

CHATTAHOOCHEE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

172nd
ANNUAL
REPORT

2007

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
2007 - 2008**

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**Alane Patterson
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**The Executive Committee consists of the Moderator,
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March 2009

STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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	Elaine McHargue 2244 Rocky Bottom Rd. The Rock, GA 30285 (706) 975-2197
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Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Reynolds, GA 31076		Kim Carpenter 1180 Tommy Purvis Road Reynolds, GA 31076 (478) 847-4708
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ADDITIONAL MINISTERS

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ACTIVE DEACONS

First Thomaston

Herbert Salter	112 Sherwood Drive, Thomaston, Ga. 30286	(706)648-3622
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Little Bethel

John Jones	26 Lockerman Road, Oglethorpe, Ga. 31068	(478)472-8314
Morris Lawhorn	PO Box 661 Butler, Ga. 31006	(478)862-3526
Leonard Layfield	Shehee Layfield Road, Butler, Ga. 31006	(478)862-3907
W.T. Williams	104 S. Boundary St. Reynolds, Ga. 31076	(478)847-3377

Mount Olive

Clifford Carpenter	1180 Tommy Purvis Rd. Reynolds, Ga 31076	(478)847-4708
Joe Logue	PO Box 714 Butler, Ga. 31006	(478)862-2583
Clarence Wainwright	128 Doc Crook Rd Reynolds, Ga. 31076	(478)847-3627
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	253 Saddle Trail, Box Springs, Ga. 31801	(229)649-2274
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New Liberty

Elbert Streetman	Bridges Store Rd, Ellaville, Ga. 31086	(229)937-2885
Chadwick Childs	118 Old Buena Vista Road, Ellaville, Ga. 31806	(229)937-5070

New Life

Richard Anthony	1049 Sand Pit Road, Mauk, Ga, 31058	(706)269-3839
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Spring Hill

Mark McCallister	2818 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk, Ga. 31058	(229)649-7704
Leonard Stubbs	2719 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk, Ga. 31058	(229)649-3304
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Trinity

Larry Bell	Rt. 1, Mauk, Ga. 31058	(478)862-3943
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ACTIVE DEACONS

Turners Chapel

Jessie Carroll	155 Dillon Road, Butler, Ga. 31006	(478)862-5880
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Gerald Moore	4 Fickling Mill Rd, Reynolds, Ga. 31006	(478)847-4462
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Chris Guined	1427 Roberta Hwy , Butler, Ga 31006	(478)847-2303
Scott Duncan	838 Roberta Hwy , Butler, Ga. 31006	(478)862-2791

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Marsha Starling, Director
(478)862-2784

First Thomaston	Rev. Mitch Griffin	(706)648-2055
Little Bethel	Kristi Morrell	(478)949-3842
Mt. Olive	Barbara Jean Windham	(478)862-3704
New Beginning	Lisa Armour	(229)649-2274
Spring Hill	Sam Whitt	(229)649-2126
Trinity	Jennifer Welch	(478)862-9722
Turners Chapel	Kelly Lowe	(478)862-2238

Statistical Table

Church	First Thomaston	Little Bethel	Mt. Olive	New Beginning	New Liberty	New Life	Spring Hill	Trinity	Turners Chapel	Totals
Ordained Ministers	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	9
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ordained Deacons	1	4	5	1	2	1	3	2	6	25
Baptisms	1	5	3	0	0	N/R	0	0	5	14
Members Added	1	15	10	3	0	N/R	0	1	4	34
Members Lost	2	2	3	3	0	N/R	2	1	2	15
Total Members	80	66	N/R	51	20	N/R	N/R	45	102	364
Sunday School	26	40	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	20	42	50	178
Women's Auxiliary	No	10	N/R	N/R	No	No	No	No	No	10
Master's Men	No	No	N/R	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	\$57,480
Little Bethel	Macon	Rural	FT	No	Yes	\$325,000	\$25,123
Mt. Olive	Taylor	Rural	Bi-Voc	No	Yes	\$350,000	\$28,823
New Beginnings	Marion	Rural	Bi-Voc	No	No	\$87,000	Not Reported
New Liberty	Schley	Rural	FT	No	No	Not Reported	Not Reported
New Life	Marion	Rural	FT	No	Yes	\$150,000	Not Reported
Spring Hill	Marion	Rural	N/R	No	Yes	\$215,000	Not Reported
Trinity	Taylor	Rural	FT	Yes	Yes	\$385,000	\$56,013
Turners Chapel	Taylor	Rural	FT	Yes	Yes	\$700,000	\$88,745

