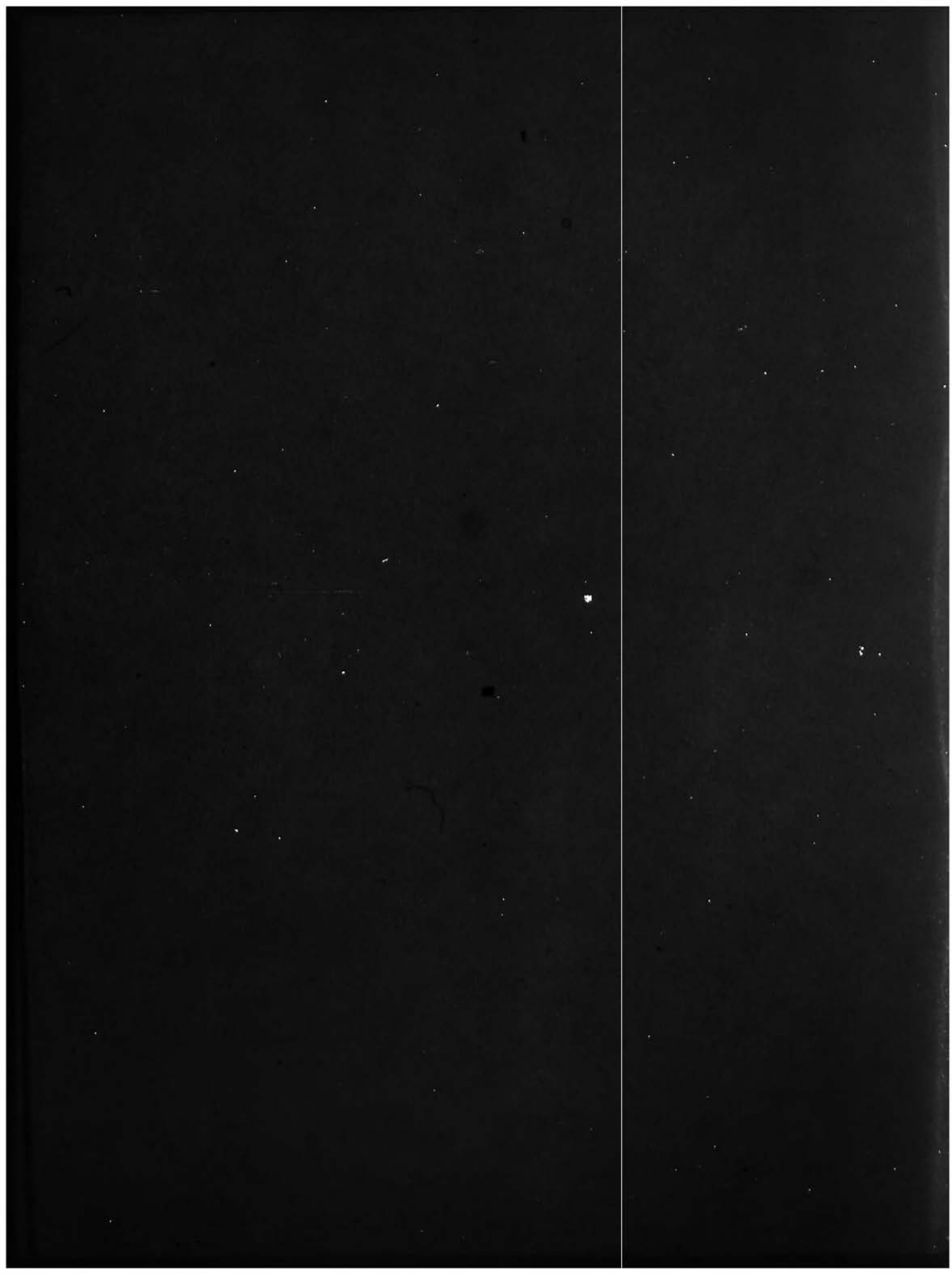


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Calendar of 1999 Events

January, 1999

- 1-2 Winter Teen Retreat, Camp John Hope, Fort Valley
- 2 First Quarterly Meeting, 9:30 AM, Spring Hill
- 7 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: First-Thomaston *
- 16 Youth Rally, 7:00 PM, Little Bethel
- 17 Georgia FWB Day of Prayer & Fasting
- 23 Singing: New Liberty

February, 1999

- 4 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: Little Bethel
- 6 Chattahoochee Association Sunday School Workshop,
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Turner's Chapel
- 20 Singing: Mt. Olive
- 27 Singing: New Liberty

