

CHATTAHOOCHEE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

173rd
ANNUAL
REPORT

2008

REV. TERRY TRIBBLE
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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OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
2008 - 2009**

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**The Executive Committee consists of the Moderator,
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Rev. Charles Fuller 139 Pine Knot Road Mauk, Ga. 31058 (229) 649-5765	OCT 2010
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March 2009

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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

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New Liberty

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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

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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	Mark Moore	(478)862-5521

Statistical Table

Church	Bethany	First Thomaston	Little Bethel	Mt. Olive	New Beginning	New Liberty	New Life	Spring Hill	Trinity	Turners Chapel	Totals
Ordained Ministers	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ordained Deacons	0	1	6	4	1	2	1	3	2	5	25
Baptisms		2	1	0	0	0	N/R	0	1	2	6
Members Added	0	3	5	0	0	0	N/R	0	2	6	16
Members Lost	0	1	0	1	0	0	N/R	1	0	2	5
Total Members	N/R	82	72	N/R	51	18	N/R	N/R	47	174	444
Sunday School	10	24	45	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	20	35	50	184
Women's Auxiliary	No	No	No	N/R	N/R	No	No	No	No	No	0
Master's Men	No	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
Bethany	Marion	Rural	FT	Yes	No	\$100,000	N/R
First Thomaston	Upson	City	FT	Yes	Yes	\$435,000	\$52,669
Little Bethel	Macon	Rural	FT	No	Yes	\$325,000	N/R
Mt. Olive	Taylor	Rural	Bi-Voc	No	Yes	N/R	\$28,999
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	N/R
Spring Hill	Marion	Rural	N/R	No	Yes	\$215,000	Not Reported
Trinity	Taylor	Rural	FT	Yes	Yes	\$385,000	\$54,155
Turners Chapel	Taylor	Rural	FT	Yes	Yes	\$700,000	\$69,814

N/R Not Reported

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND[illegible]

FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Beginning Balance - \$ 1705.59
Interest Earnings - \$ 81.20
Balance 6/30/08 - \$ 1786.79

Financial Report

Benevolence Fund

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FINANCIAL REPORT

YOUTH CAMP

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2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quarterly Meetings

January 3, 2009	Trinity Free Will Baptist
April 4, 2009	Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist
July 11, 2009	New Beginning Free Will Baptist
October 3, 2009	Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist

Youth Rally

January 17, 2009	Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist
April 18, 2009	Trinity Free Will Baptist
October 17, 2009	Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist

State Meeting

March 19 - 20, 2009	Calvary Church, Columbus, Ga
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National Meeting

July 19 - 22, 2009	Cincinnati, Ohio
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Homecomings

May 17, 2009	Little Bethel
July 12, 2009	Spring Hill
July 26, 2009	Trinity
July 26, 2009	Turners Chapel
August 16, 2009	New Liberty
September 20, 2009	Mt. Olive
September 27, 2009	First Thomaston

Revivals

August 17-19, 2009	New Liberty
Oct. 4-8, 2009	Turner's Chapel
Oct 18 -22, 2008	Trinity

Youth Camp

Association Picnic

September, 2009	Turner's Chapel, host
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Singings

Jan-Jul, 4th Sat.	Sep 26 and Oct 24, 2009	New Liberty
March, 28; May 30; August 29; Nov. 28		Trinity
April 26, 2009	Friends and Family Day -	Turner's Chapel

Men's Breakfast (4th Sat., Jan. - Sept.)

Host: Jan.- Bethany	Apr. -Little Bethel	July - Trinity
Feb. - Trinity	May - D. Smith	Aug. - Little Bethel
Mar - Turners Chapel	June - New Beginning	Sept.- Turner's Chapel

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2008
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 5, 2008 at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Mauk, GA. Rev. Terry Tribble welcomed everyone and Rev. Mitch Griffin offered a prayer. The congregation joined in singing "He Keeps Me Singing". Rev. Terry Tribble called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from Galations 6:1. Bro. Larry Starling and Bro. Perry Lunsford were asked to read the corresponding letters from the churches.

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

A motion was made by Bro. Larry Starling to accept the letters and to 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:

Finance Committee Sis. Ashley Duncan

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

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

Minutes of the 172nd Annual Session were read and approved.

