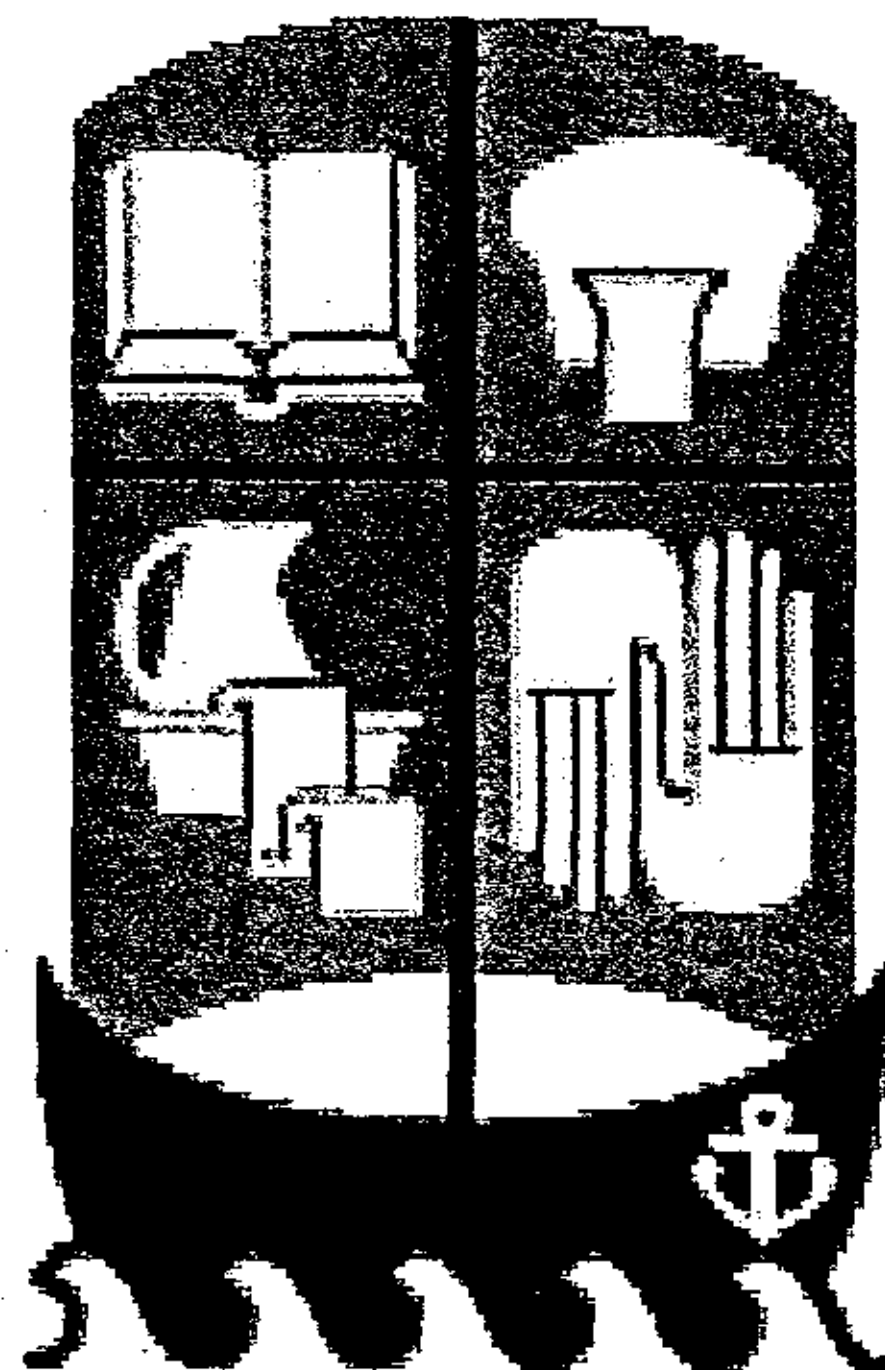


MINUTES

OF



**Chattahoochee Association
Of
Free Will Baptist**

CAFWB

2000

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**DIRECTORY
Of
CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

2001

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CALENDAR OF 2001 EVENTS

JANUARY, 2001

4	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host Turner's Chapel
5	Quarterly Meeting – First Thomaston
20	Association Youth Rally – The New Beginning
27	Gospel Singing – New Liberty 7:30pm

FEBRUARY, 2001

1	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host Mt Olive
24	Gospel Singing – New Liberty 7:30pm

MARCH, 2001

1	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host Trinity
15-17	State Association Meeting – Trinity Fellowship Church, Hampton, GA
24	Gospel Singing – New Liberty 7:30pm

APRIL, 2001

5	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host Little Bethel
15	Easter Sunday Sunrise Services – The New Beginning 6:00a.m.
28	Gospel Singing – New Liberty 7:30pm
29	Communion – The New Beginning