March, 1999

- 4 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: Mt. Olive
- 15-19 Revival: Mt. Olive
- 19-20 Couples Retreat: GA Baptist Assembly, Toccoa
- 26-27 State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat, Norman Park
- 27 Singing: New Liberty
- 28 Roll Call Sunday

April, 1999

Foreign Missions Month

- 1 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: Spring Hill
- 3 Second Quarterly Meeting, 9:30 AM, Little Bethel
- 12-14 Ministers Retreat: Little Ocmulgee State Park
- 17 Youth Rally, 7:00 PM, Turner's Chapel
Free Will Baptist Bible College Quartet
- 24 Singing: New Liberty
- 25 Laura Belle Barnard World Missions Offering

May, 1999

- 6 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: Trinity
- 14-15 State Youth Competition
- 22 Singing: New Liberty

June, 1999

- 3 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: Turner's Chapel
- 7-11 Junior Camp, Camp John Hope, Ft. Valley
- 26 Singing: New Liberty
- 27 State Teen Camp (thru July 2)

July, 1999

- 1 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: First-Thomaston
- 10 Third Quarterly Meeting, 9:30 AM, First-Thomaston
- 11 Homecoming: Spring Hill
- 18-22 National Association of Free Will Baptists, Atlanta
- 24 Singing: New Liberty
- 25 Homecoming: Trinity
- Homecoming: Turner's Chapel
- 26-30 Revival: Trinity

August, 1999

- 5 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: Little Bethel
- 8 Homecoming: New Liberty
- 9-13 Revival: New Liberty
- 28 Singing: New Liberty

September, 1999 Rest of The Family

- 2 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: Mt. Olive
- 16-18 Ministers Wives Retreat, Epworth By The Sea
- 19 Homecoming: Mt. Olive
- Singing: Mt. Olive
- 20-24 Revival: Mt. Olive
- 25 Singing: New Liberty
- 26 Rest of the Family Offering
- Homecoming: First-Thomaston

October, 1999

- 2 164th Annual Meeting, 9:30 AM, Trinity
- 7 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: Spring Hill
- 16 Youth Rally, 7:00 PM, Mt. Olive
- 23 Singing: New Liberty

November, 1999 Home Missions Month

- 4 Ministers Prayer Breakfast, Host: Trinity
- 17-20 State Association, Metter
- 18 State Auxiliary Meeting
- 21 Benjamin Randall Day (Home Missions) Offering

December, 1999 Free Will Baptist Bible College Month

- 6-7 Leadership Conference, Nashville
- 13 Ministers & Deacons Christmas Fellowship

* Ministers Prayer Breakfasts: Meetings begin at 8:00 AM on the dates listed, but they may or may not be held at the host church. Most of the sponsoring churches have found it easier to have the meeting at an area restaurant. Any other church that would like to host a fellowship is WELCOME to do so. Just let us know when you'd like to have us!

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163RD ANNUAL SESSION

The 163rd Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened Saturday, October 3, 1998, with the New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church in Reynolds, GA. The meeting began at 9:30 AM with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. Christopher Cotney. Words of greeting were given by the host pastor, the Rev. Perry Wainwright, who introduced our Moderator, the Rev. Eugene F. Ross.

Moderator Ross called the meeting to order. Standing delegates were seated and corresponding letters were called for. The Reverends Dwight & Arthur Smith were appointed to read the letters. Churches reporting and their elected delegates were as follows:

Bethany	:	
First-Thomaston	:	Melissa Lunsford
Little Bethel	:	Ruby Ray, Blondell Layfield
Mount Olive	:	Junior Smith, Barbara Jean Windham, Syd Crook, Thomas Windham
New Liberty	:	Sara Lunsford, Perry Lunsford
New Life	:	
New Prospect:	:	Chris Cotney, RobiAnne Montgomery, Lee Sawyer
Spring Hill	:	
Trinity	:	Marilyn Smith, Josephine Welch, Carol Welch

MSC to receive the letters and seat the elected church delegates.

Bro. Ross announced to the body - as a point of information - that a letter of good standing for the Rev. Henry Shellman, Sr., had been received from the East Alabama Association. Bro. Ross also presented the newly ordained Rev. Dwight Smith his certificate of Ordination.

