

CHATTAHOOCHEE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

175th
ANNUAL
REPORT
2010

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
2010-2011**

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

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YOUTH CAMP BOARD

PRESIDENT:

Bethany	Sherry McCourt	(478) 862-3747
First Thomaston	Brian Hammock	(706) 741-4925
Mt. Olive	Denise Allen	
New Beginning	Lisa Armour	(229)649-2274
New Liberty		
New Life		
Spring Hill		
Trinity	Jennifer Welch	(478)862-9722
Turners Chapel	Chris Guined	(478)951-2148

Statistical Table

Church	Bethany	First Thomaston	Mt. Olive	New Beginning	New Liberty	New Life	Spring Hill	Trinity	Turners Chapel	Totals
Ordained Ministers	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	9
Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ordained Deacons	0	1	3	1	2	1	2	2	4	16
Members Added	4	6	N/R	2	0	N/R	0	0	3	15
Members Lost	3	4	N/R	2	1	N/R	5	1	5	21
Total Members	12	53	N/R	36	15	N/R	25	47	N/R	186
Sunday School	15	18	N/R	N/R	No	No	20	30	60	118
Women's Auxiliary	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	0
Master's Men	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0

N/R Not Reported

Financial Table

Church	County	City/Rural	Pastor	Budget	Parsonage	Property Value	Annual Tithe
Bethany	Marion	Rural	FT	No	No	\$125,000	\$9,600
First Thomaston	Upson	City	FT	Yes	Yes	\$435,000	\$32,678
Mt. Olive	Taylor	Rural	Bi-Voc	No	Yes	\$325,000	\$33,638
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	No	\$150,000	N/R
Spring Hill	Marion	Rural	N/R	No	Yes	\$215,000	Not Reported
Trinity	Taylor	Rural	FT	Yes	Yes	\$385,000	\$44,170
Turners Chapel	Taylor	Rural	FT	No	Yes	\$450,000	\$69,783

N/R Not Reported

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

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FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Beginning Balance - \$ 1888.79

Interest Earnings - \$ 27.94

Balance 6/30/10- \$ 1916.73

Financial Report

Benevolence Fund

[illegible]

FINANCIAL REPORT

YOUTH FUND[illegible]

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quarterly Meetings

January 8,2011
April 9,2011
July 9,2011
October 8,2011

Trinity Free Will Baptist
First Thomaston Free Will Baptist
Bethany Free Will Baptist
Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist

Youth Rally

January
April
October

Mt. Olive
Bethany (Tentative)
Trinity (Picnic)

State Meeting

March 17-18, 2011

Albany First FWB
Albany, Ga.

National Meeting

July 17-20,2011

Charlotte, NC

Homecomings

July 24,2011
July 24,2011
August 21,2011
September 18,2011
September 24,2011

Trinity
Turners Chapel
New Liberty
Mt. Olive
First Thomaston

Revival

August 22-24,2011
Oct.
Oct 23-27,2011

New Liberty
Turners Chapel
Trinity

Youth Camp

Association Picnic

September , 2011

Trinity, host

Singings

Jan-Jul ,4th Sat.
Jan 29 ; May 28
April

Sep 24 and Oct 22, 2011
Oct 23,2011
Friends and Family Day -

New Liberty
Trinity
Turner's Chapel

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

Host: Jan.- Bethany
Feb. - New Beginning
Mar - Mt. Olive

Apr. - Turners Chapel
May - Trinity
June - Bethany

July - New Beginning
Aug. - Mt. Olive
Sept.- Turners Chapel

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2010
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 9, 2010 at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Mauk, GA. Rev. Terry Tribble welcomed everyone and Ruble Youngblood offered a prayer. The congregation joined in singing "He Set Me Free". Rev. Terry Tribble called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from I Cor. 15:57. Rev. Charles Johnson read the corresponding letters from the churches.

