

MINUTES
of the
160th ANNUAL SESSION
of the

Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association

Meeting at the
Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church
Marion County, Georgia

October 7, 1995

OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR

Moderator Rev. Warren Wyatt
Assistant Moderator Rev. Tim Hutchinson
Clerk Bro. C.W. Carroll
Assistant Clerk Rev. Jeff Lunsford

The next session will convene with First Free Will Baptist Church
in Thomaston, Georgia on October 5, 1996 at 10:30 A.M.

DEDICATION

This edition of the Minutes of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association is presented in loving memory of

Bro. Clifford Wilbur Carroll, Sr.

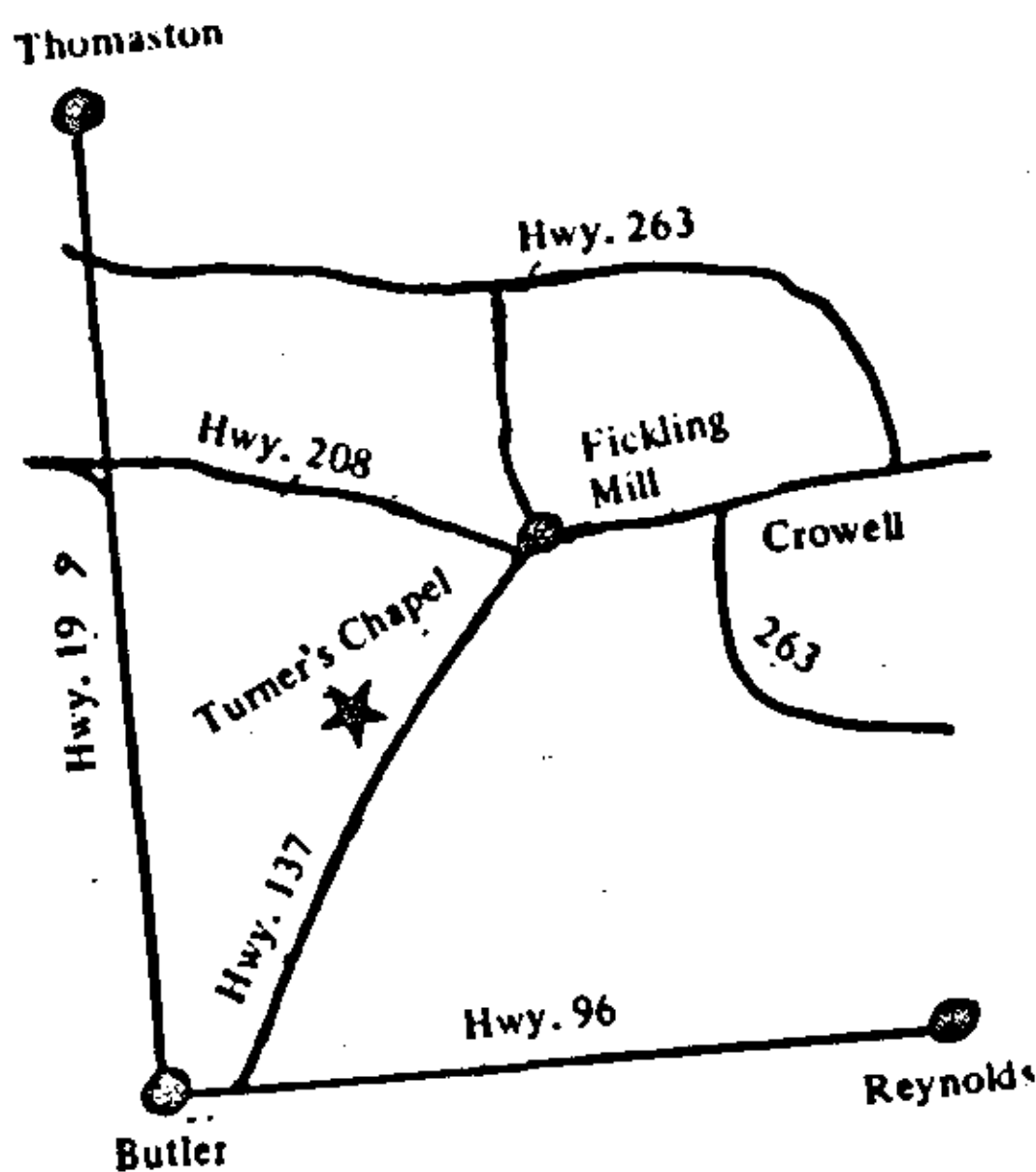
July 28, 1935 - June 26, 1995

Bro. Carroll was elected Clerk of the Chatahoochee Association on Oct. 6, 1979, when the Annual Meeting was held at the Little Bethel Church in Ideal. He faithfully served in this capacity, not missing a single meeting until the time of his death, after a valiant struggle with cancer.

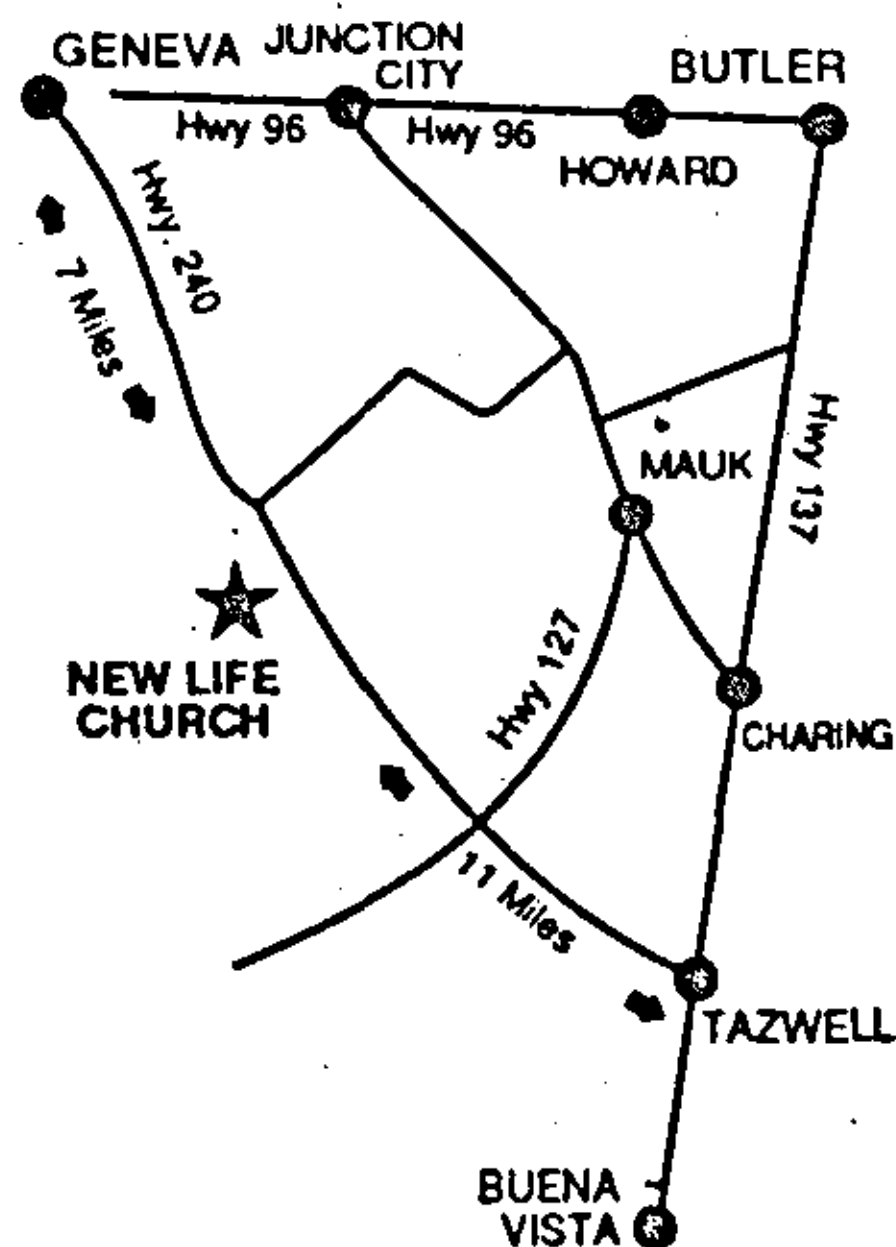
He faithfully served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and leader in the Turner's Chapel Church for more than 20 years. He was also a mainstay among the volunteer firefighters.