MAY, 2001

3	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host The New Beginning
26	Gospel Singing – New Liberty 7:30pm

JUNE, 2001

7	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host Spring Hill
23	Gospel Singing – New Liberty 7:30pm

JULY, 2001

8	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host Turner's Chapel
22	Homecoming - Trinity
23-27	Revival - Trinity
28	Gospel Singing – New Liberty 7:30pm
29	Communion – The New Beginning

AUGUST, 2001

2	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host Mt Olive
9	24-Hours of Prayer – The New Beginning
12	Homecoming – The New Beginning
13-15	Revival – The New Beginning
19	Homecoming – New Liberty 11:00a.m.
20-24	Revival – New Liberty 7:30p.m.
25	Gospel Singing – New Liberty 7:30p.m.

SEPTEMBER, 2001

6	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host Trinity
16	Pastor Appreciation Sunday – The New Beginning
22	Gospel Singing – New Liberty 7:30p.m.
30	Communion – The New Beginning

OCTOBER, 2001

4	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host Little Bethel
27	Fall Festival – The New Beginning
27	Gospel Singing – New Liberty 7:30p.m.

NOVEMBER, 2001

1	Ministers Prayer Breakfast – Host The New Beginning
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DECEMBER, 2001

24	Ministers & Deacons Fellowship
31	Children's Christmas Program – The New Beginning
	Communion – The New Beginning

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**Chattahoochee
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2000

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

CAFWB

The first quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30am on January 8, 2000, at The New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church. The host pastor, Rev. Dwight Smith welcomed everyone, and Rev. Eugene Ross led in the opening prayer. Bro. A. G. Windham led the congregation in singing At The Cross. Rev. Dwight Smith introduced the Association's new moderator, Rev. Charles Clark. Rev. Clark expressed his thankfulness for the opportunity to serve as moderator. He requested prayer from all the churches and called the meeting to order.

Rev. Clark's opening remarks included the theme for the year 2000 is Evangelism. He encouraged everyone to get the burden for lost souls and called for unity in the district so that souls will respond to the preaching of the gospel. The motion was made and seconded that the moderator appoint someone to read the church letters. The motion carried. Rev. Eugene Ross and Rev. Arthur Smith were appointed. The letters were read and received and delegates seated. There were no visitors present to be recognized.

Rolls of officers, committees and ministers were called by Henry Shellman, Clerk. Because of absentees to committees the moderator asked the following individuals to serve:

Suggestion Committee:

Tyson Ray
Sarah Lunsford

Finance Committee:

J. W. Teak
John Smith
Gerald Moore

Offering was received and the body was recessed to allow time for the committees to compile reports and for fellowship.

Meeting reconvened at 10:25am by Rev. Clark, and the minutes of the 164th Annual Session were distributed and read by the body. A motion was made and seconded to receive the minutes as written and the motion carried with the following correction:

- Addition of an added obituary – Frances Lowe Winters

Rev. Clark called for reports from the boards.

Christian Board of Education

Rev. Clark encouraged couples to attend the Couples Retreat on Feb 4 and 5, 2000 at

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Epworth By The Sea and the Annual Ministers Retreat in May for a time of spiritual renewing. He also announced the State Association of FWB will meet in March 2000 in Albany, GA, at the First Free Will Baptist Church.

Mission Board

Rev. Arthur Smith reported that the national officers of the Mission Board met in Nashville, TN, in November 1999. There is a possibility that there will be a cross-cultural (Korean) mission church starting at the Shallowford Church with Bro. Lee as Pastor. There are 80 people and Bro Lee is coming from the Southern Baptist. The Board will have a meeting to determine if they want to finance this effort. Malcom Freeman was re-elected chairman of the Mission Board.

Camp Board

Rev. Arthur Smith mentioned that a potential camp ground located between Atlanta and Augusta (all facilities included) was brought before the State Association and a motion made and seconded to purchase this property, but was voted down. There will be a meeting in Perry in February to again look into purchasing this property.

Executive Committee

Bro E. A. Welch reported no business.

Suggestion Committee

Marilyn Smith of the committee reported four items from the committee and the report was received and voted on item by item.

Item 1: That the churches get together for combined services and fellowship to learn the needs and activities of all our brothers and sisters in the Lord. One example, Mt Olive, The New Beginning and Bethany will hold baptismal services on 1/9/00. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Item 2: The original suggestion was that our churches increase their giving to the Association to help cover expenses. Our general treasury is low. Printing of the minutes is expensive and a minimum of \$25 above what each church is now giving would be greatly beneficial. It was then suggested that this suggestion be reworded to encourage the churches to give as much as they can to increase the general treasury and not stipulate a minimum or maximum amount. This item was received as changed; seconded; and approved.