Board of Christian Education - No Report.

State Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported the Winter Retreat was a success. They are looking to change the camp dates to help with year round school schedules.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported Cartersville work is growing steadily and they recently had an attendance of 117 for a Christmas service. They are seeking a

larger place for church. The Valdosta work is working. Bro. Bill Lewis had a heart attack in September but their spirits continue to be good. Rev. Jay Hollis and family have moved to Columbus to begin their Harris County work. He is available to speak through the State office.

District Youth Competition - The district Youth Competition will be held at Turners Chapel on March 15, 2008. Sis. Tina Duncan encourages all youth to participate in the opportunities that are available. There is something for everyone in grades one through twelve. Spring Hill will host the April 19th Youth Rally.

Executive Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble reported there are ten churches in the state without pastors and the state is supporting 28 foreign missionaries and 16 home missions.

District Youth Camp Board - Sis. Marsha Starling reported that the youth camp will be June 15 - 20, 2008 at the Dooly County Campground. At the last meeting fund raisers, ideas, and curriculum were discussed. Board members are encouraged to relay information to their respective churches and bring new ideas to the meetings.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$6612.68
Benevolence Fund Balance	4899.44
Mission Fund Balance	1705.59
Youth Camp Fund	2746.17

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	\$360.00
Offering	147.80
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.

Ordination Council

Rev. Dallas Short reported that Rev. Charles Fuller has completed his one year licensing. Rev. Dwight Smith made a motion to ordain Rev. Charles Fuller. Rev. Dallas Short seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business

Rev. Dallas Short expressed appreciation to Little Bethel for the picnic this past year.

New Business

Bro. Larry Starling and Sis. Delois Tribble were approved as State delegates to the State Association in Albany March 13 and 14th. Rev. Dwight Smith made a motion to allow the moderator to appoint delegates at the meeting. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Dwight Smith resigned the Ordination Council due to declining health. The moderator appointed Rev. Mitch Griffin to fill this.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Gene Ross and Bro. Jimmy Amos as visitors to the association at this time. Rev. Tribble asked all deacons and preachers to come forward to pray and anoint Rev. Ross.

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

Special music was presented by Sis. Sybil Fuller. Rev. Charles Fuller read from Genesis 6:5-7 and said God repented that He ever made man. We are living in the last times and we must find grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator



Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2008
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Second Quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30 a.m. on April 5, 2008 at New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church, Box Springs, GA. Rev. Dallas Short welcomed everyone and Bro. Gerald Moore led in prayer. Before calling the meeting to order Moderator, Rev. Terry Tribble, read from Ephesians 4:1-4 and encouraged unity with fellow believers. Rev. Charles Johnson and Rev. Dwight Smith were asked to read corresponding letters from the churches.

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

A motion was made by Rev. Dwight Smith 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. Martha Chomo and Sister Stephanie Smith

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

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

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

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Mission Board continues to covet prayer on behalf of planting churches in Georgia. The Cartersville Church held an Easter Outreach service with over 300 in attendance and continually average 100 or more for Sunday services. A piece of property has been purchased for the Valdosta Church at a prime location around north Valdosta. Rev. Jay Hollis is hard at work in Harris County and is seeking a place to begin holding meetings.

Board of Christian Education - No report.

Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the Board is working on getting new summer camp dates so that more children may attend. Camp date for 2008 is May 26 - 30. There were 118 in attendance at the Winter Retreat.

Association Youth Camp Director - Sis. Marsha Starling reported that there have been 3 camp board meetings since the last Association meeting and that everything is on track for the upcoming camp. Camp fees will be the same as last year and music and evening speakers will be the same agenda as last year with each church being responsible for a night. Anyone wishing to attend who has problems with fees or transportation should contact their church camp board representatives so that arrangements may be made.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$5019.67
Benevolence Fund Balance	4174.44
Mission Fund Balance	1747.31
Youth Fund Balance	3349.11

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	360.00
Offering	116.00
Benevolence Fund	175.00

Bro. Rex Robinson 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 no district level competition will be necessary this year, but state competition will be held at White Oaks FWB Church on May 3, 2008. The association will have 10 youth competing. There is a continuing need to support our youth.

