

CHATAHOOCHEE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

170th
ANNUAL
REPORT

2005

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
FREE WILL BAPTIST
2005 - 2006**

GENERAL OFFICERS

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ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER

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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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Rev. Ben Crabtree
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**Rev. Daniel Smith
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**Rev. Dallas Short
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DISTRICT YOUTH COMPETITION DIRECTOR

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Herbert Salter
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**J.C. (Bud) Tyler
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STATE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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March 2007

STATE MISSION BOARD

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March 2009

STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Mitch Griffin
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March 2009

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. Dwight Smith 110 Governor's Drive Box Springs, Ga. 31801 (229) 649-7755 | Diane Hinton P.O. Box 574 Reynolds, GA 31076 (478) 847-4657 |
| Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Reynolds, GA 31076 | Rev. Daniel Smith 15 Larry Hinton Rd Reynolds, GA 31076 (478) 847-9331 | Joe B. Logue P. O. Box 714 Butler, GA 31006 (478) 847-2583 |
| New Beginning Free Will Baptist Box Springs, GA 31801 | Rev. Dallas Short 249 Saddle Trail Box Springs, Ga.31801 (229) 649-2274 | Louise Brooker 4463 GA Hwy 240 N Mauk, GA 31058 |
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| Trinity Free Will Baptist Highway 90 Mauk, GA 31058 (478) 862-2745 | Rev. Terry Tribble P. O. Box 16 Mauk, GA 31058 (478) 863-2745 | Alane Patterson P. O. Box 586 Reynolds, GA 31076 (478) 847-3493 |
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ADDITIONAL MINISTERS

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Rev. A. G. Windham
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ACTIVE DEACONS

First Thomaston

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Little Bethel

John Jones

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Leonard Layfield

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(478)862-3907

W.T. Williams

104 S. Boundary St. Reynolds, Ga. 31076

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Mount Olive

Clifford Carpenter

1180 Tommy Purvis Rd. Reynolds, Ga 31076

(478)847-4708

Joe Logue

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Clarence Wainwright

Rt. 2 Reynolds, Ga. 31076

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Mark Windham

21 AG Windham Rd Reynolds, Ga. 31076

(478)847-9383

Ralph Windham

1139 Hwy 127 E. Butler, Ga. 31006

(478)862-3704

New Beginning

Mike Armour

247 Saddle Trail, Box Springs, Ga. 31801

(229)649-2274

New Liberty

Elbert Streetman

Bridges Store Rd, Ellaville, Ga. 31086

(229)937-2885

Chadwick Childs

122 Old Buena Vista Road, Ellaville, Ga. 31806

(229)937-5070

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Richard Anthony

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(706)269-3839

J.W. Teat

1369 Henry Currington Rd., Mauk, Ga. 31058

(478)862-3412

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157 Watermelon Lane, Mauk, GA 31058

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Mark McCallister

2818 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk, Ga. 31058

(229)649-7704

Leonard Stubbs

2719 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk, Ga. 31058

(229)649-3304

Trinity

Larry Bell

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(478)862-3943

David Welch

Rt. 1 Box 254, Mauk, Ga. 31058

(478)862-5976

E.A. Welch Jr.

Rt. 1 Box 253, Mauk, Ga. 31058

(478)862-3356

ACTIVE DEACONS

Turners Chapel

| | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Jessie Carroll | Dillon Road, Butler, Ga. 31006 | (478)862-5880 |
| Ned Ingram | Wainwright Road, Butler, Ga. 31006 | (478)862-9493 |
| Gerald Moore | 4 Fickling Mill Rd, Butler, Ga. 31006 | (478)847-4462 |
| Rex Robinson | Roberta Hwy , Butler, Ga.31006 | (478)862-3947 |

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Mark Moore, Director
(478)862-5521

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|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| First Thomaston | Rev. Mitch Griffin | (706)648-2055 |
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Little Bethel

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| Mt. Olive | Barbara Jean Windham | (478)862-3704 |
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| New Beginning | Lisa Armour | (229)649-2274 |
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| Spring Hill | Sam Whitt | (229)649-2126 |
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| Trinity | Marsha Starling | (478)862-2784 |
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| Turners Chapel | Mark Moore | (478)862-5521 |
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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 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| Licensed Ministers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ordained Deacons | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 25 |
| Baptisms | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 23 |
| Members Added | 7 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 41 |
| Members Lost | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 20 |
| Total Members | 82 | N/R | 137 | 50 | 21 | N/R | N/R | 51 | N/R | 341 |
| Sunday School | N/R | 20 | 55 | N/R | 19 | 23 | 15 | 42 | N/R | 174 |
| Women's Auxiliary | No | 8 | No | N/R | No | No | No | No | No | 0 |
| Master's Men | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | 0 |
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N/R Not Reported

