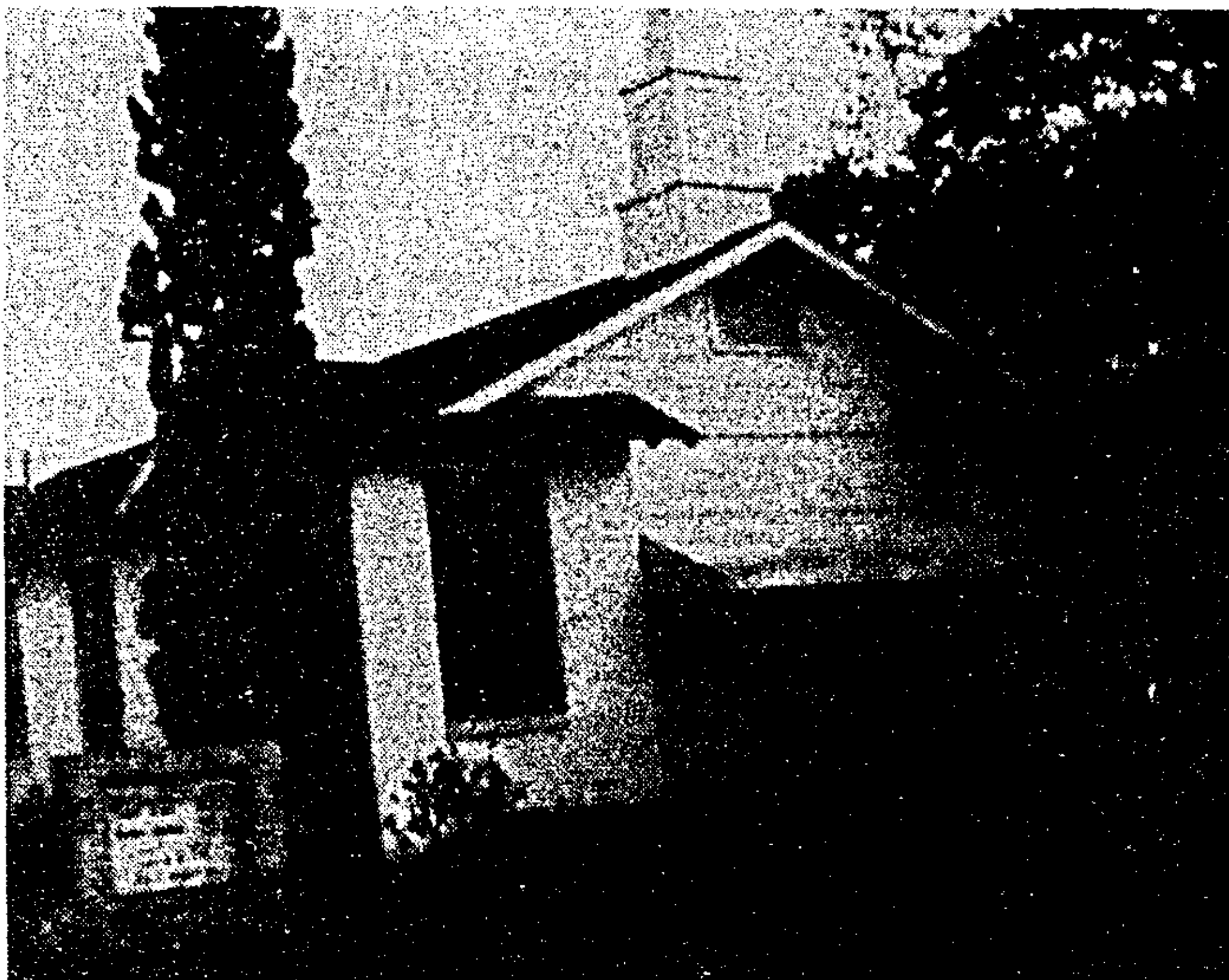
Bethlehem Church was established in 1814 with a church building made from round logs. All the work was done by land owners and slaves of the community. The round log building became inadequate, being replaced by a split log building on the same church site. This served the church until during the Civil War, a frame building was erected on the same plot of saved ground.

In 1957, the church entered a building program seeing the need of a larger church with Sunday School rooms. In 1960, our present church building was completed.

More precious than the building, we are grateful that through the years, this church continues to be a shelter from the storms of life to the Bethlehem and surrounding communities.

During this period of time, many dedicated servants have served the church. We would like to mention only three of these Shepherds, Rev. Charlie Martin, Rev. W.T. Wiley, serving for 50 years, to be succeeded by Rev. Daniel F. Pelt, who then served for 26 years.

History Of Jakin Freewill Baptist Church



HISTORY OF JAKIN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH (OPEN POND - MIDWAY CHURCH)

In the early 1800's a church called Open Pond Free Will Baptist came into being, it was located about three miles north of Jakin on the Jakin/Blakely road (near the Remus Barbree place or the present home of David Doster). The building was a frame clapboard structure situated beside a shallow lake or pond which had none of the usual native shrubs around its edges. The location determined the name of the church.

Records containing the early history were destroyed by fire but verbal reports handed down from generation to generation tell of the church's existence long before 1850. The oldest document record the church has is the old Minute book showing that J. B. Hodges was received into membership in 1868. Early pastors were Rev's Benjamin Tipton, Thomas Williams, J. B. McCullers, Jordan McCullers and Mathis, all prior to 1870.

During reconstruction days after the Civil war, the church burned. Times were hard and the people were trying to adapt to post war living; nevertheless, they never forgot the church. They moved near the site of Open Pond Cemetery (oldest headstone dated 1820) and erected a brush arbor, the best they could do under the circumstances. After using this for a time, they decided they needed a building and built a log church in 1867. Sometime later the church had grown and they built a better building which was a frame building. In common with most churches of the time, Open Pond accepted negro slaves as members. It is a remembered fact that long after the Civil war, as late as early 1890's, Anne and Bob Warren attended as members, coming in their cart drawn by oxen.

Following reconstruction days, there came a recession in most churches. Faith and finances weere somewhat low, pstors were difficult to obtain, memberships and buildings were depleted. Some churches disbanded and such a move was discussed at Open Pond. It was the custom that men sat on one side , women and children say on the other side. Women were required to remain silent during church services. Great Grandmother Betsy Harvey was strongly opposed to this move, but was not allowed to speak, so she went out and sat upon the doorsteps. As the meeting adjourned and all left the building, she expressed her determination not to give up. Then she challenged all to continue meeting, for they would find her sitting on the steps waiting. Her stand on the matter prevailed.

By 1880 a Sunday School was established and well attended.

Qualified persons of all religious faiths attended these Sunday Schools. Much of the time, the hour for Sunday School was in the afternoon, This permitted boys and girls to regularly visit Sunday Schools at nearby churches.

Open Pond church had begun to be used for day school, no public school funds were available. A very creditable school in the style of the "old field house" was conducted during the next decade. Rev. Angus M. Stewart became pastor and teacher in 1883, following Mrs. Allison, a beloved teacher of many years. Professor Culpepper of Damascus, Ga. taught at Open Pond. Miss. Theresa Swann, who lived near Blakely, Ga. was the last teacher for the day school.