N/R Not Reported

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

CK. NO.	DATE	ISSUED TO	FOR	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
	10/01/06	BEGIN BALANCE				4486.47
529	10/07/06	Rev. Dwight Smith	Honorarium	90.00		4396.47
530	10/07/06	Billy Patterson	Honorarium	200.00		4196.47
Deposit	10/08/06	DEPOSIT	Annual Meeting		2019.76	6216.23
531	10/08/06	CAFB Benevolence	Transfer	600.00		5616.23
532	11/10/06	Flint EMC	Award- Welch	18.85		5597.38
533	12/14/06	TC Printing	Minutes and Stamp	328.49		5268.89
Deposit	01/08/07	Deposit			499.00	5767.89
534	01/08/07	Ga. State Assoc FWB	National/State	950.00		4817.89
535	01/25/07	Flint EMC	Copies	60.00		4757.89
536	01/25/07	Gideons International	E.A. Welch Jr	100.00		4657.89
537	02/20/07	Graphic Resources	Envelopes	46.60		5057.28
Deposit	04/09/07	Deposit	April Quarterly		492.00	5103.88
538	05/30/07	US Postal	Stamps	46.60		5057.28
Deposit	07/16/07	Deposit	July Quarterly		475.00	5532.28

FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Beginning Balance - \$ 1625.65

Interest Earnings - \$ 79.94

Balance 6/30/07 - 1705.59

Benevolence Fund

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FINANCIAL REPORT

YOUTH CAMP

CK. NO.	DATE	ISSUED TO	FOR	DEBIT	CREDI T	BALANCE
EFT	10/27/06	<i>Kids For Christ</i>	<i>Transfer</i>		2413.32	2413.32
001	10/28/06	<i>Dooly Campground</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	200.00		2213.32
DEP	11/01/06	<i>DEPOSIT</i>	<i>Ga. FWB</i>		1600.00	3813.32
EFT	11/16/06	<i>CSB TC</i>	<i>Checks</i>	12.51		3800.81
DEP	11/28/06	<i>DEPOSIT</i>			70.00	3870.81
DEP	1/25/07	<i>DEPOSIT</i>	<i>Youth Ralley</i>		21.00	3891.81
501	3/01/07	<i>Trinity FWB</i>	<i>Randall House</i>	80.00		3811.81
502	5/05/07	<i>Randall House</i>	<i>Inv 31243/31291</i>	386.90		3424.91
DEP	5/11/07	<i>DEPOSIT</i>	<i>Ga. FWB 2007</i>		1600.00	5024.91
DEP	5/15/07	<i>DEPOSIT</i>	<i>Camp</i>		450.00	5479.91
503	05/15/07	<i>TC Food Service</i>	<i>Camp BBQ</i>		90.15	5384.76
504	05/30/07	<i>Randall House</i>	<i>Camp Literature</i>	278.45		5106.31
DEP	6/04/07	<i>DEPOSIT</i>	<i>Camp</i>		650.00	5756.31
505	06/07/07	<i>Dooly Campground</i>	<i>Camp 2007</i>	2500.00		3256.31
506	6/09/07	<i>Randall House</i>	<i>Camp Literature</i>	317.71		2938.60
507	6/16/07	<i>M.Starling</i>	<i>Supplies -camp</i>	207.19		2731.41
DEP	6/18/07	<i>DEPOSIT</i>	<i>Camp</i>		1996.86	4728.27
DEP	6/05/07	<i>DEPOSIT</i>	<i>Camp</i>		147.00	4875.27
508	7/16/07	<i>TC BOE</i>	<i>Camp Food</i>	1430.64		3444.63
509		<i>VOID</i>				3444.63
510	7/28/07	<i>Oriental Trading</i>	<i>Camp</i>	489.18		2955.45
511	08/16/07	<i>TC High School</i>	<i>Camp -Snacks</i>	215.04		2740.41
512	8/20/07	<i>M.Starling</i>	<i>Ice Cream</i>	64.24		2676.17

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quarterly Meetings

January 5, 2008	Trinity Free Will Baptist
April 5, 2008	New Beginning Free Will Baptist
July 12, 2008	Little Bethel Will Baptist
October 4, 2008	Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist

Youth Rally

January 19, 2008	TBD
April 19, 2008	TBD
October 18, 2008	Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist

State Meeting

March 13 -15, 2008	Liberty Bible Church, Gainesville, Ga.
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National Meeting

July 20 -23, 2008	Charleston, West Virginia
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Homecomings

May 18, 2008	Little Bethel
July 13, 2008	Spring Hill
July 29, 2008	Trinity
July 29, 2008	Turners Chapel
August 17, 2008	New Liberty
September 28 , 2008	First Thomaston