Ordaining Council - Rev. Dallas Short reported that Rev. Charles Fuller has been ordained and that a letter of good standing has been received on Rev. Charles Johnson. Rev. Dwight Smith recognized New Life FWB Church for their efforts in holding an inspirational Ordination Service for Rev. Charles Fuller.

State Executive Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble reported there is a need for prayer for Georgia pastors and their families as many are sick and facing difficult challenges. The Acts 1:8 receipts are up however coop giving is down for this year. The 2009 State meeting will be at Calvary FWB Church in Columbus the third week in March.

Old Business - There was no old business but a discussion was held on the Association

Newsletter. All churches were reminded to have information submitted to Rev. Charles Johnson in writing by the third Sunday of each month prior to the event, for publication in the newsletter.

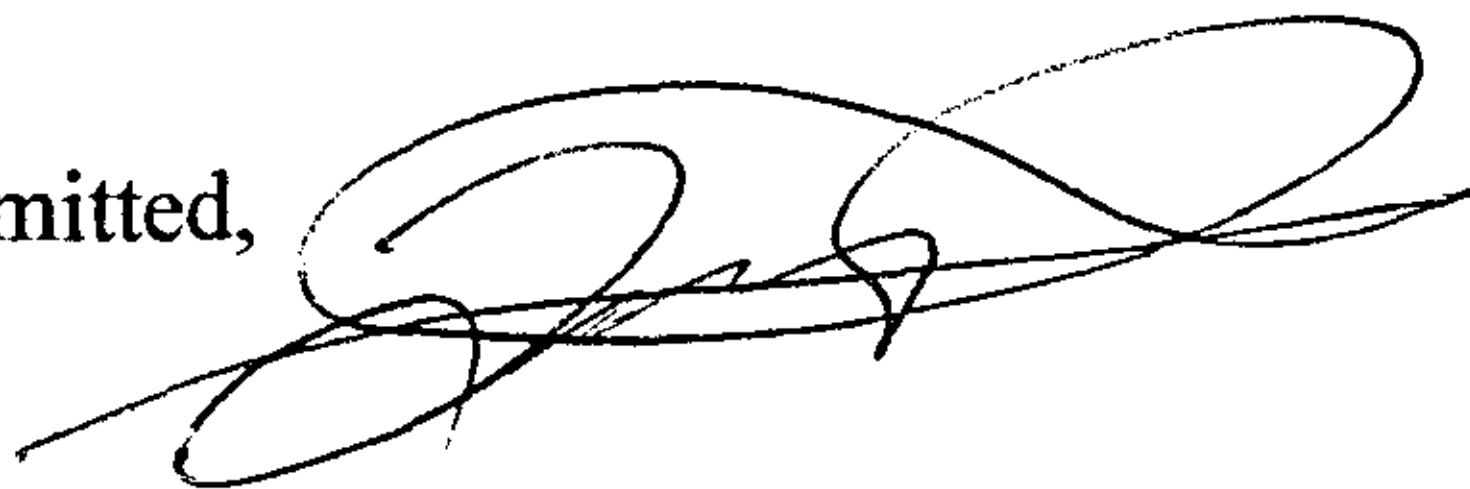
New Business - The clerk read an excerpt from the July, 2002 association meeting stating that Bethany Church was withdrawing from the Chattahoochee Association. Following that a letter dated March 25, 2008 was read from Bethany Church requesting to become a member of the Chattahoochee Association. A motion was made by Stephanie Smith to accept Bethany into the Chattahoochee Association and there was a standing vote of acceptance.

A letter was submitted by Little Bethel FWB Church. It was discussed by the association Executive Committee, and no action will be taken at this time.

Rev. Dwight Smith made a motion to adjourn. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Dallas Short brought the morning message from Genesis 1 and Revelations 22:18. Rev. Short said the creation was by God and not by man. He ended the message by saying that no one should add to or take away from these things. There is no duplicate to the word of God.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator



Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2008
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Third Quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30 a.m. on July 12, 2008 at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Ideal, GA. Rev. Randy Harris welcomed everyone and Bro. W. T. Williams lead in an opening prayer. Rev. Terry Tribble read from Matthew 5:13 and reminded the body that we are here to represent God as we are ambassadors of Christ. He asked Rev. Charles Johnson to read letters from the corresponding churches.

