# CHATTAHOOCHEE

ASSOCIATION

**OF** 

# FREE WILL BAPTIST

 $179^{th}$ 

ANNUAL

REPORT

2014

REV. PHIL BOZEMAN

MODERATOR

BILLY PATTERSON

CLERK

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Rev. Ruble Youngblood 1164 Pine Knot Road Box Springs, Ga. 31801 (229) 649-7511	OCT 2016
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#### New Life Free Will Baptist

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**PASTOR** 

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#### **ACTIVE DEACONS**

Bethany	ACTIVE DEACONS	
First Thomaston Herbert Salter	112 Sherwood Drive, Thomaston, Ga.30286	(706) 648-3622
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New Beginning Mike Armour	253 Saddle Trail, Box Springs, Ga. 31801	(229) 649-2274
New Liberty Elbert Streetman	Bridges Store Rd. Ellaville, Ga.31086	(229) 937-2885
New Life Richard Anthony	1049 Sand Pit Road, Mauk, Ga. 30158	(706) 269-3839
Spring Hill Mark McAllister Leonard Stubbs	2818 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk Ga. 31058 2719 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk,Ga. 31058	(229) 649-7704 (229) 649-3304
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#### 2015 CALENDER OF EVENTS

#### **QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

January 10, 2015

Trinity FWB

April 11, 2015

First FWB, Thomaston

July 11, 2015

Bethany FWB

October 13, 2015

Turners Chapel FWB

#### STATE MEETING

Albany, Ga. March 18 -20

#### NATIONAL MEETING

Grand Rapids, Michigan. July 19-22

#### **HOMECOMINGS**

July 26, 2015

Trinity

July 26, 2015

Turners Chapel

August 15, 2015

New Liberty

September 20, 2015

Mt. Olive

September 27, 2015

First FWB, Thomaston

#### **REVIVALS**

#### YOUTH CAMP

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#### YOUTH RALLY

TBA

#### Men's Breakfast

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Jan. – Oct. Cotton Gin Café, Reynolds

#### FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2014

#### CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The first quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on January, 11, 2014 at Trinity FWB Church, Mauk, Georgia. Bro. Billy Patterson welcomed everyone and led in song. Rev. Ruble Youngblood offered a prayer. Rev. Phil Bozeman called the meeting to order and brought devotion from Psalms 139:1-24 and said God knows all about us and that He has perfect knowledge of all of us.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
First Thomaston	0	0
Bethany	0	0
New Beginning	0	1
New Liberty	0	0
New Life	0	0
Mt. Olive	1	0
Spring Hill	0	0
Trinity	4	0
Turners Chapel	0	3

Clerk 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.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance – Marsha Starling

Minutes of the 178<sup>th</sup> annual session were read and approved.

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

Amy Bozeman gave a short report on her Japan trip and is planning this year on a mission trip to Brazil. She asked for prayer and financial support.

Following brunch and fellowship the meeting reconvened with the following reports:

<u>State Executive Committee</u> – Rev. Phil Bozeman reported that there are currently 20 churches in Georgia without pastors and that giving is down about ten percent for the year.

<u>State Mission Board</u> – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Cartersville Church property has not sold and that no reasonable offers have been made at this point. The committee is meeting to discuss maintenance and security.

<u>Board of Christian Education</u> – Rev. Bozeman attended and reported that the CE Board is in need of judges for state competition. State winners who commit to attending the national are expected to attend since the state must prepay entry fees.

Board of Trustees – no report.

State Board of Camping – no report.

#### Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$10,414.01
Benevolence	6,824.44
Youth Fund	2,065.82

#### Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	320.00
Offering	64.73
Benevolence	95.00

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

<u>District Youth/Camp Director</u> – no report.

<u>District Youth Competition Director</u> – no report.

#### Unfinished Business –

Association Picnic: Trinity and Bethany will host the Association Picnic in September.

New Business – Delegates for the State Association meeting were called for. The moderator is authorized to appoint delegates at the meeting.

Announcements – The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will resume the fourth Saturday of each month. Mt. Olive has scheduled the Ladies Prayer Brunch for February 8<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Terry Tribble read from Ephesians 5:14 and severa "seven ups" that pick us up and perk us up.	al other scriptures pertaining to the
Respectfully submitted,	
Rev. Phil Bozeman, Moderator	Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

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#### SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2014 CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The second quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on April 12, 2014 at Bethany FWB Church, Box Springs, Georgia. Rev. Ruble Youngblood welcomed everyone and Bro. Billy Patterson led in song. Rev. Terry Tribble offered a prayer. Rev. Phil Bozeman called the meeting to order and brought devotion from Ezra 7:10 and challenged us to seek, obey, teach, but first prepare our hearts for God's service.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
First Thomaston	0	0
Bethany	1	0
New Beginning	2	0
New Liberty	0	0
New Life	0	0
Mt. Olive	1	0
Spring Hill	0	0
Trinity	4	0
Turners Chapel	1	4

Clerk 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.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance – Brittany Williams

Minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Prior to the recess an offering was received and special prayer was held for several Association Ministers and their families.

