

CHATTAHOOCHEE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

171st
ANNUAL
REPORT

2006

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

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Kelly Lowe

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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	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	8
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ordained Deacons	1	4	5	1	2	N/R	3	3	6	25
Baptisms	1	0	N/R	6	0	N/R	1	3	6	17
Members Added	2	3	N/R	0	2	N/R	8	4	0	19
Members Lost	1	6	N/R	1	1	N/R	2	0	3	14
Total Members	82	52	N/R	50	21	N/R	N/R	55	N/R	260
Sunday School	57	30	N/R	N/R	12	N/R	27	42	N/R	168
Women's Auxiliary	No	7	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	7
Master's Men	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0

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	\$53,600
Little Bethel	Macon	Rural	N/R	No	Yes	\$325,000	\$18,101
Mt. Olive	Taylor	Rural	N/R	No	Yes	\$325,000	\$33,140
New Beginnings	Marion	Rural	Bi-Voc	No	No	Not Reported	Not Reported
New Liberty	Schley	Rural	PT	No	No	Not Reported	Not Reported
New Life	Marion	Rural	N/R	No	Yes	\$151,000	Not Reported
Spring Hill	Marion	Rural	N/R	No	Yes	\$215,000	Not Reported
Trinity	Taylor	Rural	FT	Yes	Yes	\$385,000	\$50,733
Turners Chapel	Taylor	Rural	FT	No	Yes	Not Reported	\$85,037

N/R Not Reported

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

CK. NO.	DATE	ISSUED TO	FOR	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
	10/01/05	BEGIN BALANCE				3114.60
Deposit	10/03/05	DEPOSIT	Annual Meeting		1539.00	4653.60
520	10/03/05	CAFB Benevolence	Transfer	300.00		4353.60
Deposit	10/27/05	DEPOSIT	Annual Meeting		140.00	4493.60
521	12/13/05	Taylor Co. Printing	Annual Report	290.00		4203.60
Deposit	1/09/06	DEPOSIT	Assoc.		671.00	4874.60
522	1/09/06	CAFB Benevolence	Transfer	175.00		4699.60
523	1/09/06	Ga. State Assoc. FWB	National/State	975.00		3724.60
Deposit	3/06/06	DEPOSIT	Assoc. Revival		1200.00	4924.60
524	3/07/06	Rev. Jeff Crabtree	Assoc. Revival	1200.00		3724.60
525	3/27/06	Flint EMC	Copies	75.00		3649.60
526	3/27/06	US Postal Service	Stamps	39.00		3610.60
527	4/01/06	Gideons International	Bibles, D. Jones	100.00		3510.60
Deposit	4/03/06	DEPOSIT	Assoc.		516.00	4026.60
EFT	3/22/06	CSB/ Taylor Co.	Deposit Slips	14.40		4012.60
Deposit	4/17/06	DEPOSIT	Assoc.		40.00	4052.20
Deposit	7/08/06	DEPOSIT	Assoc.		534.27	4586.47
528	8/02/06	Gideons International	Bibles, A. Smith	100.00		4486.47

FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Beginning Balance - \$ 1553.00

Interest Earnings - \$ 72.65

Balance 6/30/06 - \$1625.65

Benevolence Fund

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Hill Free Will Baptist
Thomaston First Free Will Baptist
New Beginning Free Will Baptist
Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist

Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist
Little Bethel Free Will
New Beginning Will Baptist

March 15 -17, 2007

White Oaks FWB, Macon, Ga.

July 16 - 19, 2007

Little Rock, Arkansas

May 20, 2007
July 8, 2007
July 22, 2007
July 22, 2007
August 19, 2007
September 16, 2007
September 23, 2007

Little Bethel
Spring Hill
Trinity
Turners Chapel
New Liberty
Mt. Olive
First Thomaston

July 9 - 11, 2007
Oct 21 - 25, 2007
August 20 - 22, 2007

Spring Hill
Trinity
New Liberty

January 20, 2007
January 27, 2007
February 24, 2007
March 24, 2007
April 28, 2007
May 26, 2007
June 23, 2007

Little Bethel	July 28, 2007
New Liberty	September 22, 2007
New Liberty	October 27, 2007
New Liberty	November 10, 2007
New Liberty	
New Liberty	
New Liberty	

New Liberty
New Liberty
New Liberty
Turners Chapel (BBQ)

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2006
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The first quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on January 7, 2006 at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Mauk, GA. Bro. Larry Starling welcomed everyone and led the congregation in singing "Standing On The Promises". Rev. Dwight Smith called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from John 15:5. Rev. Smith reminded the body that we are dependent on God in all things and that our focus must be on Him. Rev. Terry Tribble and Bro. Larry Starling were asked to read the corresponding letters from the churches.