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

Rev. Charles Johnson 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. Herbert Salter, Chair Rev. Charles Johnson Bro. Mike Armour
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<u>Finance Committee</u>	Rev. Ruble Youngblood
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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 10:10 and the clerk read the minutes. Rev. Dwight Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and carried.

The following reports were presented:

State Executive Committee - The moderator, Rev. Terry Tribble attended and reported that they met at Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church on June 23, 2008. There are currently seven churches without pastors. The Valdosta and Cartersville churches are doing well and the Harris County Church will begin on July 23.

Ordaining Counsel - The Ordaining Counsel reported that Rev. Ruble Youngblood has completed all requirements. He has been examined by the committee and they recommend that he be received in full fellowship. Rev. Dallas Short made a motion to accept Rev. Youngblood. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Board of Camping - No report.

State Mission Board - No report.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	\$5453.67
Benevolence Fund Balance	4349.44
Mission Fund Balance	1747.31
Youth Camp Fund	2425.88

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	\$400.00
Offering	121.00
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 32 youth and 8 adults in attendance. They had guest speakers each day as well as church services, arts, crafts, and games. They had a scavenger hunt each day throughout the week with a final clue that led them back to the "Tree of Life". She reported that the churches that were represented elected to reserve the camp ground for June 14 - 19, 2009.

Youth Competition Director - Sis. Tina Duncan reported that the Chattahoochee was well represented at the State level. The first place winners will advance to the National level in Charleston, West Virginia July 20 - 23, 2008. Youth and churches are encouraged to get involved.

Old Business

It was reported that the Association Picnic is being planned for September 6 and Mt. Olive is in charge of the event this year.

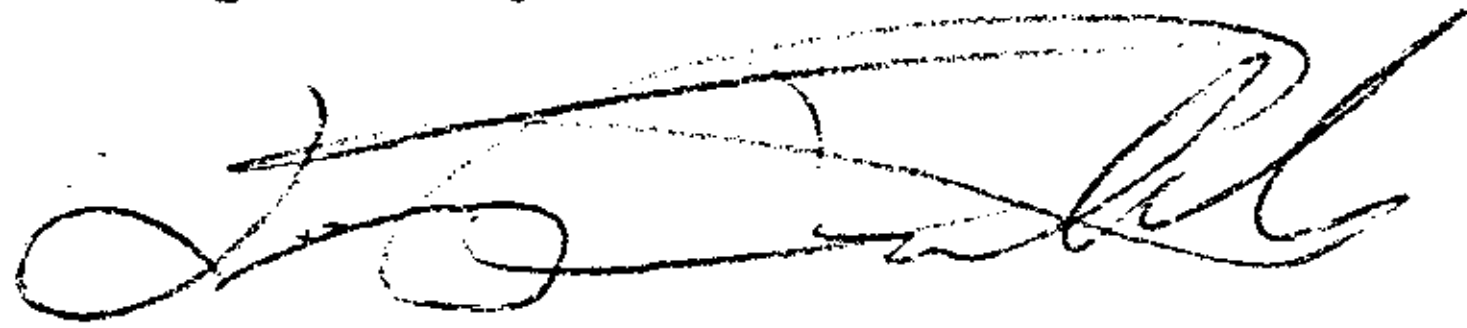
New Business

Bro. Billy Patterson read a letter from the members of Little Bethel Free Will Baptist concerning the omission of Rev. Randy Harris' name in the minute book of the Chattahoochee Association. After checking with the State Office he found that other associations list pastors who are not ordained as Free Will Baptist ministers with a footnote stating such. This is the practice this association will also follow in the future.

