

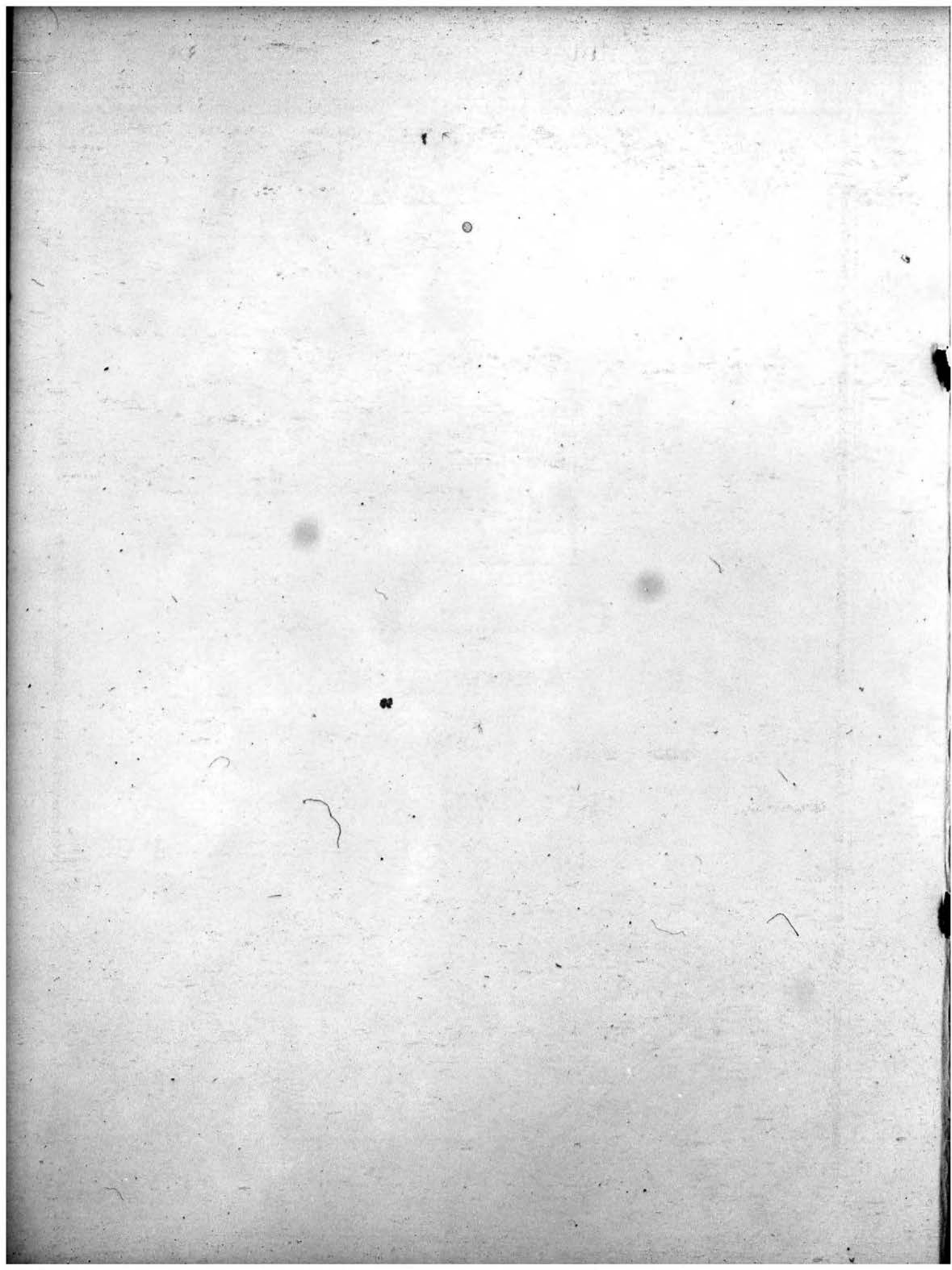
MINUTES

OF

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**Chattahoochee
Association
of
Free Will Baptist**

1999



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DIRECTORY
Of The
CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

2000

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Johnny New P. O. Box 2783 Butler, GA 31006	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee consists of the Moderator,
 Clerk, and three (3) members elected at-large:

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A.G. Windham	2001
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Pam Guined