Bro. Wilbur loved his Lord and put Him first in all that he did. He worked hard at his occupation, in his church, and for his friends and church family. He is sorely missed by us all. He was greatly loved by all.

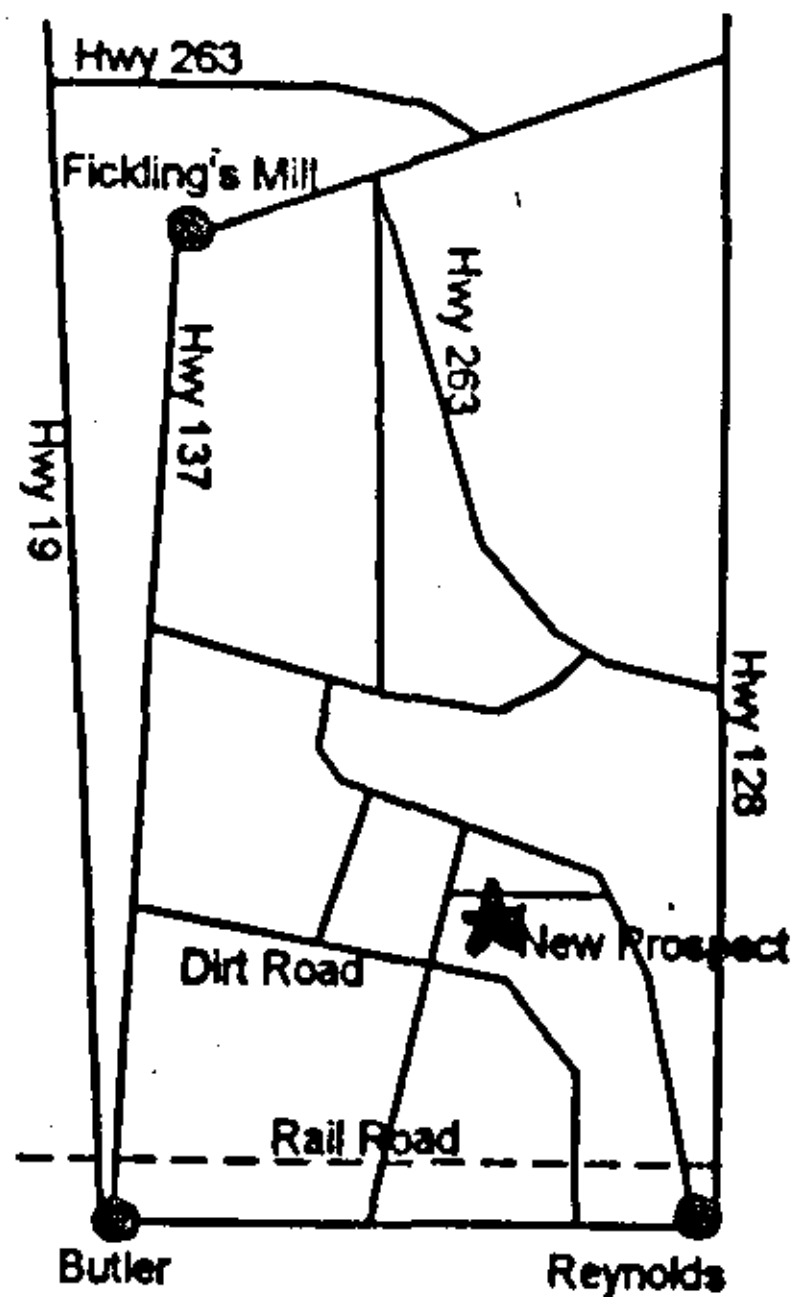
First Quarterly Meeting
 Turner's Chapel
 Jan. 6, 1996
 Sermon: Rev. Jeff Lunsford



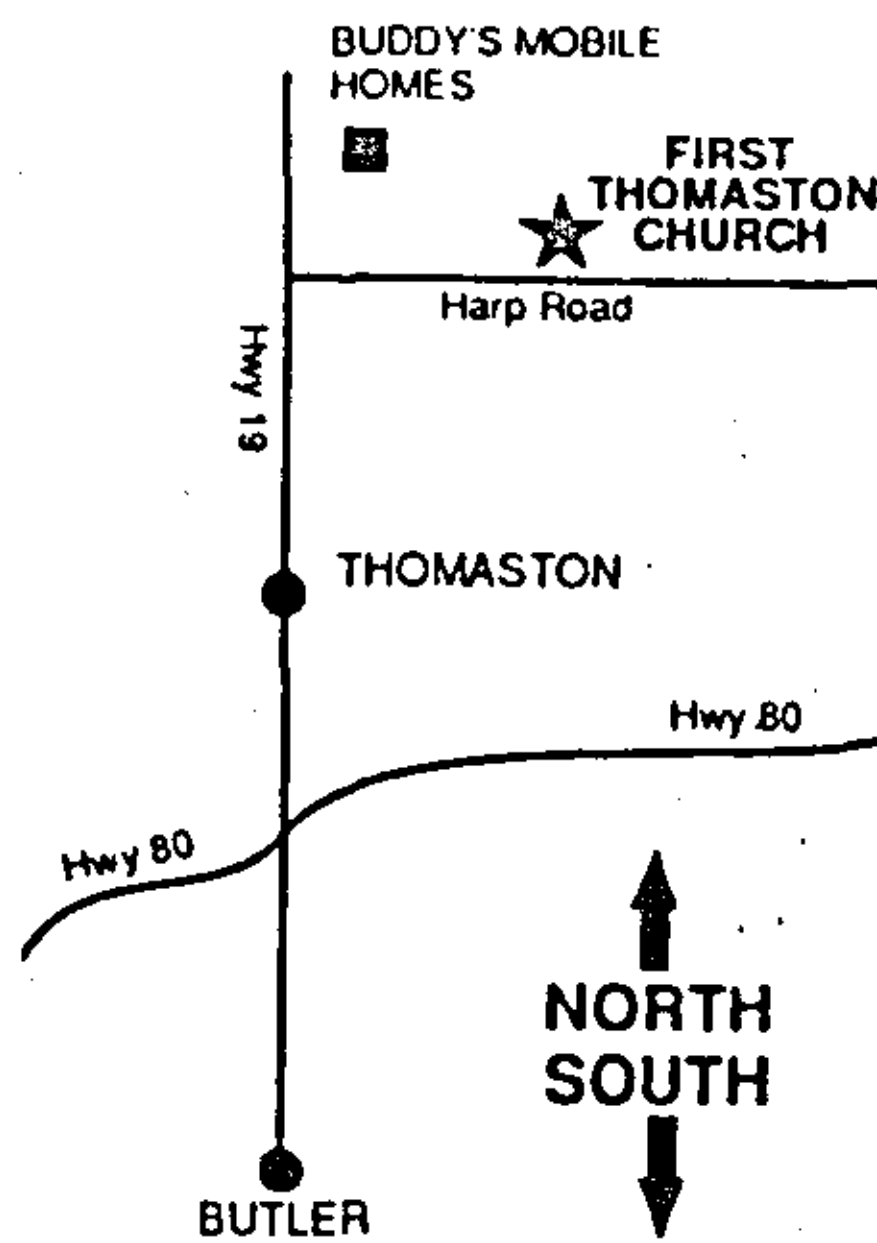
Second Quarterly Meeting
 New Life
 April 6, 1996
 Sermon: Rev. Arthur Smith