Financial Table

| Church | County | City/Rural | Pastor | Budget | Parsonage | Property Value | Annual Tithe |
|-----------------|--------|------------|--------|--------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| First Thomaston | Upson | City | FT | Yes | Yes | \$435,000 | \$59,630 |
| Little Bethel | Macon | Rural | FT | No | Yes | \$325,000 | \$20,219 |
| Mt. Olive | Taylor | Rural | Bi-Voc | No | Yes | \$325,000 | \$34,906 |
| New Beginnings | Marion | Rural | Bi-Voc | No | No | \$87,000 | Not Reported |
| New Liberty | Schley | Rural | PT | No | No | Not Reported | Not Reported |
| New Life | Marion | Rural | PT | No | Yes | \$155,000 | Not Reported |
| Spring Hill | Marion | Rural | PT | No | Yes | \$215,000 | Not Reported |
| Trinity | Taylor | Rural | FT | Yes | Yes | \$385,000 | \$49,800 |
| Turners Chapel | Taylor | Rural | FT | No | Yes | \$500,000 | \$69,465 |

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

| CK. NO. | DATE | ISSUED TO | FOR | DEBIT | CREDIT | BALANCE |
|---------|----------|----------------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 10/01/04 | BEGIN BALANCE | | | | 1766.28 |
| Deposit | 10/05/04 | DEPOSIT | Annual Meeting | | 1394.65 | 3160.93 |
| 512 | 12/29/04 | Taylor Co. Printing | Annual Report | 205.00 | | 2955.93 |
| Deposit | 1/10/05 | DEPOSIT | | | 505.67 | 3461.60 |
| 513 | 1/10/05 | Ga. State Assoc. FWB | National/State | 975.00 | | 2486.60 |
| 514 | 1/10/05 | VOID | | | | 2486.60 |
| Deposit | 2/22/05 | DEPOSIT | Assoc. Revival | | 400.00 | 2886.60 |
| Deposit | 3/7/05 | DEPOSIT | Assoc Revival | | 600.00 | 3486.60 |
| Deposit | 3/11/05 | DEPOSIT | Assoc.Revival | | 370.00 | 3856.60 |
| 515 | 3/11/05 | Rev. Jerry Jackson | Assoc. Revival | 1220.00 | | 2636.60 |
| 516 | 3/11/05 | Ga. State Assoc. FWB | New Beginning | 150.00 | | 2486.60 |
| Deposit | 4/12/05 | DEPOSIT | Assoc. | | 483.00 | 2969.60 |
| 517 | 6/22/05 | US Postal Service | Stamps | 37.00 | | 2932.60 |
| Deposit | 7/11/05 | DEPOSIT | Assoc | | 472.00 | 3404.60 |
| 518 | 9/30/05 | Rev. Dwight Smith | Honorarium | 90.00 | | 3314.60 |
| 519 | 9/30/05 | Billy Patterson | Honorarium | 200.00 | | 3114.60 |
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FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Beginning Balance - \$ 1489.40

Interest Earnings - \$63.60

Balance 6/30/05 - \$1553.00

Financial Report

Benevolence Fund

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2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quarterly Meetings

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| January 7, 2006 | Trinity Free Will Baptist |
| April 1, 2006 | Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist |
| July 8, 2006 | Spring Hill Free Will Baptist |
| October 7, 2006 | Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist |

Youth Rally

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|------------------|----------------------------------|
| January 21, 2006 | Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist |
| April 15, 2006 | New Beginning Free Will |
| October 14, 2006 | Trinity Free Will Baptist |

Association Revival

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| March 5 - 10, 2006 | Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist |
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State Meeting

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| March 16 - 18, 2006 | First Church, Brunswick , Ga. |
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National Meeting

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| July 16 - 19, 2006 | Birmingham, Alabama |
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Homecomings

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| May 20, 2006 | Little Bethel |
| July 9, 2006 | Spring Hill |
| July 23, 2006 | Trinity |
| August 20, 2006 | New Liberty |
| September 24 , 2006 | First Thomaston |

Revivals

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|--------------------|---------------|
| July 10 - 12, 2006 | Spring Hill |
| July 10 - 14, 2006 | Little Bethel |

Singings

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| January 28, 2006 | New Liberty | July 22, 2006 | New Liberty |
| February 25, 2006 | New Liberty | September 23, 2006 | New Liberty |
| March 25, 2006 | New Liberty | October 28, 2006 | New Liberty |
| April 22, 2006 | New Liberty | | |
| May 27, 2006 | Little Bethel | | |
| June 24, 2006 | New Liberty | | |

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2005
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 8, 2005 at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Reynolds, GA. Rev. A. G. Windham led the congregation in singing "Rock of Ages". Rev. Daniel Smith welcomed everyone. Rev. Dwight Smith called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from I Chronicles, Vs. 23. Rev. Smith challenged everyone to praise the Lord at all times -- not just in church. Sis. Marilyn Smith and Sis. Pam Guined were asked to read the corresponding letters from the churches.

