

CHATAHOOCHEE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

168th
ANNUAL
REPORT

REV. DWIGHT SMITH
MODERATOR

BILLY PATTERSON
CLERK

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **CALL FOR CORRESPONDING LETTERS**
- **SEAT DELEGATES**
- **INVITE VISITING BRETHREN TO SEATS**
- **ROLL CALL**
- **CALL FOR PETITION LETTERS**
- **REINFORCE/APPOINT COMMITTEES**
- **RECESS**
- **APPROVE MINUTES**
- **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- **BUSINESS ,OLD AND NEW**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

**DIRECTORY
OF
CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
2003 -2004**

GENERAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR 2004

Rev. Dwight Smith
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ASSISTANT MODERATOR 2004

Rev. Terry Tribble
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CLERK/TREASURER 2004

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Alane Patterson
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Rev. A. G. Windham 2004
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E. A. Welch, Jr. 2005
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Gerald Moore 2006
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Butler, GA 31006
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ORDAINING COUNCIL

E.A. Welch Jr. 2006
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Rev. Mitch Griffin 2005
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Thomaston, Ga. 30286
(706)648-2055

Rev. Charles Clark 2004
136 Carterwoods Dr.
Warner Robins, Ga. 31088
(478)953-3486

YOUTH/CAMP DIRECTOR

Rev. Terry Tribble 2004
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DISTRICT YOUTH COMPETITION DIRECTOR

Pam Guined 2004
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Herbert Salter 2004
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Dallas Short 2004
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STATE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Charles Clark	2004
136 Carterwoods Drive	
Warner Robins, Ga. 31088	
(478)953-3486	

BOARD OF CAMPING

Rev. Daniel Whitt	2004
155 Watermelon Lane	
Mauk, Ga. 31058	
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STATE MISSION BOARD

Rev. Arthur Smith	2005
304 Harper Circle	
Auburn, Al. 36830	
(334)887-6033	

STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Arthur Smith	2005
304 Harper Circle	
Auburn, Al. 36830	
(334)887-6033	

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
First Freewill Baptist of Thomaston P. O. Box 302 146 Harp Road Thomaston, GA 30286 (706) 648-3834	Rev. Mitch Griffin 203 N Poplar Street Thomaston, GA 30286 (706) 648-2055	Geraldine Taunton 805 Rocky Bottom Rd. Thomaston, GA 30286 (706) 647-4689
Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Ideal, GA 31041	Rev. Sidney Jones 3665 State Road 127 W Reynolds, GA 31076 (478) 949-2893	Becky A. Jones 1166 Carl Rogers Rd. Reynolds, GA 31076 (478) 847-3560
Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Reynolds, GA 31076	Rev. A. G. Windham Route 2, Box 136D Reynolds, GA 31076 (478) 847-3268	Joe B. Logue P. O. Box 714 Butler, GA 31006 (478) 847-2583
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New Liberty Free Will Baptist Tazwell, GA	Rev. J. C. Grimsley 4118 16th Ave. Columbus, GA 31904 (706) 317-6419	Perry Lunsford P. O. Box 714 Ellaville, GA 31806 (229) 937-2488
New Life Free Will Baptist Box Springs, GA 31801	Rev. Jimmy Stubbs (Interim) 5809 Fornoff Road Columbus, GA 31909 (706) 563-0522	Sarah Anthony 1049 Sand Pit Road Mauk, GA 31058 (706) 269-3839
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Rev. Warren Wyatt
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Howard, GA 31039
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Rev. Arthur Smith
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LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Daniel Whitt
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ACTIVE DEACONS

First Thomaston Herbert Salter

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(706)648-3622

Little Bethel

John Jones
Scotty P. Jones
Morris Lawhorn
Leonard Layfield
Jim Nolan
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(478)862-3907
(478)472-0040
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Mount Olive

Clifford Carpenter
David Tharpe
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New Beginning

Henry Dallas Short

249 Saddle Trail, Box Springs, Ga. 31801

(229)649-6041

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J.B. Anthony
Richard Anthony
Oliver Stubbs
J.W. Teat

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Rt. 1 Box 134,Mauk, Ga. 31058

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Mark McCallister
Leonard Stubbs

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Larry Bell
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ACTIVE DEACONS

Turners Chapel

Jessie Carroll	Rt. 2 Box 90, Butler, Ga. 31006	(478)862-5880
Ned Ingram	Rt. 2 Box 85, Butler, Ga. 31006	(478)862-9493
Gerald Moore	Rt 2 Box 130, Butler, Ga, 31006	(478)847-4462
Rex Robinson	Rt.2 Box 52 , Butler, Ga.31006	(478)862-3947

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. Terry Tribble, Director
(478)862-2745

First Thomaston	Rev. Mitch Griffin	(706)648-2055
Little Bethel	Sheri Jones	(478)949-2307
Mt. Olive	Barbara Jean Windham	(478)862-3704
New Beginning	Lisa Armour	(229)649-2274
Spring Hill	Sam Whitt	(229)649-2126
Trinity	Marsha Starling	(478)862-2784
Turners Chapel	Mark Moore	(478)862-5521

