

***CHATTAHOOCHEE***  
***ASSOCIATION***  
***OF***  
***FREE WILL BAPTIST***  
***180<sup>th</sup>***  
***ANNUAL***  
***REPORT***  
***2015***

***REV. DALLAS SHORT***  
***MODERATOR***

***BILLY PATTERSON***  
***CLERK***

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OF  
2016-2017  
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**OCT 2018**

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**OCT 2016**

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335 Starling Road  
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**MARCH 2017**

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

| CHURCH   | PASTOR   | CLERK  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Bethany Free Will Baptist</b><br>1164 Pine Knot Road<br>Box Springs, Ga. 31801                            | <b>Rev. Ruble Youngblood</b><br>1164 Pine Knot Road<br>Box Springs, Ga. 31801<br>(229) 649- 7511 | <b>Martha Youngblood</b><br>1164 Pine Knot Road<br>Box Springs, Ga. 31801<br>(229) 649- 7511 |
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| <b>Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist</b><br>1258 Tommy Purvis Road<br>Reynolds, Ga. 31076                          |  | <b>Martin Windham</b><br>15 Larry Hinton Road<br>Reynolds, Ga. 31076<br>(478) 847-3335       |
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| <b>New Liberty Free Will Baptist</b><br>Tazewell, Ga.  | <b>Rev. Randy Lankford*</b><br>2360 SR271<br>Ellaville, Ga. 31806<br>(229) 938-4230              | <b>Perry Lunsford</b><br>P.O. Box 714<br>Ellaville, Ga. 31806<br>(229) 937-2488              |
| <b>New Life Free Will Baptist</b><br>Box Springs, Ga. 31801  | <b>Rev. Brian K. Fuller*</b><br>7540 Merrimac Circle<br>Upatoi, Ga. 31829<br>(706) 569-9921      | <b>Sara Anthony</b><br>1049 Sand Pit Road<br>Mauk, Ga. 31058<br>(706) 269-3839               |
| <b>Spring Hill Free Will Baptist</b><br>2818 Ga. Hwy. 127<br>Mauk, Ga.                                       | <b>Rev. Sam Allen*</b><br>2393 Ga. Hwy. 355<br>Buena Vista, Ga. 31803<br>(229) 649-3716          | <b>Sharon McAllister</b><br>2719 Ga. Hwy. 127<br>Mauk, Ga. 31058<br>(229) 649-7704           |

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## DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES (2)

| CHURCH   | PASTOR  | CLERK   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Trinity Free Will Baptist</b><br>1335 Hwy. 90 W.<br>Mauk, Ga. 31058<br><br>(478) 847-3493       | <b>Rev. Terry Tribble</b><br>P.O. Box 16<br>Mauk, Ga. 31058                           | <b>Alane Patterson</b><br>8 Lee Street<br>Reynolds, Ga. 31076<br>(478) 862-2745   |
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### LICENSED MINISTERS

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Mark Windham</b><br>21 A.G.Windham Road<br>Reynolds, GA. 31076<br>(478) 391-5283 | <b>Steven Bozeman</b><br>430 Joe Posey Road<br>Butler, Ga. 31006<br>(478) 391-1127 |
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### ACTIVE DEACONS

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Bethany</b>   |  |  |
| <b>First Thomaston</b><br>Herbert Salter   | 112 Sherwood Drive, Thomaston, Ga. 30286   | (706) 648-3622   |
| <b>Mount Olive</b><br>Joe Logue<br>Mark Windham<br>Ralph Windham                       | PO Box 714, Butler, Ga. 31006<br>21 A.G.Windham Road, Reynolds, Ga. 31076<br>1139 Hwy. 127E. Butler, Ga 31006  | (478) 847-2168<br>(478) 391-5283<br>(478) 862-3704                   |
| <b>New Beginning</b><br>Mike Armour  | 253 Saddle Trail, Box Springs, Ga. 31801   | (229) 649-2274   |
| <b>New Liberty</b><br>Elbert Streetman   | Bridges Store Rd. Ellaville, Ga.31086  | (229) 937-2885   |
| <b>New Life</b><br>Dwight Smith  | 110 Governors Drive, Box Springs,Ga 31801  | (229) 649-7755   |
| <b>Spring Hill</b><br>Mark McAllister<br>Leonard Stubbs                                | 2818 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk Ga. 31058<br>2719 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk,Ga. 31058   | (229) 649-7704<br>(229) 649-3304                                     |
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## **2016 CALENDER OF EVENTS**