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Item 3: That today's offering be used for the general treasury. The motion was made seconded and item 3 approved.

Item 4. That the host church receive a rising vote of appreciation for their hospitality. A rising vote of appreciation was given to The New Beginning Church.

Finance Committee Report:

General Fund Balance	\$ 481.22
Benevolent Fund Balance	\$ 321.71
Mission Fund Balance	\$ 68.81
(\$1000.00 CD)	\$1149.71
Representation Fees Received Today	\$280.00
Offering Received 1-8-00	\$ 98.16

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

G. B. Moore, Chairman
J. W Teat
John Smith

The Finance report was approved and accepted.

Bro. E. A. Welch asked what is the purpose of the mission funds. Rev. Arthur Smith was unaware of how the funds are used. Rev. Smith stated that the funds came from a group who started a mission in Reynolds. The mission failed and the treasury of that work was donated to the Association for the purpose of starting new churches.

A motion was made by A. G. Windham that the Executive Committee draw up guidelines for the use of mission funds. The motion was seconded and approved.

General Business

Rev. Arthur Smith made the motion to continue the benevolent support to Loraine Melton for 2 years. Motion carried. This would be for \$25.00/mo.

Patsy B. Shellman volunteered to be a delegate to the State meeting in March 2000 in Albany, GA.

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Pam Guined gave report on youth competition. The motion was made to have District competition at the April Association meeting. This date had already been designated and there was no vote taken on this motion. Pam stated that pre-registration forms for District competition should be sent to her and Tina Duncan in care of Trinity.

As a point of information, New Life FWB stated that they have no interim pastor. No pastor has been called. Motion was made and carried to accept this information.

There was some discussion started by Rev. Sidney Jones regarding the revocation of the ordination papers of A. P. Wainwright and Brian K. Fuller.

The meeting adjourned for our Morning Worship Service.

Bro. A. G. Windham led Down At The Cross and the morning speaker, Rev. Author Smith was introduced by Rev. Dwight Smith. Arthur Smith brought the morning message entitled Advantages of Local Churches Working Together in the Association. His text was taken from Proverbs 11:14; II Samuel 10:6 and Ecclesiastes 4:9. The message was a call for unity in our struggle to win souls for the Lord. It takes cooperation to get a job done. The service was dismissed with prayer by E. A. Welch, Jr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator
Rev Henry Shellman, Sr., Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

CAFWB

The second quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:40am on April 1, 2000, at Mt Olive Free Will Baptist Church. The host pastor, Rev. Arthur Smith welcomed everyone and announced that the planned speaker, Rev. William Smith was sick and could not attend and that Rev Dwight Smith of The New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church would bring the message. Bro. A. G. Windham led the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Brother JR Welch led in the opening prayer. The meeting was then turned over to Moderator Rev Charles Clark. Rev Clark read versus of scripture from Proverbs 3:5-10 and then called the meeting to order.

Rev Clark called for the corresponding letters. Bro. A. G. Windham and Rev Dwight Smith read the church letters. Churches reporting by letter were: New Beginning, Trinity, Spring Hill, Little Bethel, Turner's Chapel, First Thomaston (no delegates), New Liberty, New Life, and Mt Olive. Rev Dwight Smith made the motion to accept these letters and to seat the delegates. The motion carried and was seconded. Rev Clark asked if there were any visitors present. There were none.

Rolls of officers, committees and ministers were called by Henry Shellman, Clerk. All committee members were present. Rev Clark appointed the following to serve on the Finance Committee:

J. C. Grimsley
Pete Pearson
Tyson Ray

The body was recessed for fellowship. Rev Arthur Smith invited everyone to have refreshments and return at 10:10am.

Meeting reconvened at 10:10am. The District CTS competition was held during this time with one group competing. The group was called the Sister Act from Mt Olive. They sang "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me" and were accompanied by Mark Windham. The group consisted of three girls and competed in Category 1 (Grades 1-3). The group received the rating of 80 and will compete in the State competition in Lyons, GA.

The minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting, January 8, were distributed and read by the body. A motion was made and seconded to receive the minutes as written and the motion carried.

Rev. Clark called for reports from the boards.

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Christian Board of Education

Rev. Clark reported that the board had held two meetings and were thinking about having Bible College preparatory classes taught in our area. These classes would be once a week or once a month. A questionnaire will be forthcoming. The Ministers Retreat will be held May 1-3, 2000. He encouraged ministers to attend. Rev Clark stated that the Chattahoochee Association Revival held at Trinity April 26-30, 2000 was a great success. Fred and June Hersy will be the speakers at the Seniors Retreat. This committee covets your prayers and support.

