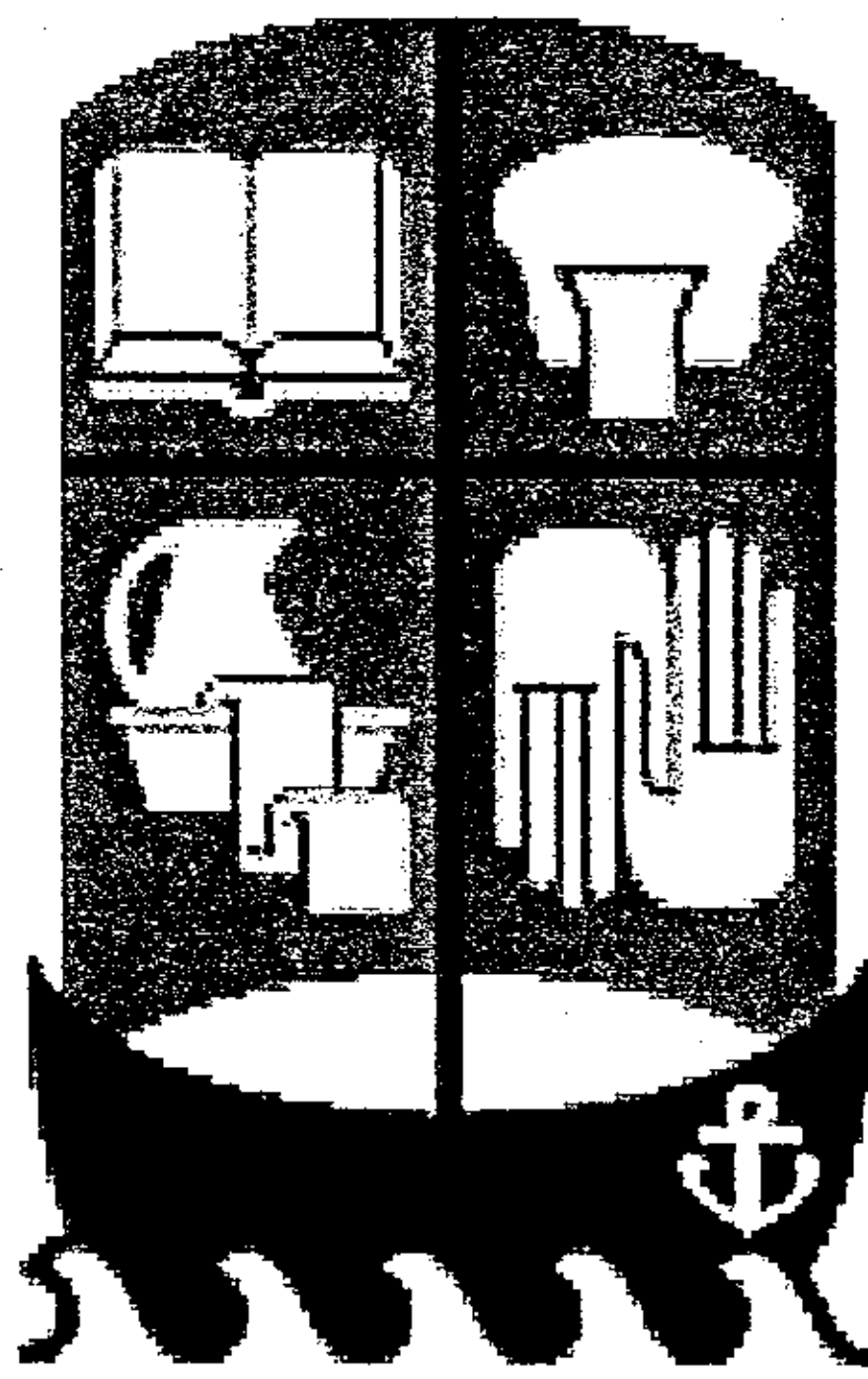


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**Chattahoochee Association
Of
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**DIRECTORY OF
CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

2002

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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2004

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2003

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2002

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2003

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State Board of Trustees

2003

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District Youth Competition

2002

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CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2002

January	3 rd 5 th 10 th 12 th 26 th	Minister's Prayer Breakfast , host Spring Hill FWB Quarterly Meeting , First FWB, Thomaston, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Danny Whitt, speaker Registration Deadline for Couples Retreat Youth Rally , Little Bethel Gospel Singing , New Liberty FWB, 7:30 p.m.
February	1-2 7 th 12 th 16 th 23 rd	Couples Retreat , Jekyll Island Ministers Prayer Breakfast , host Turners Chapel FWB Gospel Singing , Little Bethel FWB Christian Education Board Meeting. , Cornerstone Church, Perry 10:00 a.m. Gospel Singing , New Liberty FWB 7:30 p.m.
March	7 th 13 th 14 th 14-16 17-22 21 st 23 rd 30 th	Minister's Prayer Breakfast , host, Little Bethel FWB State Executive Board Meeting , Camden FWB 10:00 a.m. WGAC State Convention , Camden FWB, Kingsland, GA GA State Assoc. Sixty-Sixth Annual Meeting , Camden FWB, Kingsland, GA Chattahoochee Cooperative Revival , Turner's Chapel FWB, 7:30 p.m., Rev Cliff Holland, evangelist Registration deadline for Minister's Wives Retreat Gospel Singing , New Liberty 7:30 p.m. Gospel Singing , Spring Hill
April	4 th 6 th 6 th 8 th 8 th 13 th 13 th 14-17	Prayer Breakfast , host, Mt. Olive FWB Quarterly Meeting , Mt Olive FWB, 9:30 a.m., Rev William Smith speaker District CTS Competition , Mt. Olive FWB Deadline for registration Minister's Retreat Entry deadline for State CTS competition Youth Rally , Spring Hill FWB Gospel Singing , Little Bethel Revival , First FWB Thomaston 7:00 PM, Aaron McCollough, evangelist
May	2 nd 2 nd 3 rd -4 th	National Day of Prayer Minister's Prayer Breakfast , host, First FWB, Thomaston State CTS Competition First Church, Albany
June	6 th 10-12 22 nd 29 th	Minister's Prayer Breakfast , host, First FWB, Thomaston Vacation Bible School , First FWB Thomaston Gospel singing , New Liberty 7:30 p.m. Gospel Singing , Spring Hill 7:00 p.m.
July	6 th 7 th	Quarterly Meeting , Spring Hill FWB, 9:30 a.m. Homecoming , Spring Hill FWB