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| 1st Thomaston | 4 delegates |
| Little Bethel | 4 delegates |
| Mt. Olive | 4 delegates |
| New Beginning | 2 delegates |
| New Liberty | 4 delegates |
| New Life | 1 delegates |
| Spring Hill | 2 delegates |
| Trinity | 4 delegates |
| Turners Chapel | 2 delegates |

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

There were no visitors.

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:

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| <u>Finance Committee</u> | Sis. Tina Duncan |
| <u>Nominating Committee</u> | Rev. Terry Tribble, Chairman Bro. J. W. Teat Bro. Bud Tyler |

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

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

Minutes of the 169th Annual Session were read and approved.

Rev. Dwight Smith read from the Association Constitution Article III, Section 1 concerning state committee terms designated by the state. Rev. Ben Crabtree had been

elected to serve on the State Board of Camping, however, Rev. Terry Tribble's term does not expire until March, 2007. Rev. Crabtree was in agreement that Rev. Tribble will continue to serve.

Board of Christian Education

Rev. Dwight Smith reported that the board had met in Albany and set dates for the 2005 retreats. The Charles Clark Memorial Fund awarded fourteen scholarships.

State Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that State Teen Camp will be May 29 - June 3 at Camp Echeecoonee in Lizella.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Mission Board - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that two missionaries have been hired. One is in place now in Valdosta and another will be on board in March. The Hampton Church is being sold and the Tifton church has disbanded and gave the property to the Mission Board.

District Youth Competition - The district Youth Competition will be held at Trinity on March 12, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.. Registration deadline is March 1, 2005.

Executive Committee - No report.

Ordaining Council - No report.

District Youth Camp Board - Rev. Terry Tribble thanked everyone for their participation in the Fall Festival. He encouraged everyone to support Bro. Mark Moore as new youth camp director. Each church is reminded to have one member on the board.

Finance Committee

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| General Fund Balance | \$2955.93 |
| Benevolence Fund Balance | 553.04 |
| Mission Fund Balance | 1489.40 |
| Youth Camp Fund | 4150.99 |

Received at this meeting:

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| Representation Fees | 370.00 |
| Offering | 135.67 |

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

Nominating Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the nominating committee recommends Bro. Gerald Moore for State Mission Board and Rev. Mitch Griffin to Board of Trustees. Rev. Tribble made a motion to accept these by acclamation. (Note: this is a three year term).

Old Business

Rev. Tim Horne notified the moderator that he would not be able to conduct the revival due to the State meeting being held near the same time. Association Revival will be held March 6 - 11 at Mt. Olive with Rev. Jerry Johnson as the evangelist.

New Buainess

Sis. Carolyn Smith and Sis. Kristen Crabtree will serve as State delegates and Rev. Dwight Smith was approved to appoint delegates as needed.

Miscellaneous Business

Bro. Billy Patterson asked the association to begin to consider strengthening the benevolence fund. We are now donating to three widows.

Rev. A. G. Windham dismissed the business session in prayer and led in singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There". A special song in memory of Bro. Eugene Windham was sung by Brothers Mark Windham, A. G. Windham and Hubert Arnold.

Rev. Daniel Smith read from Psalm 23. Rev. Smith stressed that we should have contentment in the Lord. Bro. Clarence Wainwright dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Dwight Smith, Moderator


Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

ROLL CALL -- 2005

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

| | | JAN | APR | JUL | OCT |
|----------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| OFFICERS | REV. DWIGHT SMITH - Moderator | X | | | |
| | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE - Assist. Mod. | X | | | |
| | BRO. BILLY PATTERSON - Clerk | X | | | |
| | SIS. ALANE PATTERSON - Assist. Clerk | X | | | |
| EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | BRO. E.A. WELCH JR. | | | | |
| | BRO. GERALD MOORE | X | | | |
| | REV. BEN CRABTREE | X | | | |
| ORDAINING COUNCIL | BRO. E.A. WELCH JR. | | | | |
| | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | | | |
| | REV. DANIEL SMITH | X | | | |
| YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR | BRO. MARK MOORE | X | | | |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | BRO. HERBERT SALTER | X | | | |
| | BRO. MIKE ARMOUR | X | | | |
| BD./CHRISTIAN ED | REV. DWIGHT SMITH | X | | | |
| BD. OF CAMPING | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE | X | | | |
| STATE MISSION BOARD | BRO. BILLY PATTERSON | X | | | |
| STATE BD/TRUSTEES | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | | | |
| DIST. YOUTH COMP. | SIS. PAM GUINED | X | | | |
| | MINISTERS | | | | |
| | REV .HUBERT ARNOLD | X | | | |
| | REV. BEN CRABTREE | X | | | |
| | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | | | |
| | REV. J.C. GRIMSLEY | | | | |
| | REV .SIDNEY JONES | | | | |
| | REV. DWIGHT SMITH | X | | | |
| | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE | X | | | |
| | REV. A.G. WINDHAM | X | | | |
| | REV. DANIEL SMITH | X | | | |
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SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2005
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 2, 2005 at First Thomaston Free Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, Ga. Bro. Herbert Salter welcomed everyone and led the body in singing What A Friend. Rev. Ben Crabtree opened the meeting with prayer. Before calling the meeting to order Moderator, Rev. Dwight Smith, read from James 5 :13 and then spoke on the need for prayer. Rev. Terry Tribble and Rev. Mitch Griffin were asked to read corresponding letters from the churches.

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

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

The clerk called rolls of officers and committees and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance Committee Bro. Bud Tyler

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

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

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. Rev. Mitch Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Committee - Rev. Dwight Smith reported a budget of \$800,000 had been set and that the Georgia Free Will Baptist now owns the building in Colquitt.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that two missionaries have been hired. Rev. Bill Lewis is at Valdosta and Rev. Bill Crank is at Cartersville. The Mission Board asks for prayer for these new churches. The Hampton Property is for sale and the

Board now has authority to buy and sell property without State approval.

Board of Christian Education - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that video equipment has been purchased and that retreats will be available to local churches on video.

Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that Teen Camp would be May 29 - June 3, 2005 at Camp Echeecoonee, Lizella, GA. A trip to Six Flags is planned and the camp director will be Mark Walker.

Association Youth Director - Bro. Mark Moore reported that the Youth Camp will be held July 3 - 8, 2005 at the Church of the Nazarene camp ground near Dublin. A \$200.00 deposit has been paid.

Finance Committee

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| General Fund Balance | \$2486.60 |
| Benevolence Fund Balance | 628.04 |
| Mission Fund Balance | 1520.31 |
| Youth Fund Balance | 3950.99 |

Received at this meeting:

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|---------------------|--------|
| Representation fees | 370.00 |
| Offering | 113.00 |

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

Youth Competition Director - Sis. Pam Guined reported that all youth had done well at the Association competition.

Old Business - Bro. Billy Patterson again reminded churches that we will have to strengthen the Benevolence Fund or funds will not be sufficient for 2006

New Business - Rev. Ben Crabtree reported that the Chattahoochee Association has the lowest reported number of salvations reported in the State. Georgia is expected to experience growth in the next few years and there is a need to train our young pastors and others in the Lord's church, not ours. Rev. Crabtree made a motion to have each church to elect a member to serve on an evangelistic team and that a training session be held at the next Association meeting. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Arthur Smith brought a report from the Alabama Childrens Home. There are twenty-seven children and a full staff of house parents. Bro. Arthur thanked the Association for past support and encouraged continued support.

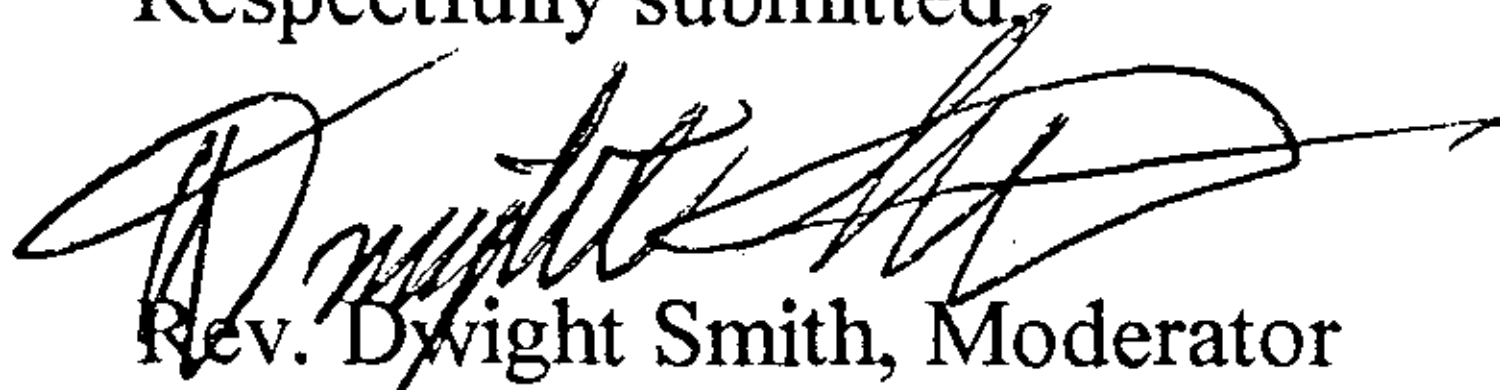
Rev. Dwight Smith asked Assistant Moderator Terry Tribble to assume the Moderators position. Rev. Smith then made a motion to appoint Russ Tyler to serve as a representative from the Association to the Children's Home. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Smith again assumed the Moderators position.

