

***CHATAHOOCHEE***  
***ASSOCIATION***  
***OF***  
***FREE WILL BAPTIST***

***176th***  
***ANNUAL***  
***REPORT***

***2011***

***REV. PHIL BOZEMAN***  
***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**

**> APPROVE MINUTES**

**> RECESS**

**> BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**> BUSINESS, OLD AND NEW**

**> ADJOURNMENT**

**DIRECTORY  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
2011-2012**

**GENERAL OFFICERS**

**MODERATOR**

**Rev. Phil Bozeman  
430 Joe Posey Road  
Butler, Ga. 31006  
(478) 862-3828**

**OCT 2013**

**ASSISTANT MODERATOR**

**Rev. Ruble Youngblood  
1164 Pine Knot Road  
Box Springs, Ga. 31801  
(229) 649-7511**

**OCT 2013**

**CLERK/TREASURER**

**Billy Patterson  
8 Lee Street  
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(478) 847-3493  
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**OCT 2013**

**ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER**

**Alane Patterson  
8 Lee Street  
Reynolds, Ga. 31076  
(478) 847-3493**

**OCT 2013**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**The Executive Committee consists of the Moderator,  
Clerk, and three(3) members elected at-large:**

**Ralph Windham  
1139 Hwy 127 E.  
Butler, Ga. 31006  
(478) 862-3704**

**OCT 2012**

**Jessie Carroll  
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**Rev. Terry Tribble  
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## **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

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## **YOUTH/CAMP DIRECTOR**

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**OCT 2012**

## **DISTRICT YOUTH COMPETITION DIRECTOR**

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**OCT 2012**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Rex Robinson  
1137 Roberta Hwy.  
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**Marilyn Smith  
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**OCT 2012**

## **STATE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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**March 2015**

### **BOARD OF CAMPING**

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**March 2015**

### **STATE MISSION BOARD**

**Gerald Moore**  
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**March 2013**

### **STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Larry Starling**  
335 Starling Road  
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**March 2013**

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>PASTOR</b>	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>Bethany Free Will Baptist</b> 1164 Pine Knot Road Box Springs, GA 31801	<b>Rev. Ruble Youngblood</b> 1164 Pine Knot Road Box Springs, GA 31801 (229) 649-7511	<b>Martha Youngblood</b> 1164 Pine Knot Road Box Springs, GA 31801 (229) 649-7511
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### **ADDITIONAL MINISTERS**

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## ACTIVE DEACONS

### First Thomaston

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(706)647-3622

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Mark Windham

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Ralph Windham

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### New Beginning

Mike Armour

251 Saddle Trail, Box Springs, Ga. 31801

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### New Liberty

Elbert Streetman

Bridges Store Rd, Ellaville, Ga. 31086

(229)937-2885

Chadwick Childs

118 Old Buena Vista Road, Ellaville, Ga. 31806

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### New Life

Richard Anthony

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### Spring Hill

Mark McCallister

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Leonard Stubbs

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Larry Bell

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David Welch

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Rex Robinson

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Chris Guined

1427 Roberta Hwy , Butler, Ga 31006

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## **YOUTH CAMP BOARD**

### **PRESIDENT:**

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

## Statistical Table

Church	Bethany	First Thomaston	Mt. Olive	New Beginning	New Liberty	New Life	Spring Hill	Trinity	Turners Chapel	Totals
Ordained Ministers	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	9
Licensed Ministers	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ordained Deacons	0	1	3	1	2	1	2	2	4	16
Baptisms	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Members Added	2	4	2	8	0	N/R	0	1	4	15
Members Lost	2	3	5	3	1	N/R	5	2	2	21
Total Members	14	52	130	35	14	N/R	25	38	N/R	186
Sunday School	12	26	51	N/R	No	No	20	30	N/R	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	\$100,000	\$12,000
First Thomaston	Upson	City		Yes	Yes	\$435,000	Not Reported
Mt. Olive	Taylor	Rural	Bi-Voc	No	Yes	\$325,000	\$37,554
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		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	\$33,900
Turners Chapel	Taylor	Rural	FT	No	Yes	\$450,000	\$73,345

N/R Not Reported

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## GENERAL FUND

[illegible]

## ***Benevolence Fund***

[illegible]

**YOUTH FUND**[illegible]

## 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Quarterly Meetings

January 14, 2012  
April 14, 2012  
July 14, 2012  
October 13, 2012

New Beginning Free Will Baptist  
Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist  
Bethany Free Will Baptist  
Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist

### Youth Rally

January  
April  
October

Bethany Free Will Baptist

### State Meeting

March 15-16, 2012

White Oaks FWB  
Macon, Ga.