July (Cont'd)	7 th Homecoming , Spring Hill FWB 8-12 Revival , Spring Hill FWB 13 th Youth Rally , Mt. Olive FWB 21-25 National Meetings , Memphis, TN 27 th Gospel Singing , New Liberty FWB, 7:30 PM 28 th Homecoming , Turner's Chapel FWB 28 th Homecoming , Trinity FWB 29 th -Aug. 2 nd Revival , Trinity FWB
August	1 st Minister's Prayer Breakfast , host, Turner's Chapel Youth Ministry 18 th Homecoming , New Liberty 19 th -23 rd Revival , New Liberty FWB 7:30 p.m. 24 th Gospel Singing , New Liberty 7:30 p.m. 31 st Gospel Singing , Spring Hill FWB 7:00 p.m.
September	5 th Minister's Prayer Breakfast , host, Little Bethel 22 nd Homecoming , First FWB, Thomaston, GA 22 nd -25 th Revival , First FWB, Thomaston, GA, 22 nd Homecoming , New Beginnings FWB 23 rd -25 th Revival , New Beginnings FWB, Pastor Dwight Smith, speaker 28 th Gospel Singing , New Liberty FWB, 7:30 p.m.
October	3 rd Minister's Prayer Breakfast , host, Mt.Olive 5 th Chattahoochee 167th Annual Meeting , Turner's Chapel FWB 12 th Youth Rally , Trinity FWB 26 th Gospel Singing , New Liberty FWB, 7:30 p.m.
November	7 th Minister's Prayer Breakfast , First FWB, Thomaston, host
December	14 th Christmas Dinner , 6:00 p.m.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
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CHURCHES**

**CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION
OF
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<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
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None Reported

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E.A. Welch, Jr. Rt. 1, Box 253, Mauk, GA 31058 (478) 862-3356

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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2001
OF CHATTACHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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The First Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30am on January 6, 2001 at 1st Free Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, GA. Bro Herbert Salter welcomed everyone to 1st Thomaston and led in singing "Standing on the Promises". Bro Salter also opened the meeting with prayer.

The moderator, Rev Charles Clark presented welcoming remarks and complimented 1st Thomaston for continuing on without a Pastor. Rev Clark read from Psalms 43. He encouraged everyone to be in prayer for each other and to stand true and live for God.

Rev Clark called the meeting to order. Rev Arthur Smith and Rev Dwight Smith read the church letters.

Spring Hill	2 Delegates
The New Beginning	1 Delegate
Little Bethel	No Delegates
New Liberty	3 Delegates
1 st Thomaston	No Delegates
New Life	No Delegates
Bethany	No Delegates
Trinity	4 Delegates
Turner's Chapel	No Delegates
Mt Olive	2 Delegates

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

Rev Clark asked that all deacons, pastors and board members stand. A good representation of these were present. Bro Anthony of the GA Union Association was recognized as a visitor to this meeting.

Rolls of officers, committees and ministers were called by Rev Henry Shellman, Clerk. The following individuals were not in attendance:

Executive Committee

E. A. Welch, Jr.
Tyson Ray

Ordaining Council

E. A. Welch, Jr.

Suggestion Committee

Mary Wilhoite
Syd Crook

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Board of Camping

Barbara Windham
Mark Moore
Sherri Jones

State Board of Trustees

E. A. Welch, Jr.

Ministers

Rev Hubert Arnold
Rev J. C. Grimsley

Due to the absence of two Suggestion Committee members, Gerald Moore and Sara Lunsford were appointed by Rev Clark.

The following were appointed to the Finance Committee:

Perry Lunsford
Daniel Whitt
Herbert Salter

Offering was received which goes to the Chattahoochee Association. The meeting was recessed at 9:55 am and reconvened at 10:20am.

The minutes of the 165th Annual Session were presented and the following changes were made:

- The first listing of churches reporting delegates should be New Life not New Liberty. New Liberty was listed twice.
- Rev Eugene Ross's address and phone number was incorrect under listing of Ordaining Council member. Correct address is 119 Spring Hill Rd, Mauk, GA 31058 and phone (229) 649-9523.

Rev Arthur Smith made the motion to approve the minutes including the above corrections and Rev Dwight Smith second. Minutes were approved.

The following committee reports were given:

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.

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1. We suggest special prayer for all the sick in our churches. Asked for by name:

Tyson Ray
E. A. Welch, Jr.
Doris Jones
Hughston James
Odesse Thompson
Julius Grimsley
Thelma Tomlin
Jack Posey
Sid Crook
Butch Felker
Donald Grier
Earl Nobles
Helen Albritton
Lynn Mitchell
Gene Layfield
Felton Albritton
Gerald Barrow

And remember these people's families as well. Heads were bowed and silent prayer was given for these brethren. Rev Clark concluded the prayer.

2. Suggest that all pastors be given an increase in compensation at the first of each year for cost of living expenses.
3. Suggest we give a rising vote of appreciation to the host church for their hospitality.

Bro Gerald Moore
Sis Sara Lunsford
Sis Marilyn R. Smith

These items were accepted as presented.

State Mission Board

The Mission Board meets in November at Trinity Fellowship, Hampton, GA. Rev Paul Smith reported on the completion of the South Atlanta Project. The Camden Project has lost a couple of families. The State Meeting will be held at Trinity Fellowship. Rev Arthur Smith read letter from Missionary Jeff Lunsford, former pastor of 1st Thomaston, who is now serving in Mongolia. Jeff and his family will be home in August. Report was received and accepted.

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Camp Board

Rev Arthur Smith reported that Association Camp Board meeting will be Jan 20, 2001 at Cornerstone Church, Perry, GA, at 10am. Rev Smith read a letter from Camp Director, Trent Dikes. Camp John Hope will remain the campsite. There is a shortage of adult workers. Summer Camp will be held in the month of June. The Camp Board requests that everyone come and be a part of the meeting and encouraged all pastors to attend. He also reported a total of \$722.47 in the Youth Fund. A Youth Rally will be held Jan 20, 2001, 7pm, at New Life. The April Rally will be held at Spring Hill. This report was received and accepted.

Christian Board of Education

Rev Charles Clark encouraged everyone to take advantage of what the board is doing for you to benefit in everyday life. The following were mentioned: Couples Retreat, Jekyll Island, Senior Retreat, Baptist Center Takoa Falls. Report received and accepted.

Executive Board

Rev Henry Shellman reported that The Executive Board was meeting today also at Cordell at 11:30am to look at property for the State Office location. Bro Billy Patterson took Bro E. A Welch, Jr.'s place at this meeting. Report received and accepted.

Financial Report

\$ 300.00	Representation Fees
\$ 75.00	Offering
\$ 0.00	Benevolence Fund
\$ 375.00	Total
\$746.41	General Fund Balance
\$232.21	Benevolence Fund Balance
\$222.81	Mission Fund Balance
\$1000.00	CD

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

Daniel Whitt
Herbert Salter, Chairman
Perry Lunsford

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

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Rev Arthur Smith made the motion to have the Associational Revival on March 26-30, 2001 at Mt Olive and ask Dr. Terry Henneche to conduct this revival. Motion accepted and approved.

The next quarterly meeting will be April 7, 2001 at Mt Olive.

The following delegates were nominated and approved for the State Association meeting in Hampton, GA, 15-17 March 2001: Patsy Shellman, Arlene Smith, and Ann Ross.

Roll call Sunday is scheduled for 25 March 2001.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The worship service was turned over to Rev Henry Shellman of Trinity Free Will Baptist. Rev Shellman preached from Matt 14. The Title of his message was Breaking Out of Your Comfort Zone.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

ADDENDUM
Executive Committee Report
January 7, 2001

I met Saturday, January 6, 2001, with the Executive Committee to discuss a tract of property in Cordele. The property is located about a mile off I-75 at Cordele. You turn left on Hwy 300 off the Interstate travel a mile then left onto Hwy 90. The lots (2) are the first two after the corner lot and are priced at \$20,000 each which is well below comparable property in the area. The developer has a covenant of some type that will only allow higher end business and structures to be erected. A dentist has purchased the lot north of those being considered and will soon begin construction on an office.