Revivals

July 14-18, 2008	Spring Hill
Oct 19 -23, 2008	Trinity
August 18-20, 2008	New Liberty

Youth Camp

June 15- 20, 2008	Dooly Campground
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Association Picnic

September ,2008	Mt. Olive, host
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Singings

Jan-Jul ,4th Sat.	New Liberty
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Sep 27 and Oct 25	
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Dec 31, 2008	
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Little Bethel	
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Men's Breakfast

4th Sat. Jan-Sep	
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Host: Jan- Spring Hill	
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Feb- New Life	
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Mar- Trinity	
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Apr -Turners Chapel	
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May - Trinity	
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Jun- New Beginning	
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Jul - Little Bethel	
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Aug - Turners Chapel	
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Sep - Spring Hill	
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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2007
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 6, 2007 at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Mauk, GA. Rev. Sidney Jones welcomed everyone and Rev. Terry Tribble offered a prayer. The congregation joined in singing "Victory In Jesus". Rev. Dwight Smith called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from Mark 8:27. Rev. Ben Crabtree led in prayer. Rev. Terry Tribble and Rev. Dallas Short were asked to read the corresponding letters from the churches.

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

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.

Visiting brethren were welcomed to the meeting. They were Rev. Fred Hursey and Rev. Randy Harris.

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>	Sis. Christi Morrell
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Prior to the recess an offering was received.

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

Minutes of the 171st Annual Session were read and approved.

Rev. Fred Hursey, representative of the Free Will Baptist International Mission Board, came before the body to enlist churches to participate in the coin project for the world missions offering. The goal this year is \$500,000 and the purpose is to plant churches.

Board of Christian Education - No Report.

State Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported the Winter Retreat went well and invites input and encourages all to get involved with youth.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported no meeting had been held but they continue to search for state planners, the Cartersville church is averaging 52 in attendance, and the Valdosta church is doing well.

District Youth Competition - The district Youth Competition will be held at Turners Chapel on March 3, 2007. Sis. Tina Duncan announced the National competition will be July 16 - 18, 2007, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Executive Committee - No report.

District Youth Camp Board - Sis. Marsha Starling reported that the youth camp will be June 10 - 15, 2007 at the Dooly County Campground. Fees will be set at the next meeting and representatives will report to their home churches. The board voted for the Association Clerk to handle all funds for the youth.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$5268.89
Benevolence Fund Balance	4113.04
Mission Fund Balance	1625.65
Youth Camp Fund	3870.81

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	\$360.00
Offering	139.00
Benevolence Fund	375.00

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

Ordination Council

The council examined Rev. Charles Fuller and recommended that he be licensed and under the watch care of New Life Church for one year.

Nominating Committee

Bro. Larry Starling made a motion to keep Rev. Ben Crabtree on Board of Christian Education. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bro. Larry Starling made a motion to appoint Rev. Terry Tribble to the State Board of Camping. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bro. Larry Starling made a motion to appoint Bro. Bud Tyler to the State Board of Trustees to relieve Rev. Mitch Griffin, who has failed to attend any meetings this past year. The moderator pointed out that Article 4, Section 5 of the Constitution states that if any board member fails in the function of duty that particular office may be declared vacant. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

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

Miscellaneous Business

Rev. Terry Tribble made a motion to rewrite the ordination standards for the Chattahoochee Association. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. The moderator appointed a committee to consist of Rev. Dallas Short, Rev. Terry Tribble, Rev. Ben Crabtree, Rev. Charles Fuller, and Bro. Billy Patterson as Chairman.

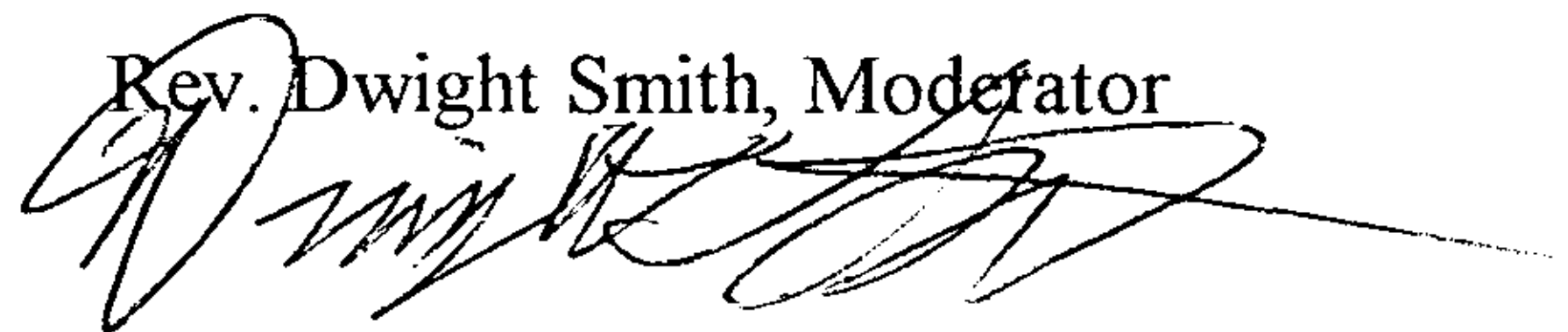
There was some discussion on the government and ordinance numbers 6, 7 and 8. The moderator asked that this be tabled until the next meeting.