Following the school, in 1890 the church decided to move to a more central, convenient place. Also the unruly conduct of some of the neighbors influenced the decision to move. This move was to the present location, about one and one half miles east of Jakin. In 1892 a commodious building, nicely finished, for a country church, was erected at Midway Crossroads, The church was fortunate that there were good builders among the members and that Major Bivings, owner of the Jakin sawmill, was willing and ready to cut the type lumber needed for construction and for finishing the building. He was helpful, in accepting pay for materials by bartering beef cattle and farm produce. Dr. J. L. Adams was pastor.

Being located at a cross-roads and across the road from Midway Public School, the church was often called Midway Church. Because of its seating capacity, request were sometimes made and permission granted, to use the building for political gatherings.

Until 1898 the church had maintained membership in the Martin association of Free Will Baptist. In 1898 Open Pond became a member of the Midway Association, remaining a member until 1962 when it voted to become a member of the Paul Palmer Conference of Original Free Baptist.

In 1908 a strong Home Missionary Society was functioning. It became a strong influence and its activities spread to other churches in the district. Today, it is termed the Women's Auxiliary.

In 1924, organized youth training services. A program was developed to reach boys and girls of all ages. As had been all services of the church throughout its history, the program extended to the communities growing children. Youth missions were organized which inspired other churches in the Association to do likewise. Seeds sown by these church auxiliaries have grown into summer camps for youth, church social hours, community

benevolence projects, establishment of scholarships, etc.

In 1952, a block building was erected consisting of a beautifully equipped Sanctuary, Sunday School rooms, choir area, baptismal, utility space, central heating - cooling and adequate parking space. Also, the name was officially changed to Jakin Free Will Baptist.

In 1968, Mr. Russell Hudson gave the church a deed to the land adjacent to the east side of the church for the purpose of establishing a second cemetery.

In 1970, the church completed the addition of a kitchen and fellowship hall on the west wing.

In 1981, completed a project to renovate the building, including bricking, stained glass windows, a pillared porch to the front of the building, stately front doors and up-grading other areas as needed. List of Deacons and Pastors as follows:

Deacons:

Stephen L. Hodges		John M. Minter	
J. B. Hodges		T. S. Minter	
T. J. Fort	Ordained 1920	A. D. Ivy	Ordained 1920
F. Marion Mosely	(Honorary)	S. T. Dunning	Ordained 1944
H. H. Reeves	Ordained 1944	T. G. Pace	Ordained 1952
E. Brock Avirett	Ordained 1952	H. Wayne Carr	Ordained 1972
John A. Brown	Ordained 1972		

Pastors:

Benjamin Tipton		Thomas Williams	
J. B. McCullers		Jordan McCullers	
Rev. Mathis		Angus M. Stewart	
J. B. Adams		W. A. McDonald	1901-1904
Samuel Ely	1904-1905	W. T. Wiley	1905-1907
E. L. St. Clair	1907-1908 (3 mo)	G. W. Cherry	1908-1909
M. A. Woodard	1909-1910	Samuel Ely	1910-1911
J. G. Harris	1911-1913	M. A. Woodard	1913-1917
Samuel Ely	1917-1918	G. W. Cherry	1918-1919
M. A. Woodard	1919-1921	Samuel Ely	1921-1923
W. A. McDonald	1923-1925	W. H. Everson	1925-1928
Henry Melvin	1928-1929	K. V. Shutes	1929-1934
Chester Pelt	1934-1936	Daniel Pelt	1936-1937
Joe Fort	1937-1939	Floyd Cherry	1939-1942

Daniel Pelt	1942-1946	Ralph Lightsey	1946-1948
Chester Pelt	1948-1952	I. J. Blackwelder	1952-1954
J. C. Pelt	1954-1957	S. T. Shutes	1957-1960
Chester Pelt	1960-1967	Wayne King	1967-1969
W. D. Poole	1969-1969(3 mo)	Joe Fort	1969-1976
Paul Irvin	1976-1978	Talmadge Worsley	1978-1984
	Wayne Sheffield		1984-present

In 1980, the church voted to hold preaching services every Sunday.

The above history was prepared for use at a Dedication service and Home coming, November 1, 1981 by Mr. Robbin E. Reeves.

The following is a update from 1981 through 1999. In 1970, the church was blessed with an organ, then shingles had to be replaced. In memory of Mr. Robbin Reeves, his Sunday School class presented the church with a Sound system. The King family place a Bible stand and a beautiful baptistry mural painted in memory of J. V. King. Drilled a new well in 1996. Later the church was blessed with new carpet and padded pews. God keeps blessing and blessing, children began to attend, presenting transportation problem, purchased a bus in 1989. A beautiful oak table was presented in memory of S. T. and Mrs. Niza Dunning. In memory of Mrs. Georgia Young the piano back was covered. An American and Christian flag were placed in the Sanctuary in memory of Tommy and Mrs. Myrtice Pace. In 1999, our youth needed something to do on Saturday nights, Youth for Christ club was formed, having fun, games, prayer and devotions. Addition to pastor list, Rev. Wayne Sheffield in 1984 to present. Addition to deacon list, Russell Hanks, 1983, Dick Ward 1983, and Hugh Chandler, 1989. This update prepared by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield, wife of Pastor Wayne Sheffield.

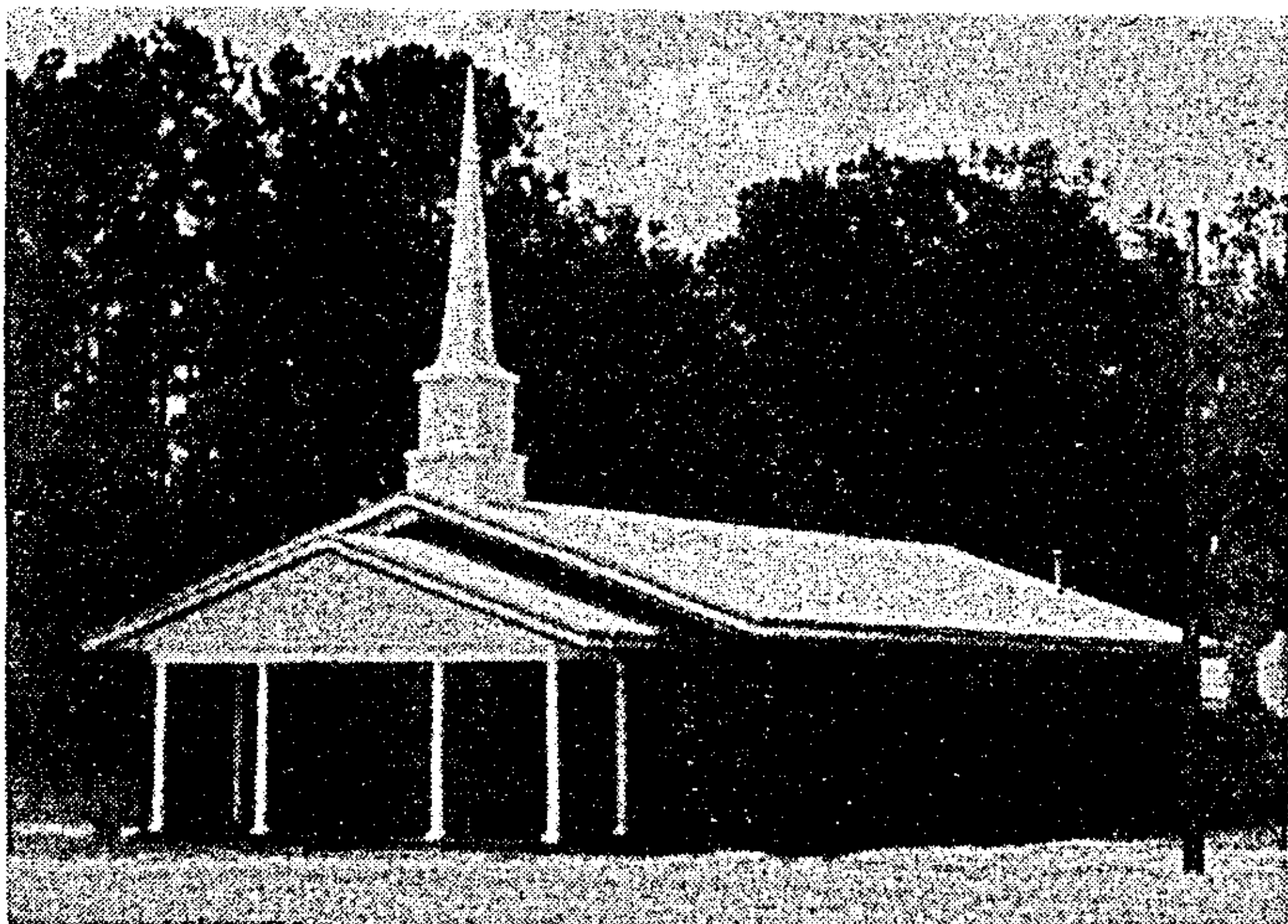
Update to 1999 history, Johnny Dozier added as deacon. Prepared by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