The committee authorized Bro. William Smith to proceed with a \$500.00 "earnest money" deposit to hold the property until the state meeting in March.

This property seems to be near the center of the Free Will Baptist population in the state and is easily accessible to all.

Please call if you have specific questions about the property or actions taken.

Yours in Christ,
Billy Patterson/for
E. A. Welch, Jr.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2001
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30am on April 4, 2001 at Mt Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Reynolds, GA. Bro A G. Windham led the members in singing "Glory Land Way". Moderator, Rev Charles Clark read verses of scripture from 1 Thes 5 and led in the opening prayer. Rev Clark called the session to order. Appointed by Rev Clark to read the church letters were: Marilyn Smith and Tina Duncan. The following churches were represented:

Trinity	4 delegates
Spring Hill	2 delegates
First Thomaston	2 delegates
Turner's Chapel	No delegates
Mt Olive	3 delegates
New Beginning	3 delegates
Little Bethel	2 delegates
New Life	No delegates
New Liberty	3 delegates

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

Rev Clark recognized Rev William Smith, Promotional Secretary, Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists as visitor and guest speaker for this second session.

Rolls of officers, committees and ministers were called by Rev Henry Shellman, Clerk. The following individuals were not in attendance:

Executive Committee

E. A. Welch, Jr.
Tyson Ray

Ordaining Council

E. A. Welch, Jr.

Suggestion Committee

Mary Wilhoite

State Board of Trustees

E. A. Welch, Jr.

Ministers

Rev Warren Wyatt
Rev Joe Tyler

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Due to the absence of one Suggestion Committee member, Danny Whitt was appointed by Rev Clark to serve on this committee.

The following were appointed to the Finance Committee:

Perry Lunsford
Hubert Arnold
Becky Jones

A motion was made that the offering received at this meeting be added to the Benevolence Fund. This motion was second and approved. The meeting was recessed so that committees may prepare their reports.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:00am. Pam Guined welcomed everyone to the District CTS Competition. Rev William Smith prayed for those competing and the following judges were introduced:

Peggy Gibb	Trinity
Helen Salter	1 st Thomaston
Barbara Windham	Mt Olive
Becky Jones	Little Bethel
Herbert Salter	1 st Thomaston

A. J. Vissage of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church performed a vocal solo, "A Wall of Prayer". Trinity Youth Choir sang "If You Believe".

The minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting of 2001 were presented and the following change was made:

- The Youth Rally held on January 20, 2001 was at New Beginning not New Life.

A motion was made to receive the minutes with the above change. This motion was second and minutes were approved.

The following committee reports were given:

Camp Board

Rev Arthur Smith reported that the Camp Board met March 17, 2001. He asked that everyone be in prayer for camping. He encouraged pastors to get involved. He also encouraged teens to go to Teen Camp for spiritual renewal and the Camp Board is looking for a great spiritual movement. Bro Arthur will be announcing more about dates and times at a later date. The next Youth Rally will be at Spring Hill on 21 April, 2001. Rev Hubert Arnold asked what was done with the money given toward camping. Rev William explained that this money was invested and returned to the Districts for camping

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expenses. Each District receives \$1250.00 plus insurance for campers. Bro Arthur made the motion that this report be accepted. Motion was second and approved.

Mission Board

Rev Arthur Smith reported that the Mission Board met on March 16, 2001, at Trinity Fellowship Church, Hampton, GA. Malcom Freeman resigned from the Mission Board due to health problems. Bro Arthur asked that we keep Bro Freeman and his family in our prayers. It was requested that each church consider adding the Acts 1:8 to their yearly budget. Rev Buddy Horne was elected as Chairman of the Mission Board. Bro Arthur made a motion to receive this report and the report was approved.

Christian Education Board

The Christian Education Board met at the State Meeting in Hampton, GA, and the next scheduled meeting is 20 April at 10:00am in Perry, GA. The Pastors Retreat is scheduled for 23 April, 2001, at Red Top Mountain, GA. The Senior Retreat is scheduled in October at Tacoa Falls. Bill Evans will be the speaker. Rev Charles made the motion to receive this report as information and it was approved.

Ordaining Counsel

No report was given.

Financial Committee

Balance in accounts previous to April 7, 2001 receipts:

General Fund Balance	\$1071.41
Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 149.26
Missions Fund Balance	\$ 224.20
Savings (CD)	\$1056.00

Received today April 7, 2001:

Representation Fees	\$ 275.00
Offering	\$ 70.08 (Placed in Benevolence Fund)
	\$ 345.08

We have examined the Clerk/Treasurer's financial records for the quarter and find everything to be in order. Motion made to accept this report. Motion seconded and approved.

Perry Lunsford, Chairman
Becky Jones
Rev Hubert Arnold

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Suggestion Committee

Marilyn Smith, Chairman of the Suggestion Committee presented the following suggestions to be voted on item by item:

1. That we all need to contact our government representatives to stress the need for prayer in our schools. Bro Henry Shellman will have all the addresses needed to contact each representative.
2. That we encourage our children to be more involved and participate in our youth rallies.
3. That we give the host church a rising vote of appreciation.

Each item was seconded and approved.

Marilyn Smith, Chairman
Sid Crook
Danny Whitt

OLD BUSINESS

Joint Revival – Rev Henry Shellman, Clerk, reported on the Joint Associational Revival held at Mt Olive March 26-30, 2001. Dr. Terry Henneche preached a wonderful revival and there were great crowds in attendance. Decisions were made and Mt Olive did a wonderful job hosting this revival. The total offerings of \$156.65 plus 900.00 = \$1056.65 was given to Dr. Henneche. Begin now to pray for the next Associational Revival.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7 April 2001 – Ross Family singing at Fickling Mill, 7pm

14 April 2001 – Singing – Serenity at 7:30pm at Little Bethel

7-9 May 2001, Revival First Free Will Baptist Thomaston, Aaron McCollough Speaking

14-18 May 2001 – Revival Little Bethel – Aaron McCollough Speaking

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The following report was given on the CTS Competition:

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Pam Guined thanked the judges and presented A. J. Vissage with a medallion and certificate making her eligible to compete in the Georgia State CTS Competition. Also, the Trinity Youth Choir was presented medallions and certificates making them eligible for the Georgia State competition to be held May 4 and 5 in Baxley, GA.

The meeting was adjourned to begin the worship service. Bro A. G. Windham led "Glory to His Name" and "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone". Mark Windham sang "Oh, What a Savior".

Rev Arthur Smith introduced the quest speaker, William Smith, Executive Secretary for the State of Georgia. Rev Smith spoke from Luke 23:32, 43, 46. The title of his message was The Cross – Following the Basics. He expressed the following from Spurgeon: To pastors, always go to the cross when preaching. The following points were preached:

Jesus is:

1. One who volunteered to go to the Cross
2. He died a vicarious death (Jesus died in our place)
3. He died a vicious death
4. Jesus died a victorious death.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30am on July 7, 2001 at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. Bro Sidney Jones led in singing "Victory in Jesus". Bro Aaron Baldrige opened with prayer that the session would be in one accord. Bro Sidney Jones welcomed everyone to Little Bethel. Bro Charles Clark, Moderator, read from Ephesians Chapter 4 and asked Bro Eugene Ross to lead in prayer. The meeting was called to order by Bro Clark, and he asked for corresponding letters. Bro Arthur Smith and Bro Dwight Smith read the letters. The following churches were represented:

1 st Thomaston	4 delegates
Mt Olive	4 delegates
Little Bethel	3 delegates
Turner's Chapel	0 delegates
Trinity	5 delegates
Bethany	0 delegates
New Life	0 delegates
New Beginning	2 delegates
New Liberty	3 delegates
Spring Hill	2 delegates

A motion was made to accept the letters as read and to seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and approved.