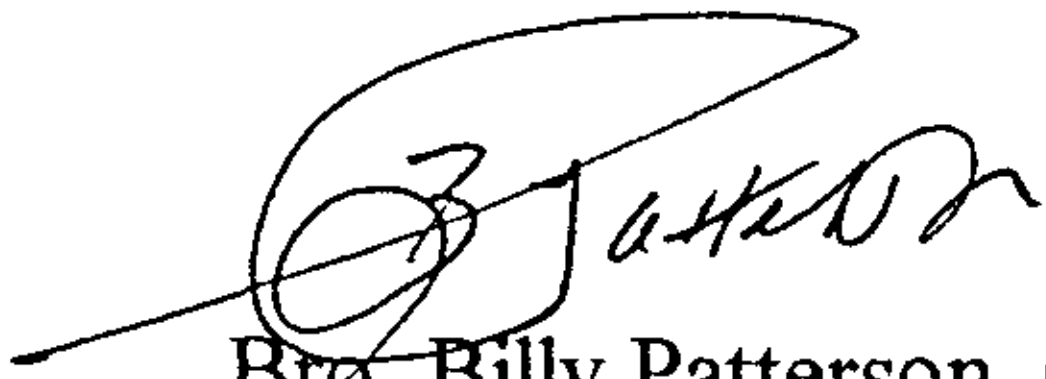
Bro. Johnny Helms made a motion to adjourn. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Mitch Griffin brought the morning message from Acts 19: 13. Rev. Griffin stressed that it is not enough to read the Bible. You must have a personal relationship.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwight Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Dwight Smith, Moderator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billy Patterson", with a large circular flourish on the left side.

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

ROLL CALL -- 2005
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

| | | JAN | APR | JUL | OCT |
|----------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| OFFICERS | REV. DWIGHT SMITH - Moderator | X | X | | |
| | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE - Assist. Mod. | X | X | | |
| | BRO. BILLY PATTERSON - Clerk | X | X | | |
| | SIS. ALANE PATTERSON - Assist. Clerk | X | | | |
| EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | BRO. E.A. WELCH JR. | | | | |
| | BRO. GERALD MOORE | X | X | | |
| | REV. BEN CRABTREE | X | X | | |
| ORDAINING COUNCIL | BRO. E.A. WELCH JR. | | | | |
| | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | X | | |
| | REV. DANIEL SMITH | X | X | | |
| YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR | BRO. MARK MOORE | X | X | | |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | BRO. HERBERT SALTER | X | X | | |
| | BRO. MIKE ARMOUR | X | X | | |
| BD./CHRISTIAN ED | REV. DWIGHT SMITH | X | X | | |
| BD. OF CAMPING | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE | X | X | | |
| STATE MISSION BOARD | BRO. Gerald Moore | X | X | | |
| STATE BD/TRUSTEES | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | X | | |
| DIST. YOUTH COMP. | SIS. PAM GUINED | X | X | | |
| | MINISTERS | | | | |
| | REV .HUBERT ARNOLD | X | | | |
| | REV. BEN CRABTREE | X | X | | |
| | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | X | | |
| | REV. J.C. GRIMSLEY | | | | |
| | REV .SIDNEY JONES | | X | | |
| | REV. DWIGHT SMITH | X | X | | |
| | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE | X | X | | |
| | REV. A.G. WINDHAM | X | | | |
| | REV. DANIEL SMITH | X | X | | |
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THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2005
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 9, 2005 at New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church, Box Springs, GA. Rev. Dallas Short welcomed everyone and Rev. Terry Tribble opened with prayer. After the opening hymn, Rev. Dwight Smith brought a devotional from Luke 12:13 and reminded us that we should be laying up treasures in heaven and not on earth. Rev. Terry Tribble and Rev. Ben Crabtree were asked to read letters from the corresponding churches.

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

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

Bro. Kenny Corm from the Free Will Baptist Bible College was welcomed as a visitor.

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:

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| <u>Nominating Committee</u> | Rev.. Dallas Short |
| | Bro. Larry Starling |
| | Bro. Bud Tyler |

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| <u>Ordaining Counsel</u> | Rev. Dwight Smith |
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| <u>Finance Committee</u> | Bro. Bud Tyler |
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An offering was received and the body was dismissed for a break at 10:00 a.m..