Following brunch and fellowship the meeting reconvened with the following reports:

State Executive Committee – Rev. Phil Bozeman reported that giving is still down state wide but Georgia is doing better than some states. All departments completed 2013 with a positive dollar

balance. Welch College and International Missions are facing financial issues due to giving being down. There are 22 churches in Georgia without pastors.

<u>State Mission Board</u> – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Mission Board did meet at the State Meeting and there has been an offer for the Cartersville Church property but it was rejected.

Board of Christian Education -No report.

Board of Trustees - No report.

State Board of Camping – Rev. Terry Tribble reported that Teen Camp will be June 1 - 6, 2014 at Camp Echeconnee. Early bird fee is \$150.

#### Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$9,425.06
Benevolence	6,869.44
Youth Fund	2,065.82

#### Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	320.00
Offering	77.29
Benevolence	95.00

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

<u>District Youth/Camp Director</u> – Sis. Tina Duncan reported that Junior Camp is June 29 – July 3, 2014. The cost is \$85.00 and will be held at Camp Echeconnee. She also asked about Rada knife sales to raise funds for youth events. There were no objections.

<u>District Youth Competition Director</u> – Competition will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Albany FWB Church.

Unfinished Business –

There was none.

New Business –

There was none.

Announcements – Various announcements wer	re given by churches concerning upcoming events.
	:4 and reminded us there is work to be done. We sm, and one Father of all. We should be one in the
Respectfully submitted,	
Rev. Phil Bozeman, Moderator	Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

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# THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2014 CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The third quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on July 12, 2014 at New Beginnings FWB Church, Box Springs, Georgia. Moderator Phil Bozeman welcomed everyone and Sis. Stephanie Smith led in song. Rev. Ruble Youngblood offered a prayer. Rev. Phil Bozeman called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from Proverbs 10:9 and reminded us that we are to represent God wherever we are and at all times. Our walk is to be with integrity and adherence and moral principles.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

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

Clerk 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.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance – Tina Duncan Nominating – Rex Robinson, Marsha Starling, and Stephanie Smith

Minutes of the Second Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

Following brunch and fellowship the meeting reconvened with the following reports:

State Executive Committee - No Report.

<u>State Mission Board</u> – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that an offer has been received for the Cartersville property and that it is in the negotiation stage.

Board of Christian Education -No report.

Board of Trustees – No report.

State Board of Camping - No report.

Ordaining Council – Rev. Bozeman reported that James "Bucky" Shumate, new pastor for First Thomaston Church, is in the process of being ordained by the association. The association has also received a letter from Turners Chapel requesting that Stephen Bozeman be licensed.

#### Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$9,853.76
Benevolence	6,914.44
Youth Fund	2,065.82

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	320.00
Offering	82.03
Benevolence	95.00

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

<u>District Youth/Camp Director</u> – Sis. Tina Duncan reported that she has catalogs for the Rada knife sales that were previously approved and asked that all help with taking orders. The Youth Fund will receive 40% of sales.

<u>District Youth Competition Director</u> – No report.

Unfinished Business –		
There was none.		
New Business – There was none.		
Announcements – It as announced that the Association picnic Trinity, Bethany and New Beginnings will host. Location of hosting.	•	
The meeting was adjourned.		
Rev. Dallas Short thanked all for the prayers and calls following his surgery. He began the message from 1 Peter 5 instructing all to submit to God and resist the devil. We must put on the whole armor of God daily in order to have victory over sin.		
Respectfully submitted,		
Rev. Phil Bozeman, Moderator	Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk	

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## ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINTH ANNUAL MEETING CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The 179<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 11, 2014 at Turner's Chapel FWB Church, Butler, Georgia. Moderator Phil Bozeman welcomed everyone and Sis. Lydia Bozeman led in song. Rev. Buck Shoemate offered a prayer. Rev. Phil Bozeman called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from Proverbs 22:1 and reminded us that our reputations as Christians are so important as we are representatives of Christ.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons	
First Thomaston	0	0	
Bethany	0	0	
New Beginning	0	0	
New Liberty	3	0	
New Life	0	0	
Mt. Olive	0	0	
Spring Hill	0	0	
Trinity	3	0	
Turners Chapel	4	4	

Rev. Terry Tribble 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.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance – Bess Williams

Temperance – Jessie Carroll and Lydia Bozeman

Sunday School- Chris Guined and Sara Lunsford

Obituaries – Billy Patterson

Minutes of the Third Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Prior to the recess an offering was received.