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Calendar of 2000 Events

January, 2000

- 6 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Host Turner's Chapel
8 Quarterly Meeting - New Beginning
Singing: Little Bethel 7:30pm
29 Singing: New Liberty

February, 2000

- 3 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Host Mt Olive
26 Singing: New Liberty 7:30pm

March, 2000

- 16-18 Georgia State Association at First Church Albany
2 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Host Trinity
25 Singing: New Liberty 7:30pm

April, 2000

- 6 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Host Little Bethel
1 Quarterly Meeting - Mt Olive
8 Singing: Little Bethel 7:30pm
22 Singing: New Liberty 7:30pm
29 Singing: Spring Hill (Ross Family) 7:00pm

May, 2000

- 4 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Host The New Beginning
21 Homecoming: Little Bethel 10:00am
27 Singing: New Liberty 7:30pm

June, 2000

- 1 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Host Spring Hill
24 Singing: New Liberty 7:30pm

July, 2000

- 1 Quarterly Meeting - Little Bethel
9 Homecoming & Singing - Spring Hill

Calendar of 2000 Events

July, 2000

13 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Turner's Chapel
16-20 National Association Meeting, Anaheim, CA
22 Singing: New Liberty 7:30pm
23 Homecoming: Trinity
23 Homecoming: Turner's Chapel
24-28 Revival: Trinity
Mid Vacation Bible School: Little Bethel
29 Singing: Spring Hill, 7:00pm

August, 2000

3 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Host Mt Olive
20 Homecoming: New Liberty
21-25 Aug Revival: New Liberty
26 Singing: New Liberty 7:30pm

September, 2000

7 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Host Trinity
17 Pastor Appreciation Day: Little Bethel
23 Singing: New Liberty 7:30pm
30 Singing: Spring Hill 7:00pm

October, 2000

5 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Host Little Bethel
7 165th Annual Meeting: Turner's Chapel
14 Singing: Little Bethel 7:30pm
28 Singing: New Liberty 7:30pm

November, 2000

2 Ministers Prayer Breakfast - Host The New Beginning
26 Old Fashion Day and Lunch: Little Bethel

December, 2000

11 Ministers & Deacons Fellowship
17 Christmas Program and Christmas Tree: Little Bethel 7:30pm

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

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James Wilhoite	Rt. 2, Reynolds, GA 31076	(912) 847-3133
Eugene Windham	Rt. 2, Reynolds, GA	(912) 847-3230
Ralph Windham	Rt. 1, Butler, GA 31006	(912) 862-3704

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NEW LIFE

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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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SPRING HILL

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David Welch	Rt. 1, Box 254, Mauk, GA 31058	(912) 862-5976
E.A. Welch, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 253, Mauk, GA 31058	(912) 862-3356

TURNER'S CHAPEL

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164th Annual Session

The 164th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened Saturday, Oct. 2, 1999, at Trinity FWB Church in Mauk. The meeting began at 9:30 AM with Bro. E.A. Welch, Jr. leading the congregation in singing "Praise Him, Praise Him." Greetings were given by host pastor Henry Shellman. We then sang "Power In The Blood."

The Moderator was introduced, who called the meeting to order and greeted the assembly. Guests were greeted, including Rev. William Smith, Executive Secretary of the Georgia State Association of FWB, and Dallas Short and Mark Stanton, deacons at New Beginning Baptist Church. Standing delegates were seated. E.A. "Junior" Welch and Henry Shellman were appointed by the Moderator to read the corresponding letters. Letters were read and elected church delegates were seated. Churches reporting and their delegates were:

Bethany	: Sybil Fuller
First-Thomaston	: Melissa Lunsford, Joseph Lunsford
Little Bethel	: Ruby Ray, Ruby Layfield, Blondell Layfield
Mt. Olive	: Johnny New, Barbara Jean Windham, Barbara Arnold, Thomas Windham
New Liberty	: Perry Lunsford, Sara Lunsford
New Life	: Dolly Welch, Rhonda Teat, Sara Anthony
Spring Hill	: Danny Whitt
Trinity	: Peggy Gibb, Josephine Welch, Alane Patterson
Turner's Chapel	: Pete Pearson, Wylodine Pearson, Janice Clark

Rolls were called of general officers and committee members. The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Finance:	Perry Lunsford, Thomas Windham, Tommy Watson
Temperance:	Leonard layfield, Ruby Ray, Johny New
Sunday School:	Melissa Lunsford, Arthur Smith, Barbara Jean Windham
Obituary:	Barbara Arnold, Josephine Welch, Ruby Layfield
Suggestions:	Sara Lunsford, Blondell Layfield, Pete Pearson.