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 and the clerk read the minutes. Rev. Mitch Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and carried.

The following reports were presented:

Executive Committee - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that there are 17 Free Will Baptist churches in the State of Georgia without pastors.

Ordaining Counsel - Rev. Mitch Griffin made a motion that we receive Rev. Dallas Short into full fellowship of the association.. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Board of Camping - There has been no meeting.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that it was decided to spend up to \$2,000 per month rent on a building in Bartow County. There was an offer on the Hampton property but it was refused. The Valdosta Church will be sold and another location will be obtained.

Finance Committee -

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| General Fund Balance | \$2,932.60 |
| Benevolence Fund Balance | 878.04 |
| Mission Fund Balance | 1,520.31 |

Received at this meeting:

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| Representation fees | \$330.00 |
| Offering | 102.00 |

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

Youth Director, Association - Bro. Mark Moore asked for suggestions for a time and place for camp next year. The next meeting will be September 3, 2005, 9:30 a.m., Mt. Olive.

Old Business

Rev. Dwight Smith reminded everyone that we have three widows in the association now and more donations are needed for this fund.

Each church should let the clerk know the person they have selected to serve on the Evangelistic Team.

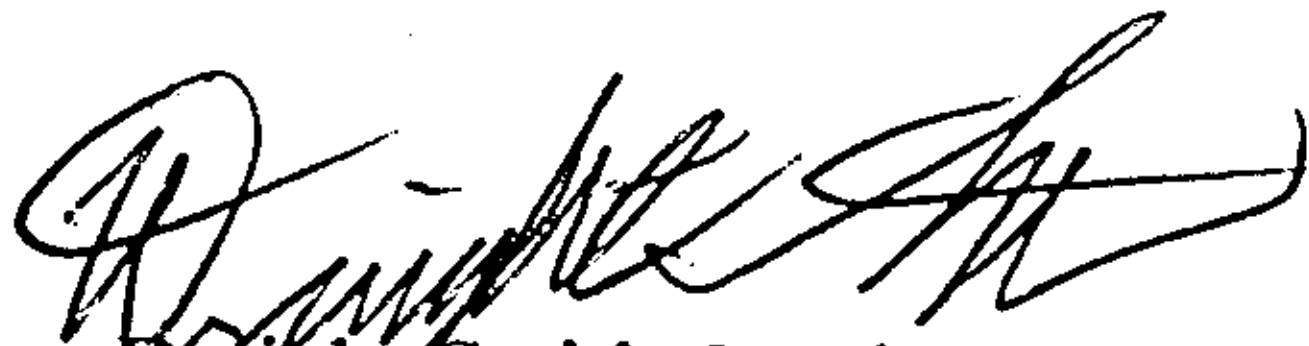
Donations are needed for the Alabama Children's Home. Bro. Russ Tyler is the association representative for the Children's Home.

New Business

Rev. Mitch Griffin made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Ben Crabtree reported that the Chattahoochee Association has the lowest rate of souls reached of any association in the State of Georgia. He issued a challenge to everyone from I John 1:5-10 on being an effective witness for Christ. The body was dismissed with prayer and blessings on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Dwight Smith, Moderator

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Billy Patterson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

ROLL CALL -- 2005

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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| OFFICERS | REV. DWIGHT SMITH - Moderator | X | X | X | |
| | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE - Assist. Mod. | X | X | X | |
| | BRO. BILLY PATTERSON - Clerk | X | X | X | |
| | SIS. ALANE PATTERSON - Assist. Clerk | X | | X | |
| EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | BRO. E.A. WELCH JR. | | | | |
| | BRO. GERALD MOORE | X | X | X | |
| | REV. BEN CRABTREE | X | X | X | |
| ORDAINING COUNCIL | BRO. E.A. WELCH JR. | | | | |
| | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | X | X | |
| | REV. DANIEL SMITH | X | X | X | |
| YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR | BRO. MARK MOORE | X | X | X | |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | BRO. HERBERT SALTER | X | X | X | |
| | BRO. MIKE ARMOUR | X | X | X | |
| BD./CHRISTIAN ED | REV. DWIGHT SMITH | X | X | X | |
| BD. OF CAMPING | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE | X | X | X | |
| STATE MISSION BOARD | BRO. Gerald Moore | X | X | X | |
| STATE BD/TRUSTEES | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | X | X | |
| DIST. YOUTH COMP. | SIS. PAM GUINED | X | X | X | |
| | MINISTERS | | | | |
| | REV .HUBERT ARNOLD | X | | | |
| | REV. BEN CRABTREE | X | X | X | |
| | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | X | X | |
| | REV. J.C. GRIMSLEY | | | X | |
| | REV .SIDNEY JONES | | X | X | |
| | REV. DWIGHT SMITH | X | X | X | |
| | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE | X | X | X | |
| | REV. A.G. WINDHAM | X | | | |
| | REV. DANIEL SMITH | X | X | X | |
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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The 170th annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 1, 2005, at Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, GA. The opening song was "Living By Faith". Rev. Daniel Smith led in the opening prayer.