Statistical Table

Church	First Thomaston	Little Bethel	Mt. Olive	New Beginning	New Liberty	New Life	Spring Hill	Trinity	Turners Chapel	Totals
Ordained Ministers	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	9
Licensed Ministers	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Ordained Deacons	1	6	4	1	1	4	2	3	4	26
Baptisms	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	6	15
Members Added	7	5	7	5	2	0	0	0	8	34
Members Lost	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6
Total Members	66	78	150	59	20	77*	43	51	107	651
Sunday School	22	55	75*	35	12	16	14	45	50	324
Women's Auxilliary	6	8	No	17	No	No	No	No	No	31
Master's Men	No	5	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	5

*2002 Information

Church	County	City/Rural	Pastor	Budget	Parsonage	Property Value	Annual Tithe
First Thomaston	Upson	City	FT	Yes	Yes	\$435,000	\$36,848
Little Bethel	Macon	Rural	FT	No	Yes	\$125,000	\$31,499
Mt. Olive	Taylor	Rural	FT	No	Yes	\$300,000	\$32,742
New Beginnings	Marion	Rural	PT	No	No	\$87,000	Not Reported
New Liberty	Schley	Rural	PT	No	No	Not Reported	Not Reported
New Life	Marion	Rural	PT	No	Yes	\$151,000	Not Reported
Spring Hill	Marion	Rural	PT	No	Yes	\$215,000	Not Reported
Trinity	Taylor	Rural	FT	Yes	Yes	\$385,000	\$76,399
Turners Chapel	Taylor	Rural	PT	No	Yes	\$450,000	\$68,905

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

CK. NO.	DATE	ISSUED TO	FOR	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
	10/01/02	BEGIN BALANCE				416.68
Deposit	10/04/02	DEPOSIT			970.93	1387.61
1024	10/04/02	Rev. A. Smith	Honorarium	90.00		1297.61
1025	10/04/02	Rev. H. Shellman	Honorarium	200.00		1097.61
1026	10/05/02	Youth Fund	Youth	25.00		1072.61
1027	12/16/02	T.C.Printing	Minute Book	299.00		773.61
Deposit	1/16/03	DEPOSIT	Assoc.		411.00	1184.61
71	1/16/03	Ga.Assoc. FWB	Yr. Fee	495.00		689.61
Deposit	2/19/03	DEPOSIT	Assoc. Revival		500.00	1189.61
72	2/24/03	US Postal	Stamps	37.00		1152.61
Deposit	3/04/03	DEPOSIT	Assoc. Revival		780.00	1932.61
73	3/07/03	Ft. Wayne	Lodging-Revival	85.49		1847.12
74	3/07/03	VOID	VOID			1847.12
75	3 /07/03	Rev .B. Hanna	Assoc. Revival	1200.00		647.12
Deposit	4/10/03	DEPOSIT	Assoc		407.26	1054.38
Deposit	5/22/03	DEPOSIT	Tax Seminar		500.00	1554.38
76	5/24/03	Rev. Donnie Melton	Tax Seminar	500.00		1054.38
EFT	6/04/03	CSB of Taylor C.	Checks	21.25		1033.13
Deposit	7/12/03	DEPOSIT	Assoc		414.45	1447.58
501	8/11/03	Rev. Dwight Smith	Mileage-National	190.00		1257.58
502	9/15/03	Flint EMC	Copies	105.00		1152.58
503	9/30/03	Rev. Dwight Smith	Honorarium	90.00		1062.58
504	9/30/03	Billy Patterson	Honorarium	200.00		862.58

FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Beginning Balance - \$1399.03

Interest Earnings – 31.48

Balance 6/30/03 - \$1430.51

BENEVOLENCE FUND

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2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quarterly Meetings

January 3, 2004	Trinity Free Will Baptist
April 3, 2004	Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist
July 10, 2004	New Beginning Free Will Baptist
October 2, 2004	Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist

Youth Rally

January 17, 2004	Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist
April 17, 2004	Trinity Free Will Baptist
July 12 - 16, 2004	Youth Camp
October 16, 2004	Little Bethel Free Will Baptist

Association Revival

March 21 - 26, 2004	Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist
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State Meeting

March 18 - 20, 2004	Albany Free Will Baptist
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National Meeting

July 18 - 22, 2004	Kansas City, Missouri
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Homecomings

May 16, 2004	Little Bethel
July 11, 2004	Spring Hill
July 25, 2004	Trinity
July 25, 2004	Turners Chapel
August 15, 2004	New Liberty
September 26, 2004	First Thomaston

Revivals

May 17- 21, 2004	Little Bethel
July 12, 2004	Spring Hill
July 26 - 30, 2004	Trinity

Singings

January 17, 2004	Little Bethel	July 24, 2004	New Liberty
January 24, 2004	New Liberty	August 21, 2004	Little Bethel
February 28, 2004	New Liberty	August 28, 2004	New Liberty
March 27, 2004	New Liberty	September 25, 2004	New Liberty
April 24, 2004	New Liberty	October 23, 2004	New Liberty
May 15, 2004	Little Bethel	November 20, 2004	Little Bethel
May 22, 2004	New Liberty	December 31, 2004	Little Bethel
June 26, 2004	New Liberty	<u>Watch Night Service</u>	

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2003
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The First Quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30 a.m. on January 4, 2003 at New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church, Mauk, GA. Rev. Dwight Smith welcomed everyone and led the body in singing Amazing Grace. Rev. Sidney Jones opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. Arthur Smith, Moderator, commended New Beginning for the work done in the sanctuary. Before calling the meeting to order he brought a devotion from Genesis 4:7. Rev. Dwight Smith and Bro. Perry Lunsford were asked to read the corresponding letters from the churches.