There were no visitors at this meeting.

Rolls of officers, committees and ministers were called by Rev Henry Shellman, Clerk. The following individuals were not in attendance:

Suggestion Committee

Syd Crook
Mary Wilhoite

Camp Board

Mark Moore

District Youth Competition

Pam Guined

Ministers

Hubert Arnold
Joe Tyler
Warren Wyatt

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Due to the absence of two Suggestion Committee members, Lisa Vissage and Barbara Windham were appointed by Rev Clark to serve on this committee.

The following were appointed to:

Finance Committee:

Perry Lunsford
Fred Fowler
Junior Smith

Nominating Committee:

Herbert Salter
Danny Whitt
Perry Lunsford

At this time the Ordaining Council was dismissed to examine two individuals, Terry Tribble, and Aaron Baldrige, for ordination.

As directed by Moderator Charles Clark the offering received at this meeting was given to the Trinity Youth Choir and Lisa Vissage, of Spring Hill, to help with their expenses to the National Youth Competition in Detroit, MI.

The meeting was recessed and reconvened at 10:00am.

The minutes of the Second Quarterly Meeting of 2001 were presented for approval. A motion was made to receive the minutes as written and there was no discussion. This motion was second and minutes were approved.

The following committee reports were given:

State Board of Education

Bro Clark recapped the Minister's Retreat held in North Georgia. The speakers were great and it would have benefited all. The theme of this meeting was Stewardship. The speaker emphasized how important it is to render unto God what is God's.

Mission Board

There had not been a Mission Board Meeting held since the last Association meeting; therefore, there is no report.

Teen Camp

Rev Arthur Smith reported that the previous high number for Teen Camp prior to this year was 116. This year there were 147 teens in attendance. The first night there were 18

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saved, 21 rededications, and others were saved throughout the week. It was a very good Teen Camp. There were a total of 28 saved.

Youth Camp

See attached letter from Rev. Trent Dykes, Chattahoochee and Georgia Union Camp 2001 Report and Finance Youth Report as reported by treasurer Barbara Windham.

Association Youth Fund

Balance	\$899.67
Wrote checks totaling	<u>270.50</u>
Leaving Balance	\$629.17
One deposit of	<u>25.00</u>
Present Balance	\$654.17

Checks written were:

Youth Competition Supplies	\$ 30.50
State Registration	40.00
Expense check for youth at State Competition	<u>200.00</u>
Total Checks Written	\$270.50

Bro Arthur Smith made the motion that we accept these youth reports as information and this motion was approved.

Financial Committee

Balance in accounts previous to July 7, 2001 receipts:

General Fund Balance	\$1196.08
Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 135.39
Missions Fund Balance	\$ 225.60
Savings (CD)	\$1056.00

Received today July 7, 2001:

Representation Fees	\$300.00	\$100.00-Little Bethel (Sidney Jones)
Special Offering	\$807.60	\$155.00 - Generations
		\$362.08 - Mt Olive, Trinity, Spring Hill
		<u>\$190.52</u> - Today's Offering
		\$807.60-Total for Youth

Total	\$1107.60
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The motion was made that the Finance Committee's report be accepted as given. The motion was second and approved.

Suggestion Committee

Marilyn Smith, Chairman of the Suggestion Committee presented the following suggestions to be voted on item by item:

1. We suggest that a special time of prayer be set-aside for our youth the day they represent us in Detroit.
2. We suggest prayer for our National Association
3. We suggest that the adults offer more encouragement to give the youth of our churches more incentive to show their abundant talents.
4. We suggest a rising show of love for Mr. E. A. Welch Jr. in his long struggle and the fact that he loves God enough to be with us now.
5. We suggest a rising show of appreciation to the host church for its hospitality.

Each item was seconded and approved.

Marilyn Smith, Chairman
Lisa Vissage
Barbara Windham

Ordination Council

The Council recommended that Rev Terry Tribble be accepted into the Association and commend him to Trinity FWB to be ordained at a later date. The Council also recommended that Rev Aaron Baldrige be accepted in the Association as an Ordained Minister. A motion was made, seconded and approved on both these recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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Bro A. G. Windham made the motion to strengthen the Executive Board by filling the position left vacant due to the death of Bro Tyson Ray. Bro Windham nominated Bro Perry Lunsford. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bro Sidney Jones spoke of Bro Tyson Ray as a very special man continually working in the church. Bro Ray made many trips to the hospital with Bro Sidney and they shared many things together. We are thankful for all that Bro Ray has meant to Little Bethel and to the Association. Bro Sidney praised the Lord for having known him. Ann Ross shared that today (July 7) was Bro Tyson Ray's birthday.

Bro Eugene Ross made the motion that \$600.00 be taken from the General Fund and \$300 .00 from the Youth Fund to help with expenses of the Youth to the National Youth Competition in Detroit, MI. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bro Arthur Smith made the motion that the money from today's offering, General Fund, and Youth Fund be totaled and each youth get an equal portion for their expenses to the National Youth Competition. The motion was seconded and approved.

There will be no Youth Rally in July. The next rally is in October.

Jeff Lunsford, missionary to Mongolia, sent his love and thanks for the Association's support. He and his family presented their program on 11 July 2001 at Turner's Chapel, and 1 August 2001 at 1st Thomaston.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Spring Hill Homecoming July 15, 2001 with New Travelers Singing. Bro Danny Whitt will be ordained as deacon at 3pm with Rev Henry Shellman preaching the charge.
2. Spring Hill Revival, July 16-19, 2001 with Rev Henry Shellman preaching.
3. Turner's Chapel Homecoming 22 July 2001 with Rev William Smith preaching.

The motion to adjourn and enter into the worship service was made, seconded and approved.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The Trinity Youth choir sang "If You Believe" and A. J. Vissage sang "A Wall of Prayer".

Rev Arthur Smith brought the message entitled, "How Can We Have Faith When Our Castles are Tumbling". His text was Job 1.

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1. Job's Happy Family
2. There came a day when Job's castles tumbled
3. Job's grief and unshaken faith
4. Job saw the Lord as the Source of Life
5. Job saw the Lord as Sovereign over the Length of Life
6. Job saw the Lord as the Same no Matter what happens

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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The 166th Annual Session of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30am on October 6, 2001 at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church with Billy Patterson leading the body in the opening hymn "Amazing Grace." The host pastor, Rev Terry Tribble welcomed everyone to Trinity and prayed the session's opening prayer. Moderator, Rev Charles Clark read from Ephesians 2:1. Rev Hubert Arnold led in prayer. Rev Clark shared the thank you card from the youth of our Association for our support of their trip to Detroit, Michigan, to compete in the Nationals.