### National Meeting

July 17-20, 2012

Memphis, TN

### Homecomings

July 22, 2012  
July 22, 2012  
August 19, 2012  
September 16, 2012  
September 25, 2012

Trinity  
Turners Chapel  
New Liberty  
Mt. Olive  
First Thomaston

### Revival

August 20, 21, 22, 2012  
Oct 21-25, 2012

New Liberty  
Trinity

### Youth Camp

### Association Picnic

September , 2012

### Singings

Jan. 28, April 28, July 28, Oct. 27, 2012

New Liberty

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

Host: Jan.- Bethany  
Feb. - Turners Chapel  
Mar - Trinity

Apr. -  
May -  
June -

July -  
Aug. -  
Sept.-



**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2011**  
**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 8, 2011 at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Mauk, GA. Bro. Billy Patterson welcomed everyone and Rev. Phil Bozeman offered a prayer. The congregation joined in singing "Amazing Grace". Rev. Terry Tribble called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from Psalms 86:11. Rev. Jamie Lane read the corresponding letters from the churches.

Bethany	0 delegate	
1st Thomaston	3 delegates	
Mt. Olive	4 delegates	
New Beginning	3 delegates	
New Liberty	3 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. Jamie Lane 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                      Bro. Larry Starling

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

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

Minutes of the 175th Annual Session were read and approved.

State Executive Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the committee met December 14, 2010 at White Oaks FWB Church. The bulk of the meeting was used for budget. Junior Youth Camp will be reduced from \$1,600 to \$1,000. Home missionaries will have their full salary reinstated. There are 14 churches without pastors.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that no meeting had been held this past quarter but a meeting is scheduled in January. The Cartersville work is still slow but they are meeting and people are being saved.



Board of Christian Education - Bro. Billy Patterson reminded the body of the upcoming couples retreat and Georgia State Ministers Retreat. Churches are asked to encourage young couples to attend the Couples Retreat. Everyone is reminded to check the promotion bulletin for events.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Board of Camping - No report.

Ordaining Council - Rev. Dallas Short reported that the committee had met with and examined Rev. Phil Bozeman and made a motion to accept him into full fellowship with the Chattahoochee Association. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Association Executive Committee - No report.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$8137.83
Benevolence Fund Balance	5549.44
Mission Fund Balance	1916.73
Youth Camp Fund	3466.79

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	\$360.00
Offering	105.00
Benevolence Fund	100.00

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

District Youth/Camp Director - Sister Marshall Starling reported that the Youth Board met in November with only two churches represented, Turners Chapel and Bethany. Dates for the 2011 camp were discussed and a decision was made to go to four days. All churches are asked to have their representatives at the next meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Delegates for the State Association meeting were called for. Bro. Larry Starling volunteered to attend as a delegate. Rev. Phil Bozeman made a motion that the moderator be authorized to appoint delegates from the association at the meeting. The

motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bro. Gerald Moore made a motion that the money in the mission fund be given to the State Mission board to be used for state missions. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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

Rev. Terry Tribble read from Acts 2:42 and brought a message on getting back to the fundamentals of the New Testament Church.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator



Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

**SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2011**  
**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 9, 2011 at First Thomaston FreeWill Baptist Church, Thomaston, Ga. Rev. Jamie Lane welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. The congregation joined in singing Whosoever Meaneth Me before the Moderator brought a devotional from Proverbs 18:24. Rev. Tribble reminded the Association that man has friends, must be friendly and that we have a friend closer than a brother.

Rev. Phil Bozeman was asked to read corresponding letters from the churches.

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

A motion was made by Rev. Bozeman 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     Brother Chris Guined

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 Executive Committee - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the committee had met in March in Albany and that a Japan Relief Fund has been set up. FWB College enrollment is down and fourteen churches in Georgia are without pastors.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Mission Board met at the State Association meeting and learned that Rev. Bill Crank, Cartersville Church, was resigning due to financial and family problems. Brother Jay Hollis asked for prayer for the work in Harris County. The Mission Board traveled to Cartersville to meet with Rev. Crank and reached an agreement for him to be bivocational until December.