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

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

The State Executive Secretary William Smith was welcomed 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:

Finance Committee Sis. Sarah Fowler

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

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

Minutes of the 170th Annual Session were read and approved.

Board of Christian Education

Rev. Dwight Smith reported that he had been unable to attend the last meetings; however the State Executive Secretary's comments would cover this committee report.

State Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that funds for youth camps would

be mailed in May. The 2005 teen winter retreat had 155 in attendance.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported plans to hire Rev. Jeff Sloan as a church planner for the Harris County area. Mission churches in Valdosta and Cartersville are working hard to establish. The Hampton property has been sold.

District Youth Competition - The district Youth Competition will be held at Turners Chapel on March 4, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Sis. Tina Duncan provided schedules of events for State and National competition.

Executive Committee - No report.

District Youth Camp Board - Bro. Mark Moore reported that the youth camp would be May 28 thru June 2, 2006.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$4203.60
Benevolence Fund Balance	3223.04
Mission Fund Balance	1553.00
Youth Camp Fund	2051.80*

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	\$360.00
Offering	136.00
Benevolence Fund	675.00

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

Bro. William Smith expressed appreciation for prayers, cards, and financial support of State programs and missions. Statistics show that giving in the past thirty years has declined but that has not been true for Ga. Free Will Baptist which has shown an increase for the past twenty-six years. The mission churches and youth camps are all experiencing growth. Bro. Smith also encouraged participation in the Free Will Baptist Foundation and attendance at the State meeting in Columbus.

Bro. Bud Tyler reported that the Alabama FWB Children's Home has thirty children and continues to need the Association and Churches support. Funds and items from a recent yard sale have been delivered. The Moderator recognized the efforts of Bro. Russ Tyler on behalf of the home.

* Balance phoned in.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2006
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Old Business

Rev. Ben Crabtree reported on the upcoming Association Revival and asked that members give \$1.00 each week until the revival to cover airfares. Friday night will be home missions night and the Georgia Union Association will be asked to join that night.

New Business

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

Rev. Ben Crabtree made a motion to raise the moderator's mileage to correspond with the government-published rate. There was a second and the vote was unanimous. **

Miscellaneous Business

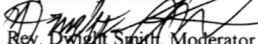
Turner's Chapel may rent a bus and attend one night of the National Conference. Anyone interested should contact Rev. Ben Crabtree.

The July quarterly meeting will be held at Little Bethel.

Rev. Sidney Jones made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Terry Treble read from 2 Timothy 3:1. Rev. Tribble stressed that perilous times will come and that we are living in the latter days. Rev. Tribble dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Dwight Smith, Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk



** The motion was out of order according to the Constitution therefore the vote is void.

The Second Quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30 a.m. on April 1, 2006 at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Reynolds, Ga. Rev. Daniel Smith welcomed everyone and Rev. A. G. Windham led the body in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Bro. Jimmy Wilhoite opened the meeting with prayer. Before calling the meeting to order Moderator, Rev. Dwight Smith, read from Galations 6 and then reminded everyone that God sees everything. Rev. Ben Crabtree and Rev. Dallas Short were asked to read corresponding letters from the churches.

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

A motion was made by Rev. Ben Crabtree 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. Mark Armour and Bro. Mark Windham

Prior to the recess an offering was received. The moderator informed the body that a donation in the amount of \$100 had been given to Gideons International in memory of Sister Doris Jones.

Turners Chapel submitted a written amendment to the constitution to raise the mileage rate for moderator and clerk to the current IRS rate. The clerk will report the amount each quarter. In accordance with the constitution the clerk read the amendment.

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

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

State Executive Board - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that the Hampton Property has been sold for a net of \$506,227.27. Insurance payment for damages has been received in the amount of \$59,586.30 with a total of \$565,795.57. One fourth acre of land was sold in Early County for \$20,000. They voted to renovate the State Office and to buy musical sound equipment.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that Rev. Bill Lewis of Valdosta reports that progress is slow in attendance and they hope to sell existing property and move to a better location. Bro. Bill Crank of Cartersville has rented a store front building for services in a well traveled area. The board plans to hire a church planner for the Harris County area before the summer.