Recognized guests: Bro. Chester Huckaby and his wife, Ruby, from White Rock FWB in Phenix City. Bro. Huckaby informed us that he was with us 60 years ago in 1938, and that he was here today to represent CONTACT magazine, the official publication of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Following the roll call of officers and ministers, the Moderator appointed Bro. J.W. Teat to fill an absence on the Suggestion Committee. Other committees for today: appointed:

Finance	:	Henry Shellman Fred Fowler Perry Lunsford
Temperance	:	Josephine Welch Blondell Layfield Barbara Jean Windham
Sunday School:		Melissa Lunsford Ruby Ray Marilyn Smith
Obituary	:	Junior Smith Sara Lunsford Florrie Windham

Nominating : Monroe T. Ray
George Willis
Jimmy Wilhoite

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and Bro. Chester Huckaby spoke encouraging subscriptions to CONTACT: "For only \$12/year readers can know in detail what is going on throughout our denomination."

The body was then recessed for committee work and fellowship.

Reconvened at 10:20. MSC to receive the Minutes of the previous quarterly meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee Report: (Report given by Rev. Henry Shellman)

Representation Fees:	\$ 450.00
General Fund Balance:	\$ 530.31
Benevolence Fund Balance:	\$ 386.89
Mission Fund Balance:	\$ 68.61
(\$1,000 in C.D.)	

"We have examined the Clerk/Treasurer's financial records for the quarter and find everything to be in order."

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Shellman, Sr., Chairman
Perry Lunsford
Fred Fowler

MSC to accept as read.

Temperance Committee: (Report given by Barbara Jean Windham.)

"We the Temperance Committee [remind us that] the Scripture tells us to be temperate in all things. We should live upright and be sound in faith, dress modestly, watch our language, and refrain from all alcoholic beverages."

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Welch, Chairman
Blondell Layfield
Barbara Jean Windham

MSC to receive report as given.

Sunday School Committee: (Report given by Ruby Ray.)

"We [...] recommend that the Association plan a Sunday School Training Seminar" conducted by the Evangelical Training Association. Please contact Bro. Jonathan Thigpen or Bro. Keith Kennemer for this seminar. Perhaps this could be planned before Randall House's Sunday School Enlargement Campaign in the Spring. Please

continue to encourage entire families to attend Sunday School and to pray for continued growth in each church's Sunday School."

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Lunsford, Chairman
Marilyn Smith
Ruby Ray

MSC to receive the report and adopt the recommendation. The Rev. Charles Clark offered the use of Turner's Chapel for the event. It was noted that each pastor should remind Sunday School Superintendents and teachers of the importance of attending. After all, what good would it do to offer this event if no one attends?

Obituary Committee: (Junior Smith reported.)

"We [...] regret having to report the loss of the following:

Allen Coulter, Brenda Coulter from New Prospect Church.
Mrs. Jeffie Arnold from Mt. Olive Church.
Mrs. Helen Lawhorn, Mrs. Betty Melton from Little Bethel.
Leroy Lowe from Turner's Chapel."

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Smith, Jr. Chairman
Sara Lunsford
Florie Windham

MSC to receive the report. A moment of silence was held in their memory and then prayer was offered for the bereaved.

(NOTE: Memorials begin on p. 28.)

Suggestion Committee: (Marilyn Smith reported.)

"We [...] suggest that :

- #1. We express our appreciation to the State Christian Education Board for the great job they are doing for our retreats of various kinds. We also suggest their Co-op allotment be increased to help them continue this work."
- #2. The Association get a plaque of appreciation for Rev. Warren Wyatt for the long years of service as pastor and to the Association, and that we set aside one Sunday evening service at Trinity [Church] and all churches attend the presentation.
- #3. A rising vote of appreciation be given to the host church for its hospitality today.

"We further suggest that our report be received and the recommendations be considered item by item."

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Teat, Chairman
Sid Crook
Marilyn Smith

MSC to receive the report and consider item by item. All three recommendations were adopted.

Nominating Committee Report: (Report given by Jimmy Wilhoite.)

Clerk/Treasurer	:	Rev. Jeff Lunsford	1999
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	:	Barbara Jean Windham	1999
Executive Committee	:	Rev. A.G. Windham	2001
Ordaining Council	:	Rev. Dwight Smith	2001
Suggestion Committee	:	Sid Crook	2001
Camp/Youth Director	:	Rev. Arthur Smith	1999

MSC for nominations to cease and proceed to elect by acclamation.

Mission Board Report: Rev. Arthur Smith said his report was the same as last quarter. Money has been put down on property in Atlanta. Report was received as information.

Camp Board Report: Rev. Arthur Smith reported:

"The Camp Board met on Sept. 19 at Perry, GA. The Board was given a host of things to get done before the 1998 State Meeting. These were assigned at the last State Meeting. Since that last State Meeting the Camp Board has had 6 of its 10 members changed. We will at this year's State Meeting request an extension of 1 year and at that time we will present a 5-year plan to the State. This plan will include a site plan with at least 3 alternative building plans (including costs).