Home coming, October 6, 2002, was a very special time in history for members of the church and community, celebrating fifty years of heritage. A bried history was given in memory of five deacons that were active when the church was built, Brock Averitt (represented by Bob Dutton), S. T. Dunning (represented by Miss. Iva Sewell), A.D. Ivey (represented by Rushy Scott), Tommy Pace (represented by Watson Miller), and H. H. Reeves (represented by Wayne Carr). A "Hope Capsule" was placed in the ground

by Rev. Wayne Sheffield, deacon's Wayne Carr and Hugh Chandler, members and people in the community placed many items of history in the capsule, capsule to removed from ground in 2007.

Bibles (25) were placed in the church in memory of Grady Miller, by the Men's Fellowship Breakfast, also one to Mrs. Martha Miller, wife of Grady. showing appreciation for Grady's faithfulness to the Men's Breakfast. Johnny Dozier, resigned May 2003 as deacon because he was attending another church. This updated history prepared by Mrs. Shirley Sheffield.

History of Live Oak Free Will Baptist Church



Prior to the year of 1884, what is now known as the Live Oak Community had no church. The community was very thinly populated, and the mode of travel consisted of wagons, ox carts, and a few buggies. Several families living in the community got together and after some discussion decided that the community needed a Sunday School. A time was agreed upon and the first Sunday School in the community was organized. It met in a little log house which also served as a school, and which was located close to where the present church building sits.

A short time later a decision was made that there was also a need for a church as well as for a Sunday School. This decision resulted in a committee being appointed and given authority to extend an invitation to the Reverend Warren A. McDonald to meet with the members of the community to give counsel and advice in planning for and constituting a new church. Mr. E.L. Hudson donated two acres of land on which to build the new church, and in the Spring of 1884 work was begun on the actual construction. Mr. Mood Richardson was awarded the contract for building, although much of the labor was done by the men of the community. The first building was completed in time to hold their first revival service which began on the third Sunday in July 1884. A dedication service was held on that day, and the church was given the name of Live Oak Free Will Baptist Church. Reverend Preston McDonald preached the dedicatory sermon.

The thirteen charter members included: Mrs. Martha Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J.D.H. Sanders, Mr. N.H. Sanders, Mrs. Sarah Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hudson, Mr. F.C. Williford, Mrs. Richardson, and Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Sanders. A call was extended to Reverend W.A. McDonald who served as pastor of this new congregation for several years. A complete listing of the pastors who have served this church through the years will be found at the end of this brief history.

In 1908, the members recognized the need for a larger church - the recognition of such need materializing in the erection of a second building, a two-story building with the second floor to be used by the Woodmen of the World as the place for their regular monthly meetings. Considerable improvements were made on this building in 1955 including hardwood floors, gas heat, and new pews. The church had been wired for electricity when it was made available to the church by R.E.A. in 1940.

In 1933, Mr. T.J. Riley was elected clerk, and Mr. Henderson Burch, assistant clerk. Mrs. Elva Hagains served as assistant clerk during 1934. One of the great revivals experienced by the church came in July of 1934 when twenty-four new members were added to the church membership.

The Ladies Aid was organized on June 26, 1937, with twelve members. Of particular interest is a notation in the December 1937 Church Minutes which stated: "It shall be remembered that we had services at Live Oak on Christmas Day..."

The church began having Sunday School on every Sunday, including each fifth Sunday, beginning in March 1940 Prior to getting electricity in the church, aladdin

lamps were used for lighting. Mrs. Myrtle Sanders resigned as church treasurer in 1942, and was succeeded by Mrs. William Tennile. Upon Mrs. Tennile's resignation in February 1945, Mrs. Kitty Tyson was elected.

Mr. Earl Jordan and Mr. Smily Johnson were elected and ordained as deacons in 1949, the ordination taking place on August 21st. Other deacons who were serving at this time were: Mr. Edd Sanders, and Mr. John Etheredge.

In March of 1955, the church elected a committee composed of the following members to secure plans for Sunday School rooms, redo floors, install gas heat, and secure new pews: J.M. Etheredge, Robert Hamil, C.V. Phillips, Charlie Burch, Grady Etheredge, Sr. The committee for new pews were: J.M. Etheredge, C.B. Kirksey, Charlie Burch, Mrs. W.H. Tennile, and Mrs. Kitty Tyson. The deacons were requested to investigate the possibility of adding a stoop to the front of the church and Mr. Grady Etheredge, Sr., Mr. Charlie Burch and Mr. Clarence Phillips were appointed and authorized to place two outdoor toilets on the church property. Mr. D.M. Phillips, Mrs. Kitty Tyson, Mrs. Pauline Johnson, Mrs. Kitty Sanders, and Mrs. Vera Etheredge were appointed to serve as a social committee for the church. A table committee was also appointed including the following members: Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, Mr. Roy Duke, and Mrs. W.H. Tennile.

In 1956 a "Lord's Acre Committee" was appointed. This committee made up of the following members, Mr. Charlie Burch, Mr. Grady Etheredge, Sr., and Mr. Albert Ellenwood, were to contact each member and encourage them to plant one acre of land for the Lord giving the proceeds to the church.

Mr. Albert Ellenwood and Mr. Cheshire DeBarry were nominated in April 1957 to serve as deacons. Mr. Ellenwood was ordained the first Sunday in August, but Mr. DeBarry asked the church for more time to pray about his decision to serve. He was ordained the first Sunday in April 1958.

In September of 1959, a contract was awarded to Mr. Leslie "Bo" Etheredge to place white asbestos shingles on the outside walls of the church. Later in the year, heaters were placed in all the Sunday School rooms, and an additional twenty-five chairs were purchased for these rooms. A recommendation was made to license Grade Etheredge, Jr. as a Minister of the Gospel on October 14, 1959. In July of 1960, the Quarterly Meeting of the Association was requested to ordain Mr. Grady Etheredge, Jr., and also Mr. Gilbert Oldstring as Ministers.

The Reverend B.W. Clenney was elected as pastor on August 21, 1960. He passed away in December the same and was succeeded by Reverend Eugene Irvin.