Third Quarterly Meeting
 New Prospect
 July 6, 1996
 Sermon: Rev. Herbert Waid



Annual Meeting
 First Thomaston
 Oct. 5, 1996
 Sermon: Rev. Charles Clark



YOUTH RALLY DATES & LOCATIONS

January 20, 1996 Spring Hill
 April 13, 1996 First Thomaston
 July 20, 1996 To be announced
 October 19, 1996 To be announced

CLERKS

BETHANY - Mrs. Jean Foster; P.O. Box 328 Buena Vista, GA 31803
(912) 649-7945

FIRST THOMASTON - Mrs. Elaine McHargue; 2266 Rocky Bottom Road
The Rock, GA 30285 (706) 647-2204

LITTLE BETHEL - Mrs. Leonard Layfield; Rt. 1, Box 234 Butler, GA 31006
(912) 862-3907

MOUNT OLIVE - Mrs. Phyllis Windham; Rt. 1, Box 169-B;
Reynolds, GA 31076 (912) 847-3335

NEW LIBERTY - Mr. J.C. Kirkland; Rt. 4, Box 84; Buena Vista, GA 31803
(912) 937-2359

NEW LIFE - Mrs. Sarah Anthony; Rt. 1, Box 122; Mauk, GA 31058
(912) 269-3839

NEW PROSPECT - Mrs. Carolyn Wainwright; Rt. 2, Box 105
Reynolds, GA 31076 (912) 847-4344

SPRING HILL - Mrs. Bernice McCall, Rt. 1, Box 28-A; Mauk, GA 31058
(912) 649-7273

TRINITY - Mrs. Josephine Welch; Rt. 1, Box 253, Mauk, GA 31058
(912) 862-3356

TURNER'S CHAPEL - Mr. Gerald Moore; Rt. 2, Box 130; Butler, GA 31006
(912) 847-4462

STATISTICAL TABLE

Church	Pastor	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Total Member -ship	Sunday School Enrolled	C.T.S. Enrolled	Woman's Auxiliary	Master's Men
Bethany		0	0	1	11	11	0	62	36	0	0	0
First Thomaston	Rev. Lunsford	1	0	2	3	1	125	58	30	0	9	0
Little Bethel	Rev. Sidney Jones	1	0	4	0	1	10	76	50	0	7	5
Mt. Olive		2	0	3	1	2	16	144	46	0	0	0
New Liberty	Rev. Eugene R. Ross	2	0	2	1	2	0	34	22	0	0	0
New Life		0	0	4	0	5	4	137	25	0	20	16
New Prospect	Rev. Hubert Arnold	2	1	3	9	8	4	135	60	0	0	0
Spring Hill	Rev. Brian Fuller	0	0	2	0	6	6	54	40	0	20	0
Trinity	Rev. Warren Wyatt	1	0	4	0	1	1	44	30	0	0	0
Turner's Chapel	Rev. Charles Clark	1	0	3	0	0	3	184	30	0	0	0
TOTALS		10	1	28	25	37	169	928	369	0	56	21

FINANCIAL TABLE

Church	County	City/Town Rural	Pastor: Full/Part Time	Budget	Parsonage	Value of Church & Parsonage	Tithes & Offerings
Bethany	Marion	R	PT	No	No	50,000	
First Thomaston	Upson	C/T	FT	Yes	Yes	350,000	30,235.46
Little Bethel	Macon	R	FT	No	Yes	80,000	20,362.10
Mt. Olive	Taylor	R	FT	No	Yes	275,000	17,143.66
New Liberty	Schley	R	PT	No	No		
New Life	Marion	R	PT	No	Yes	151,000	15,000.00
New Prospect	Taylor	R	FT	No	No	75,000	10,000.00
Spring Hill	Marion	R	PT	No	No	95,000	19,000.00
Trinity	Taylor	R	FT	No	No	200,000	39,923.69
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	R	FT	No	Yes	190,000	16,779.81
TOTALS				1	5	1,466,000.00	168,444.72

GENERAL OFFICERS

- Rev. Sidney Jones, Moderator 2 Years
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- Rev. Eugene Ross, Assistant Moderator 2 Years
Rt. 2, Box 162, Reynolds, GA 31076 • (912) 847-3449
- Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Clerk 1 Year
P.O. Box 302, Thomaston, GA 30286 • (706) 648-2055 Home
• (706) 648-3834 Office
- Melissa Lunsford, Assistant Clerk 1 Year
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ORDAINING COUNCIL

- Dwight Smith 3 Years
Rt. 1, Box 1790, Box Springs, GA 31801 • (912) 649-7755
- Rev. Warren Wyatt 2 Years
P.O. Box 68, Howard, GA 31039 • (912) 862-5585
- Rev. Hubert Arnold 1 Year
P.O. Box 912, Reynolds, GA 31076 • (912) 847-4627

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Ralph Windham 5 Years
Rt. 1, Butler, GA 31006 • (912) 862-3704
- Leroy Lowe 4 Years
Rt. 2, Box 75, Butler, GA 31006 • (912) 862-3004
- Monroe Tyson Ray 3 Years
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Thomaston, GA 30286 (706) 647-1615

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Tyson Ray; P.O. Box 36, Ideal, GA 31041 (912) 949-2851

W.T. Williams; P.O. Box 412, Reynolds, GA 31076 (912) 847-3377

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Elbert Streetman; Rt. 1, Ellaville, GA 31806 (912) 937-2885

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Dwight Smith; Rt. 1, Box 1790, Mauk, GA 31801 (912) 649-7755

Oliver Stubbs; Rt. 1, Box 87 Mauk, GA 31058 (912) 649-4816

J.W. Teat; Rt. 1, Box 134, Mauk, GA 31058 (912) 862-3412

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Robert Loper; Americus, GA 31709 (912) 924-5979

David Tharpe; Rt. 2, Reynolds, GA 31076

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160th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 160th Annual Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association was held at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Marion County, on Oct. 7, 1995. The meeting began at 10:30 A.M. with everyone singing "Joy Unspeakable," followed by an opening prayer.

Rev. Brian Fuller, the host pastor, welcomed everyone and then turned the business over to Moderator Warren Wyatt.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and welcomed delegates and visitors. Corresponding letters were then called for and Bro. Roy McHargue and Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. were appointed to read them. Church delegates were as follows:

1. Bethany: Vicki Mathis
2. First Thomaston: Melissa Lunsford, Roy McHargue
3. Little Bethel: Ruby Layfield, Blondell Layfield
4. Mt. Olive: Syd Crook, Eddie Windham, Barbara Jean Windham
5. New. Liberty:
6. New Life:
7. New Prospect: Pete Pearson, Wylodine Pearson, Todd Kirksey, Barbara Arnold
8. Spring Hill: April Wyrick, Sylvia Catchings, Pat Hagler, Mary Grier
9. Trinity: Josephine Welch, Marilyn Smith
10. Turner's Chapel: Gloria Lowe

MSC to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates.

Rev. Hubert Arnold asked for the Ordaining Council vacancy to be filled this morning so that they could meet this afternoon. He suggested that the Moderator appoint someone to sit in for today only. MSC to do this. The Moderator appointed Bro. Dwight Smith to fill the vacancy.

Petitionary letters were called for. There were none.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and received. The Moderator then instructed the clerk to call the roll for the following committees.