I visited all the State camp sessions this year except the teen camp. I can report to you that Georgia is very much involved in camping. Every place we went we found that the future leaders of our church was involved. I was very impressed and encouraged by what I observed. Camp attendance was over 700 for 1998. Our local camp at Camp John Hope had 197 campers, and totaled 223 campers and workers. The September Promotional Bulletin gives a complete breakdown on the other camps' attendances.

We will be having a Teen Retreat during the Christmas holidays. I will be sending out more information on this. Pastors, please encourage your teenagers to attend this retreat. It will do them good.

Our next youth rally will be at New Life Church, October 17, at 7:00 PM. GBI officials will present an anti-drug program. The Attendance Banner will be awarded."

This report was received as information.

Executive Board Report: (Junior Welch reported.)

Bro. Curtis Kirksey was visited and encouraged to again become active in a Free Will Baptist church and attend meetings of the Chattahoochee Association. Inasmuch as this and other efforts have failed, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to revoke Bro. Kirksey's ordination credentials.

Board of Christian Education: (Jeff Lunsford reported.)

"The Ministers' Wives Retreat at Jekyll Island was a great success. Every district in the state was represented. We had two ministers' wives from our Association to attend. I hope we will have even more to attend next year.

Everyone is reminded of our district youth competition. NOW is the time to be practicing! Please remember that there are many Bible and Arts categories for 1st through 12th graders. This would be a great year to begin if you haven't tried it before, since the National Youth Conference will be in Atlanta.

Let's get busy teaching our kids the Word, how to handle it quickly, and how to share it with others.

Finally, I request that we have district level competition at the April '99 Association meeting."

The report was received as information. MSC to have competition at the April meeting.

1999 National Association.

- The Clerk relayed word from Executive Secretary William Smith that volunteers will be needed to help with the National: registration, drivers, ushers, etc. More information will be in the next Promotional Bulletin.

Ordaining Council had no report today.

OLD BUSINESS:

Program Format: Moderator Ross reminded us that at the 1997 Annual Session it was stipulated that after one year we would re-evaluate our new program format. Several delegates commented that they liked the new format and wanted it to continue. It was noted that our district Women Active for Christ has returned to its former schedule of meetings (no longer in conjunction with the Chattahoochee Association's quarterly meetings). MSC to continue indefinitely with the new format.

NEW BUSINESS:

1999 Sessions & Youth Rallies:

Chattahoochee Association : January 3 Spring Hill
April 3 Little Bethel
July 10 First-Thomaston
October 2 Trinity

Youth Rallies : January 16 Little Bethel
April 17 Turner's Chapel
October 16 Mt. Olive

State Association Meeting:

November 12-14, 1998, First FWB Church, Albany

Delegates: Melissa Lunsford
Josephine Welch
Ruby Ray

MSC for Clerk to fill vacancies at the meeting.

Pastors & Deacons Christmas Social:

Dec. 14, 1998. Location to be announced. All ordained ministers and deacons, and their families are invited to attend.

MSC to adjourn for worship service. The meeting was closed with special prayer for Bro. Curtis Kirksey and the Rev. Warren Wyatt. After congregational singing and the offering, (\$ 86.00), the Rev. Sidney Jones brought a powerful message...

Turner's Chapel's letter was received after the meeting. Their representation fee of \$50 brought the total representation fees received today to \$500.

There were approximately 48 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Eugene F. Ross, Moderator
Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Clerk

Third Quarterly Meeting

The third quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee FWB Association convened July 11, 1998, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, GA. The meeting began at 9:30 AM with the congregation singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There."

Host pastor Jeff Lunsford then brought words of welcome and introduced the Moderator, the Rev. Gene Ross.

Bro. Ross gave words of greeting, called the meeting to order, seated standing delegates, then proceeded to call for corresponding letters. Bros. E.A. Welch, Jr. & A.G. Windham read the letters.

MSC to seat the elected church delegates. We received petitions to have two men be examined by the Ordaining Council: Henry Shellman, Sr., the new pastor of Trinity, and Dwight Smith, new pastor at Spring Hill.

The Moderator then appointed the committees for the day. Finance Committee: Perry Lunsford, Barbara Jean Windham, Fred Fowler. Ordaining Council: A.G. Windham, George Willis, Tyson Ray. Bro. Rex Robinson was asked to stand in on the Suggestion Committee today.

Recessed for committee work and fellowship.

Meeting reconvened at 10:15. MSC to accept minutes of last meeting.