The Moderator instructed delegates to pick up a copy of the Minutes during the recess so that we can adopt them when the meeting reconvenes.

Brother Chester Huckaby came today to represent CONTACT magazine, the official publication of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Miss Patsy Maples was also recognized as a guest today. Adjourned at 10:10 for committee work and fellowship.

Reconvened at 10:40. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as printed.

Finance Committee Report: given by Perry Lunsford.

General Fund Balance	\$ 616.16
Benevolent Fund Balance	\$ 196.71
Mission Fund Balance	\$ 68.81
(\$1,109.86 in C.D. -- matures 1/27/00)	

Rec'd Today:	District Representation Fees	\$ 250.00
	National "	\$ 365.00
	Benevolence Fund	\$ 200.00
	Mission Fund	\$ 0.00
	Sunday School Seminar	\$ 600.00

	Total	\$1,415.00

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

MSC to receive the Finance Committee's report.

Temperance Committee Report: given by Johnny New.

"We, your Temperance Committee, remind us all that the Word of God tells us "Be ye temperate in all things." Therefore, we should refrain from strong drink. We should also be temperate in our speech and eating. We should walk in accord with the leadership of the Spirit."

MSC to receive.

Sunday School Committee Report: given by Melissa Lunsford.

"We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend and encourage all Sunday School personnel to attend the Training Seminar to be held at Little Bethel (8:30 AM - 3:15 PM) on October 23rd. Pastors and Superintendents will meet on Friday night, Oct. 22nd, at 6:00 PM at Turner's Chapel. Bro. Kenemer and his associates will be conducting this specialized training for each age level. Free supper on Friday night; sack lunch required on Saturday. All Sunday Schools participating in the previous Spring training seminar have experienced both excitement and an increase in S.S. attendance. We encourage all our churches to continue to pray and work hard for Sunday School growth."

MSC to receive.

Obituary Committee Report: given by Barbara Arnold.

The Obituary Committee reported our loss of the following:

First-Thomaston:	Sarah Nell Keele
	Maude Windham
Little Bethel :	Wynell Ray
	Gloria Womack
Mt. Olive :	Jasper Childree
	Neva Crook
	Doris Parker
	Hazel Tucker
New Liberty :	Annie Lou Streetman

Turner's Chapel: Leroy Allen
 Eli Robinson
 U.S. Wainwright
 Willard Wainwright

(Memorials may be found in the Minutes on page _____.)

MSC to accept. Moderator Ross called for a moment of silence in memory of the brothers and sisters we have lost, following which, he led in a prayer of gratitude for their lives and for those they have left behind.

Suggestion Committee Report: given by Sara Lunsford.

"We, your Suggestion Committee, recommend . . .

- Item #1. "that each pastor explain to the church that the Association meeting is for all the people and encourage everyone to attend. Adopted.
- Item #2. "that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for refreshments and the meal to come." Adopted.
- Item #3. "that the offering taken today go to the mission account for Bro. Jeff Lunsford." Lunsford gratefully declined due to our lack of funds to have Minutes printed. The recommendation was then amended to keep today's offering in the General Fund for this purpose. Adopted.

State Mission Board Report: given by Arthur Smith.

1. A church has asked to come under our Board.
2. Old N. Fayette property has been sold and the money is in hand.

State Board of Camping Report: given by Arthur Smith.

Plans for an elaborate camp facility was shared. The State Association mandated that they prepare a concept. It will be presented to the State at our upcoming State Meeting in Metter in November.

State Board of Christian Education: given by Jeff Lunsford

1. Ministers Wives Retreat -- had to be postponed due to Hurricane Floyd. Work is under way to come up with an alternate date.
2. Senior Saints Retreat is Oct. 18-20.
3. S.S. Seminar with Keith Kenemer, Oct. 22 & 23.

Ordaining Council had nothing to report today.

Executive Committee Report: given by Junior Welch & Moderator Ross.