Rev Clark called on Rev Eugene Ross and Rev A. G. Windham to read the church letters. Churches reporting by letter were:

New Life -	0 Delegates
New Liberty --	3 Delegates
Turners Chapel -	0 Delegates
Mt. Olive -	4 Delegates
Spring Hill -	2 Delegates
Little Bethel -	3 Delegates
Trinity -	5 Delegates
Bethany -	0 Delegates
First Thomaston -	2 Delegates
New Beginning -	3 Delegates

Standing Delegates:

Ministers -	12
Deacons -	8

Rev Eugene Ross made the motion to receive these letters as information and to seat the delegates. Motion was approved.

Rev Clark welcomed the following visitors which were in attendance at this 166th Annual Session:

Rev Chester Huckaby --	Weems Road Church, Columbus, GA
Ruby Huckaby --	Weems Road Church, Columbus, GA
Agnes Shellhouse -	Weems Road Church, Columbus, GA
Huston Shellhouse -	Weems Road Church, Columbus, GA

Rolls of officers, committees and ministers were called by Henry Shellman, Clerk. There were two members of the Suggestion Committee absent -- Mary Wilhoite and Sid Crook.

Rev Clark appointed the following individuals to Committees:

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Suggestion Committee

Becky Jones
Carolyn Smith

Finance Committee

Perry Lunsford
Gerald Moore
Hubert Arnold

Sunday School Committee

Aaron Baldrige
Helen Salter
Herbert Salter

Obituary Committee

Jesse Carol
Barbara Windham
Barbara Arnold

Temperance Committee

Billy Patterson
Lisa Vissage
Tina Duncan

Bro E. A. Welch prayed the offering prayer and offering was taken before recessing.

Meeting reconvened at 10:30am. The following reports were given:

Christian Education Board

Rev Charles Clark announced that the Christian Education Board was meeting today (Oct 6, 2001) in Cordell and anticipated "lots of things" including the Taccoa Falls Senior Retreat for those 55 years and older.

Camp Board

Rev Arthur Smith reported that there had not been a camp board meeting since our last quarterly meeting, therefore, there was nothing to report. He did report on the contributions given to the youth for National Competition. Two hundred (\$200.00) was given for the State Competition and \$300.00 for National Competition leaving a balance of \$371.52 in the Youth Fund.

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Mission Board

Rev Arthur Smith reported there would be a meeting in early November.

Trustee Board

The last Trustee Board was attended by Billy Patterson representing Bro E. A. Welch. Billy Patterson reported that an offer had been made on property to build the new State Office. This has been approved by the State Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Temperance Committee

The following report was given by Billy Patterson:

Temperance Committee met, with much needed guidance from Rev Eugene Ross, and submits the following report: In these trying times of turmoil in our nation that we prayerfully seek God's direction in all things, that we treat our brothers and sisters with love and compassion and that we uphold the highest of Christian standards in all walks of life.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Vissage

Tina Duncan

Billy Patterson, Chairman

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

Sunday School Committee

The following report was given by Aaron Baldrige, Chairman of Sunday School Committee:

Recommend a Fall and Spring Sunday School Growth Campaign on an Associational level.

Have Sunday School teachers identify potential students and visit them to encourage enrollment in a Sunday School class.

Respectfully submitted:

Helen Salter

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Herbert Salter
Aaron Baldridge, Chairman

Recommendations were accepted and approved.

Obituary Committee

Barbara Arnold presented Obituaries: We regretfully report the loss of the following:

Little Bethel

Bro Tyson Ray
Bro Felton Albritton
Bro Reece Layfield

Mt Olive

Sister Hazel Y. Smith
Sister Marie C. Rowell

New Life

Sister Mary Gleason

Spring Hill

Bro Houston James

Trinity

Sister Evelyn W. Gill

New Beginning

Sister Opal Preskitt

Turners Chapel

Sister Jan Wainwright Sears

Respectfully Submitted:

Barbara Arnold
Barbara Windham
Jesse Carroll

In remembrance of these the body stood and Bro Huckaby lead in prayer remembering these sisters and brothers in Christ.

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Financial Report

Gerald Moore gave the following Financial Report

\$824.48	General Fund Balance
\$ 71.64	Benevolence Fund Balance
\$225.60	Mission Fund Balance
\$1056.00	CD
\$300.00	Representation Fees
\$150.00	National Fees
\$315.00	State Fees
\$125.00	Today's Offering
\$100.00	Benevolence
\$0	Mission
\$990.00	Total

The Finance Committee recommended that free checking and no service charge banking be obtained. Clerk, Rev Henry Shellman announced that this action has already been taken. Bro Moore complimented Rev Shellman for the way the detailed finance report had been presented to the committee. The motion was made by Gerald Moore to accept this report as given. This report was approved as given.

Respectfully Submitted:
Hubert Arnold
Perry Lunsford
Gerald Moore, Chairman

Suggestion Committee

Marilyn Smith read the following suggestions and moved to accept and vote on item by item:

1. We suggest that more support be shown for our youth rallies from young and old alike. This suggestion was accepted and approved by the body.
2. We suggest that more time be given when calling names of committees and delegates for these committees for information to be written down. Suggestion was accepted and approved.
3. We suggest that to comply with the requirements of the National regulations, that National representation fees be paid in full. National fees are \$50.00. Insurance

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requirements are that if all funds are not gathered during the year the remainder comes from the general fund of the Chattahoochee Association. Suggestion was accepted and approved.

4. We suggest a rising vote of appreciation to be host church for its hospitality. A standing vote of applause was given to Trinity.

Respectfully Submitted:

Becky Jones
Carolyn Smith
Marilyn Smith

Nominating Committee

Danny Whitt presented the following recommendations: We your Nominating Committee offer the following nominations for your consideration:

Moderator	Rev Arthur Smith
Assistant Moderator	Rev Eugene Ross
Clerk/Treasurer:	Rev Henry W. Shellman, Sr.
Asst Clerk Treasurer:	Sister Patsy Shellman
Executive Committee:	A. G. Windham,
Ordaining Council:	Rev Dwight Smith,
Suggestion Committee:	Ann Ross, Marilyn Smith
Youth Camp Director:	Danny Whitt
State Board of Camping:	Rev Arthur Smith
State Missions:	Rev Arthur Smith
State Board of Trustees:	Rev Henry Shellman
District Youth Competition:	Sister Pam Guined
Board of Camping:	Barbara Windham, Tina Duncan, Sherry Jones, Lisa Vissage, Aaron Baldrige

Respectfully Submitted:

Perry Lunsford
Herbert Salter
Danny Whitt, Chairman

The moderator opened the floor for other nominations. No other nominations were received. Rev Ross asked that the submitted names be approved by acclamation. Nominations accepted with no opposition.

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OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Lorraine Melton currently receives \$25.00 per month from the Benevolence fund and has been for two years. A vote needs to be taken to continue this support to her monthly. An appeal is made to each church to bring a benevolent offering to the January meeting. The motion to continue support to Mrs. Melton was accepted and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Rev Henry Shellman made a motion to take \$200.00 from the Mission fund pass book account to put in the Benevolence fund. This motion was accepted and approved.

Rev Eugene Ross made the motion to hold an Association wide revival on March 17-22 (Sunday through Friday) at 7:30pm at Turner's Chapel with Cliff Holland of Belview FWB Church preaching. This motion was seconded and approved. Also suggested was that the week before the revival be set aside as a week of prayer for this revival.