1st Thomaston	3 delegates
Little Bethel	2 delegates
Mt. Olive	3 delegates
New Beginning	3 delegates
New Liberty	3 delegates
New Life	0 delegates
Spring Hill	2 delegates
Trinity	3 delegates
Turners Chapel	0 delegates

A motion was made by Rev. Dwight Smith to accept the letters and to seat the delegates. The motion was seconded the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Smith welcomed visitor Nathan Snow, Missionary to Japan, to the meeting.

Rolls of officers and committees were called by the clerk and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

<u>Ordaining Counsel</u>	Rev. Terry Tribble
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	Bro. Ralph Windham Sis. Delois Tribble Bro. Gerald Moore
<u>Finance Committee</u>	Rev. Sidney Jones Bro. Johnny Helms

Rev. Aaron Baldridge made a motion that each church have a representative on the Association Camp Board. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Henry Shellman resigned his office as Clerk in the Association due to relocation. Assistant Clerk, Billy Patterson, read a letter of good standing for Rev. Shellman. Rev.

Shellman was recognized for his contribution and was given a rising vote of thanks.

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 with the following reports:

Minutes of the 167th Annual Session were read and approved.

Board of Christian Education

Rev. Aaron Baldrige reported for Rev. Clark that record numbers were attending and that challenging messages were being brought.

State Board of Camping - No report.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

Rev. Shellman did report from a subcommittee which he was serving on that the floor plan for the State Office has changed but not the outward appearance. The Executive Committee is considering borrowing \$100,000 from the Camp Board to be repaid with interest. Rev. Sidney Jones offered a motion to direct camp representatives and delegates to vote to loan the money for the State Office. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

District Youth Committee

Pam Guined reported that District Youth Competition will be March 29 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity.

Executive Committee - No report.

Ordaining Council

Rev. Dwight Smith made a motion to accept the recommendation from the council that Rev. Danny Whitt be placed under the watchcare of the Ordaining Council for a period of three months. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

District Youth Board - No report.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$773.61
Benevolence Fund Balance	371.64
Mission Fund Balance	1364.91

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	295.00
Offering	116.00
Benevolence Fund	100.00

Bro. Herbert Salter made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Nominating Committee

Bro. Gerald Moore made a motion to accept the recommendation of the committee as follows:

Assistant Clerk - Sis. Alane Patterson
State Board of Trustees - Rev. Arthur Smith
Constitution Committee - Bro. Billy Patterson

These recommendations were approved by acclamation.

Old Business - None.

Miscellaneous Business

The State Meeting will be at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus March 13, 14, 15. Bro. Arthur Smith, Jr., Sis. Carolyn Smith, and Sis. Arlene Smith were approved as delegates by acclamation. Rev. Arthur Smith was given authority to appoint delegates in the case of absences.

Rev. Dwight Smith closed the business session with prayer and introduced Bro. Nathan Snow, Missionary to Japan, who brought the worship message. His text was taken from Psalm 67 and the body was reminded that if we do what we as Christians should do then God will bless. Bro. Snow encouraged participation in the Ga. Acts 1:8 program.

Rev. Henry Shellman closed with prayer and blessings upon the food.

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Arthur Smith, Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk



ROLL CALL -- 2003
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
OFFICERS	REV. ARTHUR SMITH - Moderator	X			
	REV. DWIGHT SMITH - Assist. Mod.	X			
	BRO. BILLY PATTERSON - Clerk	X			
	SIS. ALANE PATTERSON - Assist. Clerk	X			
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	REV. A. G. WINDHAM				
	BRO. PERRY LUNSFORD	X			
	BRO. E. A. WELCH, JR.				
ORDAINING COUNCIL	REV. DWIGHT SMITH	X			
	REV. AARON BALDRIDGE	X			
	BRO. E. A. WELCH, JR.				
YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR	REV. AARON BALDRIDGE	X			
FINANCE COMMITTEE	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X			
	BRO. HERBERT SALTER	X			
BD./CHRISTIAN ED	REV. CHARLES CLARK				
BD. OF CAMPING	REV. DANIEL WHITT	X			
STATE MISSION BOARD	REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X			
STATE BD/TRUSTEES	REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X			
DIST. YOUTH COMP.	SIS. PAM GUINED	X			

ROLL CALL - 2003
MINISTERS

	JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
REV. HUBERT ARNOLD				
REV. CHARLES CLARK				
REV. J. C. GRIMSLEY	X			
REV. SIDNEY JONES	X			
REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X			
REV. DWIGHT SMITH	X			
REV. JIMMY STUBBS				
REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X			
REV. DANIEL WHITT	X			
REV. A. G. WINDHAM				
REV. WARREN WYATT				

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2003
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Second Quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30 a.m. on April 5, 2003 at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Mauk, GA. Bro. Sam Whitt welcomed everyone and led the body in singing Victory in Jesus. Bro. Richard Anthony opened the meeting with prayer. Before calling the meeting to order Assistant Moderator, Rev. Dwight Smith, brought a devotion from Mark 1:21 titled "One Day in the Life of Jesus". Rev. Terry Tribble and Bro. Dallas Short were asked to read corresponding letters from the churches.