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

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

Rev. Crabtree 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:

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| <u>Finance Committee</u> | Sister Leisa Armour Brother Tom Wainwright |
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| <u>Temperance Committee</u> | Brother J.W. Teat Sister Marilyn Smith Sister Helen Salter |
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| <u>Sunday School Committee</u> | Brother Scott Duncan Sister Geraldine Taunton Sister Kristen Crabtree |
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| <u>Obituary Committee</u> | Rev. Terry Tribble |
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Prior to the recess an offering was received.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 and the clerk read the minutes. Rev. Dallas Short 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. Dwight Smith reported that a video of retreats is being made and encouraged participation in these retreats.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Cartersville church is struggling to establish a permanent location. They currently have 15 members and are meeting in Rev. Bill Crank's garage. The Valdosta church is continuing to grow and has prospects for the purchase of the existing church property. The Hampton property has sustained considerable damage from the storms. This property will again be for sale once repairs have been made.

Finance Committee -

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| General Fund Balance | 3114.60 |
| Benevolence Fund Balance | 873.04 |
| Mission Fund Balance | 1553.00 |
| Youth Fund Balance | ? |

Received today:

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| Representation fees | 330.00 |
| Offering | 109.00 |
| Benevolence Fund | 625.00 |
| 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. Bro. Salter recommended that the amount paid to the widows be increased and that the Benevolence Fund be strengthened. Bro. Rex Robinson made a motion to increase the amount given to widows to \$50.00 per widow per month. The motion was passed with one opposing vote.

Rev. Ben Crabtree made a motion that the clerk send a letter to each church requesting a \$300.00 contribution to the Benevolence Fund for each year including 2005. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. Rev. A. G. Windham challenged those in the congregation who voted for the motion to willingly give \$100.00. \$1200.00 was received as a result of this challenge.

Temperance Committee - Sister Marilyn Smith reported that we should practice self control, moderation, restraint, and self discipline and should heed the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:4-9.

Sunday School Committee - Sister Kristen Crabtree encouraged parents to come to all services with their children, including Sunday School. They encouraged church members to go into the community and get children involved in Sunday School and Church programs.

Obituary Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble read the obituaries and they are included in this book of minutes.

Nominating Committee - They recommended the following:

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| Moderator | Rev. Dwight Smith |
| Assistant Moderator | Rev. Terry Tribble |
| Clerk/Treasurer | Bro. Billy Patterson |
| Assistant Clerk | Sis. Alane Patterson |
| Executive Committee | Bro. Larry Starling |
| Ordaining Council: | Rev. Dallas Short (3 years) |
| Youth Camp | Bro. Mark Moore |
| Finance Committee | Bro. Herbert Salter |
| | Bro. Bud Tyler |
| State Mission Board | Bro. Gerald Moore (expires 2009) |
| State Trustee Board | Rev. Mitch Griffin (expires 2009) |

Rev. Dallas Short stated that out of respect for Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. they ask that he remain on the Ordaining Council and requested that the Moderator strengthen this committee as needed. Rev. Short made a motion to accept these nominations by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

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| 1st Quarterly Meeting, January 7, 2006 | Trinity |
| 2nd Quarterly Meeting, April 1, 2006 | Mt. Olive |
| 3rd Quarterly Meeting, July 8, 2006 | Spring Hill |
| Annual Meeting, October 7, 2006 | Turners Chapel |

Youth Rally

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| January 21, 2006 | Turners Chapel |
| April 15, 2006 | New Beginning |
| October 14, 2006 | Trinity |

The Associational Revival will be March 5-10, 2006 at Turners Chapel with Rev. Jeff Crabtree and Rev. Fred Hansen as evangelists.

Bro. Billy Patterson stated that District Youth Competition Director, Pam Guined, had notified him of wishing to resign that position. Sis. Barbara Jean Windham nominated Sis. Tina Duncan. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The clerk reminded the church clerks that the quarterly reports are needed in advance of each quarterly meeting so that the information may be compiled before the meeting.

Rev. Ben Crabtree made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church.