1. Brian Fuller: has joined Southern Baptists, rendering his FWB ordination credentials null and void. The clerk will place notice of this in the GA Promotional Bulletin.
2. New Life: has an interim pastor of another denomination. MSC to give them 6 months to come up with FWB pastor.
3. New Beginning Baptist Church: This church, begun by Rev.

Dwight Smith, petitioned to be accepted into Chattahoochee Association. (Will change their name to include FWB.) They have agreed to be under the watchcare of the Association for 12 months. MSC. The Moderator then, on behalf of the Association, extended the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Dwight Smith, who represented the church. Brother Dwight thanked the Association and then turned in their first corresponding letter to the Chattahoochee Association, along with representation fees totaling \$75 (\$25 for District & \$50 for National Association).

4. New Prospect: The Moderator reported that the church did not wish to meet with the Executive Committee. Bro. Wainwright's credentials will be surrendered. The clerk will place notice of this in the Promotional Bulletin. Association property (youth banners, etc.) have been returned.

Executive Secretary William Smith: reported on the National Association in Atlanta. Dr. & Mrs. Forlines will speak at the Senior Saints Retreat at St. Simon's Island, Oct. 18-20. Regarding the State Meeting, Nov. 18-20 in Metter, Dr. Michael Guido of "Seed From The Sower" will speak to start the meeting. Henry Shellman will speak Saturday AM to close the meeting. Dec. 27-28 is the Statewide Youth Retreat. \$30.00/person. (7th grade and above). The Mission Board has taken the King's Bay FWB Mission under the board and a pastor has been hired. He will arrive on the field soon. Mentioned "Marching Through Georgia" and "New Members Handbook" by Dodd. "FWB Handbook" by Matt Pinson. About money, our State budget has already been met. The Coop Budget is running a month ahead of schedule. Received Bro. Smith's report as information.

Association meetings for year 2000. Hosts were announced.

January	8:	New Beginning
April	1:	Mt. Olive
July	1:	Little Bethel
October	7:	Turner's Chapel

Nominating Committee Report: given by Junior Welch.

The Nominating Committee slate of nominees was as follows:

Moderator	Rev. Charles Clark	2001
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Arthur Smith	2001
Clerk/Treas.	Rev. Henry Shellman	2000
Asst. Clerk/Treas.	Johnny New	2000
Executive Committee	E.A. Wewlch, Jr.	2002
Ordaining Council	Rev. Eugene Ross	2002
Suggestion Committee	Mary Wilhoite	2002
Youth/Camp	Rev. Arthur Smith	2000
State C.E. Board	Rev. Charles Clark	2002
Board of Camping	Rev. Arthur Smith	2002
Dist. Youth Competition	Pam Guined & Tina Duncan	2000

MS to elect entire slate. Carried. Only 1 dessenting vote.

MSC to adjourn the business session and go into our worship session. The service was turned over to host pastor Henry Shellman. Junior Welch led us in singing Heaven's Jubilee. An offering was received. Henry Shellman brought our message from Joshua 13:1, a sermon he titled "There is Much Land Remaining To Be Possessed." Joshua was old, and after many years of victories, he was apparently becoming complacent. He is here being reminded of his calling. Perhaps we, members of the Chattahoochee Association, need the same reminder.

The offering totaled \$78.50.
There were approx. 48 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Eugene F. Ross, Moderator
Rev. Jeffery D. Lunsford, Clerk

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

TO: GEORGIA PROMOTIONAL BULLETIN

Be it known that the New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Reynolds, GA, is no longer affiliated with the Free Will Baptist denomination, choosing instead to become an independent church. Be it further known that the ordination credentials of A.P. Wainwright, New Prospect's pastor, have been revoked and are thus null and void.

Be it known that Brian K. Fuller has united with a church of another denomination. His Free Will Baptist ordination credentials are thus null and void.

By order of the Chattahoochee Association.
Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Clerk

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

Report On Sunday School Training Seminar Oct. 23, 1999

The Chattahoochee Association was greatly blessed to have Brother Keith Kenemer, and his team of training specialists from Evangelical Training Association. Six new Sunday School classes were begun in our churches as a result of his seminar with us in the Spring!

