

**CHATTAHOOCHEE**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**181<sup>st</sup>**  
**ANNUAL**  
**REPORT**  
**2016**

**REV. DALLAS SHORT**  
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| 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>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. 31058                                 | <b>Rev. Sam Allen *</b><br>2393 Ga. Hwy. 355<br>Buena Vista, Ga. 31803<br>( 229 )649-3716        | <b>Sharon McAllister</b><br>2818 Ga. Hwy. 127<br>Mauk, Ga. 31058<br>(229) 649-7704           |
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\*Not ordained by CAFB

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES (2)

| CHURCH   | PASTOR  | CLERK   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist</b><br>911 Roberta Hwy.<br>Butler, GA. 31006<br>(478) 862-3828 | <b>Rev. Phil Bozeman</b><br>430 Joe Posey Road<br>Butler, GA. 31006<br>(478) 862-3365 | <b>Vicky Spillers</b><br>869 Old Wire Road<br>Butler, GA. 31006<br>(478) 847-2276 |
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| Mark Windham<br>21 A.G.Windham Road<br>Reynolds, GA. 31076<br>(478)391-5283                        | Steven Bozeman<br>430 Joe Posey Road<br>Butler, Ga. 31006<br>(478) 391-1127           | Thomas (Buddy) Boyd<br>277 Black Creek Trail<br>Mauk, Ga. 31058<br>(478) 862-3351 |

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES (3)

### ACTIVE DEACONS

#### Bethany

##### First Thomaston

|                |   |                |
|----------------|---|----------------|
| Herbert Salter | 112 Sherwood Drive, Thomaston, Ga.30286       | (706) 648-3622 |
| Tim Salter     | 4131 Jeff Davis Rd. Thomaston, Ga. 30286..... | (706) 647-1236 |
| Marty Hammock  | 386 Willingham Springs Rd. Thomaston,Ga30286- | (706)648-6214  |

##### Mount Olive

|               |  |                |
|---------------|--|----------------|
| Joe Logue     | PO Box 714, Butler, Ga. 31006            | (478) 847-2168 |
| Mark Windham  | 21 A.G.Windham Road, Reynolds, Ga. 31076 | (478) 391-5283 |
| Ralph Windham | 1139 Hwy. 127E. Butler, Ga 31006         | (478) 862-3704 |

##### New Beginning

|             |  |                |
|-------------|--|----------------|
| Mike Armour | 253 Saddle Trail, Box Springs, Ga. 31801 | (229) 649-8158 |
|-------------|--|----------------|

##### New Liberty

|                  |  |                |
|------------------|--|----------------|
| Elbert Streetman | 1540 Bridges Store Rd. Ellaville, Ga.31086 | (229) 937-2885 |
|------------------|--|----------------|

##### New Life

|              |   |               |
|--------------|---|---------------|
| Dwight Smith | 110 Governors Drive, Box Springs,Ga 31801 | (229)649-7755 |
|--------------|---|---------------|

##### Spring Hill

|                 |                                  |                |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mark McAllister | 2818 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk Ga. 31058 | (229 )649-7704 |
| Leonard Stubbs  | 2719 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk,Ga. 31058 | (229) 649-3304 |

##### Trinity

|             |                                 |               |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| David Welch | 204 Welch Road ,Mauk, Ga. 31058 | (478)862-5976 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|

##### Turners Chapel

|               |                                       |                |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Jesse Carroll | 155 Dillon Road, Butler, Ga. 31006    | (478) 862-5880 |
| Gerald Moore  | 4 Fickling Mill Rd. Butler, Ga. 31006 | (478)214-3880  |
| Rex Robinson  | 1137 Roberta Hwy. Butler, Ga.31006    | (478) 862-3947 |
| Chris Guined  | 1427 Roberta Hwy. Butler, Ga. 31006   | (478) 951-2148 |

## **2017 CALENDER OF EVENTS**

### **QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| January 14, 2017 | Trinity FWB         |
| April 8, 2017    | First Thomaston FWB |
| July 8, 2017     | New Beginnings FWB  |
| October 7, 2017  | Turners Chapel FWB  |

### **STATE MEETING**

March 15 – 17, 2017 First FWB Columbus

### **NATIONAL MEETING**

July 16 – 19, 2017 Louisville, Ky.

### **HOMECOMINGS**

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| July 23, 2017      | Trinity        |
| August 6,2017      | Turners Chapel |
| August 20,2017     | New Liberty    |
| September 17, 2017 | Mt. Olive      |
| September 24,2017  | Thomaston      |

### **Men's Breakfast**

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



## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2016

### 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 9, 2016 at Trinity FWB Church, Mauk, Georgia. Bro. Billy Patterson led the congregation in song. Rev. Dallas Short welcomed everyone and Rev. Randy Lankford led in prayer. Rev. Dallas Short called the meeting to order and brought a devotion from John 3:16 and reminded us that God said "love one another" as love never fails.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

| Church          | Delegates | Deacons |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| First Thomaston | 2         | 0       |
| Bethany         | 0         | 0       |
| New Beginning   | 1         | 0       |
| New Liberty     | 4         | 0       |
| New Life        | 0         | 1       |
| Mt. Olive       | 0         | 0       |
| Spring Hill     | 0         | 0       |
| Trinity         | 3         | 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 – Rev. Dwight Smith

Minutes of the 180<sup>h</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 attended for the moderator who reported that giving in Georgia continues to be down. International missions is \$600,000 under budget. The state is making some accounting changes and appreciates the support and encourages all churches to participate. There are 14 churches in Georgia without pastors.