1st Thomaston	2 delegates
Little Bethel	2 delegates
Mt. Olive	0 delegates
New Beginning	3 delegates
New Liberty	3 delegates
New Life	2 delegates
Spring Hill	2 delegates
Trinity	3 delegates
Turners Chapel	2 delegates

A motion was made by Rev. J. C. Grimsley to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rolls of officers and committees were called by the clerk and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Ordaining Counsel Bro. Perry Lunsford

Finance Committee Sis. Louise Brooker

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 with the following reports:

Ordaining Counsel - Bro. Danny Whitt withdraws the request to be ordained.

Board of Camping - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that a motion was made at the February 17 meeting of the Board of Camping that a loan of \$100,000 with no interest would be made for the state office project with a stipulation that the loan could be declared due and payable in full should the Camp Board need the money for a camp site. The Board also decided to sell stocks and place the money with the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$647.12
Benevolence Fund Balance	421.67
Mission Fund Balance	1399.03

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	305.00
Offering	102.26
Benevolence Fund	100.00

Rev. Terry Tribble made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business

Bro. Billy Patterson reported that a proposed constitution had been completed by Rev. Henry Shellman and requested a committee be appointed to review and recommend changes so the new constitution would be ready to be presented at the next meeting. The moderator appointed Rev. Sidney Jones, Bro. Perry Lunsford, and Bro. Henry Short.

New Business

Rev. Dwight Smith reported on a successful Associational revival and asked that anyone with suggestions for future revivals contact the Moderator or the Clerk. Churches were reminded that on the day they are responsible for services they are also responsible for the hospitality of the evangelist. The next Associational revival will be held at Turners Chapel.

Bro. Billy Patterson reported that he had contacted Rev. Donnie Melton, CPA, about the possibility of a Tax Seminar for the clerks, treasurers and pastors. Seven churches expressed an interest and asked that it be scheduled.

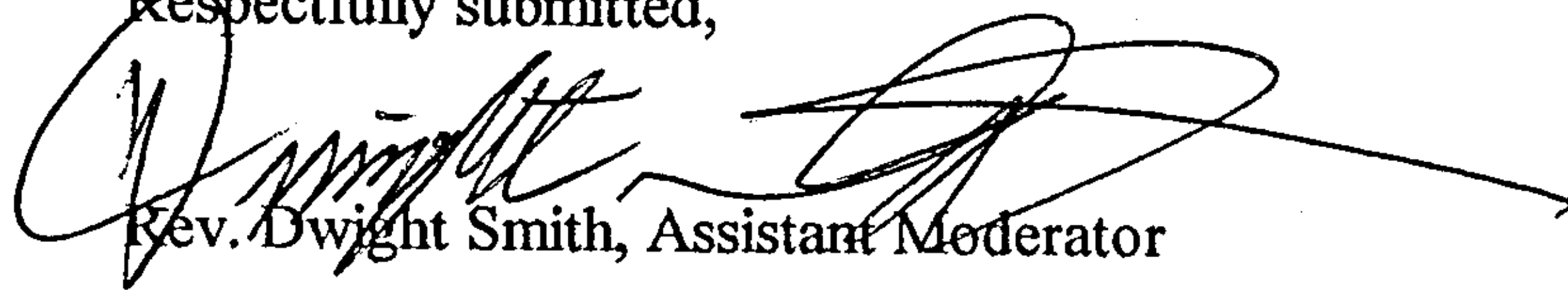
Bro. Danny Whitt made a motion to change the date of the next Youth Rally to April 26, 2003, due to Easter.

The clerk read a letter from Mt. Olive concerning changes in the age restrictions for Youth and Teen Camps. This item was tabled until the next meeting. Bro. Danny Whitt reminded each church to have a representative at all Camp Board meetings.

Rev. Jack McComb brought the morning message from Romans 4 and encouraged the churches to carry the message forward.

Rev. Sidney Jones closed with prayer and blessings upon the food.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Dwight Smith, Assistant Moderator

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. Patterson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

ROLL CALL -- 2003
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
OFFICERS	REV. ARTHUR SMITH - Moderator	X			
	REV. DWIGHT SMITH - Assist. Mod.	X	X		
	BRO. BILLY PATTERSON - Clerk	X	X		
	SIS. ALANE PATTERSON - Assist. Clerk	X	X		
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	REV. A. G. WINDHAM				
	BRO. PERRY LUNSFORD	X	X		
	BRO. E. A. WELCH, JR.		X		
ORDAINING COUNCIL	REV. DWIGHT SMITH	X	X		
	REV. AARON BALDRIDGE	X			
	BRO. E. A. WELCH, JR.		X		
YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR	REV. AARON BALDRIDGE	X			
FINANCE COMMITTEE	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X		
	BRO. HERBERT SALTER	X	X		
BD./CHRISTIAN ED	REV. CHARLES CLARK				
BD. OF CAMPING	REV. DANIEL WHITT	X	X		
STATE MISSION BOARD	REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X			
STATE BD/TRUSTEES	REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X			
DIST. YOUTH COMP.	SIS. PAM GUINED	X	X		

ROLL CALL - 2003
MINISTERS

	JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
REV. HUBERT ARNOLD				
REV. CHARLES CLARK				
REV. J. C. GRIMSLEY	X	X		
REV. SIDNEY JONES	X	X		
REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X			
REV. DWIGHT SMITH	X	X		
REV. JIMMY STUBBS				
REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X		
REV. DANIEL WHITT	X	X		
REV. A. G. WINDHAM				
REV. WARREN WYATT				

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2003
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Third Quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30 a.m. on July 12, 2003 at First Thomaston Free Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, GA. Bro. Herbert Salter welcomed everyone and led the body in singing "I'll Fly Away". Rev. Arthur Smith asked Rev. Dwight Smith and Bro. Ralph Windham to read corresponding letters from the churches.