On Friday night, the 22nd, Brother Keith met with pastors and Sunday School Superintendents. He spoke about the administration of Sunday School and offered us numerous practical suggestions on growing our Sunday Schools. He especially pointed out the benefits of careful record keeping.

Saturday's seminars were for teachers. Understanding the pupils and a wealth of practical how-to's were given.

Several mentioned afterward that they would like to have Bro. Keith back next Spring.

The finances for this event were as follows:

Receipts:	First - Thomaston	\$200.00
	Mt. Olive	\$200.00
	Little Bethel	\$100.00
	Trinity	\$100.00
	Turner's Chapel	\$200.00
	Rev. Sidney Jones	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
	Total	\$860.00
Expenses:	Books/Materials	\$159.00
	Travel	\$328.04
	Honorariums	<u>\$400.00</u>
	Total	\$887.04

Third Quarterly Meeting

The 3rd quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened July 10, 1999 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Thomaston.

The meeting began at 9:30 AM with host pastor the Jeff Lunsford leading the congregation in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord." Prayer by the Rev. Dwight Smith. The Moderator, Rev. Gene Ross, was introduced, who then called the meeting to order.

Standing delegates were seated.

Corresponding letters were called for and read by the Revs. Dwight & Arthur Smith. Corresponding churches and their elected delegates were as follows:

Bethany	: Bro. Ruble Youngblood, Bro. Ricky Fuller
First - Thomaston	: Melissa Lunsford
Little Bethel	:
Mt. Olive	: Mary Wilhoite, Thomas Windham, Barbara Jean Windham, Barbara Arnold
New Liberty	: Perry Lunsford, Sara Lunsford
New Life	: No report.
New Prospect	: No report.
Spring Hill	: Sam Whitt
Trinity	: Marilyn Smith, Josephine Welch, Carol Welch
Turner's Chapel	:

MSC to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Rolls were called and absentees noted. Ralph Windham was appointed to sit in on the Suggestion Committee. The Moderator also appointed the Finance Committee: A.G. Windham, Melissa Lunsford, E.A. Welch Jr. Recessed for committee work and fellowship.

Reconvened at 10:15.

Minutes of the previous meeting were received as printed.

Committee and Board Reports:

Finance committee report:

General Fund Balance	\$433.21
Benevolent Fund Balance	\$271.71
Mission Fund Balance	\$ 68.81

Received today:	Representation fees	\$195.00
	Benevolence Fund	\$ 0.00
	Mission Fund	+ \$ 0.00
	Total	\$195.00

MSC to receive the report.

Suggestion Committee report was given by Marilyn Smith:

MSC to accept report and consider item by item.

1. We, your Suggestion Committee, recommend: that our pastors explain that associational meetings are for all the members of the churches in the association, not just the delegates and pastors. MSC

2. We, your Suggestion Committee, recommend: that the By-laws require that any minister on the Ministerial Roll be a member of a Free Will Baptist Church in the Chattahoochee Association.

After much discussion the motion carried.

3. We, your Suggestion Committee, recommend: that the host church be given a rising vote of appreciation for its hospitality. MSC

State Mission Board: the Rev. Arthur Smith reported that he had Architectural sketches for the building at our North Fayette mission work for us to look at today. Missionary Paul Smith is getting bids for this building project.

State Board of Camping: the Rev. Arthur Smith reported that the Board will bring to the State Meeting a master plan for a State-owned camp. Smith reported that it will have a price tag of about \$5 million.

National Association in Atlanta: Jeff Lunsford spoke regarding our dire need for volunteers at the National.

Ordaining Council had nothing to report at this meeting.

New Business:

1. New Prospect Withdrawal. Motion and second to acknowledge their withdrawal and bid them God-speed. Motion and second to amend the motion to include the Executive Board being directed by this body to contact them and ask them to reconsider. The amendment carried. The amended motion carried.

2. Association Property. Bro. Arthur Smith moved that we ask them to return Association property (youth banners). Seconded. Motion carried.

3. Rev. A.P. Wainwright. Bro. Arthur Smith moved that we require the ordination credentials of Rev. A.P. Wainwright because of his sentiment as shown in leading his church to pull out of the Association. Seconded. The motion carried 15 to 1.

4. Sunday School Seminar.

The Moderator shared Keith Kenemer's proposed program and

expenses (attached). It was suggested that we bring the special offerings for this event to the Annual Meeting in October.