The church voted in 1965 to grant the State Highway Department authority to build a State Roadside Park on property that belongs to the church. Located right next to the church, it has added more comfort and enjoyment for activities held under the big oak trees which provides abundant shade for church dinners. This project was completed in the Spring of 1966. The church added a church bulletin board inside the church during 1965.

New pulpit furniture was given to the church by the J.M. Etheredge family in 1966 in memory of Deacon John M. Etheredge who passed away in 1965. During the course of the same year, a communion table and chairs were given by the Jarvis family in memory of a faithful and dedicated member, Mrs. Stella Jarvis. A new piano and chairs to match the pulpit were also purchased during the year.

Under the leadership of Reverend Wayne King, the church undertook a major project of building a new fellowship hall. Serving on this committee were: Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Phillips, Mrs. Charlie Burch, and Mrs. Roy Duke. The Building Committee were: Mr. C.V. Phillips, Mr. Charlie Burch, Mrs. Bonville Jordan, Mr. Earl Jordan. This building is located directly behind the main church building, and was completed in 1968. A dedication service was held on the fourth Sunday in July 1968.

Full-time services were begun in July of 1972. Reverend D.W. Poole was pastor.

In January of 1976, the church met with a representative of Smithwick Construction Company to discuss plans for a new church building. Plans were finalized in February, and the following committees appointed: Finance Committee: Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, Mr. Coplin Jarvin, Mr. Jimmy Barnett, Mr. E.C. Jordan. Building Committee: Mr. Robert Hamil, Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, Mr. Charlie Burch, Mr. T.E. Moye, and Mrs. Jerome Phillips. Interior Committee: Mrs. J.W. Gaines, Mrs. Charlie Burch, Mrs. Jimmy Barnett, and Mrs. Bill Etheredge.

The following men were nominated to serve as deacons in June of 1976: Mr. Jimmy Barnett, Mr. Robert Hamil, Mr. Jarrell Burch, and Mr. Larry DeBarry. Mr. Barnette and Mr. Hamil were ordained the last of June. Mr. Burch was ordained on February 13, 1983, and Mr. DeBarry requested additional time to think about being a deacon.

Dedication services were held for the new church building on July 16, 1977.

An attractive church sign was placed in front of the church during 1980 at a cost of \$266.00.

Reverend Marvin McDaniel was called as pastor in July 1982. He passed away on Thanksgiving Day of the same year. Reverend McDaniel had also served this church as pastor in a prior year. Mr. Jarrell Burch was placed on the Ordaining Council of the Paul Palmer Association.

In January of 1983, Mr. Charlie Burch was elected as Chairman of Deacons. The deacons of the church were authorized to locate and establish some type of living quarters for the pastor on the church field. In July of 1983, a new mobile home was purchased and placed on the church property to be used by the pastor and family of their "on the field" residence.

The church honored Mr. Charlie Burch, and Mr. Cheshire DeBarry for faithful service as Clerk and Treasurer by giving them appropriate plaques. Mr. Burch had served from 1961-1983; Mr. DeBarry from 1962-1983. Reverend Poole was presented a plaque in recognition of his faithful ministry as pastor of Live Oak Church on his 49th year in the ministry.

Pastors of Live Oak Free Will Baptist Church

(Not necessarily listed in the order they served the church.) W.A. McDonald, Rev. Embry, Tom Wiley, Sam Ealey, W.T. Wiley, M.A. Woodard, J.G. Harris, J.M. Harris, J.M. Emanuel, T.B. Mellett, Melvin Moody, H.L. Catrett, B.W. Clenney, Paul Irvin, Eugene Irvin, Grady Etheredge, Jr., Wayne King, D.W. Poole, Danny Ryals, and Marvin McDaniel

History of Live Oak Free Will Baptist 1984 --Present

April 8, 1984, Live Oak celebrated 100 years of service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The exceptional afternoon service began with the reading of the church's history, followed with recognitions of former pastors, members, and their families. The conclusions of the service led the congregation into a covenant of yielding the church and the members to the altar of service to constantly seek His will, so that each hour of each day the church would be in tune with the Infinite Spirit thereby advancing His cause in the hearts and lives of all people.

In November 1985, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamill gave the church beautiful unholstered and wooden chairs for the choir. These chairs were to honor the memory of the love of their parents and the love they had for Live Oak Church.

Continued growth of the church motivated the members to add additional Sunday School rooms onto the west side of the fellowship hall during the early months of 1988.

During the April 10, 1988, quarterly conference the annual Homecoming Service was changed from the fourth Sunday of April to the fourth Sunday of May. This continues to remain the time for this service.

Numerous requests began to come to the church for burial plots in the church cemetery. Due to limited space, and allowing space for the members of the church, during September 1989, the church formed a cemetery committee to handle all affairs of the cemetery. This committee consist of the Deacons and Mrs. Evelyn Phillips. All requests are directed to this committee.

In the fall of 1991, vinyl siding was added to the church and fellowship building. The attractiveness of the vinyl siding gave the church a clean and polished appearance.

Rev. Melvin Moody resigned the church in the spring of 1992 and Rev. James (Jim) Pelt of Blountstown, Florida was called, in the July conference. Rev. Pelt began his duties as pastor in September 1992. Rev. Pelt continues to pastor and lead the church in God's direction.

During the next few years, several gifts were given and several renovations were done. A lovely hall table was placed in the foyer in loving memory of Mrs. Howard Corley; King James Bibles were placed in each

pew in loving memory of Mr. Cheshire DeBary; a gorgeous antique sideboard table was given by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allen; an awning was added to the east side of the fellowship hall in April of 1996; the kitchen received a complete new facelift with new cabinets, new appliances, new flooring and new floor plan in 1997; beautiful new chandleiers were added to the sanctuary in 1998; and stained glass windows depicting the life of Christ complemented the sanctuary in a most revered way.

Mrs. William Hamill gave a sizeable amount toward the facelift of the kitchen in memory of Mrs. Robert Hamill and different families purchased each stained glass window. A stained glass dedication service was given on November 19, 2000. Each window's memorial or tribute was read and the families were recognized for their wonderful contribution to the church in such a beautiful way. Following are the window scenes and the inscriptions:

Window 1: Annunciation

In Loving Memory of John and Lollye Ethredge and Sarah E. Roberts,
By: Delora and Bill (Wallace), Darien and Ray (Eubanks Sr.), Doris and J.
W. (Gaines)

Window 2: Nativity

In Loving Memory of William H. Tennille 1900-1994, Veda Mae
Tennille 1907-1998

Window 3: Boy in the Temple

In memory of Cheshire DeBary, A Loving Father, Devoted Deacon,
and Sunday School Teacher
Love, Your Family

Window 4: Baptism

In Memory of Ida Clenney Tucker
By: C. W. and Opel Moye Bush, Marsha B. and Adam Waters,
Wathal, Thomas and Catherine Bush.

Window 5: Sermon on the Mount

J. W. and Doris Gaines and Family, Steven and Kay G. Kelley, Ricky
and Patty G. Dowdy, John C. and Debbie Gaines and Grandchildren

Window 6: Blessing the Children

In loving memory of Aldean, Vivian "Bill", Theo and Billy Dean

Ethredge

By: Rich and Annette E. Zolecki

Window 7: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jarvis, S. Coplin Jarvis

By: Mr. and Mrs. James W. Nesbitt

Window 8: Crucifixion

The Burch Families

Window 9: Angel at the Tomb

William R. Hamill, Jr. 1944-1993, A Loving Husband and Father

By: Dawn B. Hamill, Kelly, Katherine, Kimberly and John

Window 10: Resurrection

In Loving Memory of W. Robert Hamill Sr. Aline S. Hamill

By: Ann H. Stewart, W. R. Hamill Jr., Gloria Jean H. Melvin

Window 11: Ascension

Gary and Jackie Heard

Children and Grandchildren

Window 12: Jesus Knocking at the Door

Joe and Nancy Heard And Family, Jerry And Tammy Heard, Jeff and Janna Heard, Jim and Karen H. League and Grandchildren.