Following brunch and fellowship the meeting reconvened with the following reports:

State Executive Committee – Rev. Bozeman reported that the committee had met on September 15 and 16 and that co-op giving and Acts I:8 are down slightly; however, there was a slight increase in total giving. We still have twenty churches without pastors at this time.

<u>State Mission Board</u> – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Cartersville property was not bought outright by the organization that was interested. They are currently leasing with an option to buy. They are continuing to look at possible church plants in the state.

Board of Christian Education -No report.

Board of Trustees – No report.

State Board of Camping - No report.

<u>Association Executive Committee – Billy Patterson reported that the committee is scheduling a</u> meeting with some of the association churches to discuss participation and fees.

#### Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$10,005.76
Benevolence	6,706.44
Youth Fund	2,065.82

#### Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	280.00
Offering	70.00
Benevolence	835.00
National Fees	750.00

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

Ordaining Council – After examining Stephen Bozeman the ordaining council recommended that he be licensed by the Chattahoochee Association to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Billy Patterson made a motion to accept this recommendation. 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
District Youth Competition – Sis. Kay Jackson
Finance Committee – Bro. Rex Robinson, Sis. Stephanie Smith

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

<u>District Youth/Camp Director</u> – No report.

<u>District Youth Competition Director</u> – Sis. Lydia Bozeman reported that the theme for the National will be "Truth, what it means, why it's important."

<u>Temperance</u> – Bro. Jessie Carroll reported that in today's world of uncertainty Christians need to keep their minds focused on God and His word. Phil. 4:8 encourages us to keep our minds on whatever things are true, honest, pure, lovely, and of good report. The Lord is known to others by what we say and do.

<u>Sunday School</u> – Bro. Chris Guined reminded us to invite the community and members to Sunday School. We need to attend and be prepared by way of studying.

Obituary - Billy Patterson 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.

#### Unfinished Business –

There was none.

#### New Business –

The Quarterly meetings for 2015 were set as follows:

First Quarterly Meeting – January 10, 2015 – Trinity FWB Church

Second Quarterly Meeting – April 11, 2015 – Thomaston FWB Church

Third Quarterly Meeting – July 11, 2015 – Bethany FWB Church

Annual Meeting – October 10, 2015 – Turner's Chapel FWB Church

The 2015 Association Picnic will be hosted by Turner's Chapel FWB Church in September, date to be announced.

introduced us to the 'tator' family. There are tended and some are rotten, but the most important mer need to be doers of the Word.	
The meeting was adjourned.	
Respectfully submitted,	
Rev. Phil Bozeman, Moderator	Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

Following special music by Sis. Lydia Bozeman Rev. Phil Bozeman read from James 1:22 and

#### ROLL CALL 2014 OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, MINISTERS

OFFICERS		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
Moderator	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X	X	X	X
Asst. Mod.	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	X
Clerk	Bro. Billy Patterson	X	X	X	X
Asst. Clerk	Sis. Alane Patterson	X	X	X	X
COMMITTEE'S					
Executive	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	X
	Bro. David Spillers				X
	Rev. Ruble Youngblood	X	X	X	X
Ordaining	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X	X	X	X
	Rev. Dallas Short			X	X
Youth/Camp Dir.	Sis. Tina Duncan		X	X	
Youth Compt. Dir.	Sis. Lydia Bozeman	X			X
Finance	Bro. Rex Robinson	X	X	X	X
	Sis. Marilyn Smith	X	X	X	X
STATE BOARD'S					
Christian Ed.	Bro. Billy Patterson	X	X	X	X
Camping	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	X
Mission's	Bro. Gerald Moore	X	X	X	X
Trustees	Bro. Larry Starling	X	X	X	
	MINISTERS				
,	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X	X	X	X
	Rev. Charles Fuller			<del>                                     </del>	
	Rev. J.C. Grimsley		1		
	Rev. Dallas Short			X	X
······································	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	X
	Rev. A.G. Windham			1	
	Rev. Ruble Youngblood	X	X	X	X

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### We Honor those who have gone before us.

#### Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist

Sister Meatrice Boyd went to be with the Lord on September 6, 2014. She was a faithful church member and worker. She taught a Sunday School class until she was no longer physically able to do so. She loved to sing and sang in the choir and frequently sang solos and also duets with her husband. She was a faithful and loving wife, Mother and Grandmother. She was a blessing to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by her family, her church and her community. Survivors include her husband, Thomas "Buddy" Boyd; daughters, Cyndi Chastain, Therese Haynic, and Phyllis Brooks; sons, Tim Boyd and Joey Boyd; four sisters; one brother; eight grandchildren.