Mission Board

Rev. Arthur Smith reported that Brother Duck-Chun Lee was commissioned at the State meeting in Albany on March 17, 2000. Brother Lee will be working as cross-cultural missionaries to the Korean people in the Atlanta, GA, area. He is presently meeting in the basement of the Shallowford Free Will Baptist Church. The Mission Board voted to underwrite Brother Lee's salary. Rev. Smith encouraged all churches to give to the cooperative program.

There are plans to start a Free Will Baptist Student Union at the University of GA. He also reported that the South Atlanta Mission Church will soon be dedicated and that Paul Smith will be preaching in churches to raise money for the furnishings of this church. The mission fund has \$80,000.00.

Rev. Smith made the motion to accept the report and the motion was approved and carried.

Camp Board

Bro Dwight Smith reported that he attended the annual Camp Board Meeting for Bro Arthur Smith due to the fact that Bro Arthur had a mission board meeting scheduled at the same time. The Board elected Ron Goodman, Chairman; Paul Creech, Vice Chairman; and John Aburgeey, Clerk. The next meeting will be at Teen Camp, 26 June 2000, scheduled for 25-29 June at the FFA Camp in Perry GA. The meeting will be at 4:30pm. Then we are invited to stay for dinner and the evening service. If you have never been to Youth Camp, this will be a good time for you to see what it is all about. Jr. Camp will be held 4-9 June at Camp John Hope. Our churches need to get involved in camping. Jr. Camp will cost \$120.00 or \$100.00 if pre-registered.

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Executive Committee

Bro E. A. Welch reported that no meeting had been held.

Suggestion Committee

Marilyn Smith, Chairman, reported four items from the committee and the report was received and voted on item by item.

Item 1: We urge more members to attend our quarterly meetings

Item 2: We especially urge more of our youth to attend and participate in the business.

Item 3: The clerk of the association send out the forms that list delegates and representation fees at least a month before association meetings so churches can approve their decisions in conference before hand.

Item 4. We offer the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Finance Committee Report:

General Fund Balance	\$ 437.63
Benevolent Fund Balance	\$ 246.71 (4-1-00)
Mission Fund Balance	\$1218.52
(\$1000.00 CD)	
Representation Fees Received Today	\$260.00
Offering Received 1-8-00	\$ 97.60
Benevolent Fund (Trinity)	\$100.00

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

Monroe T. Ray, Chairman
J. C. Grimsley
Pete Pearson Sr.

The Finance report was approved and accepted.

Old Business

The Executive Board did not meet in regards as what to do with the money in the

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

CAFWB

Missions fund.

Miscellaneous Announcements

Sunrise Services will be held at Turners Chapel and at Trinity. There will be a revival at Mt Olive 15-19 May with Bro Aaron McCollough preaching.

Tina Duncan reported the results of the CTS competition. She reported the score of 80, recognized the judges, and distributed certificates and medals.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Worship services began by Rev Arthur Smith welcoming everyone to Mt Olive and an offering was taken. Mark Windham played "He Walks With Me" as the offertory music. Rev Arthur Smith encouraged churches to financially help pastors to go the National Associational meetings in California. Mark Windham singing "Beulah Land" presented special music. Bro A. J. Windham led the congregational hymn, "What a Day That Will Be".

Rev Arthur Smith introduced Rev Dwight Smith as the speaker for today. He announced that Bro Johnny B. Lumpkin is in the hospital with pneumonia and has requested our prayers. Bro Dwight reported on the activities at new Beginning and thanked Turner's Chapel for the donation of song books to the church.

He introduced and read his text as Gen 41-46. He prayed for God's leadership. His message was on Joseph. Joseph was a better man because of the hardships that he endured. His life could have led to bitterness, but because of his faith in God he gained the victory. Don't let the world make you a bitter person, but let God give you the victory in your life. Bro A. J. Windham led in the song "Do You Know My Jesus" and an invitation was given by Bro Dwight Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator
Rev Henry Shellman, Sr., Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

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The third quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30am on July 1, 2000, at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. The host pastor, Rev. Sidney Jones began the meeting by leading "Blessed Assurance". Bro Arthur Smith led in prayer and Bro Sidney welcomed everyone to Little Bethel. The Moderator, Bro Charles Clark, read Hebrews 10:9 and spoke on being in God's will and told of his trip to the Holy Land.

Rev Clark called for the corresponding letters and asked Bro. Eugene Ross and Rev Dwight Smith to read the church letters. Churches reporting by letter were:

New Liberty
Little Bethel
Mt Olive
Spring Hill
Turner's Chapel
The New Beginning
New Life – No Delegate
Trinity
First Thomaston – No Delegate

Rev Eugene Ross made the motion to accept these letters and to seat the delegates. The motion seconded and approved. Rev Clark asked if there were any visitors present. There were none. Bro Clark gave a report on the new pastor, Robert Bradon, at First Thomaston. Rev Bradon's grandfather died and Rev Bradon's wife is very ill with lymphoma. Prayer requests were taken and Bro Eugene Ross lead in prayer.