Several months later, a large, lighted, stained glass depicting a full size picture of Jesus was placed on the wall at the back of the Baptistry. This stained glass was placed in memory of John Hampton Sanders and Laura America Hudson Sanders by the families of: Mildred Hudson Sanders, Vivian Bill Phillips Ethredge, Elva Sanders Hagins, Aline Sanders Hamill, Doster Brooks Sanders, Stella Sanders Jarvis and Ed and Katie Brunson Sanders.

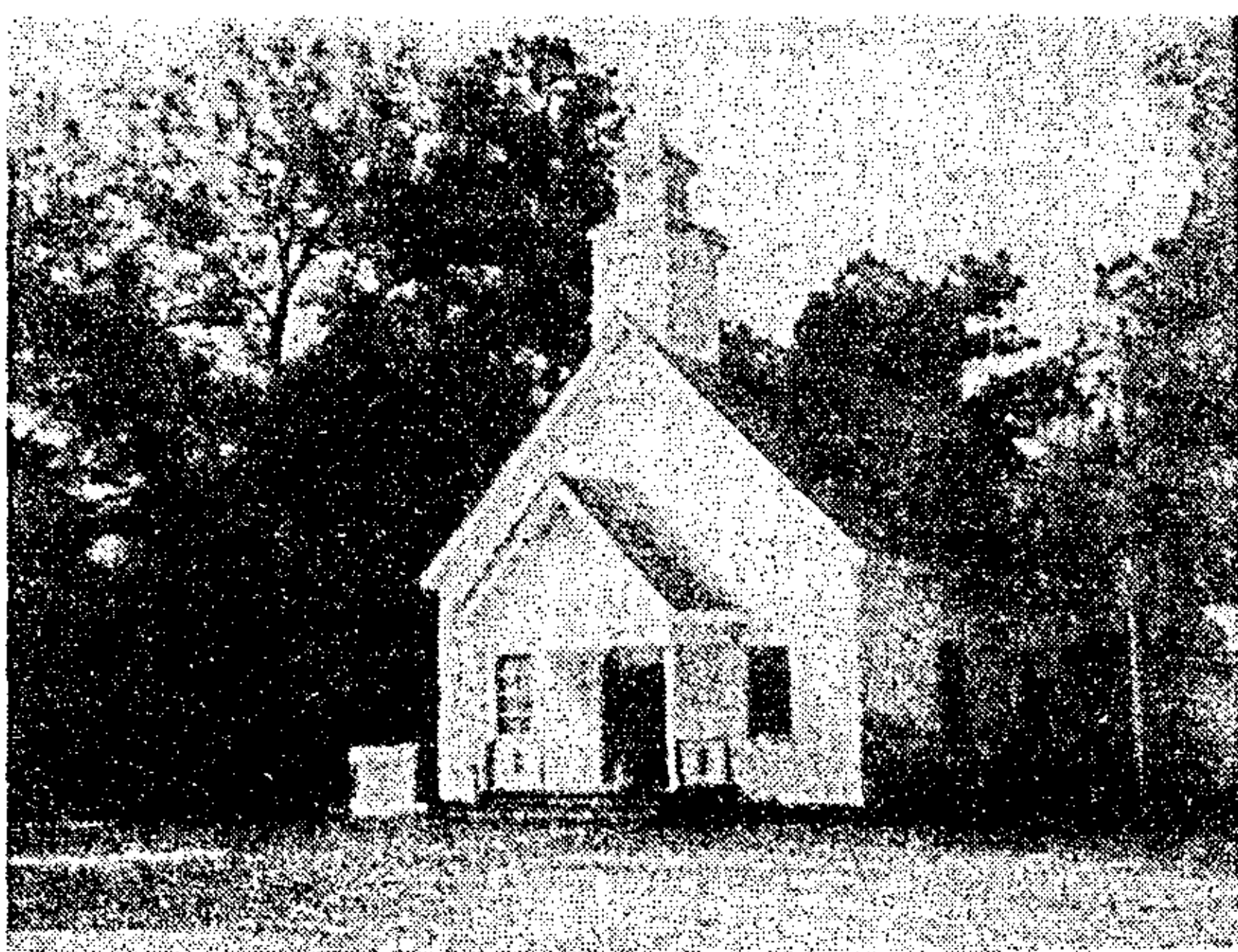
The following men were nominated to serve as deacons in October 2000: Tim Burch, Ricky Dowdy, and Major Skinner. An ordination service for these men was held on January 20, 2001.

After the horrifying and shocking events of September 11, 2001, to the United States people, the C. W. Bush family donated a flagpole and a United

States Flag to the church. This flagpole was erected immediately behind the church sign and a light was added to give illumination to the flag and church sign at all times. Live Oak Church believes the nation is "One Nation Under God".

Live Oak Free Will Baptist Church continues to prosper and meet the need in the Live Oak Community of sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Christ. Live Oak Church will remain steadfast and true to the spirit of fruitful fellowship and Christian Love. May God's name be praised, His services glorified, and our souls rededicated in giving thanks for our Lord.

The History Of White Pond Freewill Baptist Church



WHITE POND FREE WILL BAPTIST

White Pond church was founded in the year of 1872 by Jacob Lewis. The first church was built of unpeeled logs, no windows and dirt floor.

The first preacher was Circuit rider by the name of Charlie Martin, and he rode horse back.

The church now standing was built in the year 1884. Material was hauled by oxen and carts. The land on which the church now stands was given by Amanda leyton Lewis, wife of Jim Lewis.

Pastors beginning in 1911. These are all I have. M. A. Woodard, Coot Houston, Sam Ely, C. C. White, J. M. Emanuel, Henry Melvin, Rufus Hyman, T. B. Mellette, J. N. Barnes, S. T. Shutes, W. F. McDuffie, Luther Norris, Coy Watson, Chester Pelt, Paul Irvin, Harris Harvey and C. B. Dowdney.

Deacons: Jake Lewis, (was the first), Willie Wiley, C. C. Willis, W. C. Hunt, W. F. Rogers, Earl Willis, Lewis Cleveland, Warren Davis, Mallie Cleveland, Joe McDowell and LaDon McDowell.

History From July 1983 to July 2003

New Members:

Mac Barron, July 1984
Helen Barron, Feb. 16, 1992

Jeff Barron Sept. 18, 1988
Barbara K. Hall Nov. 7, 2002

Baptism: Christian Gray Martin, July 2, 2000 while visiting
Grandparents, Eddie and Frances Martin, service by Rev. Paul Irvin.