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

A motion was made by Rev. Charles Johnson 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. Helen Salter

Nominating Committee Rev. Mitch Griffin, Rev. A. G. Windham, Rev. Charles Johnson.

Proposed changes to the constitution were read by the clerk.

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

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

Minutes of the 174th Annual Session were read and approved.

Board of Christian Education - Bro. Billy Patterson reminded the body of the upcoming couples retreat and Georgia State Ministers Retreat. Everyone is encouraged to check the promotion bulletin for events.

State Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported the board met and discussed the budget. Junior Camps will continue to receive \$1,600 from the State if proper paper work is submitted in a timely manner. Teen Camp will be June 6 - 11 with registration fee of \$150.00.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Board met in November and heard reports from church planters. Rev. Bill Lewis and the congregation at Valdosta are in a new building and have become self supporting. Rev. Crank's contract has been extended for two more years with the stipulation that the Cartersville Church become more responsible for their finances. Rev. Jay Hollis is continuing the Harris County work and they are looking for a new place to meet..

District Youth Competition - No report.

State Executive Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble reported the committee met December 15 and discussed dealing with financial issues and how to be better stewards. He reported the State Meeting will be in Cartersville for 2010.

Association Executive Committee - No report.

District Youth Camp Director - No report.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$7385.88
Benevolence Fund Balance	5169.44
Mission Fund Balance	1860.78
Youth Camp Fund	3255.22

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	\$360.00
Offering	80.00
Benevolence Fund	195.00

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

Ordination Council - No report.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Rev. Mitch Griffin made a motion on behalf of the nominating committee to appoint Rev. Charles Johnson as the Association Clerk. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. The nomination committee was unable to make a recommendation on the assistant clerk or youth competition director.

The clerk read the following recommendations for changes to the Constitution:

Amendment I Change to: at each annual meeting.

Amendment II Add: any shall not serve consecutive terms

Article II Section 2: Members shall not serve consecutive terms

Article III Section 3C. Add: and shall not serve consecutive terms.

Billy Patterson made a motion to accept the recommendations. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Dallas Short reported that the pastors of the association had met and drafted a Youth Constitution. The constitution was read and following much discussion, Rev. Short made a motion to adopt the Youth Constitution. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. A copy of this constitution is included as a part of these minutes.

Rev. Mitch Griffin reported that the nominating committee did not have a recommendation for the Youth Director. The moderator asked for volunteers. Sis. Merle Pitts volunteered and the body voted an unanimous agreement. The clerk reminded the churches to submit names of their representative for the Youth Board to the clerk.

There being no further business Rev. Charles Johnson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Terry Tribble read from John 15:4 and brought a message on things in which we must abide.

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator


Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2010
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 10, 2010 at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Reynolds Ga. Rev. A.G. Windham welcomed everyone and introduced their new pastor Rev. Anthony Thames, his wife, son and parents. Before calling the meeting to order Moderator, Rev. Terry Tribble opened with prayer and then read from Isaiah 46: 9 &10 Rev. Dallas Short was asked to read corresponding letters from the churches.

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

A motion was made by Rev. Dallas Short 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. Montene Grisham and Bro. James Wilhoite.

Nominating Committee Bro. Larry Starling, Bro. Mark Windham, and Sis. Martha Youngblood.

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

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

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Mission Board met at the State Association meeting and heard from all the church planters. Bro. Jay Hollis is upbeat after having some earlier setbacks and his church is growing again. Bro. Bill Lewis' church has become self supporting. He was honored with a gift and round of

applause. Bro. Bill Crank hosted the meeting at their new church at Cartersville where the new facility was dedicated.

Board of Christian Education - Bro. Billy Patterson reported that the Couples Retreat was held in Cordele in February and was successful and well attended with excellent speakers. Trinity and Turners Chapel represented the Chattahoochee Association there. He reminded everyone to continue to check the promotional bulletin for upcoming events.

Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the Teen Camp will be held June 6 - 11, 2010 and he encouraged attendance. Once again there will be no winter retreat due to finances and decline in attendance.

Association Youth Camp Director - No Report.

State Executive Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the committee had met in March to discuss financial adjustments on home missions and disbursements. The 2011 budget was approved for the state.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$6875.88
Benevolence Fund Balance	4914.44.
Mission Fund Balance	1888.79
Youth Fund Balance	3255.22

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	360.00
Offering	94.00
Benevolence Fund	195.00

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

Youth Competition Director - No report.

Ordaining Council - No Report.

Nominating Committee - Bro. Larry Starling reported that the committee had met and recommended Bro. Billy Patterson as Clerk, Sis. Alane Patterson as Assistant Clerk, Rev. Dallas Short to serve on the Ordaining Council, Sis. Marsha Starling as the Youth/Camp Director, and Bro. Larry Starling to the State Board of Trustees. Bro. Starling made the motion to accept the recommendation of the committee. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business - There was no old business.

New Business - Bro. Larry Starling addressed the association concerning the Men's Prayer Breakfast. The moderator appointed Bro. Starling to check with the pastors and set dates and location for future breakfasts.

Rev. A. G. Windham made a motion to have the One Man Quartet to bring the message in song at the Annual Associational Meeting.


Rev. Terry Tribble made a motion to adjourn. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. A. G. Windham led the congregation in a song before introducing Bro. Mark Windham who brought a message from Job 1 on wasting the harvest. He said we have become complacent and we need to do our part and take a Christian stand. Those in attendance were left with the question "Is our harvest wasted?"


Rev. A. G. Windham led in a song and invited everyone to close the service around the altar. Rev. Terry Tribble offered the closing prayer and blessing on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator



Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk



THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2010
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 10, 2010 at New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church, Box Springs, GA. Rev. Dallas Short welcomed everyone and Rev. Anthony Thames lead in an opening prayer. Following a congregation song Rev. Tribble read from Ephesians 4:31-32 and reminded us that we need to stand together in unity. He asked Bro. Gerald Moore to read letters from the corresponding churches.

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

Bro. Gerald Moore made a 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.

Bro. Billy Patterson read a proposed by-law change that will be voted on in the new business.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance Committee Bro. Perry Lunsford

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. Dallas Short made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and carried.

The following reports were presented:

State Executive Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that there has been no meeting due to financial restraints. He asked everyone to continue to pray for the state, churches, and ministers.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that they have not met due to financial restraints; however church planters are being monitored by way of e-mail and phone. Rev. Bill Lewis, Valdosta, reported that they have ordained a deacon. Rev. Bill Crank requests prayer for the Cartersville Church. Rev. Jay Hollis is upbeat about his Harris County work.

Board of Christian Education - No report

Board of Trustees - No report.

State Board of Camping - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that camp was successful.

Ordaining Council - Rev. Dallas Short said they have met three times since the last meeting and have examined one pastor. The council has also instructed the clerk to write and request credentials from three pastor's who have left this association and joined themselves with another denomination.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	\$7164.88
Benevolence Fund Balance	4659.44
Youth Camp Fund	3532.70
Mission Fund Balance	1888.79

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	\$322.00
Offering	101.02
Benevolence	95.00

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

Youth/Camp Director - Sis. Marsha Starling reported that several youth board meetings have been held and that camp was held June 28, 29, and 30 at the Starling property. The camp ended with 44 children and 11 workers. Plans for next year will be starting soon and the youth board would like for all churches to participate. No Youth Rallies are planned for this time.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

The clerk read the following proposed by-laws changes:

To amend Article III, Section IV to read: There shall be a Youth/Camp Board which will be chaired by a President selected by the Youth Board.