Rolls of officers, committees and ministers were called by Henry Shellman, Clerk. The following Officers and Committee members were absent:

Johnny New – Assistant Clerk
E. A. Welch – Executive Committee and State Board of Trustees
A. G. Windham – Executive Committee
Jimmy Wilhoite – Ordaining Council
Mary Wilhoite – Suggestion Committee

Rev Clark appointed the individuals to Committees:

Suggestion Committee
Louise Brooker

Finance Committee
Tyron Ray
Finance Committee Continued
Danny Whitt

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Carolyn Smith

An offering was taken and Rev Dwight Smith prayed. The body was recessed for fellowship and to return by 10:10am to resume business.

Meeting reconvened at 10:19am. Rev Clark delivered greetings to the Association from Rev Jeff Lunsford. Jeff expressed that he would love to be with us but was in Illinois. He wanted everyone to know how much he loves you and desires your prayers as he and his family get ready to go to Mongolia. Appreciation was expressed to the youth that participated in the CTS Competition. The winners of the Association did not compete at the State Level.

The minutes of the Second Quarterly Meeting, April 1, were distributed and read by the body. Rev Eugene Ross made the motion to receive the minutes as written. His motion was seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The Executive Committee has not yet met to discuss what to do with the money in the Mission Fund. Rev Henry Shellman will send letter to the Executive Committee regarding this money.

Reports from Committees follow:

Christian Education Board

The next meeting will be held in August. Bro Clark made available to each church in the Association a survey regarding the Georgia Bible Institute. He asked that these surveys be returned to him in July so that he would have them for the August meeting. The Senior Retreat will be held in October with speakers Fred and June Hersey. Seniors 55 or older qualify to attend the Retreat, as do pastors.

Mission Board

Rev. Arthur Smith reported that the Camden Mission Church has a need for 30 hymnals. Bro Arthur asked that the Association purchase blue hymnals. The South Atlanta Mission project is coming along fine. A dedication service is anticipated to be held on a Saturday in September. The Korean work going well and they are very excited about a full-fledged FWB Church. The Acts 1:8 Program is increasing and more people are donating and learning more about it. Rev. Smith made the motion to accept the report and the motion was approved and carried.

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Camp Board

Bro Arthur Smith reported on the Camp at John Hope in March 2000. There were 97 campers and 22 workers. Many decisions were made to accept Christ and also rededications. Every night there were good alter services. The camp is in need of men workers.

The Teen Camp had 130 campers. Mark Walker will be the director for the next 2 years. Bro Arthur mentioned the Teen Winter Retreat, Dec 28-30 or Jan 1-3 will be announced at a later date. Terry Pierce has elected not to be the director. At the next State meeting he will be presented a plaque. The camp has tripled under his leadership. Bro Arthur moved to accept this report. The report was seconded and approved.

Suggestion Committee

Marilyn Smith, Chairman, reported five items from the committee and the report was received and voted on item by item. All items were seconded and approved.

Item 1: That we have more interaction between the member churches.

Item 2: That the pastors put more emphasis on youth camp. We are losing opportunity to reach our children. All pastors are welcome to attend youth camp meetings to hear what's going on.

Item 3: That we appoint an Associational Youth Camp Board to represent the Association at our youth camp planning meetings, and that this board be appointed prior to the annual meeting in October. Bro Arthur Smith is out numbered at the Junior Camp meetings and needs our help.

Item 4: That we urge our children to attend Association Meetings to learn to take care of the Association's business.

Item 5: We suggest a rousing vote of appreciation to our host church for today's hospitality.

Finance Committee Report:

Danny Whitt gave the following report:

General Fund Balance	\$ 770.31
Benevolent Fund Balance	\$ 263.91
Mission Fund Balance	\$1218.68
(\$1000.00 CD)	

Representation Fees Received Today	\$280.00
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THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

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Offering Received 7-1-00

\$ 76.00

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

Danny Whitt, Chairman
Carolyn Smith
Tyson Ray

The Finance report was approved and accepted.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Bro Sidney Jones opened the worship service. He thanked the Lord for His blessings. Bro Williams led the congregation in singing "Without Him". Bro Tyson Ray led in prayer. Bro Williams led in "Standing on the Promises" and "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference". Rev Henry Shellman preached to the Association on Challenge, John 14:6 – "Are You in THE WAY or Are You in the way".

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Charles Clark, Moderator
Rev Henry Shellman, Sr., Clerk

Executive Board Meeting
8-31-2000 6:00pm
Turner's Chapel FWB Church

Attending:

Moderator Charles Clark
Rev. Henry Shellman, clerk
E.A. Welch Jr.
Rev. A.G. Windham
Tyson Ray

Bro Clark opened the meeting. He read scripture from Romans 8:1. He spoke briefly on walking in the way of the Lord. Prayer requests were taken and Bro A. G. led in prayer. At this time Bro Clark called the meeting to order and introduced the first item of business, which was "What to do with mission funds. Motion made, seconded and carried to recommend to the body the fund remain for the purpose of mission work or to be used as an emergency fund if the need arises.