5. Nominating Committee. MSC to have the Moderator appoint a Nominating Committee at this meeting to bring back a report at our Annual Meeting in October. Appointed were:

1. E.A. Welch, Jr., Chmn. ⊙
2. Rev. Dwight Smith
3. Ralph Windham

6. Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. Due to health reasons, Barbara Jean Windham has resigned effective today. MSC to accept her resignation. Bro. Henry Shellman was elected today to serve in this capacity until election of officers at the Annual Meeting in October.

7. MSC to give a rising vote of thanks to Barbara Jean Windham for having served in this capacity.

Rev. Arthur Smith announced a benefit singing for Bethany FWB Church on the last Saturday night of this month.

Adjourned for the worship service.

The Morning Message: The Rev. Dwight Smith brought our message from Matthew 26:36-41, a message entitled "A Call To The Cross." The fact of going to the cross was not an issue to Christ, but the closer He got to it the more fellowship He needed with God and God's people. We have many to pray for, but it is altogether appropriate for us to pray for our needs.

The inner circle was charged with the responsibility of being intercessors. Those outside the gate were not. He loved them all the same.

There were approximately 41 people in attendance.

(Today's offering totaled \$ 51.00.)

Second Quarterly Meeting

The second quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists met April 4, 1999, at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Ideal, GA.

The meeting began at 9:30 AM with host pastor Sidney Jones leading the congregation in singing "At The Cross." Prayer by Leonard Layfield. The Moderator, Rev. Gene Ross, was introduced, who then called the meeting to order and explained that we may have to change the order of service for the day inasmuch as we have our youth competition today.

Standing delegates were seated.

Corresponding letters were called for and read by the Revs. Henry Shellman and Charles Clark. Corresponding churches and their elected delegates were as follows:

Bethany	: No report.
First - Thomaston	: Melissa Lunsford
Little Bethel	: Ruby Ray, Blondell Layfield
Mt. Olive	: Mary Wilhoite, Arline Smith, Junior Smith, Sid Crook
New Liberty	: Perry Lunsford, Sara Lunsford
New Life	:
New Prospect	: No report.
Spring Hill	: Sam Whitt
Trinity	: Marilyn Smith
Turner's Chapel	:

MSC to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Rolls were called and absentees noted. Finance Committee appointed: Richard Anthony, Perry Lunsford, Junior Smith. Offering received. Dismissed for committee work and fellowship.

Reconvened at 10:15 with our youth competition:
3rd Grade Bible Memorization: Benjamin Lunsford.
Piano Solo: Joseph Lunsford.
6th Grade Bible Sword Drill: Joseph Lunsford
Piano Solo: Benjamin Lunsford
Guitar Solo: Joseph Lunsford

Business resumed. Minutes of the previous meeting were received. Finance committee report:

General Fund Balance	\$406.30
Benevolent Fund Balance	\$371.71
Mission Fund Balance	\$ 68.81

Received today:	Representation fees	\$175.00
	Offering	\$ 52.50
	Benevolence Fund	\$ 0.00
	Mission Fund	+ \$ 0.00
	Total	\$227.50

C.E. Board report given by Jeff Lunsford:

1. Ministers Retreat at Little Ocmulgee State Park in McRae, GA. Cost is \$25.00 registration and meals. Dr. Milton Fields from Free Will Baptist Bible College will be the speaker.
2. State Youth Competitive Activities: May 14-15. We have plenty of young people in our churches to be involved in competition. Order materials from Randall House right after the National Association.

Suggestion Committee report: "We your suggestion committee recommend..."

1. We need a volunteer to take over youth competition for district and that we keep the Lunsford family in our prayers in their new endeavors.
2. That we have a follow up S.S. teacher training with Keith Kenemer in the Fall.
3. That everybody attend the youth rally on April 17th when the Bible College Quartet will perform.
4. That we have another Associational Revival in the Spring of the year 2000."
5. That all our churches participate in the Concert of Prayer [for the National Association] at Mt. Olive, Friday, April 16th, at 7:00 PM.
6. That a vote of thanks be given to the host church for their hospitality today."

Respectfully submitted:

Bro. Sid Crook
Mary Wilhoite
Marilyn Smith, Chmn.