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Hubert Arnold Present
Dea. Morris Lawhorn Present

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dea. Monroe Tyson Ray..... Present
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr. Present
Dea. Ralph Windham Present

ROLL CALL FOR THE SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Dea. Leonard Layfield Present
Bro. Roy McHargue Present
Bro. Syd Crook Present

Moderator Wyatt then appointed the following committees:

TEMPERANCE

Todd Kirksey
Gloria Lowe
Rev. Sydney Jones

SUNDAY SCHOOL

J. W. Teat
Barbara Jean Windham
Rev. Brian Fuller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. Gene Ross
Eddie Windham
Marilyn Smith

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Bernice McCall
Vicki Mathis
Ruby Layfield

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Josephine Welch
Roy McHargue
Charles Clerk

In the way of old business, the clerk read a report from the Ordaining Council regarding Bro. Brian Fuller:

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

The Ordaining Council, in conjunction with the Executive Committee and the General Officers of the Chattahoochee Association, met with Brother Brian K. Fuller on Tuesday, August 1, 1995, at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, at 7:00 PM.

After a time of general discussion it was decided that Brother Fuller should meet with the Ordaining Council for actual examination. Inasmuch as Deacon Morris Lawhorn was the only Ordaining Council member able to attend the meeting, Moderator Warren Wyatt appointed the Assistant Moderator (Rev. Tim Hutchinson) and the Clerk (Rev. Jeff Lunsford) to serve on the Ordaining Council for that meeting. Deacon E.A. Welch, Jr., a friend of Brother Fuller, was also asked to sit in on the examination.

Upon careful and thorough examination, we, the Ordaining Council for that meeting, recommend that any period of watchcare be waived and that Brother Brian K. Fuller's ordination credentials be reinstated, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon Morris Lawhorn
Rev. Tim Hutchinson
Rev. Jeff Lunsford

Deacon E. A. Welch made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Ordaining Council. Seconded by Deacon Morris Lawhorn. The motion carried.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

Melissa Lunsford reported that ladies from churches interested in organizing a Woman's Auxiliary in their church should meet with her during the noon hour.

YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

It was announced that it is time to begin studying and practicing for the Bible Competitive Activities and the Music & Arts Festival. Our goal is to have 3 competitors from our district to go to State Competition this year. Melissa Lunsford requested that all the youth present today meet with her during the afternoon session in the fellowship hall for a time of fun and activities.

The Moderator then turned the meeting over to the host church for the worship hour. After exthusiastic singing of the old hymn, "I'm Going That Way" and the receiving of the morning's offering, Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary of the Georgia State Association, brought the morning message. Bro. Waid's message pointed out the greatness of God, and how that God, because of our small, human minds, must communicate Himself to us in terms we are familiar with. After the message, we were dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 PM. Rev. Charles Clark gave a report for the State Mission Board. Luther Burns has resigned. We were encouraged to pray that God would send the right man to continue the work in North Fayette.

Bro. Roy McHargue gave the youth report. He reported that there were 60 in attendance at the last youth rally with only 3 churches represented. The Macon puppet team and youth choir gave a great presentation at Mount Olive. Bro. McHargue encouraged greater participation at future youth rallies.

Bro. McHargue then reported about camp for next year. Camp Eunice was found to be inadequate for our camp needs, so a request for reservations has been submitted to F.D.R. State Park for another year.

Our next youth rally is entitled "Snow In October" and will feature Nathan and Linda Snow, newly appointed Free Will Baptist missionaries to Japan. The rally is scheduled for Oct. 21, at 7:00 PM at Turner's Chapel.

-- Youth rally dates for 1996 are as follows:

January 20	--	Spring Hill F.W.B. Church
April 13	--	First F.W.B. - Thomaston
July 20	--	?
October 19	--	?

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council of the 160th Annual Chattahoochee Association, have met with and questioned Curtis Kirksey, and our recommendation is that he be set aside to be ordained at a later date, to be set by his home church.

Dwight Smith
Morris Lawhorn
Hubert Arnold

The recommendation carried.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the Temperance Committee suggest:

1. Let all churches pray for one another, and have unity with each other.
2. Let us combine in one mind and in one accord for those churches without pastors, for God to send the pastors needed.
3. Be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us.
4. That any problems between any be resolved today, and let us go in unity to the fields that are white unto harvest.

Todd Kirksey
Gloria Lowe
Sidney Jones

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We suggest that each church within the Association organize a committee to draw the younger generation, that they may be made more attentive to the need of attending Sunday School.

We further suggest that each one present today take a more active role in Sunday School with hopefulness and, prayerfully, this will encourage others to take an active part.

Let every church uphold each other in prayer as we pursue the direction of God in these matters.

J.W. Teat
Barbara Windham
Brian Fuller

FINANCE COMMITTEE

General Fund

Previous Balance	\$ 525.13
Representation fees received today	445.00
Offering Today	<u>76.00</u>
Balance on hand	\$1,046.13

Mission Fund \$1,045.00

Benevolent Fund

Previous Balance	\$ 483.89
Paid July - September	
Mrs. J.W. Childree	75.00
Mrs. Polly Jordan	<u>75.00</u>
	333.89
Rec'd today (New Prospect).....	<u>50.00</u>
	\$ 383.89

Eddie Windham
Marilyn Smith
Eugene Ross

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee, have the following deaths to report:

BETHANY

Bro. Bobby Foster - 3/24/95

MOUNT OLIVE

Sis. Pearlie Hinton - 10/26/95

Bro. Ernest Parker - 9/15/95

NEW PROSPECT

Sis. Lois Windham - 8/9/95

TURNER'S CHAPEL

Bro. C.W. Carroll - 6/26/95

Bro. Ernest Heath - 2/4/95

Sis. Annie Spillers - 4/6/95

LITTLE BETHEL

Sis. Mell Brown Cromer - 10/30/94

NEW LIFE

Bro. George Albert Stubbs - 6/31/95

TRINITY

Bro. Sidney B. Rustin - 9/6/95

Ruby Layfield
Vicki Mathis
Bernice McCall

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We the Suggestion Committee suggest that:

1. Each minister from each one of our churches attend at least one meeting during the year.
2. The offering today be given to the Youth Fund of our Association.
3. The following amendments that are to be read be instituted into our Constitution.
4. We give the host church a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for the good food and fine fellowship enjoyed today.

Item # 1. Amended to read, "each of our ministers should make every effort to attend our quarterly Association meetings. Those ministers who do not attend three out of four meetings a year, without just cause, and without notifying their delegates of the reason for their absence, shall have their names dropped from our ministerial roll." The amended motion carried, and the Clerk was instructed to notify all ministers of this change in practice.

Item # 2. MSC

Item # 3. The proposed amendments are as follows:

Whereas this body previously authorized a revision of the Constitution of the Chattahoochee Association, with the intent of bringing it into closer conformity to the Constitution of our State Association, and,

Whereas this action has not been done,

The following is offered as an amendment to the Constitution of the Chattahoochee Association:

1. The General Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk/Treasurer, an a Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.
2. The Executive Board shall be composed of the General Officers, the chairman of the Ordaining Council, and two additional members elected at large.
3. When the Chattahoochee Association is not in session, the Executive Board shall be fully authorized to do any business in the name of the Chattahoochee Association.
4. The Chattahoochee Association has full authority to direct the Executive Board in all business conducted on its behalf.
5. The Executive Board has the prerogative of deferring any matter to the Chattahoochee Association as a whole, but is not under any obligation to do so.
6. The Executive Board shall report to the Chattahoochee Association in session concerning any business conducted for the Association since its last convening.
7. No Chattahoochee Association committee or board may borrow money or financially obligate the Chattahoochee Association without the approval of the Executive Board.
8. Any individual in good standing with a member church in good standing with

the Chattahoochee Association may be elected to any office, regardless of the office he holds in his local church (minister, deacon, etc.).

9. The individual having served the greatest portion of a three year term on the Ordaining Council shall be considered the chairman of that Council.

10. This Constitution may be changed, altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all delegates present and voting at any regular session of the Chattahoochee Association. Prior to a final vote on any amendment, change or alteration, said amendment, change or alteration shall be submitted in writing to the Clerk of this Association and shall lie on the table from one (1) business meeting to the next during the same session (morning until afternoon), during which time it shall be read at least two (2) times in open session. Officers and board, committee, or council members may be added or deleted as the need arises.