Rev. Ben Crabtree made a motion to adjourn and to give the host church a rising vote of thanks.

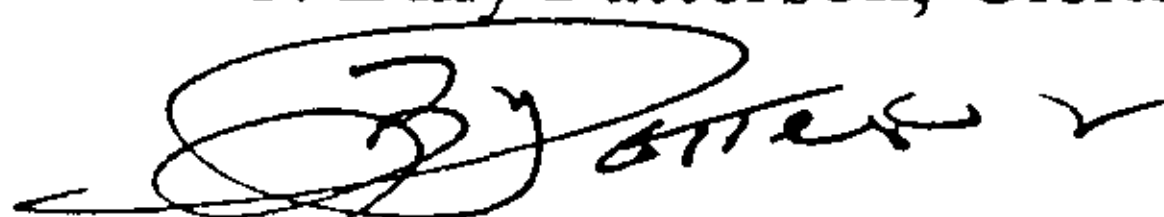
Rev. Randy Harris read from Ephesians 3:20-21 and asked "Are you seeing things through the eyes of Jesus or the eyes of self?"

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dwight Smith, Moderator



Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk



SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2007
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 7, 2007 at First Thomaston Free Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, GA. Rev. Mitch Griffin welcomed everyone and Bro. Herbert Salter led the body in singing "I'll Fly Away". Before calling the meeting to order Moderator, Rev. Dwight Smith, reminded everyone that "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and He knows how to take care of everything. Rev. Terry Tribble offered up a special prayer for those who are sick. Bro. Scott Duncan and Bro. Rex Robinson were asked to read corresponding letters from the churches.

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

A motion was made by Bro. Rex Robinson 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 Sis. Leisa Armour and Bro. Riley Jinks

Nomination Committee Bro. Larry Starling, Bro. Mark, Windham, Bro. Scott
Duncan.

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

The meeting reconvened at 10:05 with the following reports:

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. Bro. Herbert Salter made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bro. E. A. Welch, Jr., Rev. Hubert Arnold, and Bro. Bud Tyler. Bro. Billy Patterson led in prayer.

State Executive Board - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that they met March 14, 2007 at White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church and they have begun restoration process for pastors and deacons.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that a meeting was held at the State Association and Rev. Billy Hannah has resigned from the Mission Board. The Cartersville work is doing well and the Board is looking for property to build a church. The Valdosta work is having some problems but the field is ripe for the harvest. Finances are strong and planning is underway to plant a church in Harris County.

Board of Christian Education - No report.

Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that Mark Walker is the new Camp Board Chairman. Teen Camp is May 27 - June 1 and Junior Camp money will be sent the first of May.

Association Youth Camp Director - Sis. Marsha Starling reported that the Camp Board has met three times since the last Association meeting and a curriculum and schedule has been set for the camp. Camp will be at the Dooly Camp Grounds June 10 through 15th and the cost is \$50.00 per person.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$4611.88
Benevolence Fund Balance	4488.04
Mission Fund Balance	1664.95
Youth Fund Balance	3811.81

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	360.00
Offering	132.00
Benevolence Fund	175.00

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. Tina Duncan reported that youth competition was held at Turners Chapel on March 10th with eight children competing in 15 categories. Six of these will advance to the Nationals.

Nominating Committee - Bro. Larry Starling made a motion to accept the following nominations:

Association Executive Committee	Bro. Scott Duncan
Ordination Council	Rev. Dwight Smith

Finance Committee Bro Rex Robinson
Board of Christian Education Bro. Billy Patterson
State Board of Trustees Bro. Mark Windham

The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business - Government and Ordinances numbers 6,7 and 8 had been tabled from the previous meeting at the Moderator's request. Rev. Sidney Jones asked that this be removed from the table and instead encouraged everyone to read these ordinances being mindful that the Association has no right to interfere with Church business.