Members Who Have Died:

Mrs. Joe Allen, Sept. 16, 1983
Lewis Cleveland, Aug. 28, 1984
Mrs. James Hook, Feb. 3, 1989
W. J. Hunt, Sept. 20, 1983
Albert Jones, Mar. 3, 1991
Mrs. Clyde Johnson, July 20, 1991
Manuel McDowell, Oct. 19, 1993
F. D. Rogers 1985
Gene Temples, Dec. 14, 1991
Bobby Walton, 1987

Helen Barron, Jan. 7, 1996
Wallace Garrod, Sept. 24, 2002
Mrs. Hazel Haddock, Oct. 14, 1997
Mrs. Martha Haddock, Mar 2001
Clarence Jones, 1987
Bonnie Lewis, June 24, 1994
Dot McDowell Aug. 3, 1994
Mrs. Doris Temples, Mar. 10, 1997
Mrs. W. K. Walton, Dec. 29, 1985
Lamar Waller, Jan. 4, 1999

Church Clerks:

Louise Jones served from Sept. 25, 1960 to Oct. 7, 1984.
Ollie Manion served from Jan. 6, 1985 to Feb. 5, 1989.
Jeanette Cleveland served from Apr. 2, 1989 to Apr. 5, 1992
Frances Martin served from July 5, 1992 to present.

Sunday School Superintendents:

Lewis Cleveland served from Sept. 6, 1953 till His untimely death in Aug. 28, 1984.
LaDon McDowell has served from Sept. 1984 to present.
Frank Barron has served as substitute since Sept. 1984.

Pastors:

Rev. Paul Irvin served from Sept. 1963 till retirement Dec. 19, 1999 due to health reasons.
Rev. C. B. Dowdney has served from Oct. 1, 2000 to present.

Bibles presented to Seniors:

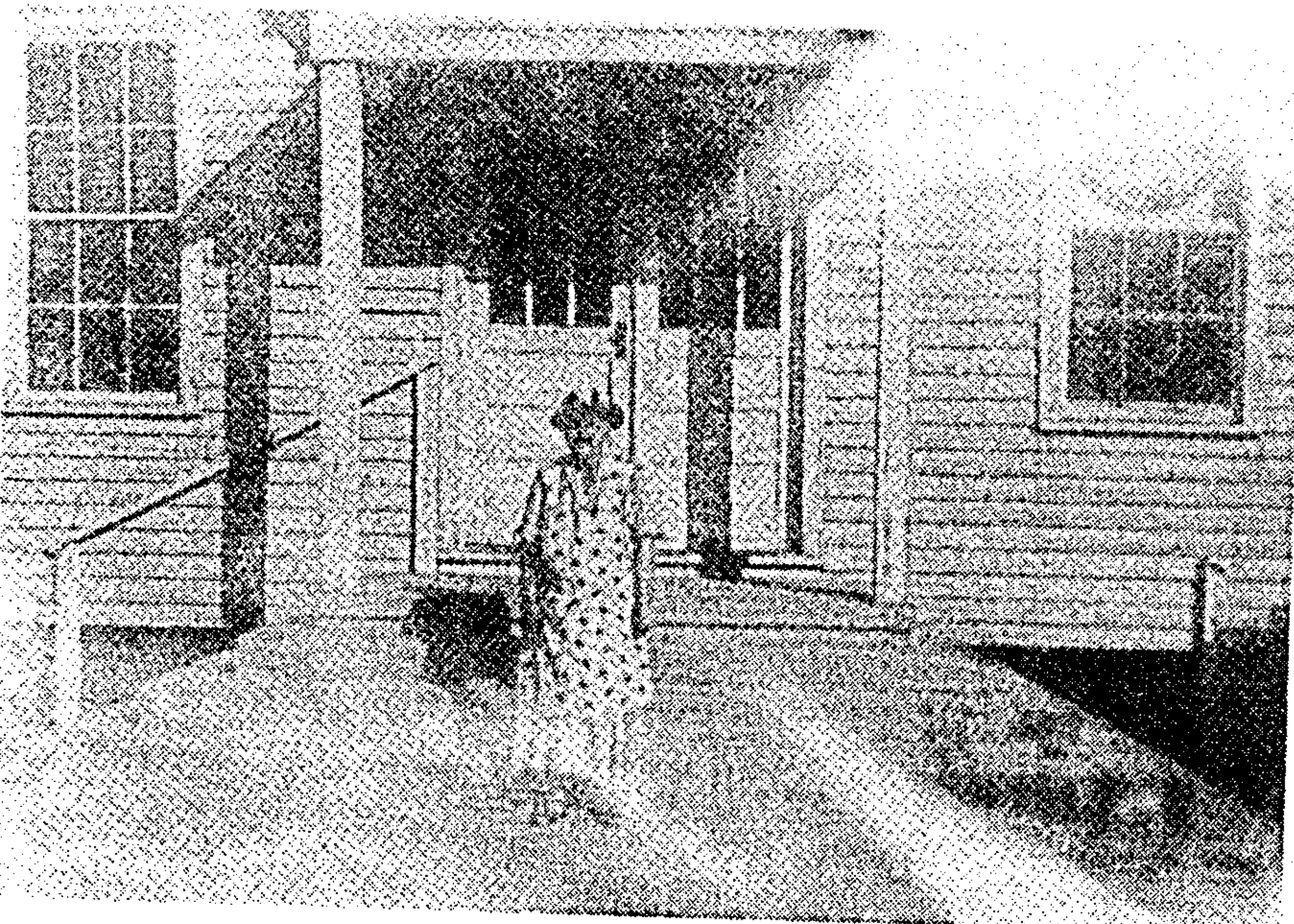
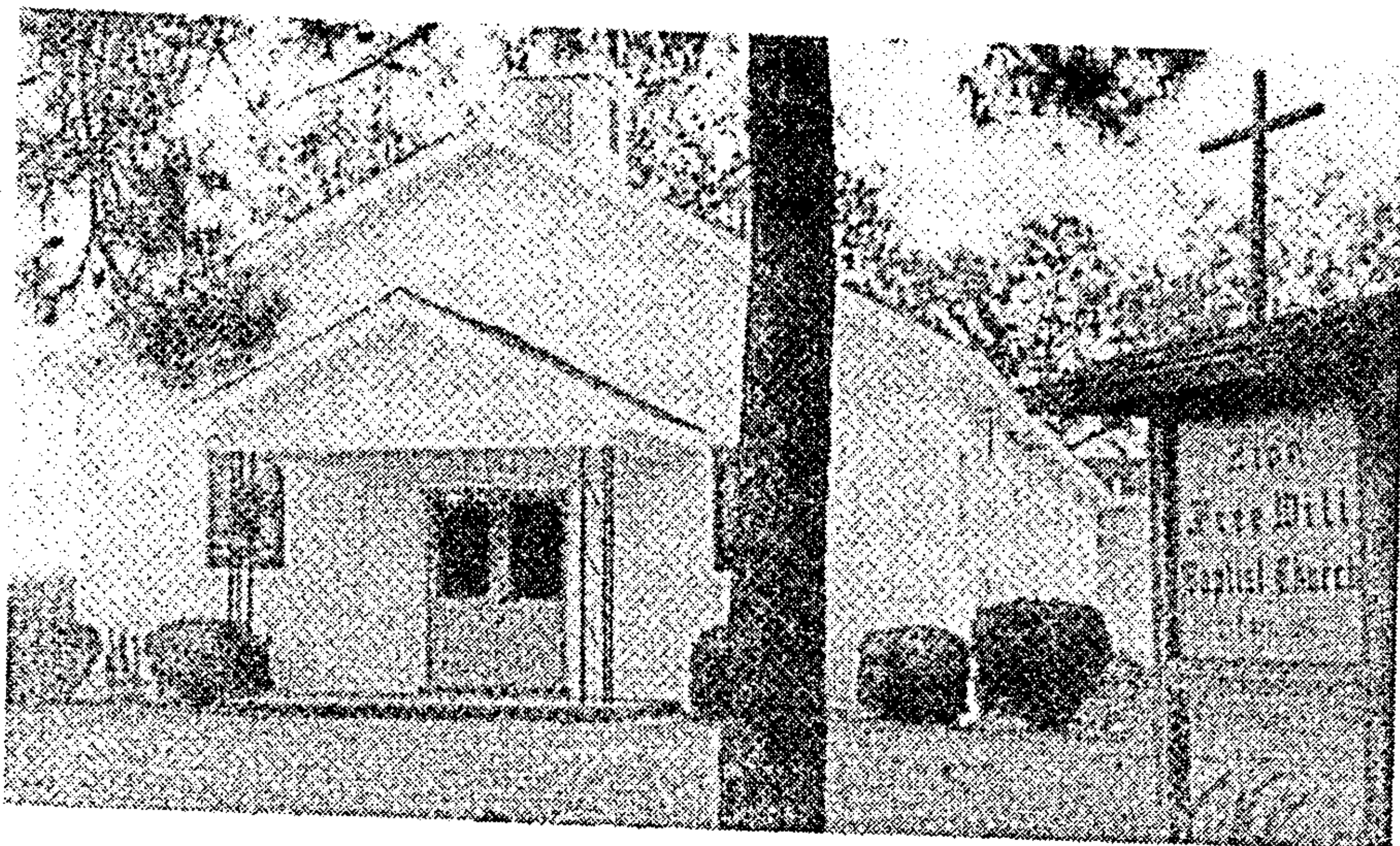
Eddie McDowell May 1985
Heath McDowell May 1987