Rev. Charles Clark made a motion to table the amendments until our next meeting. Second by Morris Lawhorn. Carried.

Item # 4. MSC

Rev. Herbert Waid reported on the Camp Mt. Bethel property. The sale and/or future use of the property is still very much in question.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Josephine Welch, Roy McHargue, and Rev. Charles Clark, gave its slate of nominees. A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease and that we proceed to elect by acclamation. The vote on the motion was tied. Moderator Wyatt cast the tie-breaking vote by voting against the motion. Other nominations were made and the following officers were elected:

State Double In A Decade	Jeff Lunsford	1 year
State Board Camp Mt. Bethel	Roy McHargue	4 years
State Bd. of Christian Education	Jeff Lunsford	4 years
State Board of Trustees	E.A. Welch, Jr.	2 years
Youth/Camp Director	Roy McHargue	1 year
Suggestion Committee	Syd Crook	3 years
Executive Committee	Ralph Windham	5 years
	Leroy Lowe	4 years
	Norman Grier	1 year
Ordaining Council	Warren Wyatt	2 years
	Dwight Smith	3 years
Assistant Clerk	Melissa Lunsford	1 year
Clerk	Jeff Lunsford	1 year
Assistant Moderator	Eugene Ross	2 years
Moderator	Sidney Jones	2 years

For its final act of business at this meeting the body authorized the Clerk to appoint delegates to the State Association meeting in Statesboro, November 16-18.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The third quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists was held at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Macon County, Georgia, on July 1, 1995.

Rev. Sidney Jones, pastor of the host church, began the meeting at 10:30 AM by leading us in singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Prayer was offered by Rev. Herbert Waid.

Moderator Warren Wyatt called the meeting to order. Corresponding letters were called for. Rev. Gene Ross and Rev. Hubert Arnold were asked to read them. Letters received with their delegates are as follows:

BETHANY	: Hubert Barbaree, Juanita Deal, Vicki Mathis, Brandy Harbison
FIRST THOMASTON	: Roy McHargue
LITTLE BETHEL	: Fred Fowler, Ruby Ray, Blondell Layfield
MOUNT OLIVE	: Susan Hutchinson, Syd Crook, Frances Mullins
NEW LIBERTY	: J.C. Kirkland, Christine Kirkland, Anne Ross, Sis. A.J. Vissage
NEW PROSPECT	: Pete Pearson, Wylodine Pearson
SPRING HILL	: Linda Whitt, Bernice McCall
TRINITY	: Marilyn Smith, Melissa Hearn, Juanita Wyatt
TURNER'S CHAPEL	: Leroy Lowe, Gloria Lowe

MSC to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. (No letter was received from New Life Church.)

Moderator Wyatt appointed a Finance Committee:

- Bro. J.C. Kirkland
- Bro. Syd. Crook
- Bro. Hubert Barbaree

The chair then recognized Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr. Bro Welch informed us that he had been asked by several individuals whether the Chattahoochee Association was sending flowers for the funeral of our clerk, Bro. Wilbur Carroll. He took it upon himself to order said flowers and would turn in the bill if this was agreeable. MSC to pay the bill and gratitude was expressed to Bro. Welch for his considerate action.

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Sidney Jones	Present
Rev. Hubert Arnold	Present
Dea. Morris Lawhorn	Absent

Question was raised whether or not the Ordaining Council needed to meet today. If so, someone would have to fill in for Bro. Lawhorn. Moderator Wyatt asked the Ordaining Council to meet to clear up a question about Bro. Brian K. Fuller -- Specifically -- why did the Ordaining Council ask Bro. Fuller to serve only as an interim pastor of the Spring Hill Church until this meeting? Rev. Tim Hutchinson was asked to stand in for Bro. Lawhorn.

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dea. C.W. Carroll Deceased
Dea. Tyson Ray Present
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr. Present
Dea. Norman Grier Absent
Dea. Ralph Windham Absent

ROLL CALL FOR SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Roy McHargue..... Present
Dea. Leonard Layfield Present
Bro. Syd Crook Present

STATE TRUSTEE BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Tim Hutchinson Present

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The meeting was then turned over to the host church for the Worship Service. Pastor Sidney Jones led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace". Rev. Jeff Lunsford preached from Matt. 28:19-20 on "What The Church Must Remember." He pointed out our Lord's commission to His Church to make, mark, and mature disciples. The meeting was then adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting resumed at 1:00 PM. Bro. Pete Pearson led us in singing, "The Family of God." Rev. Gene Ross brought a brief devotion from Nehemiah 9:1-3. He reminded us of the Jews' return from captivity. They separated themselves from those who were not the people of God. They confessed their sin. They stood in their place (i.e., accepted their responsibilities). And they read the Lord's Word. As a result, the Lord sent revival!

Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, then reported to us on denominational news. He reminded us of the upcoming National Association in Charlotte, and that Georgia would host the National in Atlanta in 1999. Also, due to the devaluation of the dollar against foreign currencies, Dale & Sandra Bishop, and Debbie Griffin, our missionaries to Japan, are in need of more money.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson reported that our next Youth Rally would be August 19 at Mt. Olive Church (7:00 PM). The White Oaks FWB Church in Macon is bringing their puppet team and youth choir. Balance in the Youth Fund is \$168.61.

Bro. Hutchinson also reported on Camp Mt. Carmel. There were 107 campers (50 from Chattahoochee Association) and 21 counselors. Decisions recorded were as follows: 9 salvations, 21+ rededications, and 33 teens made commitments to remain sexually abstinent until marriage. Bro. Hutchinson offered a motion to authorize the securing of a campsite for next year, and to invite or not invite other associations to participate with us at his and Roy McHargue's discretion. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We, the Suggestion Committee, suggest that:

1. We remember Bro. Wilbur Carroll and the work he faithfully did as our clerk for so many years, and keep his family in our prayers.
2. The offering received today go into the General Fund.
3. We give a raising vote of thanks to the camp director and all who assisted at Camp Mt. Carmel this past week.
4. We give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the good food and fellowship today.

- Bro. Roy McHargue
- Dea. Leonard Layfield
- Bro. Syd Crook

FINANCE REPORT

Benevolent Fund

Balance 4-1-95	\$ 583.89
Paid Childree & Jordan (May - June)	- 100.00
Balance on Hand	483.89

Mission Fund

Balance 4-1-95	\$1,045.00
Balance on Hand	\$1,045.00

General Fund

Balance 4-1-95.....	504.31
Today's Representation Fees	190.00
	694.31
Flowers for Wilbur Carroll	- 42.40
Balance on Hand	651.91

- Bro. J.C. Kirkland
- Bro. Hubert Barbaree
- Bro. Syd Crook

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by Rev. Tim Hutchinson. Their recommendations concerning Mr. Brian K. Fuller were:

"Ask Brother Fuller to reappear before the Ordaining Council to be re-examined -- and if he passes this examination, let him be under the watchcare of the Chattahoochee (Association) for a year. After a year without further problems his credentials would be reinstated. And,

ask Brother Fuller to go to New Life (Free Will Baptist Church) during a worship service and publicly apologize to them for past actions. This should be done with a witness from the Association."

After being duly moved and seconded, their recommendations were adopted by the body with the expressed sentiment that this was not asking too much of Bro. Fuller, and that it is sincerely hoped he will submit to these recommendations. Rev. Sidney Jones resigned from the Ordaining Council in objection to these recommendations. The clerk was instructed to send copies of the recommendations to Bro. Fuller and to the clerks of both New Life and Spring Hill churches.

MSC by Rev. Gene Ross that our Assistant Clerk, Rev. Jeff Lunsford, be elected Clerk. Sis. Suzan Hutchinson was elected to serve as Assistant Clerk.

There were approximately 45 people in attendance today. The offering was \$31.00, and will appear on the next quarter's Finance Committee report.

After local church announcements, the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Moderator
Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting was held at First Thomaston Church, Upson County, Thomaston, Georgia, April 1, 1995.

Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Pastor of the host church, led the singing to open the business. Then prayer by Bro. George Willis.

The Moderator, Rev. Warren Wyatt, called for the corresponding letters and appointed Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. and Bro. Roy McHargue to read them. They are as follows:

1. BETHANY
2. FIRST THOMASTON - Bro. Roy McHargue, Bro. George Willis, Sis. Helen Salter
3. LITTLE BETHEL - Sis. Ruby Layfield, Sis. Blodell Layfield
4. MOUNT OLIVE - Sis. Suzan Hutchinson, Sis. Barbara Jean Windham, Bro. Syd Crook
5. NEW LIBERTY - Bro. Perry Lunsford, Sis. Sara Lunsford, Bro. John Kirkland, Sis. Christine Kirkland, Sis. Anne Ross
6. NEW LIFE - By letter.
7. NEW PROSPECT - Bro. Pete Pearson, Sis. Wylodine Pearson
8. SPRING HILL - Sis. Linda Whitt, Sis. Myrtle Grier, Sis. Ruth Amerson
9. TRINITY - Sis. Melissa Wyatt, Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Sis. Josephine Welch, Sis. Wanda Puente.
10. TURNER'S CHAPEL - Bro. Edward Robinson

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

Rev. Tim Hutchinson reported on how to have an offering for the foreign mission for April. April has 5 Sundays. Each person puts \$1.00 each Sunday in an envelope. At the end of April each person would have \$5.00 to give for missions.

The Moderator welcomed everyone, and special welcome to Rev. Herbert Waid and his wife and Bro. Huckabee and his wife.

The Moderator appointed Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Bro. George Willis and Bro. Pete Pearson for the Finance Committee.

Rev. Herbert Waid reported for the State Minutes and the Missions Offering, how it was divided between the Foreign Missions and the State Missions.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. They were moved, second, and carried to be accepted as read.

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Sidney Jones	Present
Rev. Hubert Arnold	Present
Dea. Morris Lawhorn	Absent

Deacon Morris Lawhorn was excused for today. The Moderator appointed Dea. Ralph Windham to take Dea. Lawhorn's place for today.

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dea. C.W. Carroll	Present
Dea. Monroe Tyson Ray	Present

Dea. E. A. Welch	Present
Dea. Gleason Fowler	Absent
Bro. Martin Windham	Absent

Little Bethel's delegates reported that Dea. Gleason Fowler is moving his membership to a church in Albany and should be replaced on this committee and the Board of Trustees today. Also, Bro. Martin Windham has missed two consecutive meetings. They will be replaced in the afternoon session.

ROLL CALL FOR SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Roy McHargue	Present
Dea. Leonard Layfield	Present
Bro. Syd Crook	Present

Rev. Jeff Lunsford reported that he will attend the State Competition with the young people. His son, Joseph Lunsford (7 yrs. old), did the names and order of the books of the Old and New Testament without missing.

The Moderator turned the service over to the host church for the morning service. Rev. Lunsford asked Rev. Charles Clark and Bro. McHargue to receive the offering today and then opened with prayer. Then led singing "Where Could I Go." (The offering was \$50.00). Then called Rev. Arthur Smith for the morning sermon.

Rev. Smith delivered a wonderful message to us all on Luke 8:22-25. "Serving In The Storms Of Life."

Rev. Tim Hutchinson asked for help at Camp Mt. Carmel.
Dismissed for lunch with prayer by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The young people of Mount Olive opened the business with a special song.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson delivered a short devotion on Psalms 40:1. Beginning with prayer.

The Moderator called for any reports.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mission Fund Balance	\$ 1,045.00
Assoc. Balance as of Jan. Meeting	358.26
Paid to First Thomaston Church for	
Guidelines - Competitive Act	8.95
Paid today the Youth Group	<u>25.00</u>
Balance of Beginning	324.31
Received with letters	<u>180.00</u>
Balance 4-1-95	\$ 504.31

It was moved, seconded and carried to be accepted.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee suggested three different items:

1. That the offering go to Bro. Carroll to show our love for him. It was moved, seconded, and carried.
2. That each church support our youth camp this June in prayer and any other way that is needed.
3. That we give First Thomaston a rising vote of thanks for the good food and fellowship.

It was moved, seconded and carried.

BENEVOLENCE FUND REPORT

Balance at last meeting	\$ 483.89
Paid for Feb., March, April	
Mrs. Childree	75.00
Mrs. Jordan	75.00
Received from Trinity	100.00
Received from New Prospect today	100.00
Received from New Liberty today	100.00
Balance on hand 4-1-95	\$ 583.89

CHATTAHOOCHEE DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

1. Treasury Report
 - Beginning Balance \$ 139.33
 - Deposits
 - Camp Reservations \$ 570.00
 - Regular 116.08
 - Ending Balance \$ 252.01*

* Note: \$100 Camp Funds
\$152.01 Youth Rally Funds

2. Last Youth Rally - January 27, 1995
4 churches with 60 in attendance at our lock-in
3. Youth Rally in May
Saturday, May 20, 1995, beginning ____ P.M. at F.D.R. State Park, Pine Mountain. Brothers Charles Clark, Jeff Lunsford, and Roy McHargue will be in charge. Please bring your own food, drinks and supplies. There will be a \$2.00 parking fee per car.
4. Announcement
State Youth Conference May 12-13, 1995 At First F.W.B. Church in Albany, GA
5. Camp Report - Camp Mount Carmel
Date: June 25-30, 1995 at F.D.R. State Park in Pine Mountain.
Fee: \$60.00 must be paid before June 1, 1995
Basis: First come - first serve. No refunds.

Time: Arrival counsellors - 4:00 P.M. Campers 5:00 P.M.

Meals: \$3.50 per meal plus \$2.00 park fee per day

Rules: State's rules.

It was moved, seconded and accepted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee asked for Dea. Norman Grier to take Dea. Gleason Fowler's place until Oct. 1996. Dea Ralph Windham take Bro. Martin Windham's till Oct. 1995.

I was moved, seconded, and carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Tim Hutchinson accepted Dea. Gleason Fowler's place on the Board of Trustees.

It was moved, seconded and carried.

The next youth rally will be held at Mt. Olive. Joseph Lunsford will be in the next State Competition.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordaining Council, having shared with Brother Brian K. Fuller, request for him to be interim pastor of Spring Hill Church till the next quarterly meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried.

Rev. Sidney Jones
Rev. Hubert Arnold
Dea. Ralph Windham

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Charles Clark.

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

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The First Quarterly Meeting was held at Trinity Church, Taylor County, Mauck, Georgia on January 7, 1995.

Song service began at 10:30 A.M. led by Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. Prayer by Rev. Tim Hutchinson.

The Moderator took charge, welcomed everyone, then called for the corresponding letters, with Rev. Gene Ross and Rev. Tim Hutchinson to read them. Delegates were as follows:

1. BETHANY - Sis. Syble Fuller, Sis. Vicki Mathis, Bro. Vita Deal
2. FIRST THOMASTON - Sis. Melissa Lunsford, Bro. Roy McHargue
3. LITTLE BETHEL - Sis. Fred Fowler, Sis. Sarah Fowler, Sis. Ruby Layfield, Sis. Ruby Ray
4. MOUNT OLIVE - Sis. Suzan Hutchinson, Sis. Barbara J. Windham, Bro. Syd Crook, Bro. James Windham
5. NEW LIBERTY - Sis. Anne Ross, Bro. Perry Lunsford, Sis. Sara Lunsford, Bro. John Kirkland, Sis. Christine Kirkland
6. NEW LIFE - Sis. Arline Smith
7. NEW PROSPECT - Bro. Pete Pearson, Sis. Wylodene Pearson, Sis. Bessie Tharpe
8. SPRING HILL - Sis. Linda Whitt, Sis. Ruth Amerson, Sis. Myrtle Grier, Sis. Bernice McCall
9. TRINITY - Sis. Marilyn Smith, Sis. Melissa Wyatt
10. TURNER'S CHAPEL - Sis. Mandy Robinson, Sis. Leila Averett

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

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

ROLL CALL FOR ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Sidney Jones	Present
Rev. Hubert Arnold	Present
Dea. Morris Lawhorn	Absent

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dea. C.W. Carroll	Present
Dea. Monroe Tyson Ray	Present
Dea. E.A. Welch, Jr.	Present
Dea. Gleason Fowler	Present
Bro. Martin Windham	Absent

ROLL CALL FOR SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Roy McHargue	Present
Dea. Leonard Layfield	Absent
Bro. Syd Crook	Absent

Bro. Jeff Lunsford and Sis. Anne Ross will take the place of the two missing today. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept these roll calls for today.