Board of Christian Education - Bro. Billy Patterson reported that the Ministers Retreat is coming up April 25 & 26 and encouraged churches to send their pastor. 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 5 - 11, 2011 and he encouraged attendance. Once again there will be no winter retreat due to finances and decline in attendance.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$7443.64
Benevolence Fund Balance	5674.44
Youth Fund Balance	3479.79

Received at this meeting:

Representation fees	360.00
Offering	51.00
Benevolence Fund	195.00

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

Association Youth /Camp Director - Sister Marsha Starling reported that the Board has been meeting and working on Camp for 2011. Camp dates are June 27-30, 2011 at the Starling's. Workers at every level are needed.

Old Business - There was no old business.

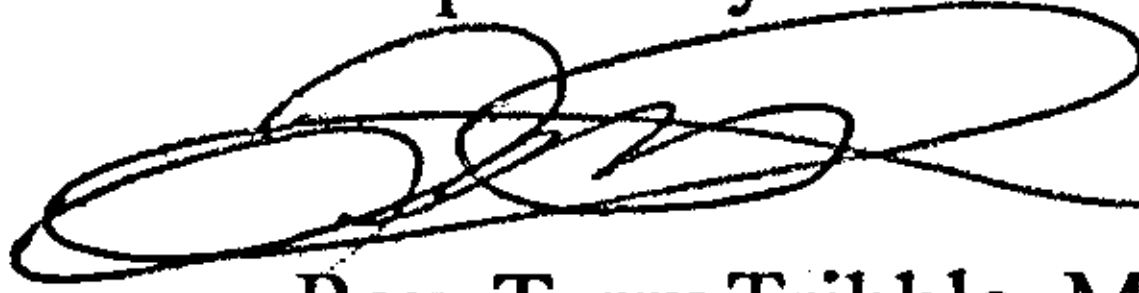
New Business - There was no new business.

Several announcements were made including the reading of a card from Sister Barbara Arnold thanking the Association for the Benevolence Fund gift.

Rev. Phil Bozeman made a motion to adjourn. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Jamie Lane brought a message from Luke 18:31 on Jesus' mission in Jerusalem and today. The congregation was reminded that Jesus responds to faith and answers faith based prayer. Rev. Lane closed with prayer and blessings upon the food

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator

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Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk



**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2011**  
**OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

The Third Quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 9:30 a.m. on July 9, 2011 at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Box Springs, GA. Rev. Ruble Youngblood welcomed everyone and lead in an opening prayer. Following a congregation song Rev. Tribble read from Romans 1:16-17 and reminded us that the just shall live by faith. He asked Bro. Stephen Bozeman to read letters from the corresponding churches.

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

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

The moderator welcomed Bro. Harry Winters as a visitor.

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

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

<u>Finance Committee</u>	Bro. Perry Lunsford
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	Bro. Gerald Moore
	Bro. Mike Armour
	Sis. Martha Youngblood

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. Sis. Marsha Starling 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.

State Mission Board - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that a committee from the board met with Bro. Crank from the Cartersville Church and he continues to have a zeal for the work there. Bro. Jay Hollis has resigned from the work in Harris County and the board voted to close that work until finances improve.

Board of Christian Education - No report

Board of Trustees - No report.

State Board of Camping - No report..

Ordaining Council - No report.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	\$7854.64
Benevolence Fund Balance	5119.44
Youth Camp Fund	2163.06
Mission Fund Balance	closed

Received at this meeting:	
Representation fees	\$360.00
Offering	77.50
Benevolence	270.00

Sis. Helen Salter 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 camp was held June 27-30. There were 40 youth and 18 adult workers. The theme was "Hometown Nazareth" and the youth learned how Jesus would have done things when He was a child. Daily events included bible verses, songs, crafts and recreations.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

The clerk read the following proposed recommendation:

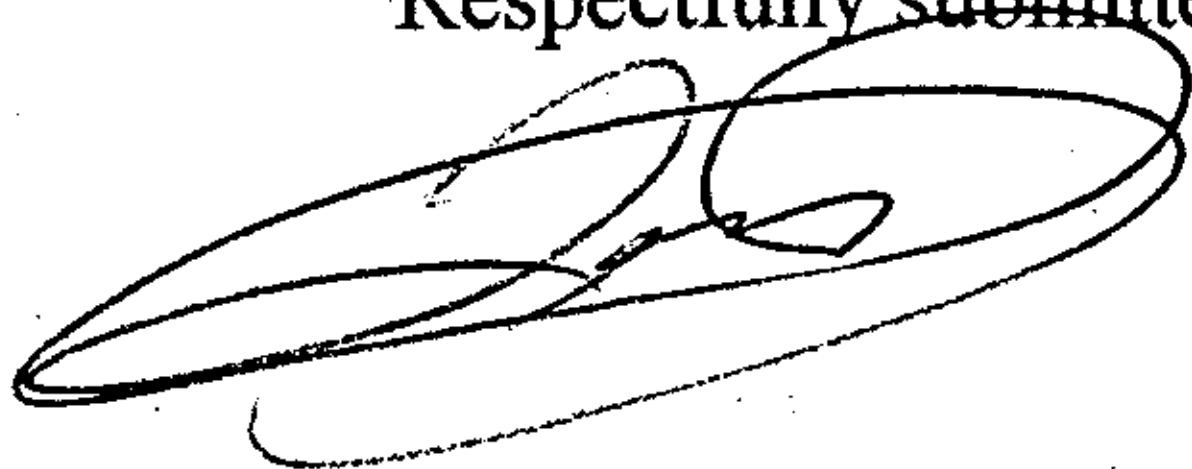
"That we meet earlier, have a longer recess, and drop lunch".

After discussion a motion was made by Rev. Anthony Thames that the meetings convene at 9:30 a.m. with a longer break to include a brunch fellowship meal in place of a noon time lunch meal. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Ruble Youngblood read from Ephesians 4 and brought a thought provoking message. He reminded us that we have become too complacent and we are all happy with less God.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator

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

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk



**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING**  
**OF CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

The 176th annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 8, 2011, 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 James 5:7. He said patience here means we are to suffer in humble service to the Lord. Rev. Ruble Youngblood read corresponding letters from the churches.

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

Rev. Ruble Youngblood 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. Perry Lunsford
<u>Temperance Committee</u>	Sis. Barbara Jean Windham Sis. Sara Lunsford Sis. Janice Clark
<u>Sunday School Committee</u>	Bro. Chris Guined Sis. Marilyn Smith Sis. Mary Wilhoite

Obituary Committee

Bro. Ralph Windham  
Bro. Jessie Carroll

The minutes were read. Jessie Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

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

The meeting reconvened at 10:45 and the following reports were presented:

State Executive Board - Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the committee met in Macon and it was reported that giving has increased for the Acts 1:8 and Cooperative programs. There are currently 20 churches in the state without pastors. Georgia is negotiating to hold the National meeting in 2020.

State Board of Missions - Bro. Gerald Moore reported that no meeting had been held however they will be meeting before Thanksgiving to evaluate the church plant in Cartersville. He reported that Rev. Paul Creech had been called home and his leadership will be missed.

Board of Christian Education - Bro. Billy Patterson reported that the committee has met and Rev. William Smith reported that the CE Board is financially sound. Various retreats and possible speakers were discussed. The State Youth Competition will be May 5, 2012.

State Board of Trustees - No report.

State Board of Camping - Rev. Tribble reported that attendance had increased at this year's teen camp. The dates will be June 3 - 8, 2012 for the next camp session.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	8248.14
Benevolence Fund Balance	4939.44
Youth Fund Balance	2162.86

Received today:

Representation fees	360.00
Offering	91.00
Benevolence Fund	1545.00
National Fees	1050.00

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

Ordaining Council - No report.

Nominating Committee - They recommended the following:

Moderator:	Rev. Phil Bozeman
Assistant Moderator:	Rev. Ruble Youngblood
Clerk/Treasurer:	Bro. Billy Patterson
Assist. Clerk:	Sis. Alane Patterson
Executive Committee	Rev. Terry Tribble
Ordaining Council:	Rev. Phil Bozeman
Youth Competition Dir.	Sis. Lydia Bozeman
Finance Committee	Bro. Rex Robinson and Sis. Marilyn Smith

Bro. Gerald Moore made a motion to accept these nominations by acclamation. 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 said participation from all churches is needed.