Board of Christian Education - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that the Charles Clark Scholarship Fund now supports 17 college students. They support retreats and are looking for a bigger and better place as they had 115 couples in attendance.

Board of Camping - No report.

Association Youth Director - No report.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$3610.60
Benevolence Fund Balance	3538.04
Mission Fund Balance	1587.94
Youth Fund Balance	(no report)

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	360.00
Offering	196.00
Benevolence Fund	175.00

Bro. J. C. Tyler made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Youth Competition Director - Sis. Tina Duncan reported that all youth had done a wonderful job at the Association competition and State Youth Competition will be at White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church.

Old Business - There was none.

New Business - The clerk read the amendment to the constitution that was submitted as a motion by Turners Chapel. There was a second and the vote was 33 yes and 2 no.

A discussion was had concerning the Association Revival. Rev. Dwight Smith reported that due to the attendance being down this year every church should discuss with their pastor if they wish to continue with an Association Revival and the pastor should contact the moderator by April 22nd.

The ministers and deacons breakfast has been set for April 22 at 8:00 a.m. at Ft. Wayne Restaurant and for the fourth Saturday in each month with the following volunteering to host:

April - Little Bethel
May - Trinity
June - New Beginning

Rev. Ben Crabtree made a motion to adjourn. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Daniel Smith brought the morning message from Phil. 4:1-4. Rev. Smith stressed that we should rejoice in the Lord always and this means all the time.

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Dwight Smith, Moderator


Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2006
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 8, 2006 at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Ideal, GA. Rev. Dwight Smith welcomed everyone. After the opening hymn, Rev. Dwight Smith asked Rev. Terry Tribble to lead in a special time of prayer for Rev. Arthur Smith and others who are sick. Bro. Gerald Moore and Bro. Rex Robinson were asked to read letters from the corresponding churches.

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

Bro. Gerald Moore made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bro. Caleb Dement and Sister Linda Davis were welcomed as visitors.

Rev. Sidney Jones thanked the association for the prayers, support and donation given in the death of his wife.

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:

Nominating Committee Bro. Larry Starling, Chair
 Bro. Ralph Windham
 Bro. Perry Lunsford

Finance Committee Bro. Mike Armour
 Bro. Scott Duncan

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. Terry Tribble made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and carried.

The following reports were presented:

Executive Committee - There was no report.

Ordaining Counsel - There was no report.

Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that 267 had attended Teen Camp this year and it was a great success. Camp for next year will be May 28 - June 1, 2007.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the works in Cartersville and Valdosta are going well. Cartersville reports an average attendance of 47 with a total of 75 members. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Tifton has turned the church over to the State Mission Board.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	\$4052.20
Benevolence Fund Balance	3263.04
Mission Fund Balance	1587.94
Youth Camp Fund	No Report

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	\$360.00
Offering	174.27
Benevolence	175.00

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

Youth Director, Association - Rev. Ben Crabtree reported that camp was a success with 60 youth and 20 adults in attendance. Board members are encouraged to attend Youth Rallies. Camp Board meeting will be September 9th at 9:00 a.m. at Turners Chapel.

Youth Competition Director - Sis. Tina Duncan reported that 13 youth competed in the State level at White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church of Macon. The first place winners will advance to the National level in Birmingham, Alabama.

Evangelistic Team Report - Rev. Ben Crabtree reported that there had been 23 baptisms in the association this year. Each church representative reported on decisions and baptisms in their church.

Old Business

Rev. Terry Tribble made a motion to discontinue the Association Revival and that each church support the sister churches in their revivals throughout the year. The motion was seconded and discussion followed with pastors or representatives of each church making known the wishes of their congregation. A vote was taken with 23 votes to discontinue and 9 to continue. The motion was carried to discontinue the Association Revival.

New Business

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will continue at Fort Wayne Restaurant on the 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. with the following volunteering to host:

July - Little Bethel
August - Turners Chapel
September - Trinity
October - Spring Hill

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

Rev. Ben Crabtree read from Ephesians 4:1-6 and reminded the believers that God wants all of us and has a purpose for each of us. We should abstain from sin and the appearance of sin. The body was dismissed with prayer and blessings on the food.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Dwight Smith, Moderator



Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The 171st annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 7, 2006, at Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, GA. The opening song was "Family of God". Bro. Bud Tyler led in the opening prayer.

Moderator, Rev. Dwight Smith, called the business session to order. Bro. Scott Duncan and Bro. Chris Guined read corresponding letters from the churches.

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

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

Moderator Dwight Smith welcomed visitor Tim Wilhoite of Nashville, TN.