### **QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| January 9, 2016 | Trinity FWB        |
| April 9, 2016   | New Life FWB       |
| July 9, 2016    | Bethany FWB        |
| October 8, 2016 | Turners Chapel FWB |

### **STATE MEETING**

Colquitt , Ga. March 16-18

### **NATIONAL MEETING**

Kansas City, Mo. July 18-20

### **HOMEcomings**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| July 24, 2016      | Trinity   |
| September 18, 2016 | Mt. Olive |

### **REVIVALS**

Trinity Oct 17-19

### **YOUTH CAMP**

TBA

### **YOUTH RALLY**

TBA

### **Men's Breakfast**

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



## **FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2015**

### **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, 10, 2015 at Trinity FWB Church, Mauk, Georgia. Bro. Billy Patterson welcomed everyone and led in song. Rev. Dallas Short offered a prayer. Rev. Phil Bozeman called the meeting to order and brought devotion from Ephesians 6:10-13 and said we are fighting a spiritual battle but we are to keep standing with God's help.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

| <b>Church</b>   | <b>Delegates</b> | <b>Deacons</b> |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| First Thomaston | 0                | 0              |
| Bethany         | 0                | 0              |
| New Beginning   | 1                | 0              |
| New Liberty     | 3                | 0              |
| New Life        | 0                | 0              |
| Mt. Olive       | 0                | 0              |
| Spring Hill     | 0                | 0              |
| Trinity         | 3                | 0              |
| Turners Chapel  | 0                | 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 - Marilyn Smith  
Nominating Committee – Larry Starling  
Chris Guined  
Wayne Plyler

Minutes of the 179<sup>th</sup> annual session 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 Board – Rev. Phil Bozeman reported that there are currently 18 churches in Georgia without pastors and that Co-operative giving is down slightly but the Acts I:8 giving is up for the year.

State Mission Board – No report.

Board of Christian Education – Bro. Billy Patterson reported that they have not met; however, he reminded everyone of the upcoming retreats and dates as listed in the Promotional Bulletin.

Board of Trustees – no report.

State Board of Camping – Rev. Terry Tribble reported there will be a \$15 increase in Teen Camp fees. The state is continuing with its grants to the associations for Junior Camp. Adults are not allowed to post pictures of children at camp on the internet.

Ordaining Council - Rev. Dallas Short reported that the council examined Rev. James Shoemate and recommends that he be placed under the watch care of the Association for six (6 ) months.

Finance Committee

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| General Fund Balance | \$10,972.09 |
| Benevolence          | 7,844.44    |
| Youth Fund           | 2,065.82    |

**Received at this meeting:**

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Representation Fees | 320.00 |
| Offering            | 67.00  |
| Benevolence         | 215.00 |
| State/National      | 150.00 |

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

District Youth/Camp Director – no report.

District Youth Competition Director – no report.

Association Executive Committee - Bro. Billy Patterson reported on the meeting of the committee and made the following recommendation on behalf of the Executive Committee: Letter be sent to New Life advising that if their State/National dues in the amount of \$150 are not received on or before February 1, 2015 that they will no longer be recognized by the Chattahoochee, State, or National Free Will Baptist. Larry Starling made a motion to accept the recommendation, there was a second and the vote was unanimous  
Nominating Committee. – Bro. Larry Starling reported that the committee had met and offered the following for State board members:

State Camp Board – Rev. Terry Tribble  
State Board of Education – Rev. Phil Bozeman  
State Missions Board – Bro. Gerald Moore

Rex Robinson made a motion to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Unfinished Business –

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

Chris Guined made a motion that the association join other associations for Junior Camp. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. Tina Duncan is to contact the state concerning this.