1st Thomaston	3
Little Bethel	2
Mt. Olive	4
New Beginning	3
New Liberty	3
New Life	0
Spring Hill	0
Trinity	3
Turners Chapel	2

Rev. Dwight Smith made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. and Mrs. Mitch Griffin were welcomed as visitors to the Associational meeting.

Rolls of officers and committees were called by the clerk and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

<u>Ordaining Counsel</u>	Bro. Larry Starling Sis. Geraldine Taunton
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<u>Finance Committee</u>	Rev. A. G. Windham
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The Clerk read the proposed new constitution before the recess. An offering was received and the body was dismissed for a break at 10:00.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 and the following reports were presented:

Ordaining Counsel - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that they met with Rev. Mitch Griffin and made a motion that he be received into full fellowship of the association pending a letter from Little River Association. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Board of Camping - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that there were a total of 49 campers and there were many dedications and souls saved at the camp session. Rev. Sidney Jones made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	\$1,033.13
Benevolence Fund Balance	421.64
Mission Fund Balance	1,000.00

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	\$305.00
Offering	109.45

Rev. A. G. Windham made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Arthur Smith reminded everyone that some youth of the association will be competing at the National Association in Tampa, FL and they need financial assistance. If anyone would like to make donations they should give it to Youth Competition Director, Pam Guined.

Old Business

The clerk read the proposed new constitution. Rev. Sidney Jones made a motion to adopt the new constitution. Rev. Dwight Smith seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Dwight Smith made a motion and there was a second to remove from the table the letter from Mt. Olive concerning the Youth and Teen Camps age restrictions. Following a discussion Rev. A. G. Windham offered an amendment to the motion to allow the Camp Board to consider this at their next meeting and present it at the next Associational meeting. The vote was unanimous.

New Business

The clerk read letters of resignation from Rev. Aaron Baldrige, Youth Camp Director, and Rev. Arthur Smith, Moderator. Rev. Sidney Jones made a motion to accept these letters. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Terry Tribble as Youth Camp Director. Rev. Dwight Smith, Assistant Moderator, will serve as Moderator.

The clerk read a letter of good standing for Rev. Arthur Smith and the body gave a rising

vote of appreciation.

Rev. Arthur Smith chose to give a devotion as his last act as moderator. He encouraged everyone to support the young people and reminded parents of their responsibilities. The youth from Trinity and Little Bethel performed.

Rev. Mitch Griffin brought a message from Exodus 12:21 entitled "Stay Inside the Blood".

Rev. Hubert Arnold closed the meeting with prayer and blessings upon the food.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Arthur Smith, Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
OFFICERS	REV. ARTHUR SMITH - Moderator	X		X	
	REV. DWIGHT SMITH - Assist. Mod.	X	X	X	
	BRO. BILLY PATTERSON - Clerk	X	X	X	
	SIS. ALANE PATTERSON - Assist. Clerk	X	X	X	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	REV. A. G. WINDHAM			X	
	BRO. PERRY LUNSFORD	X	X		
	BRO. E. A. WELCH, JR.		X		
ORDAINING COUNCIL	REV. DWIGHT SMITH	X	X	X	
	REV. AARON BALDRIDGE	X			
	BRO. E. A. WELCH, JR.		X		
YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR	REV. AARON BALDRIDGE	X			
FINANCE COMMITTEE	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X		
	BRO. HERBERT SALTER	X	X	X	
BD./CHRISTIAN ED	REV. CHARLES CLARK				
BD. OF CAMPING	REV. DANIEL WHITT	X	X		
STATE MISSION BOARD	REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X		X	
STATE BD/TRUSTEES	REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X		X	
DIST. YOUTH COMP.	SIS. PAM GUINED	X	X	X	

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MINISTERS

	JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
REV. HUBERT ARNOLD			X	
REV. CHARLES CLARK				
REV. J. C. GRIMSLEY	X	X		
REV. SIDNEY JONES	X	X	X	
REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X		X	
REV. DWIGHT SMITH	X	X	X	
REV. JIMMY STUBBS (Interim)				
REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X		
REV. DANIEL WHITT	X	X		
REV. A. G. WINDHAM			X	
REV. WARREN WYATT				

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The 168th annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 5, 2003, at Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, GA. The opening song was To God Be the Glory. Rev. Charles Clark welcomed everyone and acknowledged not attending the past meetings due to sickness. Bro. Jesse Carroll led in the opening prayer.

Moderator, Rev. Dwight Smith, called the business session to order. Bro. Johnny Helms and Bro. Dallas Short read corresponding letters from the churches.