Finance Committee Report:

General Fund Balance:	\$581.46
Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$461.89
Mission Fund Balance:	\$ 68.81
Representation Fees received today:	\$300.00

Respectfully submitted,

Perry Lunsford
Barbara Jean Windham
Fred Fowler

Suggestion Committee Report:

1. We suggest that we have prayer for our members who have sickness in their families and themselves. MSC
2. We suggest prayer for those preachers coming before the Ordaining Council. MSC
3. We suggest a rising vote of thanks to the host church for its hospitality. MSC

An amendment was offered by Arthur Smith that we have prayer for the first two items immediately. Approved by general consensus.

State C.E. Board Report:

Jeff Lunsford reported concerning the Ministers Wives Retreat scheduled for Sept. 17-19 at Jekyll Island. He asked every church to consider sending their pastor's wife.

Board of Camping:

Arthur Smith reported that the Board is vigorously looking for property.

State Mission Board:

Arthur Smith reported that the offer to purchase N. Fayette Church was accepted and property is sold. Could not get zoning on the 3 acres we were looking at in LoveJoy. Are looking now at 17 acres of land a mile south of LoveJoy.

CAMP '98:

190 campers and 20 workers. 57 decisions (47 first time!) \$22,000.00 in expenses. It was suggested that counselors try to be there earlier before kids get to camp.

Replacement of Officers:

Moderator Ross reminded the body that we have a standing rule concerning officers who fail to attend Association meetings, i.e., any officer missing two consecutive association meetings without providential cause shall be replaced. He asked for a motion to replace officers who do not attend. MSC

Ordaining Council:

1. Replacing Perry Wainwright (1999): Charles Clark
2. Replacing Warren Wyatt (2000): Jimmy Wilhoite

Ordaining Council Report:

At this particular juncture the Ordaining Council for today was ready to give its report. Rev. A.G. Windham reported: "We the Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Dwight Smith this day and recommend he be ordained to the ministry. Also, we examined Bro. Henry Shellman, Sr. and recommend that he be received as an ordained minister into our Association, pending a letter from his former Free Will Baptist Association and completion of the examination form. We praise the Lord for men sent to us for preaching the good news of Jesus Christ, and extend to these men our urge to assist them in any way possible."

A. G. Windham
Monroe T. Ray
George Willis

The recommendations from the Ordaining Council were considered separately. MSC to ordain Bro. Dwight Smith.

Regarding Rev. Shellman, it was pointed out that during today's session the Clerk called the Moderator of the East Alabama Association and received a verbal recommendation of Bro. Shellman. On the basis of this information the body voted to accept Bro. Shellman into our Association without the letter or completion of the examination standard. Moderator Ross then announced that now the delegates from Trinity Church could be seated.

Replacement of Officers (cont.):

Suggestion Committee:

Replacing Joe Tyler(1999): Mary Wilhoite MSC

Board of Camping:

Replacing Roy McHargue (1999): Arthur Smith MSC

Ministerial Absenteeism:

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we deal with ministerial absenteeism on an individual basis.

Clerk Jeff Lunsford brought a motion that Rev. Curtis Kirksey be dealt with inasmuch as he has missed meetings for almost 2 years. The motion was seconded.

Rev. Arthur Smith offered an amendment to the motion for the Executive Committee to do this. MSC

The amended motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned for our Morning Worship Service.

(The offering today totalled \$68.40. There were 67 people in attendance.)

Second Quarterly Meeting

The second quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association met at New Life Free Will Baptist Church on April 4, 1998. The meeting began at 9:30 AM with greetings by Bro. Dwight Smith.

Moderator Eugene Ross was then introduced and called the meeting to order. Rev. Arthur Smith & Bro. Dwight Smith were then appointed to read corresponding letters.

Elected church delegates were:

Bethany	: No report.
First-Thomaston	: Melissa Lunsford
Little Bethel	: Fred Fowler, Ruby Ray
Mt. Olive	: Sid Crook, Thomas Windham, Arline Smith, Junior Smith
New Liberty	: John Kirkland, Christine Kirkland, Ann Ross
New Life	: Carolyn Smith, Sara Anthony, Helen Fye
New Prospect	: No report.
Spring Hill	: Ruth Amerson, Sam Whitt
Trinity	: Marilyn Smith, Josephine Welch, Bess Williams
Turner's Chapel	: Gerald Moore

The elected delegates were seated.

Visitors were recognized: Rev. William Smith our new Promotional Secretary; Bro. & Sis. Huckaby & Rev. Burt Hall, all from the White Rock FWB Church in Phenix City; and Rev. Henry Shellman from E. Alabama Association, who is preaching at Trinity FWB Church.