Announcements – The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will resume the fourth Saturday of each month.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Terry Tribble read from Acts 11:26 noting that this was the first recording of believers being called Christians. The Bible defines a Christian as a forgiven, financing, forgiving, friendly, fearless, fighting, and finishing type person.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Phil Bozeman, Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

Approved: April 11, 2015

## **SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2015**

### **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 11, 2015 at First FWB Church, Thomaston, Georgia. Rev. Bucky Shoemate welcomed everyone and offered a prayer. Assistant Moderator Rev. Terry Tribble called the meeting to order and brought devotion from 1 John 4:7 reminding us of God's love and instruction to us to love one another .

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

| <b>Church</b>   | <b>Delegates</b> | <b>Deacons</b> |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| First Thomaston | 0                | 0              |
| Bethany         | 0                | 0              |
| New Beginning   | 0                | 0              |
| New Liberty     | 0                | 0              |
| New Life        | 0                | 0              |
| Mt. Olive       | 0                | 0              |
| Spring Hill     | 0                | 0              |
| Trinity         | 3                | 0              |
| Turners Chapel  | 0                | 2              |

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 – Marilyn Smith

Minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Prior to the recess an offering was received and prayer was held for various churches and for Moderator Bozeman who was absent due to sickness.

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

State Executive Committee –Bro. Billy Patterson read a report on behalf of Rev. Phil Bozeman and reported that cooperative giving is slightly down but Acts I:8 giving is up state wide. We still have sixteen churches without pastors and international missions are still struggling financially.

State Mission Board – No Report.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Trustees – No report.

State Board of Camping – Rev. Terry Tribble reported that Teen Camp will be May 31 – June 5<sup>th</sup> and all camp workers must have a background check done through the state office.

Finance Committee

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| General Fund Balance | \$10, 292.39 |
| Benevolence          | 7,759.44     |
| Youth Fund           | 2,065.82     |

Received at this meeting:

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Representation Fees | 280.00 |
| Offering            | 60.00  |
| Benevolence         | 95.00  |

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

District Youth/Camp Director – No report.

District Youth Competition Director – Sis. Kaye Jackson reported that there was not enough interest to compete locally but National Competition will be July 19-22, 2015.

Unfinished Business –  
There was none.

New Business –  
There was none.

Announcements – Various announcements were given by churches concerning upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Bucky Shoemate read from Jeremiah 18 and reminded us that God's word is the most important part of our life. It is new every day. He especially reminded pastors of the concept of active prayers and passive prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Terry Tribble, Assistant Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

Approved: July 11, 2015

### **THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2015**

#### **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 11, 2015 at Bethany FWB Church, Box Springs, Georgia. Rev. Ruble Youngblood welcomed everyone and Bro. Billy Patterson led in song. Rev. Ruble Youngblood offered a prayer. Rev. Phil Bozeman called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from Nehemiah 8:1. “The ears of the people were attentive to the law of the Lord”. People today don’t want to hear the word of God, but the Word has not changed and we need to always keep our ears attentive to the Word.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

| <b>Church</b>   | <b>Delegates</b> | <b>Deacons</b> |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| First Thomaston | 0                | 0              |
| Bethany         | 0                | 0              |
| New Beginning   | 0                | 0              |
| New Liberty     | 3                | 0              |
| New Life        | 1                | 1              |
| Mt. Olive       | 0                | 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 – Chris Guined and Marilyn Smith

Nominating – Gerald Moore, Dallas Short, and Larry Starling

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.

State Mission Board – No report.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Trustees – No report.

State Board of Camping – No report .

Ordaining Council – Rev. Dallas Short made a motion that Rev. James “Bucky” Shoemate, of First Thomaston Church, be accepted into full fellowship of the Chattahoochee Association. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Finance Committee

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| General Fund Balance | \$10, 632.39 |
| Benevolence          | 7,554.44     |
| Youth Fund           | 2,065.82     |

**Received at this meeting:**

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Representation Fees | 280.00 |
| Offering            | 80.00  |
| Benevolence         | 75.00  |

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

District Youth/Camp Director – No report.

District Youth Competition Director – No report.

Unfinished Business –  
There was none.

New Business –

Bro. Billy Patterson made a motion that for the year 2015 that the association absorbs the cost of the national and state dues for each church. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.