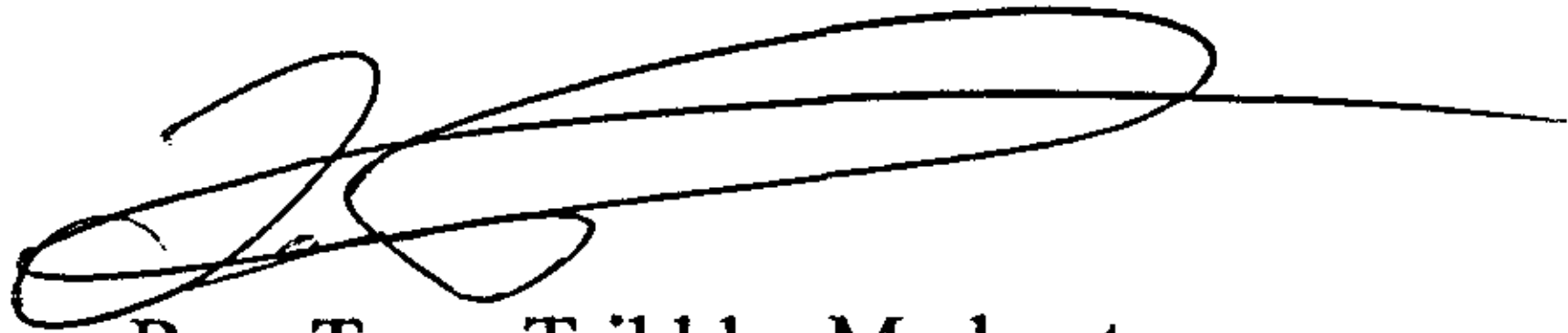
A. The board will have its own Constitution and budget but will report to the Association.

Rev. Dallas Short made a motion to adopt the amendment. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bro. Larry Starling made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Dallas Short read from Luke 10:25 and brought a thought provoking message. The word of God instructs us to "love thy neighbor as yourself". Who is your neighbor and what do you do to help your neighbor? The body was dismissed with prayer and blessings on the food.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Terry Tribble", written over a horizontal line.

Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Billy Patterson", written over a horizontal line.

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The 175th annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 2, 2010, at Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Butler, GA. After an opening song Rev. Phil Bozeman welcomed everyone.

Moderator, Terry Tribble, called the business session to order and read from Psalms 119 and said we are to preach the word, love the word. Bro. Larry Starling read corresponding letters from the churches.

	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Bethany	0	
First Thomaston	0	
Mt. Olive	3	1
New Beginning	1	
New Liberty	3	
New Life	0	
Spring Hill	0	
Trinity	3	
Turners Chapel	3	3

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

Rev. Tribble welcomed visiting brother Chris Smith.

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. Perry Lunsford
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	Bro. Jessie Carroll Bro. Ralph Windham Sis. Stephanie Smith
<u>Temperance Committee</u>	Sis. Montine Gresham Sis. Sara Lunsford Sis. Mary Wilhoite

Sunday School Committee Sis. Kay Jackson
 Sis. Barbara Jeana Windham
 Sis. Marsha Starling

Obituary Committee Rev. Ruble Youngblood

Prior to the recess at 10:00 a.m. an offering was received.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 and the clerk read the minutes. Rev. Anthony Thames made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Rev. Dallas Short and the vote was unanimous.

The following reports were presented:

Board of Christian Education - Bro. Billy Patterson reported that the committee has met. The cooperative giving is down by about \$40,000. The Seniors Retreat and Couples Retreat will go on in 2011 and all retreats and costs will be evaluated.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Board of Camping - Rev. Tribble reported that the dates will be June 5 thru 10, 2011 at Lizella. Approximately 180 attended the 2010 camp and it was spiritual with youth at the altar at the close of every service.

State Board of Missions - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that no meeting had been held however he and Bro. Creech went to Cartersville and Harris County to meet with church planters. These churches were informed that there would be a reduction in their benefits and funds in order to continue.