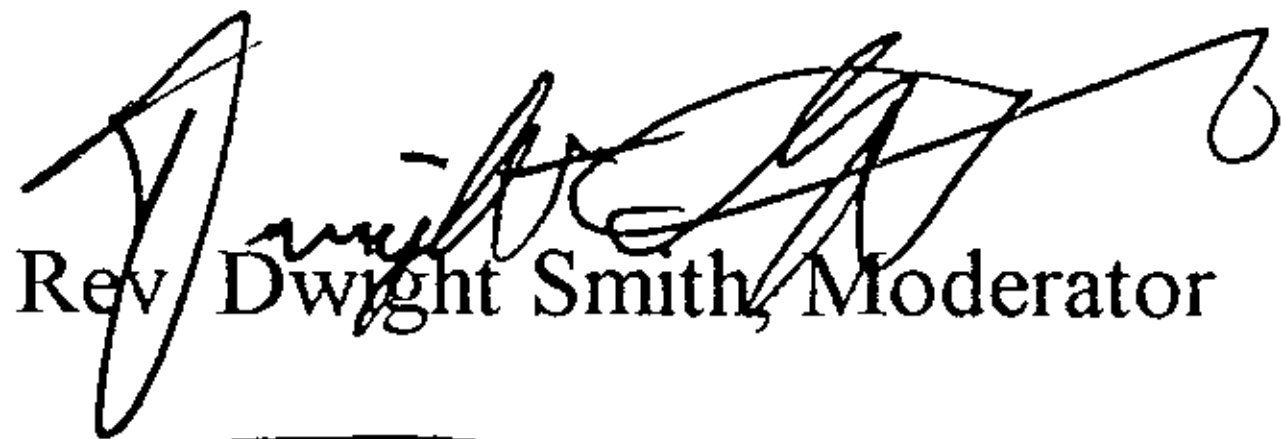
New Business - Bro. Billy Patterson reported that the Ordination Standard Committee had met several times and had developed an Ordination Standard for Association use that is in a more modern format and language. Bro. Patterson made a motion to adopt the Standard. After much discussion Rev. Mitch Griffin called for a vote and the vote was unanimous. Rev. A. G. Windham requested that the clerk send a copy to each church in the association.

Sis. Marsha Starling made a motion that the association sponsor an annual picnic. Rev. Mitch Griffin seconded and the vote was unanimous. Little Bethel volunteered to organize the first picnic.

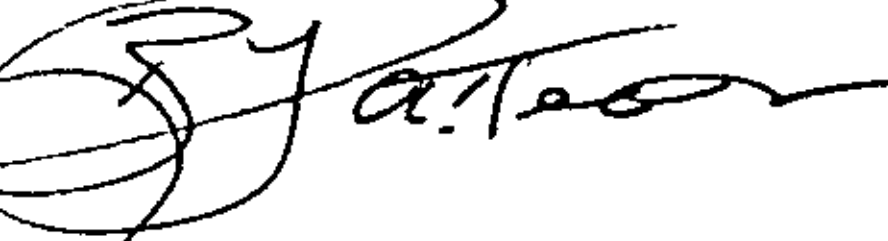
Rev. Mitch Griffin made a motion to adjourn. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Mitch Griffin brought the morning message from Luke 22:32. Rev. Griffin covered the seven statements made from the cross and concluded that the greatest victory ever has been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Dwight Smith, Moderator



Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2007
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 14, 2007 at New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church, Box Springs, GA. Rev. Dwight Smith welcomed everyone and spoke of God's goodness. Rev. Mitch Griffin lead in an opening prayer. After the opening hymn, Rev. Dwight Smith asked Bro. Gerald Moore and Rev. Terry Tribble to read letters from the corresponding churches.

	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
1st Thomaston	2	1
Little Bethel	1	0
Mt. Olive	3	2
New Beginning	3	0
New Liberty	3	0
New Life	2	0
Spring Hill	0	0
Trinity	4	0
Turners Chapel	0	1

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

<u>Nominating Committee</u>	Bro. Larry Starling, Chair Bro. Ralph Windham Bro. Perry Lunsford
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<u>Finance Committee</u>	Rev. Mitch Griffin Sis. Marilyn Smith
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An offering was received and the body was dismissed for a break at 9:50 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:

State Executive Committee - The assistant moderator, Rev. Terry Tribble attended and reported that there was limited business but much fellowship.

Ordaining Counsel - There was no report.

Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that there was no meeting since last conference but Teen Camp was a very spiritual camp this year. Positive reports are being realized as a result of camp.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Board met June 12th at White Oaks. There is a contract to sell the church in Valdosta, however, the buyers are having trouble obtaining financing. They have agreed to pay \$5,000 down and rent until the property is sold. The Camden Church is almost self supporting. The Board is interviewing a church planner for the Harris County area and is in the process of evaluating the Cartersville and Valdosta works.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	\$5057.28
Benevolence Fund Balance	4063.04
Mission Fund Balance	1664.95
Youth Camp Fund	4875.27

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	\$360.00
Offering	115.00
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 Camp Director, Association - Sister Marsha Starling reported that camp was a success with 38 youth and 22 adults in attendance. The theme was Galilee By the Sea where children learned what it was like to live in Jesus' Day. They had guest speakers each day as well as church services, arts, crafts, and games.

Youth Competition Director - In the absence of Sis. Tina Duncan it was reported that the Chattahoochee was well represented at the State level bringing home 6 first place and 3 second place awards. The first place winners will advance to the National level in Little Rock, Arkansas. Youth and churches are encouraged to get involved.

Old Business

It was reported that the Association Picnic is being planned for September and Little

Bethel is in charge of the event this year.

New Business

Bro. Billy Patterson expressed appreciation from Sis. Barbara Arnold for the benevolence contribution that is sent to her from the association. Bro. Patterson reported that the Ordination Standards were sent to all churches and there has been no response from any church.

Bro. Larry Starling reminded the body that it was voted to discontinue having an associational revival but for everyone to support the sister churches during their individual revivals, but churches are not participating in this. Rev. Smith suggested that each church should send notices to other churches of events.

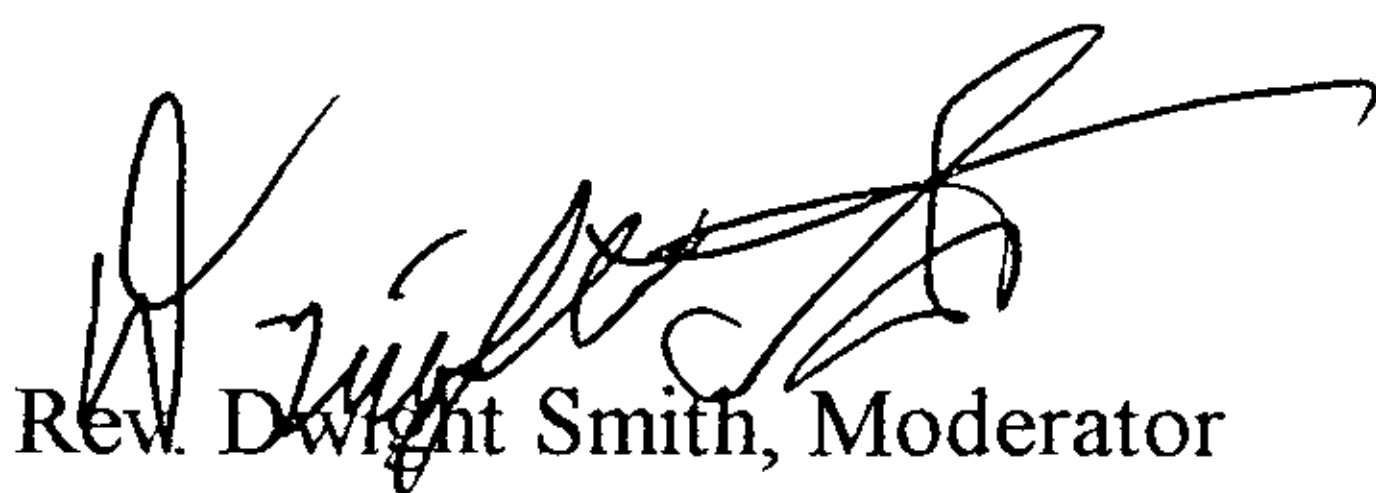
Bro. Gerald Moore stated that he would like for the association to pull together concerning the Junior Camp. He asked that everyone be in prayer for this to happen.

Bro. Larry Starling of the Nominating Committee suggested that each church have a representative to have input in the recommendations of nominations for officers.

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

Rev. Dallas Short read from James 1:12-13 and spoke about temptation. Where does it come from? It comes from the evil thoughts and desires in us. The best way to keep sin out is to keep Jesus in front of us. The body was dismissed with prayer and blessings on the food.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Dwight Smith, Moderator



Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

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

The 172nd annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 6, 2007, at Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, GA. The opening song was "When We All Get to Heaven". Rev. Charles Johnson welcomed everyone and Rev. Terry Tribble led in the opening prayer.

Moderator, Rev. Dwight Smith, called the business session to order. Bro. Gerald Moore and Bro. Rex Robinson read corresponding letters from the churches.