Bro Aaron Baldrige made the motion that our clerk write a letter to Dean Jones of the National Youth Conference to thank them for putting a great Youth Conference. This motion was seconded and approved.

Miscellaneous Business

None

The minutes of the July 7, 2001 meeting held at Little Bethel FWB Church were presented for approval. Rev Eugene Ross moved that these minutes be approved as written. Minutes were approved.

A standing ovation was given to Rev Charles Clark for his service to our Association as Moderator.

Motion was made to adjourned.

The body entered into worship service with Rev Terry Tribble preaching.

After the worship service, Bro Henry Shellman asked for volunteers to host the quarterly meetings for 2002. The motion was seconded and carried to accept the following invitations:

First Thomaston	January
Mt Olive	April
Spring Hill	July

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Turners Chapel October

The following Youth Rallies were scheduled for 2002:

Little Bethel	January
Spring Hill	April
Trinity	October

Rev Clark announced that the Association Christmas Dinner and Fellowship would be held on December 8, 2001 at Turner's Chapel being catered for \$7.00 per person.

Services were ended and food and fellowship asked to be blessed in prayer by Billy Patterson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev Arthur Smith, Moderator

Rev Henry Shellman Sr., Clerk

Addendum to 166th Annual Minutes
Corrected Finance Report for 166th Annual Session

Church	National Fees	State Fees	District Fees	Benevolent Fund	Totals
First Thomaston	\$50.00	\$15.00	\$25.00		\$90.00
Trinity	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$35.00		\$110.00
Bethany	\$25.00		\$25.00		\$50.00
Mt Olive	\$50.00		\$25.00		\$75.00
New Beginning	\$50.00		\$50.00		\$100.00
New Life	\$50.00		\$25.00		\$75.00
Little Bethel	\$50.00		\$25.00		\$75.00
New Liberty	\$25.00		\$15.00		\$40.00
Spring Hill	\$25.00		\$25.00		\$50.00
Turners Chapel	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Totals	\$425.00	\$40.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$865.00
				Offering received at meeting	\$125.00
Mt Olive (mail)				\$100.00	\$100.00
Spring Hill (mail)	\$25.00			\$100.00	\$125.00
				Total	\$1215.00

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Clerk's Report

December 6, 2001

The following records have been audited by the finance committee and were approved by the body of the Association at the 166th annual meeting.

Rev. Henry W. Shellman Sr
Clerk

Register Report

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 09/30/00						1,126.31
10/05/00	84	Henry W. Shellman		Postage and Delivery		-45.00
10/05/00	85	Rev Charles Clark		Moderator's Honora...		-90.00
10/05/00	86	Henry W. Shellman		Clerk's honorarium		-200.00
10/06/00	87	Check's Unlimited	Checks	Printing and Reprod...		-45.90
10/06/00	88	Void				0.00
10/06/00	89	Youth Fund		Youth Fund		-25.00
11/06/00	DEP	Rep Fees And Offering	Offering 113.00	Representation Fees		1,138.00
01/04/01	1001	Taylor County Printers		Printing and Reprod...		-392.00
01/04/01	1002	Void				0.00
01/04/01	1003	GAFWB	Special offering for ...	Gifts Given		-200.00
01/04/01	1004	GAFWB	Rep fees for national	National Fees		-450.00
01/04/01	1005	GAFWB	Rep fees for State	Gifts Given		-45.00
01/04/01	1006	Youth Fund	Youth fund	Youth Fund		-25.00
01/10/01	1007	GAFWB	Rep fees for national	National Fees		-50.00
01/23/01	DEP	Rep Fees And Offering	Offfering 97.60	Representation Fees		375.00
03/28/01	DEP	Revival Offering		Offering From Chur...		900.00
03/28/01	1008	Rev. Terry Hennecke	Revival Services, G...	Revival		-900.00
05/03/01	DEP	Deposit		Representation Fees		275.00
05/03/01	1009	Youth Fund	Youth fund	Youth Fund		-25.00
05/21/01	1010	Office Depot		Office Supplies		-85.24
05/21/01	1011	US Post Office	Digest and Directory	Postage and Delivery		-40.09
07/04/01	1012	Youth Fund	Youth fund	Youth Fund		-25.00
07/09/01	DEP	Rep Fees And Offering	Offfering 707.60)	Representation Fees		1,407.60
07/09/01	13	Lisa Vissage (Competit...		National Youth Conf...		-284.60
07/09/01	14	Tina Duncan (Trinity Y...		National Youth Conf...		-1,423.00
07/17/01	EFT	Bank Of Upson	Checks	Bank Charge		-13.75
08/27/01	1001	Office Depot		Office Supplies		-32.85
TOTAL 10/01/00 - 09/30/01						-301.83
BALANCE 09/30/01						824.48
TOTAL INFLOWS						4,095.60
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-4,397.43
NET TOTAL						-301.83

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 09/30/00						142.81
10/01/00	serchg	Citizens Bank		Bank Charge		-2.65
10/05/00	1004	Loraine Melton	God Bless You	Benevolence		-25.00
10/31/00	serchg	Citizens Bank		Bank Charge		-2.65
11/06/00	DEP	Deposit	mt olive 100/ turne...	Offering From Church		200.00
11/06/00	1005	Loraine Melton	God Bless You	Benevolence		-25.00
11/30/00	serchg	Citizens Bank		Bank Charge		-2.65
12/04/00	1007	Loraine Melton	God Bless You	Benevolence		-25.00
12/31/00	serchg	Citizens Bank		Bank Charge		-2.65
01/04/01	1008	Loraine Melton	God Bless You	Benevolence		-25.00
01/31/01	serchg	Citizens Bank		Bank Charge		-2.65
02/05/01	1009	Loraine Melton	God Bless You	Benevolence		-25.00
02/28/01	serchg	Citizens Bank		Bank Charge		-2.65
03/13/01	1010	Loraine Melton	God Bless You	Benevolence		-25.00
04/01/01	serchg	Citizens Bank		Bank Charge		-2.65
04/02/01	1011	Void	Wrote ck on wrong ...			0.00
04/02/01	1012	Loraine Melton	God Bless You	Benevolence		-25.00
04/30/01	serchg	Citizens Bank		Bank Charge		-2.50
05/03/01	DEP	Offering		Offering From Church		69.08
05/03/01	1013	Loraine Melton	God Bless You	Benevolence		-25.00
05/31/01	serchg	Citizens Bank		Bank Charge		-2.65
06/11/01	1014	Loraine Melton	God Bless You	Benevolence		-25.00
07/01/01	serchg	Citizens Bank		Bank Charge		-2.80
07/04/01	1015	Loraine Melton	God Bless You	Benevolence		-25.00
07/17/01	serchg	Bank Of Upson	Checks	Bank Charge		-13.75
08/13/01	1001	Loraine Melton		Benevolence		-25.00
09/28/01	1002	Loraine Melton		Benevolence		-25.00
TOTAL 10/01/00 - 09/30/01						-71.17
BALANCE 09/30/01						71.64
TOTAL INFLOWS						269.08
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-340.25
NET TOTAL						-71.17