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>	Brother Mike Armour Sister Sarah Lunsford
<u>Temperance Committee</u>	Sister Sandra Tyler Sister Marilyn Smith Sister Geraldine Taunton
<u>Sunday School Committee</u>	Sister Marsha Starling Sister Lynn Davis Sister Kristen Crabtree
<u>Obituary Committee</u>	Rev. Terry Tribble Sister Helen Salter Brother Russ Tyler

Nominating Committee Brother Larry Starling
 Brother Ralph Windham
 Brother Scott Duncan

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 and the clerk read the minutes. Rev. Terry Tribble 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. Ben Crabtree reported that dates for conferences have been set and will be published in the State Promotional Bulletin. The committee is seeking input on how conferences might be improved.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that they are compiling information on building or purchasing a youth camp.

State Board of Missions - No report.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	4486.47
Benevolence Fund Balance	2988.04
Mission Fund Balance	1625.65
Youth Fund Balance	(no report)

Received today:

Representation fees	360.00
Offering	159.76
Benevolence Fund	1475.00
National Fees	900.00

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

Temperance Committee - Sister Sandra Tyler reported that we should abstain from all sin and appearance of sin, be at our best and give thanks to Jesus as we are all so blessed.

Sunday School Committee - Sister Marsha Starling encouraged parents to come to all services with their children, including Sunday School. They suggested that each church

investigate the possibility of a bus ministry.

Obituary Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble, Bro. Russ Tyler, and Sister Helen Salter read the obituaries and they are included in this book of minutes.

Nominating Committee - They recommended the following:

Executive Committee	Bro. Ralph Windham (3 years)
Ordaining Council:	Rev. Terry Tribble (3 years)
Youth Camp	Sister Marsha Starling
Finance Committee	Bro. Herbert Salter
	Bro. Bud Tyler
Youth Competition Dir.	Sister Tina Duncan

Bro. Larry Starling made a motion to accept these nominations by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

District Youth Competition - Sis. Tina Duncan reported 75 youth represented the State of Georgia at the 2006 National Youth Conference. Our Association had one first place and one third place winner. She encouraged all youth to get involved in the event for the upcoming year.

Youth Camp - Bro. Mark Moore reported that the chicken que was successful and the help from various churches was appreciated. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2006 at Little Bethel.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

1st Quarterly Meeting, January 6, 2007	Spring Hill
2nd Quarterly Meeting, April 7, 2007	First Thomaston
3rd Quarterly Meeting, July 7, 2007	New Beginning
Annual Meeting, October 6, 2007	Turners Chapel

Youth Rally

January 20, 2007	Turners Chapel
April 21, 2007	Little Bethel
October 20, 2007	New Beginning

Rev. Dwight Smith resigned from State Christian Education Board due to conflicting meetings and appointed Rev. Ben Crabtree to fill the position.

Rev. Ben Crabtree suggested that the clerk send a letter to Rev. Mitch Griffin due to his absences from the associational meetings this past year.

Bro. Ralph Windham made a motion to add all deacons to the roll call at each association meeting. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Ben Crabtree made a motion to appoint Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr. as a lifetime honorary member to the Ordaining Council. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

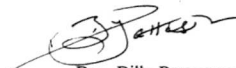
Rev. Ben Crabtree made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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

Rev. Ben Crabtree brought the morning message and said we limit what God can do for and through us as believers. The world says "It will never happen" but the Bible tells us that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Dwight Smith
Moderator


Bro. Billy Patterson
Clerk

ROLL CALL -- 2006 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
OFFICERS	REV. DWIGHT SMITH - Moderator	X	X	X	X
	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE - Assist. Mod.	X		X	X
	BRO. BILLY PATTERSON - Clerk	X	X	X	X
	SIS. ALANE PATTERSON - Assist. Clerk	X	X	X	X
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	BRO. GERALD MOORE	X	X	X	X
	REV. BEN CRABTREE	X	X	X	X
	BRO. LARRY STARLING	X	X	X	X
ORDAINING COUNCIL	BRO. E.A. WELCH JR.				
	REV. DANIEL SMITH	X	X		
	REV. DALLAS SHORT	X	X	X	X
YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR	BRO. MARK MOORE	X			X
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BRO. HERBERT SALTER	X		X	
	BRO. BUD TYLER	X	X		X
BD./CHRISTIAN ED	REV. DWIGHT SMITH	X	X	X	X
BD. OF CAMPING	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X		X	X
STATE MISSION BOARD	BRO. GERALD MOORE	X	X	X	X
STATE BD/TRUSTEES	REV. MITCH GRIFFIN	X			
DIST. YOUTH COMP.	SIS. TINA DUNCAN	X	X	X	X
	MINISTERS				
	REV. HUBERT ARNOLD		X	X	X
	REV. BEN CRABTREE	X	X	X	X
	REV. MITCH GRIFFIN	X			
	REV. J.C. GRIMSLEY				
	REV. SIDNEY JONES	X		X	X
	REV. DALLAS SHORT	X	X	X	X
	REV. DWIGHT SMITH	X	X	X	X
	REV. DANIEL SMITH	X	X		
	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X		X	X
	REV. A.G. WINDHAM	X	X		X