Announcements – It was announced that the Association picnic will be hosted by Turners Chapel and they will determine a date in September and notify each church.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Ruble Youngblood read from Matthew 3:1-2 and said churches today are failing. We need to be telling others about Jesus, guiding them, and leading the way. We must do more than just be in attendance at church.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Phil Bozeman, Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

Approved : Oct. 10, 2015

## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY ANNUAL MEETING

### CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The 180<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 10, 2015 at Turner's Chapel FWB Church, Butler, Georgia. Moderator Phil Bozeman welcomed everyone and Sis. Lydia Bozeman led in song. Rev. Dallas Short offered a prayer. Rev. Phil Bozeman called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from Jeremiah 23:16 and reminded us that the attitude of God towards sin has not changed. We need to stand firm on God's word.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

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

Bro. Billy Patterson 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 – Marilyn Smith  
Temperance – Kaye Jackson and Chris Guined  
Sunday School- Marsha Starling and Sara Lunsford  
Obituaries – Lydia Bozeman

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 giving is down from last year for the Co-op, Acts I:8 and Designated. Total giving across the state is down six per cent and across our denomination. There are currently 14 churches without pastors and that there will be a change in speakers for the Seniors Retreat.

State Mission Board – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the Cartersville church that is rented has received a full year's rent. Teams were formed to investigate areas that need Free Will Baptist influence. The Board's continued prayer is for church revitalization.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Trustees – No report.

State Board of Camping – No report .

Ordaining Council – Rev. Dallas Short recommended that Stephen Bozeman's license be extended for another year. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Association Executive Committee – Billy Patterson reported that the committee had met and recommended at this time that the Association Picnic be discontinued due to lack of participation. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

#### Finance Committee

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| General Fund Balance | \$11,032.39 |
| Benevolence          | 7,649.44    |
| Youth Fund           | 2,065.82    |

Received at this meeting:

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Representation Fees | 320.00  |
| Offering            | 74.00   |
| Benevolence         | 1425.00 |
| National Fees       | .00     |

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

Nominating Committee – They recommended the following:

Moderator – Rev. Dallas Short  
Assistant Moderator – Rev. Phil Bozeman  
Clerk/Treasurer – Bro. Billy Patterson  
Assistant Clerk – Sis. Alane Patterson  
Executive Committee – Bro. Larry Starling  
Ordaining Council – Rev. Terry Tribble and Rev. Phil Bozeman  
District Youth Competition – Sis. Kaye Jackson  
Youth/Camp Director – Sis. Marsha Starling  
Finance Committee – Bro. Rex Robinson and Sis. Stephanie Smith

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

District Youth/Camp Director – No report.

District Youth Competition Director – No report.

Temperance – Sis. Kaye Jackson reported that in today's world Christians are being persecuted for holding Godly values. In spite of this we need to stand firm boldly on God's word but with tempered actions. I Cor. 16:13-14 "watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love."

Sunday School – Sis. Marsha Starling reminded us that we need to encourage those attending church and not Sunday School to come and participate in Sunday School. We need to talk with those who don't attend or have quit coming and encourage them to join us.

Obituary - Sis. Marsha Starling 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. Bro. Perry Lunsford led in prayer.

Unfinished Business –  
There was none.

New Business –  
The Quarterly meetings for 2016 were set as follows:  
First Quarterly Meeting – January 9, 2016 – Trinity FWB Church  
Second Quarterly Meeting – April 9, 2016- New Life FWB Church  
Third Quarterly Meeting – July 9, 2016 – Bethany FWB Church  
Annual Meeting – October 8, 2016 – Turner's Chapel FWB Church

Rev. Phil Bozeman read from Genesis 22 and Acts 2:42-47 and titled his message "Milk A Bear". It requires conviction, commitment, and cooperation to milk a bear and these are also required in the work of God.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Phil Bozeman, Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