The Moderator appointed Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Rev. Charles Clark, and Rev. Arthur Smith to be on the Finance Committee.

The Moderator then asked for any other reports.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson reported for the District Youth Rally:

1. Treasury Report

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 158.78
Deposits	83.35
Expenditures	102.80
Ending Balance	\$ 139.33

2. Youth Rally Dates for 1995

January 27, 1995 - Thomaston
May 20, 1995 - F.D.R. State Park
October 22, 1995 - Turner's Chapel

3. January 1995 Youth Rally

Date: January 27, 1995 - Friday - 7:00
What: Lock -In - Friday PM through Saturday breakfast
Where: Family Life Center
First Assembly of God Church
Thomaston, GA

4. Announcement

State Youth Conference - May 12-13, 1995
First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany, GA

5. Camp Report

What: Camp Mt. Carmel
When: August 13-17, 1995
Where: F.D.R. State Park (Large Group Camp)

The Moderator then called for the Morning Service. Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. led the singing then called Rev. Sidney Jones to deliver to message.

Rev. Jones Delivered a wonderful message on "What Should I Do With Jesus?", from Matthew 27:20-25.

The Moderator then called Rev. Jeff Lunsford and Bro. Roy McHargue to receive the offering today. After prayer by Rev. Lunsford the offering was \$91.08.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Hubert Arnold.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing began at 1:00 P.M.

Rev. Tim Hutchinson delivered a short devotion from Proverbs 4:20-27.

The moderator asked for any reports.

Benevolence Fund

(Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan.)

Balance at last meeting	\$ 683.89
Paid Mrs. Childree	100.00
Paid Mrs. Jordan	100.00
Balance today	\$ 483.89

Rev. Tim Hutchinson reported that Camp Mt. Bethel will not be held for our Youth Group this year, but we can attend the group camp at Camp Mt. Carmel on August 13-17, 1995 at F.D.R. State Park. It will cost \$470.00, but if Union Association goes in with us it will cost \$235. Rev. Charles Clark, Pastor of Turner's Chapel, reported that his church will give \$100.00. Bro. Gleason Fowler reported that he will give the balance.

Rev. Jeff Lunsford reported that the youth in this association can participate in the youth competition with the State this year, and has to be registered by March 6, 1995.

Bro. Gleason Fowler reported for the Board of Trustees of the State about Camp Mt. Bethel.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

1. We the Suggestion Committee recommend that today's offering be given to the youth group. It was moved, seconded and carried.
2. We the Suggestion Committee ask that each of our churches really encourage our young people to attend Camp Mt. Carmel this summer. MSC
3. That a hearty "Amen" be given to the ladies of the host church for the sumptuous noon meal and their warm hospitality. MSC

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance Oct. 1, 1994	\$1,155.26
Paid Moderator	90.00
Paid Clerk	200.00
Paid Youth Group	25.00
Paid for State Delegates	60.00
Paid Nat'l Association.....	250.00
Paid for minutes	375.00
Balance present	\$ 173.26
Received today	210.00
Paid Youth Group	25.00
Balance January 7, 1995	\$ 385.26

Rev. Arthur Smith reported that he will be Pastor of the First F.W.B. Church of Opelika, Alabama, and someone will take his place of this association. It was discussed and Rev. Jeff Lunsford volunteered to be the Association Clerk's Assistant, and represent the Double In A Decade for the State Board.

M.S. & C. to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Charles Clark.

Warren Wyatt, Moderator
C.W. Carroll, Clerk

ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16th. That if any among us shall be guilty of gross sins he shall be excluded from our fellowship. An acknowledgement convincing the church that he has repented will restore him back to the fellowship of the church.

17th. If an officer or deacon be guilty of such sins, he shall not hold his office, at the pleasure of the church, any longer. If he convinces the church that he has sorrowfully repented of these sins the church may then restore him to his former position.

18th. That we will strictly pursue the case pointed out in the Gospel, should any of our brethren trespass against us. Matt. 18:15.

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

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

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

CONSTITUTION

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

We, the delegates from our respective churches, being authorized by our churches, to agree to form ourselves into an association to be known by the name of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association, and we promise not to withdraw ourselves from this association without first stating our reasons to the body for such intended withdrawal.

It is proposed by the Association, first to promote revivals of religion by camp and protracted meetings. Secondly, to take an active part in Home Missions. It is not intended by this Association to discuss queries. It is not the design of this Association to interfere in

any way with the independence of churches composing it. It was not intended to establish creeds, rules of discipline, or make any law whatsoever to bind the churches, but to leave each church to regulate its own affairs.

We, as an Association, take the Old and New Testament as our confession of faith, as relates to the independency.

We believe that a duly organized church consists of a congregation of saints, baptized upon a creditable confession of faith in Christ. Christ is the only Christian law-giver and supreme head of the churches, and the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in concern of religion, and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellow man.

A church has a right to adopt measures only as are in accordance with the Word of God, and such as deemed necessary to carry into effect the great system of practice.

The church is the highest ecclesiastical tribunal on earth, from whose decision there is no appeal.

No change, alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution until such change, alteration or amendment shall have been presented to all the churches composing this association, and when two-thirds of all the churches composing this Association shall have adopted or recommended in two of their regular conferences successively such changes, the alteration or amendments shall then become a part and parcel of this Constitution.

Read and adopted the above as the constitution of the Chattahoochee Free-Will Baptist Association.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. All candidates to be ordained into the ministry shall be required to come before the ordaining council for examination, before actually being ordained by some other body. All incoming preachers would be required to be examined by said council before the church, that he is to pastor, would be allowed to participate in the business of the Chattahoochee Association.

All incoming preachers would be required to appear before said council before their names would appear on the Ministerial Roll.

Anyone failing to comply with this amendment to our Constitution will not be recognized as a duly ordained minister of the Chattahoochee Association.

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually as the last regular conference in the Associational year; or, if they prefer it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time; but if the choice be made at a special conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contribution made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.
5. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.
6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of minutes of the Association.
7. When a new Clerk is appointed, all the books, etc., belonging to the Clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.
8. When it becomes necessary, a committee of set less than 3 male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of dealing, etc., with the church.
9. The church shall hold a two-day meeting monthly, embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following the first of which shall be the regular time of Conference.
10. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline, and the rule of holy living.
11. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according to the covenant (Article 10), he shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.
12. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows:
 1. Prayer (unless divine service has just been conducted and generally then.)
 2. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
 3. Open the door for the reception of members.
 4. Call for absentees.
 5. For acknowledgments.
 6. For reference or deferred business.
 7. For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church.
 8. Miscellaneous business.
13. Visiting brethren as helps called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.
14. Any orderly member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in membership, may be received into the church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or by baptism.
15. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present but unreasonable objections shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.
16. When the moderator calls for absentees, the clerk shall inform the church that members have been absent for three successive conferences, and the moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

17. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend this trial; provided his residence be known to the church.
18. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced he shall not be examined till the question has been put to the church: 'Will you hear the testimony of this witness?'
19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgement shall be minuted in the church book.
20. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letter without a good reason shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.
21. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.
22. A vote shall not be taken on any question without a move and a second and in all important questions the votes shall be taken by rising to their feet.
23. No other motion shall be considered while a previous motion and second is before the conference.
24. It shall be considered disorderly for a member to absent himself from the conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member upon his request, may be excused by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.
25. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.
26. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and a good feeling, those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.
27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonably long.
28. When the moderator speaks he must nominate some brother in his stead.
29. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call the speaker to order.
30. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper at least four times a year and the expenses are to be paid by the church.
31. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any.
32. Feet washing shall be attended to as the church sees proper.
33. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.
34. This Decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly meetings.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that a Gospel Church, or a church of Christ is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.
2. That those rules require churches to preserve the form of government and the ordinances of the first Christian churches and to be composed of baptized believers in Christ.