Register Report

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 09/30/00						220.05
10/02/00	INT	INTEREST		Interest Inc		1.37
12/31/00	INT	INTEREST		Interest Inc		1.39
04/01/01	INT	INTEREST		Interest Inc		1.39
07/01/01	INT	INTEREST		Interest Inc		1.40
09/30/01	INT	INTEREST		Interest Inc		1.41
TOTAL 10/01/00 - 09/30/01						<u>6.96</u>
BALANCE 09/30/01						227.01
TOTAL INFLOWS						6.96
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						0.00
NET TOTAL						<u>6.96</u>

Mission CD

12/06/01

Category Report

01/01/01 Through 12/06/01

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
09/28/01		Opening Balance		[Mission CD]	R	1,056.00
TOTAL 01/01/01 - 12/06/01						<u>1,056.00</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS						1,056.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						0.00
NET TOTAL						<u>1,056.00</u>

Itemized Categories Report

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Cat/Sub	Date	Acct	Num	Description	Memo	Clr	Amount
INCOME							
Interest Inc							
	10/02/00	CAFWB M...	INT	INTEREST			1.37
	12/31/00	CAFWB M...	INT	INTEREST			1.39
	04/01/01	CAFWB M...	INT	INTEREST			1.39
	07/01/01	CAFWB M...	INT	INTEREST			1.40
TOTAL Interest Inc							5.55
Invest Inc							
	03/22/01	Savings	INT	Citizens Bank			56.00
TOTAL Invest Inc							56.00
Offering From Church							
	11/06/00	CAFWB B...	DEP	Deposit	mt olive 10...		200.00
	05/03/01	CAFWB B...	DEP	Offering			69.08
TOTAL Offering From Church							269.08
Offering From Churches							
	03/28/01	CAFWB G...	DEP	Revival Off...			900.00
TOTAL Offering From Churches							900.00
Representation Fees							
	11/06/00	CAFWB G...	DEP	Rep Fees An...	Offffering ...		1,138.00
	01/23/01	CAFWB G...	DEP	Rep Fees An...	Offffering ...		375.00
	05/03/01	CAFWB G...	DEP	Deposit			275.00
	07/09/01	CAFWB G...	DEP	Rep Fees An...	Offffering 7...		1,407.60
TOTAL Representation Fees							3,195.60
TOTAL INCOME							4,426.23
EXPENSES							
Bank Charge							
	10/01/00	CAFWB B...	se...	Citizens Bank			-2.65
	10/31/00	CAFWB B...	se...	Citizens Bank			-2.65
	11/30/00	CAFWB B...	se...	Citizens Bank			-2.65
	12/31/00	CAFWB B...	se...	Citizens Bank			-2.65
	01/31/01	CAFWB B...	se...	Citizens Bank			-2.65
	02/28/01	CAFWB B...	se...	Citizens Bank			-2.65
	04/01/01	CAFWB B...	se...	Citizens Bank			-2.65
	04/30/01	CAFWB B...	se...	Citizens Bank			-2.50
	05/31/01	CAFWB B...	se...	Citizens Bank			-2.65
	07/01/01	CAFWB B...	se...	Citizens Bank			-2.80
	07/17/01	CAFWB B...	se...	Bank Of Upson	Checks		-13.75
	07/17/01	CAFWB G...	EFT	Bank Of Upson	Checks		-13.75

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Cat/Sub	Date	Acct	Num	Description	Memo	Clr	Amount
TOTAL Bank Charge							-54.00
Benevolence							
	10/05/00	CAFWB B...	1004	Loraine Melton God Bless You			-25.00
	11/06/00	CAFWB B...	1005	Loraine Melton God Bless You			-25.00
	12/04/00	CAFWB B...	1007	Loraine Melton God Bless You			-25.00
	01/04/01	CAFWB B...	1008	Loraine Melton God Bless You			-25.00
	02/05/01	CAFWB B...	1009	Loraine Melton God Bless You			-25.00
	03/13/01	CAFWB B...	1010	Loraine Melton God Bless You			-25.00
	04/02/01	CAFWB B...	1012	Loraine Melton God Bless You			-25.00
	05/03/01	CAFWB B...	1013	Loraine Melton God Bless You			-25.00
	06/11/01	CAFWB B...	1014	Loraine Melton God Bless You			-25.00
	07/04/01	CAFWB B...	1015	Loraine Melton God Bless You			-25.00
	08/13/01	CAFWB B...	1001	Loraine Melton			-25.00
	09/28/01	CAFWB B...	1002	Loraine Melton			-25.00
TOTAL Benevolence							-300.00
Clerk's honorarium							
	10/05/00	CAFWB G...	86	Henry W. Sh...			-200.00
TOTAL Clerk's honorarium							-200.00
Gifts Given							
	01/04/01	CAFWB G...	1003	GAFWB	Special off...		-200.00
	01/04/01	CAFWB G...	1004	GAFWB	Rep fees fo...		-450.00
	01/04/01	CAFWB G...	1005	GAFWB	Rep fees fo...		-45.00
	01/10/01	CAFWB G...	1007	GAFWB	Rep fees fo...		-50.00
TOTAL Gifts Given							-745.00
Moderator's Honorarium							
	10/05/00	CAFWB G...	85	Rev Charles...			-90.00
TOTAL Moderator's Honorarium							-90.00
National Youth Conference							
	07/09/01	CAFWB G...	13	Lisa Vissag...			-284.60
	07/09/01	CAFWB G...	14	Tina Duncan...			-1,423.00
TOTAL National Youth Conference							-1,707.60
Office Supplies							
	05/21/01	CAFWB G...	1010	Office Depot			-85.24
	08/27/01	CAFWB G...	1001	Office Depot			-32.85
TOTAL Office Supplies							-118.09
Postage and Delivery							
	10/05/00	CAFWB G...	84	Henry W. Sh...			-45.00
	05/21/01	CAFWB G...	1011	US Post Office Digest and ...			-40.09
TOTAL Postage and Delivery							-85.09
Printing and Reproduction							

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Cat/Sub	Date	Acct	Num	Description	Memo	Clr	Amount
	10/06/00	CAFWB G...	87	Check's Unl...	Checks		-45.90
	01/04/01	CAFWB G...	1001	Taylor Coun...			-392.00
TOTAL Printing and Reproduction							-437.90
Revival							
	03/28/01	CAFWB G...	1008	Rev. Terry ...	Revival Ser...		-900.00
TOTAL Revival							-900.00
Youth Fund							
	10/06/00	CAFWB G...	89	Youth Fund			-25.00
	01/04/01	CAFWB G...	1006	Youth Fund	Youth fund		-25.00
	05/03/01	CAFWB G...	1009	Youth Fund	Youth fund		-25.00
	07/04/01	CAFWB G...	1012	Youth Fund	Youth fund		-25.00
TOTAL Youth Fund							-100.00
Uncategorized Expenses							
	04/02/01	CAFWB B...	1011	Void	Wrote ck on...		0.00
	10/06/00	CAFWB G...	88	Void			0.00
	01/04/01	CAFWB G...	1002	Void			0.00
TOTAL Uncategorized Expenses							0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES							-4,737.68
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES							-311.45