Temperance Committee - Sis. Barbara Jean Windham quoted I Peter 5:8 and reminded us that we should always be on guard as we carry the name of Christ when we call ourselves Christians.

Sunday School Committee - Bro. Chris Guined encouraged those who attend Sunday School to ask at least one person each week to come and worship in Sunday School. Teachers should be dedicated and with a clear understanding of the materials before trying to teach Sunday School.

District Youth Competition - No report.

Obituary Committee - Brothers Jessie Carroll and Ralph Windham 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.

Old Business There was no old business.

New Business

The Quarterly Meetings for 2012 were set as follows:

1st Quarterly Meeting, January 14, 2012	New Beginning
2nd Quarterly Meeting, April 14, 2012	Mt. Olive
3rd Quarterly Meeting, July 14, 2012	Bethany

Annual Meeting, October 13, 2012

Turners Chapel

Youth Rally Set as follows:

January -

April -

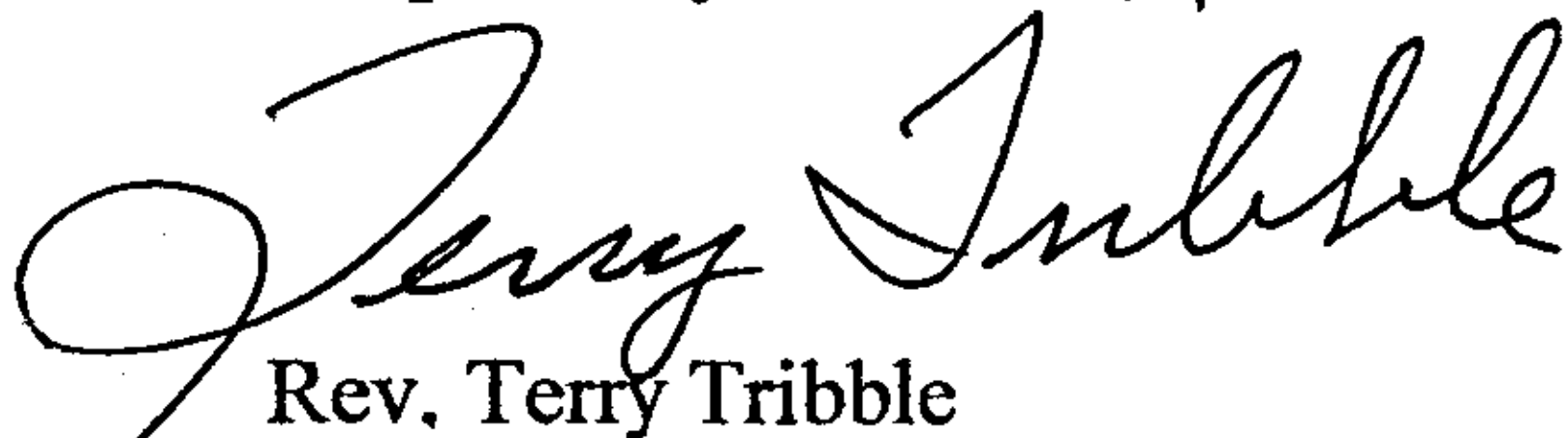
October -

Outgoing Moderator Terry Tribble expressed appreciation to the body for their support.


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

Special music was presented by Sis. Lydia Bozeman and an inspirational message was delivered by Rev. Phil Bozeman. He read from Psalm 15 and spoke on the character of the Godly. He challenged us not to be guilty of conduct unbecoming to a Christian.