The next item of business was to appoint a camp board. The following names were recommended Barbara Windham, Lisa Vissage, Mark Moore, Tina Duncan, and Sherri Jones.

The third item was to appoint a nominating committee. Bro Gene Ross was named chairman with Bro E.A. Welch Jr and Bro Perry Lunsford making up the committee.

Then there was discussion as how to make the meetings more appealing. Also it was discussed about putting signs on the main highways stating The Free Will Baptist churches of Taylor County welcome you. No action was taken.

Bro Henry Shellman adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Henry W. Shellman Sr.
Clerk

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The 165th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30am on October 7, 2000 at Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. The host pastor, and moderator Rev. Charles asked visitor Bro Chester Huckaby to lead in prayer seeking God's grace, mercy and leadership. The body sang, "Praise the Lord". Rev Clark welcomed everyone to the annual meeting.

Ken Langston, a senior at Halston County High School, brought the devotion. His topic was "An Association". He read from Hebrew 10:24-25.

Rev Clark reminded churches of National Fees due at the annual session. He called for volunteers to read the corresponding letters. After no volunteers he asked Rev Eugene Ross and Rev Arthur Smith to read the church letters. Churches reporting by letter were:

New Liberty – No Delegates
Spring Hill – 3 Delegates
First Thomaston – No Delegates – One Deacon
Trinity – 5 Delegates
Bethany – 3 Delegates
Mt Olive – 4 Delegates
Turner's Chapel – 2 Delegates
The New Beginning – 1 Delegate
Little Bethel – 3 Delegates
New Liberty – 3 Delegates

The motion was made to accept these letters and to seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and approved.

Rev Clark recognized the following visitors: Bro & Mrs. Chester Huckaby – representing "Contact", our FWB national magazine and Jerry McArthur, Witchataw Falls, TX. Bro McArthur was a pastoral candidate for First Thomaston.

Rolls of officers, committees and ministers were called by Henry Shellman, Clerk. Rev Clark asked for Petition Letters. There were none.

Rev Clark appointed the following individuals to Committees:

Suggestion Committee

Becky Jones
Wiladeen Pierson

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Finance Committee

Perry Lunsford
Danny Whitt
Herbert Salter

Sunday School Committee

Rex Robinson
Josephine Welch
Junior Smith

Obituary Committee

Tina Duncan
Linda Whitt
Sara Lunsford

Temperance Committee

Rev Dwight Smith
Gerald Moore
A. G. Windham

Bro Chester Huckaby spoke to the body about the Free Will Baptist publication, Contact. He said the name means just what it says – Contact. He discussed articles with the current subscription and stated the magazine was published 12 times per year at \$15.00 per year for the subscription. Bro Huckaby provided instructions and material to those who wished to subscribe to the magazine.

Bro Sidney Jones prayed the offering prayer and offering was taken before recessing for 15 minutes.

Meeting reconvened at 10:30am. Clerk, Rev Henry Shellman read the minutes of the third quarterly session held on July 1, 2000. Bro Arthur Smith made the motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as read. Next, Bro Henry read the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held on August 31, 2000 at Turner's Chapel. Bro Arthur Smith again made the motion to accept these minutes as read and this motion was seconded and the motion carried.

The following reports were given:

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Christian Education Board

Rev Charles Clark urged the senior adults and pastors to attend the Senior Retreat. He expressed there would be many blessings received at this retreat. He also encouraged the minister's wives to attend their retreat.

Camp Board

Rev Arthur Smith reported:

The Winter Retreat will be December 28th – 30th or January 1st – 3rd. He stated that he would contact each pastor when the confirmation dates were received.

Jeff Goodman will be the Teen Retreat Director for the next 2 years.

Mark Walker will be the Teen Camp Director for the next 2 years.

Mission Board

Rev Arthur Smith reported:

There had not been a Missions Board Meeting since the State Association Meeting in March.

The Camden Mission work is doing well and showing some growth. Bro Beavens is still excited and doing a good job for us there.

The South Atlanta Project is finished with their building and will be having the dedication service on Saturday, November 4, 2000, at 2pm. Bro Paul Smith and his congregation invited everyone to attend.

Trustee Board

The Trustee Board held it's meeting in Perry, GA, to discuss the possibility of moving the State Office to some central location in the State. The Board decided that they did not want the 20 acres located next to White Oaks because it felt that at this location there would be obligations to that church. The Board is looking at areas in Albany and Lee County. It is felt that the office needs to be in Central Georgia near Cordele. The land in Cordele would be cheaper. The board is working on getting prices in the Albany area and Central Georgia area.