Sister Barbara Faye Arnold went to be with the Lord on February 17, 2014. She was a faithful church member and worker. She was an accomplished pianist and was church pianist from an early age until she was no longer physically able to do so. She played piano for the church quartet and several other music groups during her many years of service. She was a loving and faithful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a blessing to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by her family, her church and her community. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Arnold and two sons, Edward Arnold and Larry Arnold. Survivors include three daughters, Charlotte Logue, Sandra Arnold and Brenda Johnson; one son, John Arnold; thirteen grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren.

Brother A. G. Windham – He went home with the Lord on July 22, 2014. He was a faithful church member and minister of the Gospel. He pastored several churches in the Chattahoochee Association until he retired from pastoring. He continued to serve as a supply preacher as long as he was able. He was an active church worker and led singing at Mt. Olive. He was a loving and faithful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a blessing to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed by his family, his church and his community. Survivors include his wife, Florie Windham, one son, Martin Windham, two daughters, Phyllis Carpenter and Carlene Jennings; one brother, Ralph Windham; one sister, Mary Wilhoite; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

#### New Life Free Will Baptist

Brother Noah Teate – He went to his eternal rest on April 19, 2014. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

**Bobby Foster** – He went to his eternal rest on October 7, 2013. He will be missed by all who knew him.

#### Thomaston Free Will Baptist

Sister Joanne Bartlett Bevel – She went home to be with the Lord on January 17, 2014. She will be missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

#### **OBITUARIES**

We honor those who have gone before us.

#### Trinity Free Will Baptist

Brother James Mark Moncrief – We only knew Mark for a short time but our love for him ran deep. He was stricken with sickness shortly after giving his life to the Lord. He joined Trinity Church along with his wife, Angie, and daughter Grace. Together they served faithfully when health permitted until the Lord saw fit to take him home on February 4, 2014. He is greatly missed by his family and his church family but we know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Sister Juanita Gardner Wyatt – Sister Wyatt died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Christmas day, December 25, 2013. It was her wish to enter eternal rest on Christmas day and the Lord saw fit to take her home then. Sister Wyatt served the Lord, her husband Rev. Warren Wyatt, and the congregation at Trinity FWB Church for 30 years. She was a faithful member for several years after the passing of her husband until declining health caused her to move with family back to Alabama. She is survived by two daughters, one son, and numerous grandchildren. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

#### Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist

Sister Evelyn Robinson – Sister Evelyn Robinson went home to be with the Lord on May 10, 2014. She was a long-time member of Turner's Chapel FWB Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Brother Arnold Robinson. She enjoyed art and writing poetry. Her health failed here, but now she is home with the Lord! She is missed by her family and friends.

Sister Irene Robinson – She went home on July 6, 2014. She was a long time member of Turner's Chapel FWB Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Brother Edward Robinson. When her health failed here, she went home to be with the Lord in July of this year. She is missed by her family and friends.

#### 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 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 Baptist.

#### Article II

<u>Section I.</u> 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 the office will be three years rotating annually.

Members shall not serve consecutive terms.

Amended January 9, 2010

<u>Section III.</u> 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 delegates.

<u>Section IV.</u> 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. The amount can be changed by a majority vote of the convened body in any regular session.

Section VI. In order to pay the Chattahoochee Association annual representation fees for the Georgia State Association and National Association of Free Will Baptist each church each church

will be responsible to promote, receive, and forward the amounts delegated by the State and National Associations per church per year to the Clerk at, or before, the annual session.

#### Article III

Section I. Delegates will be elected to serve on Georgia State boards whose responsibility it will be to represent this body and to vote with the wishes of the Chattahoochee Association, not one's individual preference, to the greatest extent possible. These members will be elected to the terms designated by the State.

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 at each session.
- B. The Finance Committee is to be responsible for counting and verifying all representation fees.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee to audit the Clerk's records at each session and report the results to the body.

<u>Section III.</u> There shall be an Ordination Council made up of three men who explicitly meet the qualifications 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 years 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 of this Association. The Board will have its own Constitution and budget but will report to the Association. Amended July 10, 2010.

B. The Youth/Competition 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 be responsible for the successful operation of youth camps. The Director will adhere to all guidelines set forth 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 session.
- B. The Director's duties will include acquiring dates for state and national competitions and relaying them to the individual churches.
- C. The Director will promote and plan all District competition events, inform the churches of rule changes as he/she is advised from the state and national organizations.
- D. The <u>churches</u> will be responsible for obtaining guidelines from the National Youth Conference and for training the young people.
- E. All events will be done according to the guidelines published by the national organization under the title of <u>National youth Conference Competition Guidelines</u>.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

**Section I.** All officers, except board and committee members, shall be elected to 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 on 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 heh 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, businesslike manner according to the rules of Christian conduct as set forth in the New Testament.

Section VI. Any standing board of this District Association may appoint proxies to serve in lieu of the absent member.

#### **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