The report was received and the recommendations were considered item by item:

1. Linda Whitt was recommended. Charles Clark recommended that we also have a contact person in each church for this person to work with. MSC
2. Moderator Ross shared a letter from Bro. Kenemer concerning a teacher training seminar he could present. Several commented favorably on this suggestion. It was moved, seconded and carried that we have the follow-up as suggested and that Bro. Kenemer be contacted right away to set up a date.
3. MSC
4. MSC
5. MSC Moderator asked that pastors give an estimate of attendees from respective churches so that they would know how much food to prepare.
6. MSC

Brief discussion was given to our upcoming National Association in Atlanta, especially regarding the need for volunteers and the need to pre-register!

Old Business: Clerk forgot to send out letter of encouragement to non-participating churches as directed at the last meeting. It will be done.

Our next quarterly meeting will be at First-Thomaston on July 10th.

Youth Competition Awards: All competitors scored high enough to go on to State Competition. Competitors registration fees to be paid out of district Youth Fund.

Adjourned for the worship service.

Rev. Henry Shellman brought our message from Jonah 1:2-3, Acts 9:6. Hrs message was titled "Paul Or Jonah, Which Are You?" and he emphasized that all of us are commanded to "arise and go" into the field of harvest.

There were approximately 40 people in attendance. The clerk received \$2.00 after the meeting to be added to today's offering.

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The first quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association convened January 2, 1999 at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Mauk, GA.

The meeting began at 9:30 with the congregation singing, "Amazing Grace" acappella, led by host pastor, Rev. Dwight Smith. Prayer by Rev. Charles Clark. The Moderator, Rev. Gene Ross, was introduced and called the meeting to order.

Standing delegates seated.

Corresponding letters: read by Arthur & Dwight Smith

Bethany	: No report.
First-Thomaston	: Melissa Lunsford
Little Bethel	:
Mt. Olive	: Mary Wilhoite, Barbara Windham, Jr. Smith, Thomas Windham
New Liberty	: No report.
New Life	: No report.
New Prospect	: No report.
Spring Hill	: Carolyn Smith, Sam Whitt, Doug Whitt
Trinity	: Carol Welch, Marilyn Smith, Josephine Welch
Turner's Chapel	:

Elected church delegates were seated. Rolls called. Absentees noted.

Sisters Josephine Welch & Barbara Arnold were asked to serve on the Suggestion Committee for today.

Finance Committee: Henry Shellman, Gerald Moore, E.A. Welch, Jr.

Recessed for Committee Work & Fellowship.

10:15 Meeting resumed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: \$155.00 received today in representation fees. Shellman explained that we are having financial difficulties due to the fact that some of our churches are not regularly sending representation fees. The result is that we will not be able to meet our expenses. Churches that are giving may want to give more. It was also suggested that churches reconsider just how many copies of the Minutes they really need. Several churches are ordering more than they actually need.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE: Report was given by Barbara Arnold.
"We, your Suggestion Committee, recommend:

1. that the churches that have not attended our quarterly meetings in a long time be reminded that they need to attend as often as possible to help make this one of the best years

- we've ever had.
2. that we remember those absent from us today that we know would have been here. Pray especially for Bro. Warren Wyatt.
 3. that we give the host church a rising ovation for hosting the Association in such a friendly manner."

The report was received and the recommendations were considered item by item.

- #1. Charles Clark questions how this will be done. Amended to instruct clerk to write a letter explaining to them how we miss them and need them, and encourage them to attend. Sidney Jones also encouraged that. Adopted.
2. MSC
3. MSC

MISSION BOARD report by Arthur Smith. There are problems with the bonding company paying us for the South Atlanta work. An attorney has been secured to deal with the bonding agency.

The Ordaining Council, Executive Board, and Camping Board, have no reports today.

Melissa Lunsford reported on Sunday School Seminar, Feb. 6th, at Turner's Chapel. Every church is encouraged to attend. The body voted to give Bro. Keith Kenemer 32.5 cents per mile, plus love offering. The Association will provide for his mileage expense, and a love offering will be received. MSC Bring a list of prospects you have for your Sunday School as well as your current Sunday School enrollment.

Several churches pledged financial support to help with the expense of this meeting.

YOUTH COMPETITION will be at next quarterly meeting. Registration deadline is March 8th.