State Executive Board - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the committee met in Macon and they are still dealing with budget issues. He asked everyone to pray for the denomination and the state association.

Association Executive Committee- No report.

District Youth Competition - No report.

Temperance Committee - Sis. Mary Wilhoite quoted from Psalms 33:12 "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance". We are a nation under God and should always walk in His way.

Sunday School Committee - Sis. Kay Jackson encouraged parents to attend Sunday School with their children and churches to promote programs to get them involved.

Obituary Committee - Rev. Ruble Youngblood read the obituaries and they are included in this book of minutes. Those in attendance stood in a moment of silence in remembrance of those gone home.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	7583.88
Benevolence Fund Balance	4854.44
Mission Fund Balance	1916.73
Youth Fund Balance	3466.79

Received today:

Representation fees	360.00
Offering	81.00
Benevolence Fund	1595.00
National Fees	900.00

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

District Youth - Sis. Marsha Starling reported that there had not been a meeting since camp in June. She requested that each church give their representative's name and phone number to her or the clerk.

Ordaining Council - Rev. Dallas Short made a motion to accept Rev. Jamie Lane into full fellowship with the Association. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Nominating Committee - They recommended the following:

Executive Committee	Bro. Jessie Carroll
Ordaining Council:	Rev. Ruble Youngblood
Youth Competition Dir.	Deferred
Finance Committee	Sis. Helen Salter and Sis. Martha Youngblood
Board of Christian Ed.	Bro. Billy Patterson
State Board of Camping	Rev. Terry Tribble

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

Old Business There was no old business

New Business

The Quarterly Meetings for 2011 were set as follows:

1st Quarterly Meeting, January 8, 2011	Trinity
2nd Quarterly Meeting, April 9, 2011	First Thomaston
3rd Quarterly Meeting, July 9, 2011	Bethany
Annual Meeting, October 8, 2011	Turners Chapel

Youth Rally Set as follows:

January - Mt. Olive
April - Bethany (tentative)
October - (in conjunction with the Association Picnic)

Trinity volunteered to host the associational annual picnic.

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

An inspirational message in song and testimony was delivered by Bro. Chris Smith, the One Man Quartet.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Terry Tribble
Moderator


Bro. Billy Patterson
Clerk

ROLL CALL -- 2010

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, MINISTERS

		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
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	REV. CHARLES FULLER				
	REV. RUBLE YOUNGBLOOD	X	X		x
	BRO. RALPH WINDHAM		X	X	x
ORDAINING COUNCIL	REV. MITCH GRIFFIN	X			
	REV. CHARLES JOHNSON	X			
	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X	X	x
YOUTH DIRECTOR	SIS. MARSHA STARLING		X	X	x
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BRO. REX ROBINSON	X	X	X	x
	BRO. MIKE ARMOUR	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	x
STATE BD/TRUSTEES	BRO. LARRY STARLING		X	X	x
DIST. YOUTH COMP.					
	MINISTERS				
	REV. CHARLES FULLER				
	REV. MITCH GRIFFIN	X			
	REV. J.C. GRIMSLEY				
	REV. CHARLES JOHNSON	X			
	REV. SIDNEY JONES				
	REV. DALLAS SHORT	X	X	X	X
	REV. ANTHONY THAMES		X	X	X
	REV. TERRY TRIBBLE	X	X	X	X
	REV. A.G. WINDHAM	X	X	X	X
	REV. RUBLE YOUNGBLOOD	X	X	X	X
	REV. PHIL BOZEMAN				X

OBITUARIES

We honor those who have gone before us.

Bethany Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Ollis "Bud" Tanner

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Clarence Wainwright - Born June 4, 1945, departed this life on October 9, 2009. Bro. Clarence was a deacon of our church for many years and served the church well. He is missed by entire congregation; however, we feel that our lose is heaven's gain and that some day soon we will be reunited together again.