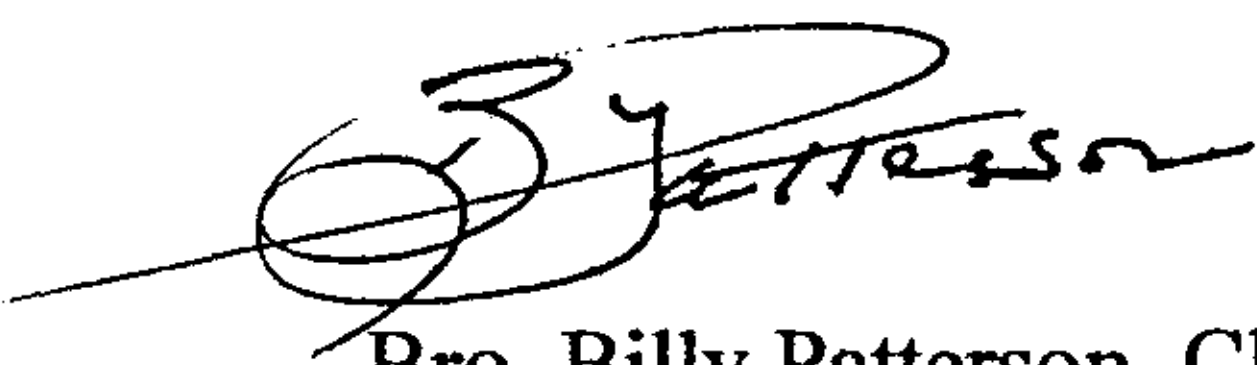
Rev. Dallas Short made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Randy Harris read from I Kings 3:3 and said we need to be excited by God's word. Just as Solomon asked for wisdom from God so should we. The body was dismissed with prayer and blessings on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Tribble', written in a cursive style.

Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Billy Patterson', written in a cursive style.

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

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

The 173rd annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 4, 2008, 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 Bro. Larry Starling led in the opening prayer.

Moderator, Terry Tribble, called the business session to order and read from Rev. 2:10 and reminded the body that we are to be faithful unto death. Rev. Charles Johnson read corresponding letters from the churches.

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

Rev. Charles Johnson 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>	Bro. Ralph Windham
<u>Temperance Committee</u>	Sis. Martha Youngblood Rev. Dwight Smith
<u>Sunday School Committee</u>	Sis. Donna Whitt Sis. Montene Gresham
<u>Obituary Committee</u>	Bro. Larry Starling

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

The meeting reconvened at 10:20 and the clerk read the minutes. Rev. Dwight Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The following reports were presented:

Board of Christian Education - Bro. Billy Patterson reported that they have not met but a meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2008.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Board of Camping - No report.

State Board of Missions - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that they met on September 8, 2008 and heard reports from church planters at Cartersville, Valdosta, and Harris County. The Harris County work continues to grow and that the Cartersville church averages approximately 85 in attendance. The Board evaluated the Valdosta work and after much prayer decided to close that work and direct resources to other target areas. The State Mission Board continues to seek the prayers and support of all.

State Executive Board - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that he was unable to attend the meeting however he did report that budget issues were discussed and that some State Board meetings would be handled via phone and e-mail in an effort to reduce costs.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	5679.67
Benevolence Fund Balance	3624.44
Mission Fund Balance	1786.79
Youth Fund Balance	2425.88

Received today:

Representation fees	400.00
Offering	107.00
Benevolence Fund	1335.00
National Fees	1000.00

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

Temperance Committee - Rev. Dwight Smith reported that as Christians we need to go

out of our way to find something good to say about everyone. We need to be the same on the street as in church and be holy in all of our dealings.

Sunday School Committee - Sis. Donna Whitt reported that they feel Sunday School attendance is low and they encouraged parents and grandparents to support Sunday School by attending with their children and grandchildren. Churches should have curriculum appropriate for each age group.

Obituary Committee - Brother Larry Starling read the obituaries and they are included in this book of minutes. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of those gone home.

District Youth Competition - Sis. Tina Duncan reported that our youth did an outstanding job at the National level in West Virginia. Everyone had a wonderful time praising the Lord. Sam Brown took second place with his art work and all winners are in the State Promotional Bulletin. She encourages everyone to begin working with youth for next year. Grades 1-12 can participate and high school students are eligible for scholarships.

District Youth Camp - No report.

Nominating Committee - They recommended the following:

Executive Committee	Rev. Ruble Youngblood
Ordaining Council:	Rev. Charles Johnson
Youth Camp	Deferred
Youth Competition Dir.	Sister Tina Duncan
Finance Committee	Bro. Rex Robinson and Mike Armour
State Board of Trustees	Bro. Jessie Carroll

Bro. Herbert Salter made a motion to accept these nominations. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. Rev. Dwight Smith made a motion to accept the nominations by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business

Bro. Billy Patterson thanked the church clerks for him receiving all information in a timely manner.