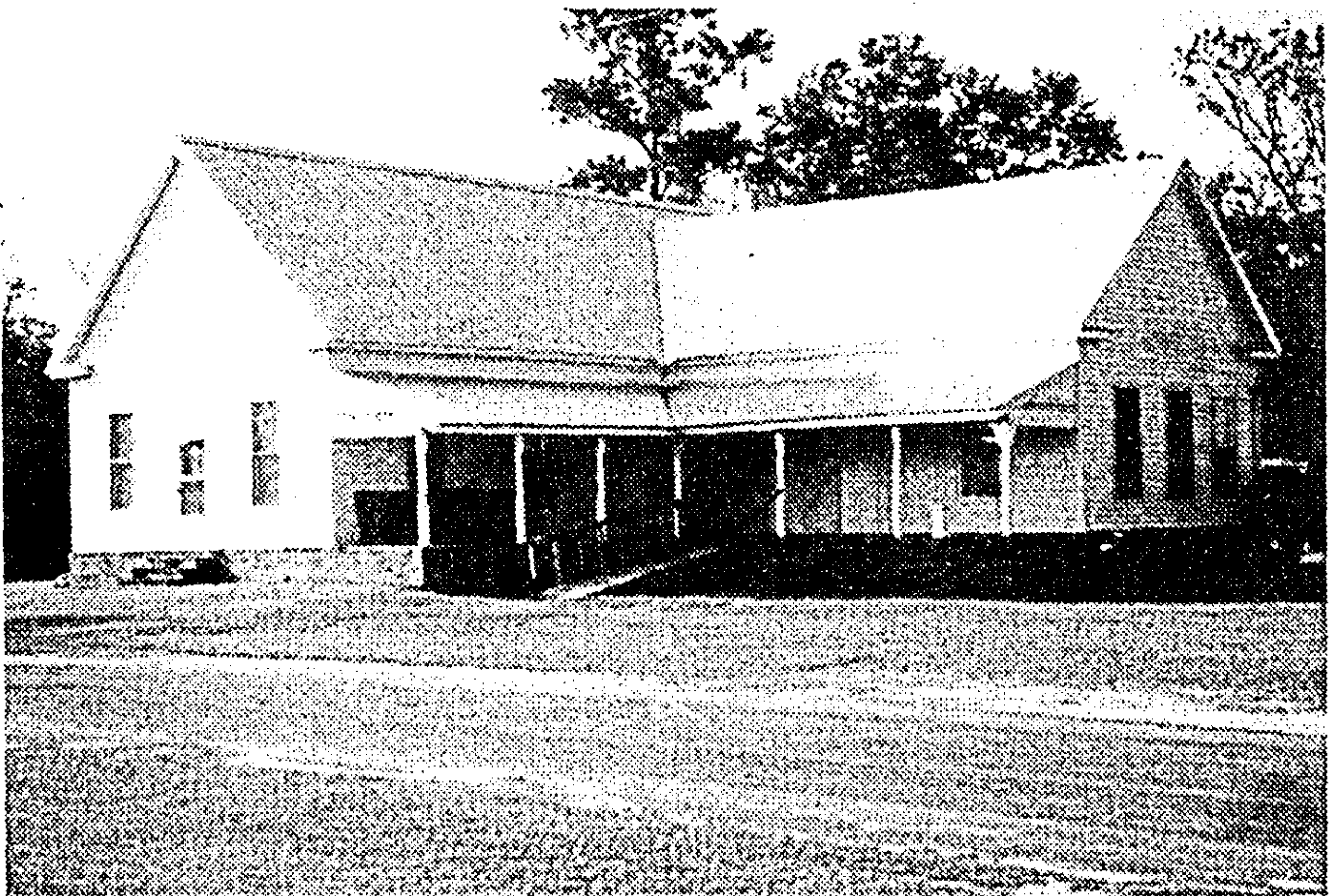
Jeff Barron May 1990
Mac Barron May 1994

Sunday School Teachers:

Joe McDowell started teaching the adult class in the fall of 1962. In 1975, He asked Mrs. Regina Barron to be his substitute, both continue to teach. Joe teaches three Sundays and Mrs. Barron teaches the fourth Sunday and when Joe is unable to come.

History Of Zion Free Will Baptist Church





History of Zion Free Will Baptist Church

In April 1880, Mount Hebron (White Plains) extended arm to Zion Church, then belonging to the Missionaries in the Sowhatchee community. The constitution of Zion Church was formed in October 1880. Rev. W.B. Lane was Pastor and J.W. Anglin was clerk. The church presbytery consisted of Rev. W.B. Lane and G.T. Wiley. In March 1881, it was agreed to extend arm back to the School House, the former place of of worship. On Saturday before the second Sunday, November 1881, Zion and Mt. Hebron came together and agreed to consolidate with the regular meetings to be held at Zion Church. At a meeting of the Presbytery and after due examination of members present, it was considered that a Church of the United Free Will Baptist be formed. In June 1882, a committee was appointed for the purpose of building a house of worship. In March 1883, the committee was dismissed, and the entire membership was appointed on the building committee. In August 1883, Bro. Jordan Walters was received by letter from Zion Missionary Church, and he presented the deeds and land to Zion Church. The church was to retain its name of Zion, and the Free Will Baptist were to put it in good repair to keep so.

Three pastors died while serving the church. They are as follows: W.T. Wiley, June 26, 1962; T.B. Mellette, October 1962; and Daniel F. Pelt, June 22, 1975.

The following is the length of service and dates of each minister that has served Zion Free Will Baptist Church. Each minister's call or calls to the church is listed separately indicating the number of different calls the church has made throughout its history.