The Moderator reminded everyone about the National Association in Atlanta in July. Workers are needed. Please volunteer.

MSC to receive the Minutes of the last meeting.

Jeff Lunsford gave C.E. Board report.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Arthur Smith brought a motion that the Executive Committee look at the material in the back of the minutes to see if any of it should be updated. Much of the information is redundant. MSC Moderator instructed the committee to meet today to set a date for a work meeting.

Bro. Tyson Ray reminded us that Jan. 17th is a Day of Prayer and Fasting for GA Free Will Baptists.

MSC to adjourn for the worship service.

Our Worship began with prayer by Jr. Welch. The congregation sang "Power In The Blood", led by Bro. Sam Whitt. The offering received totalled \$125.00. "Showers of Blessing"

Rev. Henry Shellman brought a powerful message from John 21:14 - 17 in which we were challenged not to tell Jesus how much you love Him ... show Him! By feeding His sheep and by standing up for God's Word. There is no outrage over the rampant sin in our country today. We will not be popular. But we are told to be separated (different). We are to be witnesses for Jesus (Acts 1:8) and He will give us the power to do what He wants us to do. An invitation followed with an altar full of ministers, deacons, and church leaders.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Corresponding letters were received from New Liberty on Jan. 5th with a representation fee of \$15, and New Life on Feb. 16th with a representation fee of \$10.00.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Total Members	Sunday School Enrolled	C.T.S. Enrolled	Women for Christ	Master's Men	Minures Requested
Bethany	Rev Joe L. Tyler	1	0	0	3	10	0	21	0	None	None	None	10
First Thomaston	Rev Jeff Lunsford	1	0	2	0	4	6	58	30	None	8	None	15
Little Bethel	Rev. Sidney Jones	1	0	5	16	18	2	98	55	None	11	5	25
Mt Olive	Rev. Arthur Smith	3	0	5	0	2	8	146	60	None	None	None	25
The New Beginning	Rev. Dwight Smith	1	0	2	0	0	0	21	0	None	None	None	10
New Liberty	Rev. J. C. Grimsley	2	0	1	0	0	1	27	12	None	None	None	18
New Life		0	0	4	0	0	0	80	0	None	None	None	20
Spring Hill	Rev. Eugene Ross	0	0	2	3	1	0	23	24	None	None	None	15
Trinity	Rev. Henry Shellman	2	0	4	7	12	3	53	45	None	None	None	30
Turner's Chapel	Rev. Charles Clark	1	0	1	4	5	4	195	65	None	None	None	25
TOTALS		12	0	25	33	52	24	701	291	None	19	5	193

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	City/Town Rural	Pastor Full/Part Time	Budget	Parsonage	Value of Church and 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	44,263.88
Little Bethel	Macon	R	FT	No	Yes	80,000.00	32,615.88
Mt Olive	Taylor	R	FT	No	Yes	300,000.00	24,240.25
The New Beginning	Marion	R	PT	No	No	25,000.00	3,000.00
New Liberty	Schley	R	PT	No	No	0.00	0.00
New Life	Marion	R	PT	No	No	151,000.00	10,363.41
Spring Hill	Marion	R	PT	No	No	165,000.00	0.00
Trinity	Taylor	R	PT	No	Yes	300,000.00	46,941.70
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	R	PT	No	Yes	450,000.00	46,161.49
TOTALS				1	5	\$1,871,000.00	207,586.61

MEMORIALS

In loving memory the Chattahoochee Association submits the following members:

FIRST - THOMASTON

Sarah Nell Keele	January 15, 1999
Maude Windham	February 27, 1999

LITTLE BETHEL

Gloria Wemark	June 28, 1936 - June 3, 1999
Wynelle Ray	Nov 28, 1924 - March 24, 1999

NEW LIBERTY

Annie Lou Streetman

MT OLIVE

Jasper Childres	Sept 3, 1924 - Jan 17, 1999
Neva Crook	July 10, 1921 - Aug 20, 1999
Hazel Tucker	May 22, 1913 - Aug 22, 1999
Doris Parker	Feb 29, 1924 - Sept 14, 1999

TURNER'S CHAPEL

U. S. Wainwright
Leroy Allen
Eli Robinson
Willard Wainwright

TRINITY

Neva Watson

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.

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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