New Business

1st Quarterly Meeting, January 3, 2009	Trinity
2nd Quarterly Meeting, April 4, 2009	Mt. Olive
3rd Quarterly Meeting, July 11, 2009	New Beginning
Annual Meeting, October 3, 2009	Turners Chapel

Youth Rally

January 17, 2009

April 18, 2009

October 17, 2009

Mt. Olive

Trinity

Turners Chapel

Turners Chapel volunteered to host the associational annual picnic.

Announcements were made by various churches and Rev. Charles Johnson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Charles Johnson brought the morning message from I Corinthians 1:17-23 and asked why do we preach the gospel, does preaching still matter today? We must continue to lift up the name of Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Terry Tribble
Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson
Clerk

ROLL CALL -- 2008

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
OFFICERS	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE - Moderator	X	X	X	X
	REV. DALLAS SHORT - 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	BRO. LARRY STARLING	X	X	X	X
	BRO. RALPH WINDHAM		X	X	X
	Rev. CHARLES FULLER	X	X		
ORDAINING COUNCIL	REV. DALLAS SHORT	X	X	X	X
	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X	X	X
	REV. MITCH GRIFFIN	X	X	X	
YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR	SIS. MARSHA STARLING	X	X	X	
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BRO. HERBERT SALTER	X		X	X
	BRO. REX ROBINSON	X	X	X	X
BD./CHRISTIAN ED	BRO. BILLY PATTERSON	X	X	X	X
BD. OF CAMPING	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X	X	X
STATE MISSION BOARD	BRO. GERALD MOORE	X	X		X
STATE BD/TRUSTEES	BRO. MARK WINDHAM				
DIST. YOUTH COMP.	SIS. TINA DUNCAN	X	X	X	X
	MINISTERS				
	REV. CHARLES FULLER	X	X		
	REV. CHARLES JOHNSON	X	X	X	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
	REV. RUBLE YOUNGBLOOD			X	X

OBITUARIES

We honor those who have gone before us.

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

Sis. Lorraine Melton - Sis. Lorraine Melton was born October 21, 1919 and departed this life on October 12, 2007. She was the widow of Rev. Clyde Melton, a pastor in our association for many years. Sister Melton was a member of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church for many years, and very faithful to the church, and to her Lord. She is truly missed by all that knew her. We look forward to seeing her again soon. (Submitted by her former pastor, A. G. Windham)

Sis. Annie Laura Windham - Sister Annie Laura Windham was a member of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church for over eighty years. She was born March 24, 1911 to her parents, G. B. and Nancy Windham, and went to be with our Lord on November 12, 2007 having lived longer than any of her extended family. Sister Annie was very faithful and loyal to the church and to her large family. We all miss her very much and expect to be reunited with her again on that great day. (Submitted by her nephew and former pastor, A. G. Windham)

New Life Free Will Baptist Church

Sis. Daisy Hayes Irvin - Mrs. Daisy Hayes Irvin was born May 19, 1931 and went home to be with the Lord on February 4, 2008. She will be greatly missed by her family and her church family at New Life.

Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Elwood Daniel - Bro. Elwood Daniel was born July 27, 1926 and departed this life on April 12, 2008. He is sadly missed by his family, church family, friends and his pastor. His leaving leaves an empty place in the hearts of all who knew him. We believe our loss is heaven's gain.

First Thomaston Free Will Baptist Church

Sis. Mildred Brunson - Sis. Mildred Brunson departed this earth on December 25, 2007. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and church family.

New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Harvey Giddens - Bro. Harvey Giddens was born July 27, 1935 and passed away on February 11, 2008. He left his wife, Doris, 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 family and friends.

Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Ned Ingram - Bro. Ned Ingram went to be with our Lord and Savior on July 6, 2008. He is survived by one son, Clarence Ingram, and one grand daughter, Laney Ingram. He was an active deacon at Turner's Chapel and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6th. That we will 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.

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 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 individual preference, to the greatest extent possible. These members will be elected to the terms designated by the state.

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

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.

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

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.