The Trustee Board will meet again in December before the State Association meets again and have something concrete. Bro Welch asked the feelings of the Chattahoochee

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Association regarding this matter of the location of the state office. The body showed their approval of the office being located in Central Georgia.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Temperance Report

The following report was given by Rev Dwight Smith:

During these modern days in our society, it is very evident that many have become violent hating one another and of very low immoral character. We prayerfully exhort all Christians to uphold the highest Christian standards that our Lord has given us, and pray for those that know not him.

Rev Dwight Smith
A. G. Windham
Gerald Moore

The motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Danny Whitt gave the following Financial Report

\$ 300.00	Representation Fees
\$ 113.00	Offering
\$ 200.00	Benevolence Fund
\$ 500.00	National Fees
\$ 25.00	State Fees
\$1138.00	Total

\$791.31	General Fund Balance
\$140.16	Benevolence Fund Balance
\$221.42	Mission Fund Balance
\$1000.00	CD

Special Offering by Mt Olive for Camden Mission - \$200.00

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

Daniel Whitt, Chairman
Herbert Salter
Perry Lunsford

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The motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Our Clerk stated that \$50.00 National Fees from each church is required. If your church has not given, please do so. He also asked for continued support of the Benevolence fund so that we can continue to give and even do more.

Sunday School Report

We your Sunday School Committee would like to encourage everyone to attend Sunday School and pray for the Teachers.

Rex Robinson
Jr. Smith
Josephine Welch

The motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Obituary Committee

The following report was given by Tina Duncan:

New Liberty –	Mrs. Beryl Wisham
Turner's Chapel -	Ruby M. Carroll Sheryl Lynn Wainwright Youngblood Ulynes S. (Simp) Wainwright Leroy Allen
Mt Olive -	Eula Barrow Dowis Bryant
Spring Hill -	Katilu Brady

Tina Duncan - Chairman
Sara Lunsford
Linda Whitt

The motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

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Suggestion Committee

Marilyn Smith, Chairman, reported three items from the committee and the report was received and voted on item by item. All items were seconded and approved.

1. That events between the churches be better publicized. Some of us are missing singings and church meetings. The suggestion is for the Pastor of the sponsoring church get in touch with the pastors of all the other churches in time to make announcements.
2. That we nominate a committee to inquire about prices for signs naming all the Free Will Baptist Churches in our area and inviting all to come join us in worship.
3. That we give the host church a rising vote of appreciation.

Bro Clark appointed the following Committee to look into Item 2.

Danny Whitt
E. A. Welch
Rex Robinson

Nominating Committee

We your Nominating Committee offer the following nominations for your consideration:

Clerk/Treasurer:	Rev Henry W. Shellman, Sr.
Asst Clerk Treasurer:	Sister Patsy Shellman
Executive Committee:	Deacon Tyson Ray
Ordaining Council:	Deacon E. A. Welch, Jr.
Suggestion Committee:	Sister Marilyn Smith
Youth Camp Director:	Rev Arthur Smith
District Youth Competition:	Sister Pam Guined
	Sister Tina Duncan

Bro Perry Lunsford
Bro E. A. Welch, Jr.
Rev Eugene Ross, Chairman

The moderator opened the floor for other nominations. No other nominations were received. Rev Ross asked that the submitted names be accepted and considered. Motion accepted with no opposition.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rev Arthur Smith made the motion that Youth Competition Booklets be purchased out of the Youth Fund by the Association for CTS Directors. Rev Henry Shellman seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Rev Arthur Smith made the motion that hymnals be purchased by the Association for the Camden church. Rev Eugene Ross seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mt Olive made a donation of \$200 toward this purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made to have the Quarterly Meetings for 2001 as follows:

January 6, 2001	First Thomaston
April 7, 2001	Mt Olive
July 7, 2001	Little Bethel
October 6, 2001	Trinity

Motion seconded and approved.

Rev Arthur Smith stated that the Youth Rallies were held two weeks after the Quarterly Association meetings. If your church would like to host the Rally, please contact Bro Arthur. Rev Dwight Smith stated that The New Beginning Church would hold the Youth Rally in Jan 2001.