Rolls were called for officers and ministers. The Moderator reported having been informed that Bro. Norman Grier had not wished to be removed from the Executive Committee as the body had been made to believe. Bro. Ross apologized to Bro. Grier on behalf of the Association and assured him that the situation would be rectified.

Finance Committee was appointed: Bro. J.C. Kirkland, Chmn., Bro. Leonard Layfield, Bro. Dwight Smith.

Inasmuch as the Ordaining Council had no business, replacements were not made for absentees.

Suggestion Committee: Sis. Ruby Ray and Sis. Josephine Welch were asked to serve as replacements for today.

The meeting was then adjourned to allow time for committee work and fellowship. Meeting reconvened at 10:15. Minutes of the January meeting were received.

OLD BUSINESS:

We had 2 tabled items from our last meeting. The Moderator asked the clerk to read the items and noted that they would be acted upon later in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Representation Fees	\$200.00
Benevolence Fund	\$300.00
Total Received Today	\$500.00

"We have examined the Clerk/Treasurer's financial records for the quarter and find everything to be in order."

John C. Kirkland, Chmn.
Dwight Smith
Leonard Layfield

The report was received.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

We your Suggestion Committee submit the two following recommendations:

1. We suggest that churches encourage members to attend church activities and all other religious gatherings possible, and that we encourage our young people to attend these activities. (Received as information.)
2. We suggest a rising vote of thanks to the host church for its hospitality. MSC

ORDAINING COUNCIL: No business.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No business.

MISSION BOARD REPORT: Bro. Arthur Smith reported that Brian Ray offered his resignation at the last Mission Board meeting. Voted to continue his monthly support for three months. North Fayette plans to purchase new property. Rec'd as information.

YOUTH REPORT: Arthur Smith reported that our last rally was at Mt. Olive on Jan. 17th. There were 107 in attendance. Next Youth Rally will be at Turner's Chapel on April 25th, at 7:00 PM.

CAMP: Bro. Arthur also reported about summer camp. He noted that the cost of camp this year is greater than it has ever been for our Association. Each church was asked to do something to help offset the cost of camp on the local church level. "What Would Jesus Do?" is the theme. Those registering before May 1 will get a free T-shirt. This camp session will be VERY different from anything we are accustomed to. Visitors are welcome to attend (but will have to purchase meals).

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Jeff Lunsford reported that our State Ministers Retreat is April 20-22. State Youth Conference will be held at Baxley on May 15-16. Your State C.E. Board is also in the process of building a Video Lending Library for our churches to use.

Suggestion Committee Report:

"We, your Suggestion Committee, offer the following recommendations:

1. That the offering received at today's meeting and our next meeting offering go to our Youth Fund to lower cost for our kids going to camp." MSC
2. That the Constitutional amendment pertaining to the attendance requirement for ministers be rescinded." It was noted that the recommendation needs to be reworded. Tabled until next meeting.
3. That if a delegate does not come to at least one quarterly meeting, that delegate should not be allowed to serve on a major committee at the annual meeting." Question was raised as to whether or not this suggestion also needed to be reworded. The item was tabled until the next meeting.
4. That we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the morning refreshments and the meal to come. (*)

Mission Board Report:

Rev. Arthur Smith. reported concerning the N. Fayette Mission. Property buyers didn't come up with the money when it came time to close. Mission Board gave them 30 days to get it, or come up with a letter of intent from a lending institution. If they are unable to come up with either of these the property will be placed back on the market.

Bro. Smith also reported that the Mission Board is concerned about the Stone Mountain mission work.

Camp Report:

Rev. Arthur Smith reported that a winter youth retreat was held January 2-3 at Rock Eagle. To our knowledge, none of the young people from the Chattahoochee Association attended.

The State Camp Board will look at a site near Junction City this Thursday. We were asked to really pray about whether or not the Lord wants us to have this property.

Miscellaneous Business:

"The Arrow", a 15-second television commercial developed by our National Radio and Television Commission, will be shown during lunch today.

Bro. Dwight Smith shared what wonderful things the Lord is doing at New Life FWB Church. Several folks have been saved, baptized and joined the church.

A motion was made and seconded to ask each church take an offering once per quarter for the support of the Benevolent Fund. Because there was already a general consensus to do this, made when the State Association dissolved the

Superannuation Fund and turned over this responsibility to district associations, the motion was withdrawn with each church being reminded and encouraged to do what they can.†(**)

It was mentioned that Bro. Clyde Melton's widow needs support from the Benevolent Fund. MSC to begin supporting Sis. Melton for two years.

District Youth Competition: Registration deadline March 8.
Competition will be held after lunch at the April meeting.