Approved :- \_\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL 2015  
OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, MINISTERS

| <b>OFFICERS</b>      |                       | JAN | APR | JUL | OCT |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Moderator            | Rev. Phil Bozeman     | 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   |
| <b>COMMITTEE'S</b>   |                       |     |     |     |     |
| Executive            | Bro.                  |     |     |     |     |
|                      | Rev. Ruble Youngblood | X   | X   | X   | X   |
|                      | Bro. Jesse Carroll    | X   | X   |     |     |
| Ordaining            | Rev. Dallas Short     | X   | X   | X   | X   |
|                      | Rev. Ruble Youngblood | X   | X   | X   | X   |
|                      |                       |     |     |     |     |
| Youth/Camp Dir.      | Sis. Tina Duncan      |     |     |     |     |
| Youth Compt. Dir.    | Sis. Kaye Jackson     | X   | X   | X   | X   |
| Finance              | Bro. Rex Robinson     | X   | X   |     | X   |
|                      | Sis. Stephanie Smith  |     |     |     |     |
| <b>STATE BOARD'S</b> |                       |     |     |     |     |
| Christian Ed.        | Rev. Phil Bozeman     | 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   |
|                      | <b>MINISTERS</b>      |     |     |     |     |
|                      | Rev. Phil Bozeman     | X   |     | X   | X   |
|                      | Rev. James Shoemate   |     | X   | X   |     |
|                      | Rev. Dallas Short     | X   | X   | X   | X   |
|                      | Rev. Terry Tribble    | X   | X   | X   | X   |
|                      | Rev. Ruble Youngblood | X   | X   | X   | X   |
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## OBITUARIES

*We Honor those who have gone before us.*

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

**Sister Jackie Getrum** born May 30, 1950 went to be with the Lord on April 16, 2015. She was a faithful church member and worker. Mt. Olive will sorely miss her friendly presence and warm smile. Her leaving leaves an empty place in the hearts of all who knew her. We look forward to seeing her again.

**Sister Berta Arnold** born April 5, 1932 went to be with the Lord on March 22, 2015. She was a dedicated church member and attended church regularly even in her declining health. She is missed by her church family, relatives and friends. We believe our loss is heaven's gain. We look forward to seeing her again.

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

**Sister Shirley Diane Short** born November 10, 1951 went to be with the Lord on January 24, 2015. She was the loving wife of Rev. Dallas Short. She left behind three daughters, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild. She was loved by all and will be truly missed.

### **New Life Free Will Baptist**

**Brother Otis Richard Anthony** born November 12, 1942 went to be with the Lord on May 21, 2015. There was rejoicing on the Streets of Gold as Brother Richard stepped into the presence of the Lord and his friends and family that had gone on before especially his daughter Angie. Richard will be sorely missed by family and friends of New Life Church where he served as deacon for 52 years.

**Brother Billy F. Stubbs** born June 13, 1949 went to be with the Lord on October 6, 2015. New Life Church will surely miss a lifelong member. He was a faithful member his entire life.

### **Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist**

**Brother Walter Lick** born February 18, 1925 went to be with the Lord on June 23, 2015. He was a beloved member of Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Due to his health condition, he moved to the Atlanta area to be nearer his family and doctors just two or three years ago. We missed him here when he left, but God called him home so we know we will see him again one day in Glory.

**Brother Clifford Swain** born April 7, 1935 went to be with the Lord on May 26, 2015. He was a beloved member of Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. In the last few years various health issues weakened the body, but he remained strong in spirit. Though we miss him here we know we will see him again in heaven.

**Brother Paul D. Robinson** born May 22, 1934 went to be with the Lord on August 5, 2015. He was a beloved member of Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He passed at his residence after a short battle with cancer. He is missed by all who knew him.

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## **Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Obituaries continued**

**Brother Charles Edward "Eddie" Swaney** born August 15, 1938 went to be with the Lord on November 15, 2014. Brother Eddie was a beloved member of Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He was a trustee and head usher for many years. He was called home to be with God after a very short illness. He is missed by all.

**Brother David H. Spillers** born May 6, 1947 went to be with the Lord on April 7, 2015. He was a beloved member of Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He was a Sunday school teacher, trustee and usher for many years. He was called to be with God after a very lengthy illness. Even though we miss him, we know he is in a better place.

# ***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**

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 the 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 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. 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.

Section III. 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/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 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 churches 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 National youth Conference Competition Guidelines.

## **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 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 , 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*