Rev Sidney Jones requested that he announce the following events to be held at Little Bethel:

Oct 9-13	Revival – Aaron McCough
Oct 14	Singing – Believers 7:30pm
Oct 29	Dedication of new addition at Little Bethel 2pm
Dec 2	Christmas Bazaar (Proceeds to Camp Fund) 1-4pm

Rev Arthur Smith made the following announcements for Mt Olive:

Oct 21	Singing – Generations	7:30pm
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A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. After adjourning the body sang "Praise Him Praise Him". The worship service was

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turned over to Rev Louis Tyler of Bethany Free Will Baptist. Rev Tyler spoke from the passage of Exodus 20:3.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev Charles Clark, Moderator
Rev Henry Shellman Sr., Clerk

INCLUDED AS INFORMATION

FEES				
Church	District	State	National	Benevolence
New Liberty	15.00		25.00	
New Beginning	50.00		50.00	
Turners Chapel	50.00		50.00	100.00
Trinity	35.00	25.00	50.00	
Spring Hill	25.00		50.00	
New Life	25.00		50.00	
Mt Olive	25.00		50.00	100.00
Little Bethel	25.00		50.00	
1 st Thomaston	25.00		75.00	
Bethany	25.00		50.00	
TOTALS	300.00	25.00	500.00	200.00

TOTAL FEES	\$1025.00
OFFERING	113.00
SPECIAL MISSION	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1338.00

BENEVOLENT	<u>- 200.00</u>
	\$1138.00

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	Minutes Requested
Bethany	Rev Joe L. Tyler	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	None	None	None	10
First Thomaston		0	0	2	1	1	6	53	22	None	6	None	15
Little Bethel	Rev. Sidney Jones	1	0	5	0	0	0	70	55	None	8	5	25
Mt Olive	Rev. Arthur Smith	3	0	4	2	2	7	135	75	None	None	None	25
The New Beginning	Rev. Dwight Smith	1	0	1	15	16	0	41	0	None	None	None	10
New Liberty	Rev. J. C. Grimsley	1	0	1	0	0	2	22	12	None	None	None	18
New Life		3	0	5	0	0	1	80	0	None	None	None	20
Spring Hill	Rev. Eugene Ross	1	0	2	0	5	1	27	27	None	None	None	15
Trinity	Rev. Henry Shellman	2	0	4	0	0	0	53	42	None	None	None	25
Turner's Chapel	Rev. Charles Clark	1	0	4	2	2	4	196	65	None	None	None	25
TOTALS		14	0	28	20	26	21	688	309	None	14	5	188

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	75,000.00	0.00
First Thomaston	Upson	C/T	FT	Yes	Yes	350,000.00	40,858.77
Little Bethel	Macon	R	FT	No	Yes	125,000.00	33,850.00
Mt Olive	Taylor	R	FT	No	Yes	300,000.00	28,831.74
The New Beginning	Marion	R	PT	No	No	77,000.00	9,000.00
New Liberty	Schley	R	PT	No	No	0.00	0.00
New Life	Marion	R	PT	No	No	151,000.00	0.00
Spring Hill	Marion	R	FT	No	Yes	215,000.00	0.00
Trinity	Taylor	R	PT	No	Yes	300,000.00	42,374.00
Turner's Chapel	Taylor	R	PT	No	Yes	450,000.00	54,117.32
TOTALS				1	6	\$2,043,000.00	209,031.83

MEMORIALS

In loving memory, the Chattahoochee Association submits the following members:

NEW LIBERTY

Lela Bearl Wisham
December 15, 1909 - July 3, 2000

Lela Bearl Wisham, age 90, of Rt 1, Ellaville, GA, died July 3, 2000. Mrs. Wisham was born in Crisp County Georgia on December 15, 1909. She was a member of New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church since December 1956. Mrs. Lela Bearl Wisham will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Pastor – Rev J. C. Grimsley
Church Clerk – Perry Lunsford

SPRING HILL

Sister Katilu Brady
February 25, 1906 – February 20, 2000

Sister Katilu was born February 25, 1906 and passed away on February 20, 2000. She was a member of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church and served as clerk for 12 years. She will be missed by her church, her family and many friends. She attended church regularly until her health failed her. She was our oldest member, being a member of the church for 73 years. She leaves behind several nieces and nephews.

Bernie McCall
Church Clerk

TURNER'S CHAPEL

Ruby M. Carroll
November 12, 1914 – July 20, 2000

Sheryl Lynn Wainwright Youngblood
December 2, 1961 – May 5, 2000

MOUNT OLIVE

Eula Barrow
Doris Bryant

MEMORIALS CONTINUED

LITTLE BETHEL

Polly Albritton

W. H. Stalnaker

Estelle Layfield

Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
New Building Dedication
October 29, 2000

The new building dedication service at Little Bethel began at 2 p.m. on October 29, 2000, with Rev Sidney Jones welcoming everyone to this special service. The congregation sang, "Let's Just Praise the Lord. Bro W. T. Williams prayed the opening prayer.

Rev Eugene Ross, pastor at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist church, and former pastor of Little Bethel was the guest speaker. Bro Leonard Layfield, Chairman of Deacons, presented certificates of appreciation and plaques to those who had worked so diligently on the new building.

Rev Sidney Jones closed the service and a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

Respectfully Submitted:
Henry W. Shellman, Sr
Clerk

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 ignorer.

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

6th. That we will 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, not 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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