	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
1st Thomaston	2	1
Little Bethel	3	
Mt. Olive	4	3
New Beginning	2	
New Liberty	3	
New Life	0	
Spring Hill	0	
Trinity	4	
Turners Chapel	2	

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

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

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

<u>Finance Committee</u>	Sister Barbara Jean Windham
<u>Temperance Committee</u>	Bro. Perry Lunsford Sister Helen Salter Sister Kristi Morrell
<u>Sunday School Committee</u>	Sister Marilyn Smith Bro. Danny Jones Sister Judy Plyler
<u>Obituary Committee</u>	Rev. Mitch Griffin
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	Brother Larry Starling Brother Ralph Windham

Brother Perry Lunsford

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

A motion was submitted by Turners Chapel to amend the by-laws to allow the Youth Camp Director to be elected for a term of three years. This motion was read in accordance with the by-laws prior to the break.

The meeting reconvened at 10:20 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 - Bro. Billy Patterson reported that there had been no meeting, however, everyone was reminded to check the promotion bulletins for opportunities and events.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Board of Camping - No report.

State Board of Missions - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Valdosta property has been sold. The mission board has hired a new church planter, Rev. Jay and April Hollis, to start a new church in Harris County after the first of the year. Rev. Bill Lewis, from Valdosta, has had heart problems and is in need of prayer. The Cartersville work is doing well. Rev. Bill Crank has located some property for a permanent church. The Board will be looking at that property this month.

State Executive Board - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that the state meeting will be moved back a week so as not to interfere with Easter. He also reported that eleven churches in Georgia are without a pastor.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	5242.28
Benevolence Fund Balance	3138.04
Mission Fund Balance	1705.59
Youth Fund Balance	2676.17

Received today:

Representation fees	360.00
Offering	124.00
Benevolence Fund	1775.00

National Fees

800.00

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

Temperance Committee - Sis. Kristi Morrell reported that we should avoid the appearance of being non Christian, we need to be Christ-like in word and deed, and be modest in dress and speech.

Sunday School Committee - Bro. Danny Jones reported that the committee felt study material was no always the best for the age of the children using it. He encouraged churches to initiate programs that will bring children to church and this must be supported by parents and grandparents.

Obituary Committee - Rev. Mitch Griffin read the obituaries and they are included in this book of minutes. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of those gone home and then Rev. Griffin lead in prayer.

District Youth Competition - Bro. Billy Patterson reported in the absence of Sis. Tina Duncan that our youth did an outstanding job at the National level. Georgia FWB brought back several first and second places including a second place by Diana Duncan for Power Point. Church need to encourage youth to begin preparing now for next year.

District Youth Camp - Sis. Marsha Starling reported that no meeting has been held since the last report, however, she encouraged everyone to support the youth camp. Churches should have a camp board member to attend the planning session. Camp will be at Dooly Campgrounds the week of June 16th.

Nominating Committee - They recommended the following:

Moderator	Rev. Terry Tribble
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Dallas Short
Clerk	Bro. Billy Patterson
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Alane Patterson
Executive Committee	Rev. Charles Fuller
Ordaining Council:	Rev. Rev. Dwight Smith
Youth Camp	Sister Marsha Starling
Youth Competition Dir.	Sister Tina Duncan
Finance Committee	Bro. Herbert Salter & Bro. Rex Robinson

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

Old Business

The moderator reminded the Association that we ceased to have an Association Revival but committed to visiting other churches during their revival. He encouraged everyone to do this.

New Business

1st Quarterly Meeting, January 5, 2008	Trinity
2nd Quarterly Meeting, April 5, 2008	New Beginning
3rd Quarterly Meeting, July 12, 2008	Little Bethel
Annual Meeting, October 4, 2008	Turners Chapel

Youth Rally

January 19, 2008	
April 19, 2008	
October 18, 2008	Turners Chapel

Sis. Alane Patterson reported that Sis. Geraldine Wade requested a representation from the association to serve on the Historical Board. Sis. Kristi Morrell volunteered to serve in this capacity.

The motion to amend the constitution was read by the clerk as follows: The term of office for the District Youth Camp Director shall be for a period of three years. The motion to amend the constitution was made by Rev. Charles Johnson. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Terry Tribble made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Dwight Smith brought the morning message from Matthew 7:13 and stated "Wide is the gate and narrow is the path". There are many side roads which include alcohol, drugs, etc and these lead to hell but the narrow road leads to heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dwight Smith
Moderator