1st Thomaston	4
Little Bethel	3
Mt. Olive	1
New Beginning	4
New Liberty	0
New Life	0
Spring Hill	0
Trinity	4
Turners Chapel	3

Bro. Dallas Short made the motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rolls of officers and committees were called by the clerk and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

<u>Finance Committee</u>	Sister Sherry Jones Brother Tom Wainwright
<u>Temperance Committee</u>	Brother Larry Simmons Sister Tina Duncan Sister Lisa Armour
<u>Sunday School Committee</u>	Brother Chris Guined Sister Helen Salter Sister Marilyn Smith
<u>Obituary Committee</u>	Rev. Terry Tribble Brother Jr. Smith Sister Sylvia Helms

Nominating Committee

Brother Gerald Moore
Brother Dallas Short
Sister Marilyn Smith

Prior to the offering being received the moderator reminded everyone that each church is responsible for National Fees in the amount of \$100 per church per year and district fees in the amount of \$40 per church per quarter. The body was dismissed for a break at 9:55 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 and the clerk read the minutes. Rev. Arthur Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The following reports were presented:

Board of Christian Education - Rev. Charles Clark had attended several meetings and encouraged attendance at the Seniors Retreat to be held at Red Top Mountain. Rev. Clark advised attendees to watch the State Bulletin for dates of other retreats. Rev. Sidney Jones made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

State Mission Board - Rev. Arthur Smith reported that the Mission Board voted to sell the contract for the cell phone tower located on the Atlanta property for \$63,000. He reported that a new state policy manual is being prepared. Rev. Charles Clark made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Youth/Camp Board - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the committee had met and some goals have been set. Each church should have sent in a letter appointing a member from that church to serve on the Youth/Camp Board. Only four letters have been received at this time. He also reported that the Youth/Camp Board constitution has been rewritten to correspond with the Associational Constitution. Rev. Tribble made a motion that the body accept this information. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

District Youth Competition - Sister Pam Guined reported that the Associational Youth were well represented at State and National Competition. The Trinity Youth Choir competed well and the Danielly's of Little Bethel won first place in their category.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	\$862.58
Benevolence Fund Balance	371.64
Mission Fund Balance	1430.51
Youth Fund Balance	1228.12

Received today:

Representation fees	\$380.00
Offering	144.00
Benevolence Fund	445.00
National Fees	800.00

Bro. Herbert Salter made a motion to accept this report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Temperance Committee - Reminded everyone that adults should be in church with their children, need to set examples everywhere and to study God's word everyday. Larry Simmons made a motion to accept this report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Sunday School Committee - Recommended that we promote more bible reading and memorization, use all resources at hand such as videos and music, and that Sunday School Superintendents report recommendations to teachers. Marilyn Smith made to accept this report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Obituary Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble read the obituaries and they are included in this book of minutes. Rev. Tribble made a motion to accept this report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Nominating Committee - They recommended the following:

Moderator	Rev. Dwight Smith
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Terry Tribble
Clerk	Bro. Billy Patterson
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Alane Patterson
Executive Committee	Bro. Gerald Moore
Ordaining Council:	Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. (3 yr.)
	Rev. Mitch Griffin (2 yr.)
	Rev. Charles Clark (1 yr.)
Youth Camp	Rev. Terry Tribble
State Mission Board	Rev. Arthur Smith
State Board of Trustees	Rev. Arthur Smith
District Youth Comp.	Sis. Pam Guined
Finance Committee	Bro. Herbert Salter
	Bro. Dallas Short

Dallas Short made a motion to accept these nominations by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business

In response to the letter from Mt. Olive concerning Youth camp age restrictions, Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the Camp Board recommends that Youth Camp be for ages 1st through 8th grades, with teenagers being allowed to attend as counselors at Junior Youth Camp. Rev. Tribble made a motion to accept this recommendation. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

New Business

Rev. Arthur Smith made a motion to accept the following invitations:

1st Quarterly Meeting, January 3, 2004	Trinity
2nd Quarterly Meeting, April 3, 2004	Mt. Olive
3rd Quarterly Meeting, July 10, 2004	New Beginning
Annual Meeting, October 2, 2004	Turners Chapel

Youth Rally

January 17, 2004	Turners Chapel
April 17, 2004	Trinity
October 16, 2004	Little Bethel

The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The clerk read a letter of recommendation for Rev. Aaron Baldrige. Rev. Charles Clark made a motion to approve the letter. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Other Business

Rev. Charles Clark reported that he had contacted Rev. Bobby Jackson concerning preaching for the associational revival. He has March 21 - 26, 2004 available. Turners Chapel will host the revival with the following churches being responsible for services as follows:

Sunday - Turners Chapel
Monday - New Beginning
Tuesday - Trinity
Wednesday - First Thomaston
Thursday - Little Bethel
Friday - Mt. Olive

Rev. Charles Clark made a motion to adjourn the business session. Rev. Clark introduced Rev. Mitch Griffin who brought a challenging message from John 9:4.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dwight Smith
Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson
Clerk