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Miisters	Ordained Deacons	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Total Members	SS Enrolled	CTS Enrolled	WAC	Master's Men	Minutes Requested
Bethany	Rev Joe Tyler	1	0	1	1	4	0	15	15	None	None	None	10
First Thomaston	Rev Henry Shellman	1	0	2	1	6	1	58	24	None	9	None	20
Little Bethel	Rev Sidney Jones	1	0	6	4	4	3	71	55	None	8	5	20
Mt. Olive	Rev Arthur Smith	3	0	3	5	2	1	140	75	None	None	None	25
The New Beginning	Rev Dwight Smith	1	0	1	1	10	2	50	20	None	None	None	10
New Liberty	Rev J. C. Grimsley	1	0	1	0	0	2	22	12	None	None	None	18
New Life	Rev Jimmy Stubbs	1	0	2	0	0	1	80	0	None	None	None	20
Spring Hill	Rev Eugene Ross	1	1	3	6	12	3	38	27	None	None	None	15
Trinity	Rev Terry Tribble	2	0	4	0	3	3	53	42	None	None	None	25
Turner's Chapel	Rev Charles Clark	2	0	4	2	3	4	196	60	None	None	None	25
TOTALS		14	0	27	12	44	7	723	330	0	17	5	188

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	CITY/TOWN	PASTOR FULL/PART TIME	BUDGET	PARSONAGE	VALUE OF CHURCH AND PARSONAGE	TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Beharry	Marion	Rural	PT	No	No	\$75,000.00	Did not Report
First Thomaston	Upson	City	FT	Yes	Yes	\$400,000.00	\$42,430.76
Little Bethel	Macon	Rural	FT	No	Yes	\$125,000.00	\$31,349.44
Mt. Olive	Taylor	Rural	FT	No	Yes	\$300,000.00	\$28,517.00
The New Beginnings	Marion	Rural	PT	No	No	\$77,000.00	Did not Report
New Liberty	Schley	Rural	PT	No	No	Did not report	Did not report
New Life	Marion	Rural	PT	No	No	\$151,000.00	Did not Report
Spring Hill	Marion	Rural	FT	No	Yes	\$215,000.00	Did not Report
Trinity	Taylor	Rural	PT	YES	YES	\$300,000.00	\$49,820.00
Turners Chapel	Taylor	Rural	PT	No	YES	\$450,000.00	\$48,784.45
Totals				2	6	\$2,093,000.00	\$200,0901.20

MEMORIALS

The New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church

OPAL PRESKITT

September 10, 2001

Sister Preskitt was the first member of our church to pass into the haven of rest. She was a very good supporter of the church with her tithes and attendance. She will be greatly missed by the entire church.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church

EVELYN W. GILL

November 16, 1910 - July 23, 2001

Sister Evelyn Virginia Watson Gill was born November 16, 1910, and departed this life for her eternal home on July 23, 2001. She was a faithful member of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church for the past thirty-four years after having joined the church July 28, 1967. She is greatly missed by her brothers and sisters in Christ.

Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church

HOUSTON JAMES

November 25, 1920 - March 10, 2001

Brother Houston James was born November 25, 1920, the son of Ernest Warren and Mildred James. Brother James died March 10, 2001 leaving his wife, Lucile T. James, five daughters, one son, 17 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, many loved ones and friends. He was a member of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church since 1945. Brother James will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Pastor - Rev. Eugene Ross

Church Clerk - Bernice G. McCall

New Life Free Will Baptist Church

MARY GLEASON

October 30, 1916 - December 6, 1999

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

HAZEL Y. SMITH

February 12, 1926 - September 1, 2001

Sister Hazel Y. Smith was born on February 12, 1926. She went to be with the Lord on September 1, 2001.

Sister Hazel was one of the most active members of our church. She could be depended on to support every phase of the ministry of the church.

Although she was confined to a wheel chair, she certainly wasn't handicapped. She lived alone and did her own housekeeping, cooking, etc. She was a faithful Sunday School teacher and president of the Ladies Aid at the time of her death. Sister Hazel was an inspiration to all who knew her and will be greatly missed by her family, church, and friends.

Bro Arthur

MARIE CHILDREE ROWELL

Sister Marie Rowell was one of those special people who came into our lives shortly after coming to the Mount Olive Church. She was always supportive of all church activities, quick to respond financially to any need that would arise. She was the owner of Mrs. Peppers Restaurant in Butler and hosted the last two years of the Chattahoochee Association Pastor's and Deacon's family Christmas supper. She also hosted the monthly Association Minister's prayer breakfast.

Marie is loved and missed by her family and church.

Bro Arthur

Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

REECE LAYFIELD

November 19, 1937 - May 23, 2001

Reece Layfield was born on November 19, 1937 and passed away May 23, 2001. Reece was a faithful member of Little Bethel. Serving his church in whatever way he could, Reece leaves a loving wife, 2 children and 1 granddaughter.

FELTON ALBRITTON

February 5, 1919 - February 2, 2001

Felton Albritton was born on February 5, 1919, and passed away February 2, 2001. Felton was a faithful member of Little Bethel. Felton leaves 2 loving sons.

MONROE TYSON RAY

July 7, 1929 - May 22, 2001

Monroe Tyson Ray was born on July 7, 1929, and passed away May 22, 2001. Tyson was a devout Christian serving Little Bethel as a deacon for many years. Tyson loved the Lord and his church. Tyson leaves a loving wife, daughter, and many friends who will greatly miss him.

Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

JANE WAINWRIGHT SEARS

Jane Wainwright Sears joined Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church May 24, 1970. She died on August 15, 2001. She is survived by her mother, Joyce Stanton, sister, Cynthia Moutlow, and brother Benji Wainwright.

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 dismissal 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 acknowledgement convincing the church that he has repented will restore him back to the fellowship of the church.

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

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

19th That we will not delay to acknowledge our improper conduct to 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 refrain from all evil amusements of the world.

22nd That we will not traffic in ourselves, nor furnish to others intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and that we will abstain 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, and 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 the treasure of heavenly instruction; that 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 that 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. Exodus 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 the 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 the very way qualified to be suitable, compassionate and all sufficient Savior. Eph. 2:5, Rom 7:11
5. That the gospel blessing, which Christ in his fullness bestows on those who, 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 to 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 blessing of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that is the immediate duty of all who received them by 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 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, the unchangeable rule of government, that it is a 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 observances 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 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 the 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 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 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, 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 member, 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 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 of the Saint's 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 it's officers, which are Clerk, Treasure, 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 who 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:
 - a. Prayer (unless divine service has just been conducted and generally then.)
 - b. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
 - c. Open the door for the reception of members.
 - d. Call for absentees.
 - e. Call for acknowledgements.
 - f. Call for reference or deferred business.
 - g. Call for matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church.
 - h. 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 reasons 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 with prayer.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
3. Open the door for the church or 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 Association of Free Will Baptists

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 the churches, and churches were not dependent upon associations, notwithstanding the power abrogated to themselves, by some modern Baptist Associations, we view them as being nowhere precedent 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 Association of Free Will Baptists, 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 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 it relates to the independency.

We believe that a duly organized church consists of a congregation of saints, baptized upon a credible confession of faith in Christ. Christ is the only Christian lawgiver 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 that will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellow man.

A church has the 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 maybe 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 January 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 and committee reports.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjourn

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR AN ANNUAL MEETING

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.
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 and 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 maybe 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 recommended its acceptance by the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists at its next meeting.