Bro. Billy Patterson

ROLL CALL -- 2007

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
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	X
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	REV. BEN CRABTREE	x			
	BRO. LARRY STARLING	x	x	x	X
	BRO. RALPH WINDHAM		x	x	X
ORDAINING COUNCIL	REV. BEN CRABTREE	x			
	REV. DALLAS SHORT	x	x	x	X
	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	x	x	x	X
YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR	SIS. MARSHA STARLING	x	x	x	X
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BRO. HERBERT SALTER	x	x	x	X
	BRO. BUD TYLER	x			
BD./CHRISTIAN ED	REV. BEN CRABTREE	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. TINA DUNCAN	x	x		
	MINISTERS				
	REV. BEN CRABTREE	x			
	REV. MITCH GRIFFIN		x	x	X
	REV. J.C. GRIMSLEY				
	REV .SIDNEY JONES	x	x	x	X
	REV. DALLAS SHORT	x	x	x	X
	REV. DWIGHT SMITH	x	x	x	X
	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	x	x	x	X
	REV. A.G.WINDHAM	x	x		X
	REV. CHARLES FULLER		x	x	
	REV. CHARLES JOHNSON				X

OBITUARIES

We honor those who have gone before us.

Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

Carol Morrell - Carol was a lifelong member of Little Bethel and served faithfully, no matter what she was asked or volunteered to do. She went home to be with the Lord on December 23, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Gervis, daughter Kristi, and mother, Ms. Clarice. She also had 3 sisters and 3 brothers. Sister Carol has surely been missed by all who love her.

William Marvin McCarty - Brother Marvin McCarty went home to be with the Lord on June 27, 2007. Brother Marvin was a lifelong member of Little Bethel. He actively took part in several construction projects and his work will stand in his memory for years to come. He was survived by nieces Barbara Jones, Brenda Johnson, and Betty McCarty.

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. Hubert Arnold - We regretfully report the loss of Rev. Hubert Arnold. He was born March 23, 1929 and went to his eternal home January 25, 2007 to be with his blessed Lord and all the saints that preceded him in death. Bro. Hubert was an ordained minister for over 40 years and pastored several churches in our association serving the Lord well for many years. He was a member of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church where he is missed so very much by all of us that loved him. He leaves (for just a season) his dear wife and lovely family that misses him so much (tears may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning). Rev. A.G. Windham says "Bro. Hubert was very close and dear friend of mine for most of our lives, and we shared many glorious times together. I'm looking forward to seeing him again soon."

New Life Free Will Baptist Church

J. W. Teat - Brother J. W. Teat was a deacon of New Life for many years and faithful to his church, his family, and his country. Brother J. W. will be greatly missed by his family and his church family at New Life.

J. B. Anthony - February 5, 1912 - December 31, 2006. Mr. Anthony was a deacon of New Life for over fifty years. He loved his church and he attended as long as he was able. He has left an empty place in all our hearts and we miss him very much.

Mary Vernelle Anthony - April 4, 1922 - December 16, 2006. Mrs. Anthony loved her church and her church family. She was a long time faithful member of New Life. Her health kept her away for a time. Her son and his family really miss her since she went to be with the Lord.

Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Johnny C. (Bud) Tyler - July 7, 1937 - January 17, 2007. Brother Bud was born July 7, 1937 and departed this life on January 17, 2007. He was a faithful member at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church. He is sadly missed by his loving wife, children, grandchildren, church family, friends and his pastor. His leaving leaves an empty place in the hearts of all who knew him. He had such a loving heart and was always so willing to help anyone. We believe our loss is heaven's gain.

Johnnie (Buddy) McCall - January 31, 1932 - June 7, 2007. Bro. Buddy passed away on Thursday, June

7, 2007. He attended Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church for about 50 years. He was faithful in attending and supportive to the church as long as his health permitted. He leaves behind his wife of 46 years, Bernice G. McCall, two daughters, Angie M. Peavy and Laura M. Koonce, one sister, Mary Alice Waters and six grandchildren, Caleb Peavy, Philip Peavy, Elizabeth Koonce, Jessica Peavy, Luke Peavy and Hannah Koonce. He was preceded in death by son, Greg McCall, parents, Allen Sanders and Mary Lee McCall and sister, Dalice Duncan. We miss him terribly, but we are comforted to know that he is home with his Heavenly Father and his precious son, Greg.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church

E. A. Welch, Jr. - Brother Welch went home to be with the Lord January 18, 2007 having been born September 6, 1925, he was 81 years of age. He served as a devoted deacon at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church for 45 years. He served as clerk of the Chattahoochee Association from 1960 - 1979. He also served on the Ordination Council and on the Executive Committee for many years. He is greatly missed by his family, his church, and all those who served with him in the association. We all cherish the legacy of faith he left us.

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.

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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 annul 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 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

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Testament may be removed as a standing delegate until acknowledgments are made and accepted by the body in regular session.

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 place 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.

AMENDMENTS

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

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

Amendment II

The Youth Camp Director shall be elected for a term of three years.

Approved 10/07

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.