Next Youth Rally: Apr. 18 at Turner's Chapel. Churches are reminded to support this effort.

Adjourned for Morning Worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Eugene F. Ross, Moderator
Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Clerk

(*) Following the worship service the Moderator noted that we failed to give the rising vote of thanks to the host church for their hospitality. This was done at that time.

(**) Also following the worship service, several churches turned in monies for the Benevolent Fund:

Mt. Olive	:	\$ 40.00
Trinity	:	\$100.00
Turner's Chapel	:	\$100.00

These contributions brought the Benevolent Fund Balance to \$286.89.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Church	Pastor	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Total Members	Sunday School Enrolled	C.T.S. Enrolled	Woman's Auxiliary	Master's Men
Bethany	Rev. Joe L. Tyler	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	10	None	None	None
First Thomaston	Rev. Jeff Lunsford	1	0	2	4	9	1	62	34	None	8	None
Little Bethel	Rev. Sidney Jones	1	0	5	7	13	2	136	55	None	11	5
Mt. Olive	Rev. Arthur Smith	3	0	4	8	9	2	148	60	None	None	None
New Liberty	Rev. J. C. Grimsley	2	0	1	0	0	4	28	14	None	None	None
New Life		0	0	2	12	12	6	144	25	None	6	6
New Prospect	Rev. Perry Wainwright	1	0	1	4	4	0	28	24	None	4	None
Spring Hill	Rev. Dwight Smith	2	0	3	3	10	0	77	21	None	None	None
Trinity	Rev. Henry Shellman	2	0	5	6	6	0	51	38	None	None	None
Turner's Chapel	Rev. Charles Clark	1	0	1	3	13	1	192	65	None	10	None
TOTALS		14	0	24	47	76	16	877	346	None	39	11

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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	50,000.00	0.00
First Thomaston	Upson	C/T	FT	Yes	Yes	350,000.00	37,739.18
Little Bethel	Macon	R	FT	No	Yes	80,000.00	27,282.52
Mt. Olive	Taylor	R	FT	No	Yes	300,000.00	22,165.12
New Liberty	Schley	R	PT	No	No	0.00	0.00
New Life	Marion	R	PT	No	No	151,000.00	7,598.80
New Prospect	Taylor	R	PT	No	No	80,000.00	10,090.33
Spring Hill	Marion	R	PT	No	No	165,000.00	0.00
Trinity	Taylor	R	PT	No	Yes	300,000.00	41,244.33
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	R	PT	No	Yes	450,000.00	36,105.74
TOTALS						1,926,000.00	172,145.78

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MEMORIALS

LITTLE BETHEL

In Memory of Helen Lawhorn

Sister Helen Lawhorn was born October 24, 1921, and departed this life February 23, 1988.

She was a faithful member of Little Bethel Church. She was a devoted wife and mother, and was loved by all that knew her. She is missed very much by the church, her husband, children, and loved ones. She leaves many sweet memories behind that will be cherished by all.

In Memory Of Betty Melton

Sister Betty Melton joined Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church on March 23, 1997. She was ill the last few months, but attended church when health permitted. She loved the Lord and her family. She leaves children, grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn.

MOUNT OLIVE

Mrs. Jeffie Arnold

On Sunday, February 8, 1998, Mrs. Jeffie Arnold greeted her Lord with a smile as she entered heaven. Her work in this world had ended.

She was born August 9, 1909, to Lewis and Berta Payne, and had lived most of her life in Taylor County. "Miss Jeffie" was faithful to her church, to her family, and was a true friend to her community. She is greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

NEW PROSPECT

Brenda Coulter	December 04, 1997
Allen Coulter	December 12, 1997

TURNER'S CHAPEL

Leroy Lowe, Deacon

Brother Leroy was a faithful and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was faithful to his Lord and his church. We miss him and his leadership in the home, community, and church, but we know he is at peace in his heavenly home.

CHURCH COVENANT
Presented to the Churches of the
Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists

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 we will endeavor faithfully to discharge all our Christian duties.

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

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

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

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

6th. That we will 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 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 around us.

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

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

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

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

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

19th. That we will not delay to acknowledge our improper conduct to the 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, not furnish to others intoxicating brinks as a beverage, and that we will 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.G. Grimsley, Rev. H. L. Lumpkin.

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, inexpressibly 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, 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 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 the promise of eternal life, upon principles of righteousness and atonement, and that brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God. Rom. 8:30; Ezek. 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 his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation. Mk. 16:16; John 17:20; Is. 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 3:2-8; Matt. 3:8-10.

8. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies 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, wholly 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 assurances, 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; I Pet. 1:3,5

10. That the law of God is 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 Thess. 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 the Prince of the kings of 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 in his esteem, which such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under his curse, and his distinction holds good among men both in and after death. Matt. 25:46; Mark 16:16.

14. That the end of this world is approaching, when Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place, the righteous be 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 the principles of righteousness. John 5:25; Matt. 25:34,41,46.

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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 is 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, subversive 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 assemblies cease 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 on 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 person, property or conscience of men in any manner whatever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel; that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite of such membership is an assumption of authority on the part of the church and departure from the Gospel plan.

9. That the officers of a church are elders and deacons; that the elders are also called bishops or pastors, and all the elders are equal in rank, though they perform different functions since some may be bishops, or pastors of particular churches, while others may be simply elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further; that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the church -- such as the reception of members in 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 transgressions 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 hearsay.

11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' Feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.

13. That elders and deacons must be set apart to their offices by ordination, or the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

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

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Preliminaries, When several believers wish to be organized into a church, they request a council from some sister church. This council or committee (commonly called an arm) examines into the Christian character, doctrines and fellowship of the applicants, 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, 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 baptisms and the Lord's Supper, have care of the poor, and conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in the Associational year, or, if they prefer it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the connection.
2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time, but if the choice be made at a special conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.
3. The pastor shall be the 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 and 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 books, etc., belonging to the Clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.
8. When it becomes necessary, a committee of not less than 3 male members well acquainted with business shall be appointed, whose duty 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. Call for acknowledgments.
6. Call for reference or deferred business.
7. Call 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 and seconds, but not be 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 until 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 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 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 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 of the 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.

ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS

1. Open meeting and prayer.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
3. Open the door of the church for the reception of members.
4. Call for absentees.
5. Call for acknowledgements.
6. Call for reference or deferred business.
7. Call for matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church.
8. Miscellaneous business.

CONSTITUTION of the CHATTAHOOCHEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Resolved, That we form an Association upon the principles laid down in the Holy Scriptures, to wit: Associations appear from Scripture and ecclesiastical history to have originally been formed, not from any positive injunction, either from Christ or His Apostles, but from mere expediency for the purpose of concentrating the efforts of individual church and bringing them to be with greater energy upon the subject designed to be accomplished by those churches. They were also considered as advisory council, and referred to as such, but never claimed any right of lording over God's heritage, nor was their advice considered binding on the churches. In a word, associations were wholly dependent on church, 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 church, do 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 Testaments 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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. All candidates to be ordained in 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.
2. All incoming preachers would be required to appear before said council before their names would appear on the Ministerial Roll.
3. Anyone failing to comply with this amendment to our Constitution will not be recognized as a duly ordained minister of the Chattahoochee Association.
4. The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, the Clerk, and three at-large members whose terms shall expire on a rotating basis.
5. 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.
6. The Chattahoochee Association has full authority to direct the Executive Board in all business conducted on its behalf.
7. The Executive board has the prerogative of deferring on any matter to the Chattahoochee Association as a whole, but is not under any obligation to do so.
8. The Executive Board shall report to the Chattahoochee Association in session concerning any business conducted for the Association since its last convening.
9. No Chattahoochee Association committee or board may borrow money or financially obligate the Chattahoochee Association without the approval of the Executive Board.
10. 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.).
11. The individual having served the greatest portion of a three-year term on the Ordaining Council shall be considered chairman of that Council.
12. If a delegate does not come to at least one quarterly meeting, that delegate should not be allowed to serve on a committee at the Annual Meeting.
13. 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, shall be read once, prior to the recess, and shall then lie on the table until the business resumes, at which time said amendment, change or alteration shall be lifted from the table, read again, then acted upon. (Item 4 adopted October 5, 1996; Items 5-11 adopted Jan. 6, 1996; Item 12 adopted April 4, 1998)

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 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. Seat delegates.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
5. Call rolls.
6. Appoint committees.
7. Recess for committee work and fellowship.
8. Business resumes with Minutes of previous meeting.
9. Board & Committee reports.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

1. Call to order by Moderator or Assistant Moderator.
2. Call for corresponding letters or appointing of Digest Committee.
3. Seat delegates.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Call rolls.
6. Call for petition letters.
7. Appoint various committees.
8. Recess for committee work and fellowship.
9. Business resumes with Minutes of previous meeting.
10. Board & Committee reports.
11. Miscellaneous reports.
12. Adjournment.

YOUTH CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV: Officers: Officers of this group shall be a Director-Treasurer, who shall

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

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

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

ARTICLE VII: Alterations or 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 Baptists at its next meeting.

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