Rev. Ben Crabtree read from Genesis and spoke on the value of a pastor's wife. He reminded everyone that God gave man a woman and she is to be encouraged and lifted up.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dwight Smith
Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson
Clerk

ROLL CALL -- 2005

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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| OFFICERS | REV. DWIGHT SMITH - Moderator | X | X | X | X |
| | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE - Assist. Mod. | X | X | X | X |
| | BRO. BILLY PATTERSON - Clerk | X | X | X | X |
| | SIS. ALANE PATTERSON - Assist. Clerk | X | | X | X |
| EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | BRO. E.A. WELCH JR. | | | | |
| | BRO. GERALD MOORE | X | X | X | X |
| | REV. BEN CRABTREE | X | X | X | X |
| ORDAINING COUNCIL | BRO. E.A. WELCH JR. | | | | |
| | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | X | X | X |
| | REV. DANIEL SMITH | X | X | X | X |
| YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR | BRO. MARK MOORE | X | X | X | |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | BRO. HERBERT SALTER | X | X | X | X |
| | BRO. MIKE ARMOUR | X | X | X | |
| BD./CHRISTIAN ED | REV. DWIGHT SMITH | X | X | X | X |
| BD. OF CAMPING | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE | X | X | X | X |
| STATE MISSION BOARD | BRO. Gerald Moore | X | X | X | X |
| STATE BD/TRUSTEES | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | X | X | X |
| DIST. YOUTH COMP. | SIS. PAM GUINED | X | X | X | |
| | MINISTERS | | | | |
| | REV .HUBERT ARNOLD | X | | | |
| | REV. BEN CRABTREE | X | X | X | X |
| | REV. MITCH GRIFFIN | | X | X | X |
| | REV. J.C. GRIMSLEY | | | X | |
| | REV .SIDNEY JONES | | X | X | X |
| | REV. DWIGHT SMITH | X | X | X | X |
| | REV. TERRY TRIBBLE | X | X | X | X |
| | REV. A.G. WINDHAM | X | | | X |
| | REV. DANIEL SMITH | X | X | X | X |
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OBITUARIES

We honor those who have gone before us.

Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

Doris Jeanette Jones - Sister Doris, the wife of Deacon John Jones, was born November 15, 1939 and went home to be with the Lord September 29, 2005. She was a long time and faithful member of Little Bethel Church. She will be sadly missed by her loving husband, children, grandchildren, this church, and her pastor.

Nellie Cromer Barfield - We regretfully report the loss of Sister Nellie Cromer Barfield who departed this life December 25, 2004.

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

Eugene Windham - November 22, 1932 - December 18, 2004

Eugene Windham was born November 22, 1932 to Eddie and Ethel Windham and made the community of Pottersville in Taylor County his home. On December 18, 2004, he moved and now resides in Heaven. Bro. Gene was faithful to his God, his church, his family, his country and his community. He was a deacon of Mt. Olive for many years and was truly a servant of the Lord. His leaving leaves an empty place in the hearts of all who knew him.

New Beginnings Free Will Baptist Church

Thelma Weed - Thelma Weed, age 96, mother of Nadine Hall, went to rest with the Lord on September 8, 2005.

C. B. Hall - Beloved husband of Nadine Hall went to the Lord on December 30, 2004.

New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Mildred Doris Giddens - Sis. Mildred Doris Giddens of Ellaville, GA was born June 24, 1929 and passed away on November 17, 2004. She was a member of New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. She was a special lady to our church and we all miss her.

New Life Free Will Baptist Church

George Oliver Stubbs, Jr. - August 18, 1944 - April 1, 2005.

Oliver lived in Mauk, GA and was a faithful member of New Life Free Will Baptist Church most of his life. He brought joy to us in the way of his beautiful piano playing and loving personality and we are thankful for his contributions as a Deacon of our church. Oliver will be greatly missed by his family at New Life Free Will Baptist Church.

Joseph M. Waller - January 26, 1921 - August 31, 2005.

Mr. Waller lived in Mauk, GA and was a member of New Life Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Waller also served as a Deacon in our church as well as Adult Sunday School Teacher. Mr. Waller was a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and will be greatly missed by his family at New Life Free Will Baptist Church.

Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Rachel Wainwright - We regretfully report the loss of Sister Rachel Wainwright who was born December 26, 1926 and departed this life May 7, 2005.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. Warren F. Wyatt, Sr. - July 26, 1922 - December 11, 2004.

Rev. Wyatt went home to be with his Savior December 11, 2004 after being a faithful servant for many years. He was pastor at Trinity from 1972 - 1998, a total of 26 years. Rev. Wyatt and his wife, Juanita, celebrated 51 years of married life September 12, 2004, having been married in 1953. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He is greatly missed by his family and his church family.

Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Jack Posey - We regretfully report the loss of Jack Posey who departed this life after having lived 76 years here on earth.

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 rallys, 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”

Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist

Constitution

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

Constitution

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.