Bro. Timothy Wainwright - Born August 12, 1972, departed this life on November 1, 2009. He was a member of Mt. Olive prior to his death and his sudden death was a shock to all who knew him. He is sorely missed by his church, family, and friends.

Bro. Smitty Logue - Born July 31, 1944, departed this life on September 13, 2010, after battling cancer for several months. He was a member of Mt. Olive and a loved member of the community. He was known for working with his hands and able to fix anything. He leaves behind his beloved wife and family who look forward to seeing him again in heaven.

New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church

Sis. Sarah Mae (Susie) Gross - Went to be with the Lord on January 11, 2010. She was one of the first members of this church and is very much missed and loved.

New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Sis. Annie L. Colquitt - Born January 29, 1929 and departed this life on April 18, 2010. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Charles (Charlie) S. Gibb, Jr. - Charlie was a member of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church for 43 years. He had served as a Sunday School Superintendent and a loyal servant. He was a man of faith in God and not afraid of a challenge which he showed when he was disabled the last 32 years of his life. God and his family were Charlie's life. On May 29, 2010 he went to a much greater home with Jesus who was with him all his life and welcomed him with open arms. (written by his wife, Peggy Gibb).

Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Sis. Eula (Bettie) Wainwright Ranow - She passed away on January 15, 2010. She was a faithful member of Turner's Chapel, loving mother, dedicated wife, grandmother and great grandmother. She lived her life serving her family, church and community. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three sisters, two brothers, and a grandson. She is greatly missed.

Bro. Hubert M. Wainwright - Bro. Wainwright passed away on September 20, 2010. He was a faithful member and deacon at Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, and manager of Western Auto in Butler for 39 years. He is survived by his wife Carol W. Wainwright, a brother, sister, and other family members. Bro. Hubert will be greatly missed.

Bro. Chester Lavern Wainwright - He passed away February 15, 2010. He was a faithful member of the church and a WW II Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Elba Lowe Wainwright, two sons, two daughters, grandchildren and other family. He is missed by all who knew him.

Bro. Lawrence "Buddy" Wainwright - He departed this life in April 24, 2010. He was a faithful member of the church and preceded in death by his wife Sara Wainwright. He is survived by numerous family members and he is greatly missed at Turner's Chapel.

Bro. Samuel Emmett "Pop" Dennard, Jr. He departed this life in July 30, 2010. Although he was not a member of Turner's Chapel we all considered him a part of us. In his later years, due to illness, "Pop" was unable to attend his own church in Macon, however he was very faithful in attendance at Turner's Chapel. He will be greatly missed.

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.

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

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

Article I

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

Article II

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

Section II. The Executive Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Clerk, and three members elected by the body. The term of office will be three years rotating annually. *Members shall not serve consecutive terms.*

AMENDED January 9, 2010.

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 *and shall not serve consecutive terms.* AMENDED January 9, 2010.
- D. The member having served the greatest portion of a three year term shall be considered the chairman.

Section IV. There shall be a *Youth/ Camp Board which will be chaired by a President selected by the Youth Board.* AMENDED July 10, 2010

- 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 *Constitution and budget* but will report to the Association. AMENDED July 10, 2010
- B. The Youth/Camp Director will be elected by the association *for a term of three years and shall not serve consecutive terms* . 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. AMENDED July 10, 2010

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

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 annual meeting.

Approved 1/10.

Amendment II

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

Approved 10/07

The Youth Director shall be elected for a term of three years and shall not serve consecutive terms.

Approved 1/10

Amendment III

To amend Article II, Section 2 to read: Members shall not serve consecutive terms.

Approved 1/10

To amend Article III, Section 3c to read: and shall not serve consecutive terms.

Approved 1/10

Amendment IV

To amend Article III, Section IV to read: There shall be a Youth/Camp Board which will be chaired by a President selected by the Youth Board

A. The board will have its own Constitution and budget but will report to
The Association

Approved 7/10

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.