3. That the visible church as the aggregate or whole number of Gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in heaven, and of such Christians on earth as are not attached to the visible church, according to the Gospel rules.
4. That the establishment of central or catholic government over the invisible church, or any part thereof, is a devise of earthly ambitions repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of men.
5. The Gospel Churches are the only ecclesiastical bodies or tribunal authorized by the Scriptures; that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially, independent and absolute; and that if this right be surrendered to superintending jurisdiction by delegation or otherwise, the assemble ceases to be a Gospel Church.
6. That churches may nevertheless, we suppose meet, by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up the Correspondence; but that the right and authority of churches being inalienable, or in no wise compromised or hindered by entering into an association, and therefore an association has no authority over churches or individuals, their only power being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity; to promote mutual intercourse, and a concentration of voluntary effort, and to give that advice to churches which might with equal authority be given by an individual.
7. That the authority of the churches is designed for the perpetuation of the true religion of the gospel, and for the preservation of a true and orderly body of Christians on earth, that it is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but that it does not extend to persons, property or the conscience of men in any manner whatever.
8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel; that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite of such membership is an assumption of authority on the part of the church and departure from the Gospel plan.
9. That the officers of a church are elders and deacons; that the elders are also called bishops or pastors, and all the elders are equal in rank, though they perform different functions-since some may be bishops, or pastor of particular churches, while others may be simply elders, having no pastoral charge.
10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further; that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the church-such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders; that as a member of the church, he is no more than any other members, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help, especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of hear say.
11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
12. That the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints feet are ordinance to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.
13. That elders and deacons must be set apart to their offices by ordination, or the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

14. No preacher shall be ordained unless called to take charge of a church as pastor, or for some other good and sufficient reason.

ARTICLES OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL VIEWS

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, the truth without any mixture or error for its matter, that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and there it shall remain with us to the end of time the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard to which all human conduct and opinion confirm. - Rev. 19:13; John 5:39.
2. That there is one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressible glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed in the personal distinction of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. Ex. 6:3; Psalm 33:18.
3. That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which men are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly devoid of holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, to Satan, and their own sinful passions, and therefore are under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse. - Gen. 1:27, 3:6, 19-23.
4. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon himself our nature, yet without sin, honored the law by His own personal obedience, and made atonement for sin by his death; being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies which divine perfection is every way qualified to be suitable, compassionate and all sufficient Savior. - Eph. 2:5, 5:8, Rom. 7:11.
5. That the Gospel blessing which Christ in his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification. That this justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, upon principles of righteousness, that is bestowed not in consideration of anything we do but solely through his own righteousness and atonement, and that brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God. Rom. 8:30, Ezk. 18:28, John 3:14, Rom. 8:17.
6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that is the immediate duty of all who received them by a cordial and obedient faith and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but this own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation. - Mark 16:16, John 17:20, Isa. 1:20.
7. That in order to be saved we must be regenerated, or obedient to the Gospel; and that its evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God. - John 3:3-8, Matt. 3:8-10.
8. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sacrifices and saves sinners, it being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, that it comprehend all means with the end; that it is a glorious display of God's goodness, being infinitely wise, holy unchangeable; born again; that regeneration consists of giving a holy disposition to the mind and is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, producing voluntarily that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

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

10. That the law of God is the eternal, unchangeable rule of the Government, that it is holy, just and good; that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from his love of sin; to deliver him through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy law is one design of the Gospel of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church. - Matt. 5:13; Luke 10:13-20, 14:17.

11. That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, that it should be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation; by the direct observance of all means of grace, both public and private, and preparation, for the rest which remains for the children of God. - Ex. 20:8, Heb. 4:9, I Thes. 1:7, Psalm 16:9.

12. That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society, that magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously, honored and obeyed in all things not contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of the Conscience and Prince of the King on earth. - Ex. 23:7, Acts. 23:5, I Tim. 5:17.

13. That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as are justified by faith in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God are truly righteous in his esteem, while such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under his curse, and his distinction holds good among men both in and after death. - Matt. 25:46, Mark 16:16.

14. That the end of this world is approaching, when Christ will descent from heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place, the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness, and the wicked to endless punishment, and this judgment will forever be the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness. - John 5:25, Matt. 25:34, 41, 46.

CONSTITUTION

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

ARTICLE 1: **Name:** This organization shall be known as the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Youth Group.

ARTICLE 11: **Purpose:** The purpose of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Youth Group is to train the youth of our association to be the church and denominational leaders of the future.

ARTICLE 111: **Members:** This Group shall be composed of the youth of the Chattahoochee Association church members and adults with interest to sponsor and train youth.

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

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

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

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

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

BETHANY

In Memory of Bobby Foster

Born June 6, 1935, Bro. Bobby Foster departed this life March 24, 1995. Most people knew Bro. Bobby as "Bob" Foster. His family at Bethany misses him dearly. But, our loss is heaven's gain. We will see him again one day soon!

*Submitted by:
Vickie Mathis*

LITTLE BETHEL

In Memory of Mell Brown Cromer 1898 - 1994

In memory of our beloved sister in Christ who has passed on since our last Association. We all miss her dearly, but feel that our loss was her gain to a heavenly home.

*Mrs. Leonard Layfield
Church Clerk*

MOUNT OLIVE

*Mrs. Pearl Hinton
April 4, 1930 - August 26, 1995*

*Mr. Cecil McInvale
March 1, 1927 - April 25, 1995*

*Mr. Ernest Parker
January 4, 1920 - September 15, 1995*

*Mrs. Jewel Peacock
September 7, 1915 - March 27, 1995*

*Phyllis Windham
Church Clerk*

NEW LIFE

George Albert Stubbs

Born October 4, 1933, Bro. Stubbs went to be with our heavenly Father June 31, 1995. A dedicated son, father, grandfather, and friend, Albert is sadly missed. We take comfort in knowing He is in heaven with our Father.

*Submitted by his friend,
Dwight Smith*

NEW PROSPECT

Lois Windham

December 24, 1921 - August 9, 1995

TRINITY

In Memory of Sidney B. Rustin

Bro. Sidney was born August 10, 1917, and departed this life on September 6, 1995.

I remember the statement he made on August 10, 1975, when he joined Trinity Church - "Jesus has taken away my every argument against His Church." We will remember Sidney for many reasons, especially for his willingness to become involved in community needs.

***Submitted by his Pastor
Rev. Warren Wyatt***

TURNER'S CHAPEL

Bro. Clifford Wilbur Carroll, Sr.

July 28, 1935 - June 26, 1995

Bro. Ernest L. Heath

May 22, 1919 - February 4, 1995

Bro. Ernest was a lay minister and led many to the Lord. He taught Sunday School and led in worship services at our church, as well as in homes in neighboring communities and nursing homes.

He is missed by his family, friends and church family.

Sis. Annie Spillers Nelson

June 21, 1907 - April 6, 1995

Sis Annie, a school teacher in Taylor County for many, many years, touched many lives from the one room schoolhouse to modern day facilities. She is missed by all who knew her.

***Submitted by
Pastor Charles Clark***