OBITUARIES

We honor those who have gone before us.

Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

Mr. John Harvey Duncan - Mr. Duncan went to be with the Lord April 14, 2006. He was a quiet man who believed in our young people. He spent many years coaching baseball and made a great impression on many young men.

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

Clarice Cox - We regretfully report the loss of Mrs. Clarice Cox who entered her eternal rest on January 12, 2006.

New Life Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. Arthur Smith - Rev. Arthur Smith was born on May 30, 1934 in Etowah County, Alabama and passed from this world on August 1, 2006. Rev. Smith served as the pastor of Mt. Ararat until his resignation on July 30, 2006. Rev. Smith preached for over 40 years, 22 of those years as a Free Will Baptist Minister. Rev. Smith's funeral services were held at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church in Reynolds, GA and his burial was held at New Life Free Will Baptist Church in Mauk, GA. Rev. Smith is survived by his wife, Arline, his sons: Aaron, Arthur Jr., and John, his two daughters: Dessa and Margaret, and three grandchildren. Rev. Smith is also survived by one brother and six sisters. Rev. Smith will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved him.

Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Edna Grier - Sister Edna Grier was born September 29, 1919 and departed this life on December 4, 2005. She was a faithful member of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church as long as health permitted. She is survived by her two sons, two daughters, ten grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and three sisters. She will always be missed by her family and friends.

Doris Jones - Sister Jones was born January 19, 1930 and departed this life on March 26, 2006. She was a member of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church. She always had a strong faith, a great love for Christ, her friends and family. Sister Doris is deeply missed by her devoted husband, Rev. Sidney Jones, one daughter, Patricia, three sons, Steve, Sidney and Scotty, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two brothers, one sister and a host of family and friends. We believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Corine Rodgers - Mrs. Corine Rodgers, 67, of Butler, GA died Saturday, September 9, 2006. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Carroll. She is survived by her husband, Bobby, two daughters, Lynne Barrow and Cindy Wilson, two brothers, Jesse E. Carroll and Jerry Carroll. She also left four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Austin Guinn - Mr. Austin Guinn passed away in January, 2006. He left his wife, Mrs. Leila Guinn and several children and grandchildren. He was a dedicated church member and attended church until declining health would not allow him to attend. He is truly missed by his church family and friends.

Janice Baughcum Ingram - Mrs. Janice Ingram passed away on May 25, 2006. She left her husband of

many years, Ned Ingram and a son, Clarence Ingram. Mrs. Janice was a big part of Turners Chapel and was greatly known for the cakes that she always baked. She touched many people through her wonderful card ministry. She is missed by her church family and friends.

First Thomaston

Thelma Tomlin - one of our long time members, Thelma Tomlin, went to be with the Lord on February 28, 2006. She had been a member of First Thomaston Free Will Baptist Church since June, 1955. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

CHURCH COVENANT
Presented to the Churches of the
Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists

We, the Free Will Baptist church of Christ, hereby Covenant and agree:

1st That we will remain united together in Church capacity and that we will not demand a letter of dismission without giving a sufficient reason, and we will endeavor faithfully to discharge all our Christian duties.

2nd That we will labor together to remain free from all violations to the Bible doctrines, ordinances, and faith once delivered to the Saints.

3rd That we will live mutually in fellowship and not estrange ourselves from any of the brethren.

4th That we will respect each other's liberties of conscience, patiently bear each other's burdens, strengthen the weak, warn the wavering and instruct the young and the ignorant.

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

6th That we will not 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 and 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

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.

Amendment I

The reimbursement rate for travel to all official meetings for the moderator and clerk shall be the current IRS rate as reported by the clerk at each quarterly meeting.

Approved 4/06

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 tribunals 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 propose 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, 1 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, 1 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, 1 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.