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
OFFICERS	REV. DWIGHT SMITH - Moderator	X	X	X	X
	- Assist. Mod.				
	BRO. BILLY PATTERSON - Clerk	X	X	X	X
	SIS. ALANE PATTERSON - Assist. Clerk	X	X	X	X
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	REV. A. G. WINDHAM			X	X
	BRO. PERRY LUNSFORD	X	X		
	BRO. E. A. WELCH, JR.		X		
ORDAINING COUNCIL	REV. DWIGHT SMITH	X	X	X	X
	REV. AARON BALDRIDGE	X			
	BRO. E. A. WELCH, JR.		X		
YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X		X
FINANCE COMMITTEE	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X		X
	BRO. HERBERT SALTER	X	X	X	X
BD./CHRISTIAN ED	REV. CHARLES CLARK				X
BD. OF CAMPING	REV. DANIEL WHITT	X	X		
STATE MISSION BOARD	REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X		X	X
STATE BD/TRUSTEES	REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X		X	X
DIST. YOUTH COMP.	SIS. PAM GUINED	X	X	X	X

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MINISTERS

	JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
REV. HUBERT ARNOLD			X	X
REV. CHARLES CLARK				X
REV. MITCH GRIFFIN				X
REV. J. C. GRIMSLEY	X	X		
REV. SIDNEY JONES	X	X	X	X
REV. ARTHUR SMITH	X		X	X
REV. DWIGHT SMITH	X	X	X	X
REV. JIMMY STUBBS (Interim)				
REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X		X
REV. DANIEL WHITT	X	X		
REV. A. G. WINDHAM			X	X
REV. WARREN WYATT				

OBITUARIES

We honor those who have gone before us.

First Free Will Baptist Church , Thomaston

Walter Bellew - October 29, 1943 - April 28, 2003

Bro. Walter was a trustee of our church. He was a painter, and he used his profession to beautify our church. His work can be seen in our buildings every time we enter them. He worked hard to make our buildings look good for us and the Lord.

Bro. Walter will be greatly missed by his family and his church family.

Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

Robert (Butch) Felker - Brother Butch was a faithful and devoted member and deacon of Little Bethel. Butch was such a special and loving man, never failing to do what he could to serve his God and his church. You could always depend on Butch to listen when someone just needed to talk. He leaves behind a wife and two sons, his mother and several brothers and sisters. He is terribly missed in our church.

Ronald Gordon - Ronald passed away in August following a short illness. He is survived by his wife, one son, three daughters, and six grandchildren.

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

Syd Crook - Mr. Syd Crook, a deacon at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, died April 4, 2003. Mr. Syd was born October 19, 1913 and was a faithful member of our church and is truly missed.

New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church

Leslie Mitchell Morrison - A very good friend of the New Beginning Church, he went to be with the Lord on September 6, 2003. He will be greatly missed by all.

Ernest Mitchell - A beloved friend, he went to be with God on August 28, 2003.

New Life Free Will Baptist Church

Mr. Wilbur Anthony - October 14, 1914 - June 19, 2003.

What a beautiful spirit this man had. He could bless you just by speaking to you. He walked and talked daily with our Lord. The seeds he planted for our Savior throughout his life are immeasurable. What a reunion we will have one day with dear "Mr. Wilbur". Love always and forever from your loving church family.

Jerry James Fussell III (T.J.) - November 4, 1986 - July 9, 2003.

He lived 16 years, 8 months and 5 days and was a blessing to all who knew him. This wonderful young person was such a blessing to all who came in contact with him. He had such a loving heart and was always so willing to help anyone. We all have memories of him playing with the children or lending a loving hand. He will be terribly missed here on this earth, but we look forward to a reunion with him in Heaven. Knowing he is there makes it easier to go home. Love from your church family.

Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Joseph Monroe Grier - October 22, 1930 - November 4, 2002.

He left this life for his eternal home on November 4, 2002. He was a faithful member of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church and served as a deacon for 30 years. Monroe leaves a loving wife, two sons, three daughters, one step daughter, fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is greatly missed by his family.

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

Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist

Constitution

Preamble

We the Free Will Baptist of the Chattahoochee District do ordain this Constitution for the purpose of advancing, promoting and increasing all phases of the cause of Christ. It is with common good in mind that we come together to accomplish collectively those things we could not do alone. This organization shall not have any authority over the individual churches except those delegated to it by the individual churches.

Article I

This assembly shall be known as the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II

Section I. The officers of this organization shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk/Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk/ Treasurer.

Section II. The Executive Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Clerk, and three members elected by the body. The term of office will be three years rotating annually.

Section III. The voting body of this Association shall be composed of Ordained Ministers, Ordained Deacons, and delegates from the participating churches. Each church will be allowed four elected delegates.

Section IV. All delegates from the churches must be elected from the laity of the church sending them.

Section V. Funds for the current expenses of this organization will be paid to the Clerk quarterly. Each church will give a minimum of ten dollars per allowed delegate. This amount can be changed by the majority vote of the convened body in any regular session.

Section VI. In order to pay the Chattahoochee Association's annual representation fees to the Georgia State Association and the National Association of Free Will Baptists each church will be responsible to promote, receive, and forward the amounts delegated by the State and National Associations per church per year to the Clerk at, or before, the annual session.

Article III

Section I. Delegates will be elected to serve on Georgia State boards whose responsibility it will be to represent this body and to vote with the wishes of the Chattahoochee Association, not one's individual preference, to the greatest extent possible. These members will be elected to the terms designated by the state.

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Section II. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of two persons elected to serve annually and one delegate appointed at each quarterly session.

- A. The finance committee will be responsible for collecting and counting offerings taken each session.
- B. The Finance committee is to be responsible for counting and verifying all representation fees.
- C. It shall be the job of the Finance Committee to audit the Clerks records at each session and report the results to the body.