1. W.B. Lane	13 years	1880-1892
and		
2. G.T. Wiley	13 years	1880-1892
3. J.L. Adams	1 year	1893
4. G.T. Wiley	2 years	1894-1895
5. W.A. McDonald	2 years	1896-1897
6. W.T. Wiley	6 months	1898
7. J. Houston	2 1/2 years	1898-1900
8. W.T. Wiley	1 year	1901
9. J. Houston	4 years	1902-1905
10. W.T. Wiley	3 years	1906-1908
11. J. Houston	3 years	1909-1911
12. W.T. Wiley	5 years	1912-1916

13. S. Ely	2 years	1917-1918
14. W.T. Wiley	2 years	1919-1920
15. S. Ely	4 years	1921-1924
16. J.L. Tedder	1 year	1925
17. J.G. Harris	1 year	1926
18. W.T. Wiley	1 year	1927
19. T.B. Mellette	1 year	1928
20. K.V. Shutes	1 year	1929
21. W.T. Wiley	4 years	1930-1933
22. T.B. Mellette	2 years	1934-1935
23. W.T. Wiley	16 1/2 years	1936-1952
24. J.N. Barnes	1 1/2 years	1952-1953
25. T.B. Mellette	10 years	1953-1962
26. J.B. Lovering	1 year	1963
27. Daniel F. Pelt	12 years	1964-1975
28. W.F. McDuffie	4 months	1975
29. Dwight Hawley	3 1/4 years	1975-1978
30. Donald Coates	3 years	1978-1981
31. Chester Pelt	2 1/2 years	1981-1984
32. Dan Rivers	1 year/ 8 mo.	4/84-12/85
33. William Smith	4 years/1 mo.	01/86-02/90
34. Marty McWilliams	4 years/ 3 mo.	03/90-06/94
35. Stephen Prescott	2 months	06/94-08/94
36. Gene Phillips	11/2 mo.	09/94-10/94
37. Bill Robertson	5 months	10/94-02/95
38. Mike Lee	2 years/2 mo.	03/95-05/97
39. David Murphy	6 months	05/97-10/97
40. Ricky Gilmore	10 months	10/97-08/98
41. Travis Sturgill	1 year/1 mo.	01/99-02/00
42. Terry Drinkwater	4 months	02/00-06/00
43. Barry Hedrick		06/00-present

Church Clerks and Treasurers

J.W. Anglin was elected the first clerk at the time of the organization in 1880. L.C. Weaver was elected as the second clerk in 1885. He was succeeded by J.A. Cannon from 1888 through 1900. H.A. Alston served 1901 and 1902. J.W. Anglin was elected again in 1907, and C.C. Lane served in 1908 through 1912. L.C. Weaver served again from 1913 to 1919. W.E.

Chambers was elected in 1920 and remain in office through 1924. Jimmy Wiley was elected in 1925 until his death in July of 1967. Following his death, Mrs. Bernice Still was elected through July 2003. Mrs. Ann Brackin was elected in July 2003.

Deacons

The first records of deacons were A.J. Smith and L.C. Weaver. The following named men are the deacons, both elected and received by letter as deacons.

*A. J. Smith (Nov. 1881), *L.C. Weaver (Nov. 1881), *J.S. Anderson (Feb. 1930), Hollis Still (Feb. 1930 Resigned July 1930), *Henry G. Wiley (Summer of 1936), *Martin W. Still (Summer of 1936), Gordon Lane (by letter), David M. Still (Oct. 1962), Hursyeen Rollins (Oct. 1962), Ralph Ellis (July 1971), Milton Anderson (July 1971), Cyril English (July 1971), Bobby Davis (Aug. 1980), *Joe Freeman (Aug. 1980), Curtis Hughes (Aug. 1980 Resigned Nov. 2000), James Weaver (Sept. 1985). Present Deacons: Milton Anderson, Hursteen Rollins, Cyril English, James Weaver and David Still.

*Deacons who died in office.

Other Special Dates

The first Ladies Aid (Ladies Auxiliary) President was Mrs. Laurie Anderson, 1928. Started building fund, first offering was \$17.55; also first gas heat in church, used old wood heater until, 1955. Joined Paul Palmer Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist and dedication of new church building, 1963. First renovation to church building, adding two Sunday School rooms, two offices plus a baptistery, 1967. In 1971, purchased air conditioner for Sanctuary. In 1972, major renovation to old School house (dinning hall). In 1975 purchased steeple, plus new air conditioners, and began full time church services. In 1976 renovation of School house (dinning hall) and adopted our first budget. In 1979 final payment on renovation note. In 1980 completed parsonage one month prior to celebrating our 100th anniversary of Zion Church. In 1987 bricked the church, added five Sunday School rooms, men and ladies restroom, and a Pastor's study. In 1988 installed storm windows and vinyl siding to the dinning hall. In July 1990, planted grass in cemetery to help take care of water situation. In 1992, we had our first Church Homecoming. In Jan. 1993, discontinued morning services during revivals, and Bobby Johnston licensed to preach July 19, 1993. In Jan. 1994 discontinued League. In 1997, next Church renovation,

new ceiling, lights, roof, fixed steeple, landscape, sound system, and etc. In 2000, renovation note paid. After coming out of the army, David Still learned the bell at Hilton School was the same as had originated in our old School house (dinning hall) which moved to Hilton when Sowhatchee School consolidated to Hilton School in 1925; therefore, the bell was owned by Zion, so we went to Hilton, got the bell, and brought it back to Zion where it remains in the steeple. We had summer camp at Norman Park from 1971 through 2001 (30 years).

Bible School

On April 5, 1930, the subject of Bible School was introduced, embracing the states of Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. Members agreed that the School House would be used, rent free. Rev. T.B. Mellette was to be the teacher, and Rev. K.V. Shutes, Secretary-Treasurer. Zion Bible School, for lack of space, moved to Dothan, Alabama in 1942, for one month. Then Rev. T.B. Mellette was on a committee to help secure a more central location for a Bible School; it was decided and the National Association bought property in Nashville, Tennessee for a Bible College. The property in Dothan was sold and proceeds were given to the Bible College in Nashville; therefore, the Bible College in Nashville grew out of the Zion Bible School. Records of the Bible School were sent to the Bible College in Nashville. Efforts have been made to secure copies but to no avail. This is a historical building dating back to the 1800's.

The idea of an encampment for our youth came from a group of women in the Jakin Free Will Baptist Church, Jakin, Georgia. In 1935 these women attended a Union Meeting at the Cedar Springs Church and presented their adeas to Rev. K. V. Shutes, who readily agreed and he presented the idea to the Union Meeting, The idea was endorsed by the Union and agreed to sponsor the work. Rev. S. T. Shutes was appointed chairman of the committee and Rev. Joe Fort and Miss Dot Harvey were appointed as committee members by the Moderator, Rev. Cheshire. The first meeting was at Rev. Shutes home. Mr. A. D. Harvey was present to help support the work. The first session of camp was held at Zion Bible School, Zion Free Will Baptist Church in 1936 with 20 students attending. The Zion Bible School in the Midway district was where many young men were attending Bible School, Zion was the only Free Will Baptist College because Eureka in North Carolina had burned.

Partial List of Students

Daniel Pelt, W.F. McDuffie, Lacey Mae Ward, Denny Ward, Scottie Driggers, Chester Pelt, Cooper Fort, Maynard Woodlief, Robert Ward, Perry Buckins, Floyd Cherry, J.B. Lovering, Luther Norris K.V. Shutes, S.T. Shutes, and John N. Barnes.