Respectfully submitted, ,



Rev. Terry Tribble  
Moderator



Bro. Billy Patterson  
Clerk



# ROLL CALL -- 2011

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, MINISTERS

		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>REV. TERRY TRIBBLE - Moderator</b>	X	X	X	X
	<b>REV. DALLAS SHORT - Assist. Mod.</b>	X			
	<b>BRO. BILLY PATTERSON - Clerk</b>	X	X	X	X
	<b>SIS. ALANE PATTERSON - Assist. Clerk</b>	x		X	X
<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>REV. RUBLE YOUNGBLOOD</b>	X	X	X	X
	<b>BRO. RALPH WINDHAM</b>		X	X	X
	<b>BRO. JESSE CARROLL</b>	X		X	X
<b>ORDAINING COUNCIL</b>	<b>REV. DALLAS SHORT</b>	X			
	<b>REV. TERRY TRIBBLE</b>	X	X	X	X
	<b>REV. RUBLE YOUNGBLOOD</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>YOUTH DIRECTOR</b>	<b>SIS. MARSHA STARLING</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SIS. HELEN SALTER</b>	X	X	X	X
	<b>SIS. MARTHA YOUNGBLOOD</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>BD./CHRISTIAN ED</b>	<b>BRO. BILLY PATTERSON</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>BD. OF CAMPING</b>	<b>REV. TERRY TRIBBLE</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>STATE MISSION BOARD</b>	<b>BRO. GERALD MOORE</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>STATE BD/TRUSTEES</b>	<b>BRO. LARRY STARLING</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>DIST. YOUTH COMP.</b>					
	<b>MINISTERS</b>				
	<b>REV. PHIL BOZEMAN</b>	X	X	X	X
	<b>REV. CHARLES FULLER</b>				
	<b>REV. J.C. GRIMSLEY</b>				
	<b>REV. JAMIE LANE</b>	X	X		
	<b>REV. DALLAS SHORT</b>	X			
	<b>REV. ANTHONY THAMES</b>	X	X	X	
	<b>REV. TERRY TRIBBLE</b>	X	X	X	X
	<b>REV. A.G. WINDHAM</b>				X
	<b>REV. RUBLE YOUNGBLOOD</b>	X	X	X	X

## **OBITUARIES**

*We honor those who have gone before us.*

### **Bethany Free Will Baptist Church**

**Bro. Steven Griffis** - Born January 7, 1988. He left this life at an early age with he passed on June 13, 2011.

### **Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church**

**Sis. Joyce Ann Sawyer** - Born October 15, 1947, departed this life on September 22, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Bro. John W. Sawyer, Jr., three children, two brothers and three sisters. She also leaves behind four grand children and two great grandchildren. She was a very faithful church member and rarely missed a service. She will be greatly missed.

**Sis. Thelma McInvale** - Born September 13, 1930, departed this life on December 30, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Cecil McInvale. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother and is greatly missed by her family, her church family, and all who knew her.

**Sis. Ina Jo Gordon** - She departed this life November 25, 2010 at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. L. D. Gordon. Sis. Gordon is missed by her church family and friends and by all who knew her. Sis. Gordon was blessed with a family who loved her dearly.

### **New Beginning Free Will Baptist Church**

**Bro. Jim Brooker** - Went to be with the Lord on January 12, 2010. He is very much missed and loved by everyone.

**Sis. Peggy Mulchock** - Went home to the Lord on January 25, 2011. She is truly missed.

**Sis. Louise Brooker** - She departed this life on February 26, 2011. She was loved by all who knew her and she is greatly missed.

### **New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church**

**Sis. Annie Pearl Rogers** - Born February 4, 1946 and departed this life on April 13, 2011. She is sadly missed by her church and her friends.

### **Trinity Free Will Baptist Church**

**Sis. Mae Smith** - A faithful member of Trinity FWB Church for many years. She leaves a son and daughter and many friends and loved ones to mourn her passing. She was born October 5, 1923 and departed this life on October 15, 2010.

**Bro. Mal Williams** - He was born May 7, 1927 and departed this life April 17, 2011. He was a beloved husband and a loving father of six. He was a faithful member of Trinity FWB church for many years. He is missed greatly but blessed in spirit.

**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:

1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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

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

4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

7<sup>th</sup>. That our daily conversation shall be edifying and such that is becoming for the Saints.

8<sup>th</sup>. That we will avoid all improper intercourse of all ungodliness, that we will not visit places where our Christian influence will be impaired.

9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

10<sup>th</sup>. That we will assist in supporting our pastor, in relieving the needy, and defraying the expenses of our churches according to our several abilities.

11<sup>th</sup>. 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".

12<sup>th</sup>. That we will exercise our spiritual gifts as well as we are able for the instruction and edification of our brethren and sisters.

13<sup>th</sup>. That we will strive to cultivate deep and uniform piety in our hearts and encourage the same around us.

14<sup>th</sup>. That we will strictly administer the government of the church laboring always to promote its purity and holy influence.

15<sup>th</sup>. That we will not knowingly condemn the innocent or favor the guilty and that we strive to prevent strife and factions in the church.

16<sup>th</sup>. 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.