Section III. There shall be an Ordination Council made up of three men who explicitly meet the qualification required by this body for ordination.

- A. It shall be the duty of the Ordination Council to examine each candidate presented for ordination and to make recommendations to the board.
- B. The Ordination council will be responsible to see that each candidate gets a doctrinal examination booklet and to examine the answers provided.
- C. The Members are to serve three year terms rotating each year.
- D. The member having served the greatest portion of a three year term shall be considered the chairman.

Section IV. There shall be a Board of Camping which will be chaired by a person elected annually by the Association as Youth / Camp Director.

- A. This board will consist of one representative from each member church that has a desire for the spiritual growth of the young people, currently this will be a nine member board. It shall be their responsibility to plan and execute activities for the young people in this association. The board will have its own budget but will report to the Association.
- B. The Youth/Camp Director will be elected by the association annually and will be the chairman of the camp board. The Director will assist in planning camps, youth rallies, and fund raising events for the young people of this Association and, will also be responsible for the successful operation of youth camps. The Director will adhere to all guidelines set by this body and will report to the Association at each session.

Section V. There shall be a Youth Competition Director.

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the Youth Competition Director to coordinate all competitive events involving our young people.
- B. These Director duties will include acquiring dates for state and national competition and relaying them to the individual churches.
- C. The Director will promote and plan all District competitive events, inform the churches of rule changes as he/she is advised from the state and national organizations.
- D. The churches will be responsible for obtaining guidelines from the National Youth Conference and for training their young people.
- E. All events will be done according to the guidelines published by the national organization under the title of “National Youth Conference Competition Guidelines”

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Article IV

Section I. All officers, except board and committee members, shall be elected to serve a term of two years. The Moderator may succeed himself one term.

Section II. Standing boards of the Association have no power or final authority to conduct any business until the matter has been presented to and acted upon by the Association in regular session except where otherwise provided.

Section III. Vacancies on any of the boards between sessions may be filled by appointment of the Moderator until the next business session.

Section IV. Elections of general officers shall take place on the odd years of the calendar.

Section V. If a member of any board fails in the function of his or her duty without good and sufficient reasons, the board of which the delinquent is a member may declare that particular office vacant. Further, this body shall have and does reserve the right to deal with the officer or board member who does not conduct his or her office in a Christian, business like manner according to the rules of Christian conduct as set forth in the New Testament.

Any standing board of this District Association may appoint proxies to serve in lieu of the absent members.

ARTICLE V

Section I. 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 he would be allowed to participate in the business of the Association. Any minister approved by the Council but is waiting for a letter from his previous Association will be considered approved until the next scheduled session. If no letter has been received the Ordaining Council shall meet and present a recommendation to the body.

Section II. To be considered a standing delegate in this Association all ordained men are required to meet the requirements as set forth in the Book of I Timothy. Any person not living according to these requirements and according to the principles of the New Testament may be removed as a standing delegate until acknowledgments are made and accepted by the body in regular session.

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ARTICLE VI

Section I. The Moderator shall be elected to serve a two year term and may succeed himself one time, serving no more than 4 years consecutively. His duties are to moderate all sessions of the Association, represent the Association at State and National functions, and to serve as ex-officio member of all committees. He shall receive an honorarium each year to offset expenses occurred. He also shall receive reimbursement for travel to all official meetings at a rate of twenty cents per mile. This stipend can be changed as needed by a majority vote of the Association.

Section II. The Assistant Moderator shall assume the office of Moderator in the instance of the Moderator not being able to serve out his term. The Assistant Moderator will serve in the Moderator's if for any reason the Moderator has to be absent from a regular business session. The Assistant Moderator will only be compensated if he is fulfilling the duties of the moderator and then he is allowed the same honorium and expenses as the moderator would receive.

Section III. The Clerk/Treasurer shall be responsible for all records of the Association. He/She will be responsible for taking minutes at each session and preparing the Annual book of minutes. This officer will have the authority to purchase supplies as needed and to take whatever steps are necessary to see that the finances of this body are handled in a responsible way. It will be his duty to present a finance report each session that in detail shows the financial position of this body. While it is his responsibility to maintain the records, these records are considered open records and should be made available on request by any member of this Association. The Clerk/Treasure shall receive an annual honorarium to offset his expenses. Also, He shall receive reimbursement for travel expenses occurred in the official duties of his office representing this body at State and National functions. This stipend shall be at the rate of twenty cents per mile and can be changed by majority vote of the Association.

Section IV. The Assistant Clerk shall assume all duties and authorities of the office of Clerk/Treasurer if for any reason the Clerk cannot fulfill the term of his office. The Assistant should assist the clerk at all regular sessions and be familiar with all records.

ARTICLE VII

Section I. The order of succession shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and then Assistant Clerk. If for some reason none of these officers are present then the senior person from the Executive committee shall serve as moderator at any regular business session.

ADMENDMENTS

Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist

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This constitution may be changed, altered, or amended by a two-thirds vote of all delegates present and voting at any regular session of the Association. Prior to presentation of any amendment, change, or alteration it must be submitted to the clerk in writing and read during the session before the break for committees. After reconvening the amendment, change, or alteration will be read again, discussed, and voted upon.

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 its 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.

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 conform. 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 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 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 infinite 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.