State Mission Board – no report.

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 | \$10,692.80 |
| Benevolence          | 8,204.35    |
| Youth Fund           | 2,065.82    |

Received at this meeting:

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Representation Fees | 360.00 |
| Offering            | 76.77  |
| Benevolence         | 100.00 |
| State/National      | .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 – Sis. Marsha Starling reminded churches that she needs the names and contact numbers of the youth representative for each church.

District Youth Competition Director – no report.

Association Executive Committee - no report.

Nominating Committee. – no report.

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business – The clerk reported that not all churches are submitting to him the information that is requested by the State and National Associations. It is impossible for him to submit this information accurately without all churches reporting. This information is compiled by the clerk and sent to the State and National Association to be used for statistical information of the Free Will Baptist. The clerk asked if the association wished to participate and the moderator responded that an answer will be given at the April Associational meeting.

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

The moderator thanked everyone for attending the meeting and to Trinity for hosting the meeting today.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Terry Tribble read from Matthew 25:21 noting that we don’t just come faithfully to the Lord. We must remain faithful to the Lord every day and make the word of God a part of our life. He presented seven items that we must do to remain faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dallas Short

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

Approved: 9 APR 16

## SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2016

### 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 9, 2016 at New Life FWB Church, Mauk, Georgia. Rev. Brian Fuller welcomed everyone and Rev. Ruble Youngblood offered a prayer. Moderator Rev. Dallas Short called the meeting to order and brought devotion from Genesis 1:1 reminding us that without God we would have nothing and even all modern inventions come from God not man.

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        | 0         | 1       |
| Mt. Olive       | 0         | 0       |
| Spring Hill     | 0         | 0       |
| Trinity         | 4         | 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 – Rev. Brian Fuller and Rev. Randy Langford

Minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Prior to the recess an offering was received and prayer was offered.

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

State Executive Committee – Rev. Dallas Short reported that the budgets have been approved and included a 2% pay increase for the office staff and executive director. There are currently fourteen churches without pastors.

State Mission Board – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the board met at the State Association meeting in March and decided to use funds dedicated to the Tifton area to plant a church there. Mission Board requests prayer for a successful plant.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Trustees – No report.

State Board of Camping – No report.

Ordaining Council – Rev. Terry Tribble reported that Bro. Randy Lankford was examined on March 22, 2016 and all was found to be in order. The council recommends that Bro. Randy Lankford be licensed and put under the watch care of the association for one year. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Finance Committee

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| General Fund Balance | \$9,687.90 |
| Benevolence          | 7,854.35   |
| Youth Fund           | 2,065.82   |

Received at this meeting:

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Representation Fees | 320.00 |
| Offering            | 153.00 |
| Benevolence         | 100.00 |

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 – Sis. Marsha Starling reported that the Youth Camp committee met and has submitted plans for a two day camp called “One Way Café”. The tentative date is June 16 and 17 with a fee of \$10.00 per child to cover cost of tee shirts.

District Youth Competition Director – No report.

Unfinished Business –

The clerk reminded the association there was a question pending concerning churches properly reporting information for the annual report and state/national reports. After the attending churches responded positively, Bro. Dwight Smith made a motion that all churches should report the requested information. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

New Business –

Rev. Dallas Short presented a certificate of license to Rev. Randy Langford at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Dwight Smith read from Psalm 100:3 and reminded us that as Christians we are the sheep of His pasture. God uses us to be His shepherds to others in need. He concluded by asking "Have you let God use you lately?"

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dallas Short, Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

Approved: 9 JUL 16

### THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2016

#### 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 9, 2016 at New Beginning FWB Church, Box Springs, Georgia. Rev. Dallas Short welcomed everyone and Sister Stephanie Smith led in song. Rev. Phil Bozeman offered a prayer. Rev. Dallas Short called the meeting to order and brought devotion from Joshua 18:1-5. People today want to do things when they get around to it and not when God says.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

| Church          | Delegates | Deacons |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| First Thomaston | 0         | 0       |
| Bethany         | 0         | 0       |
| New Beginning   | 2         | 0       |
| New Liberty     | 4         | 0       |
| New Life        | 1         | 1       |
| 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 – Lavada Lankford

Nominating – Marilyn Smith and Mike Armour

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 – No report.

Finance Committee

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| General Fund Balance | \$10, 200.90 |
| Benevolence          | 7,504.35     |
| Youth Fund           | 2,444.74     |

Received at this meeting:

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Representation Fees | 280.00 |
| Offering            | 67.36  |
| Benevolence         | 125.00 |

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

Bro. Rex Robinson made a motion that the association absorb the cost of the National and State dues for each church for 2016. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

District Youth/Camp Director – Billy Patterson reported that 27 youth attended camp this year and financially it was a break even.

District Youth Competition Director – No report.

Unfinished Business –  
There was none.

New Business –

Bro. Billy Patterson reported that the Executive Committee had met and discussed the possibility of suspending the position of the Youth/Camp Director until such time as we have an increase in youth participation. Our youth may attend camps with other associations. This will be decided at the annual meeting in October.

The meeting was adjourned.



Following special music by Sister Stephanie Smith, Rev. Dallas Short read from Matthew 22:1-14 and said God has chosen us....have we made excuses? God will not accept our excuses.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dallas Short

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

Approved: 8 OCT 16

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIRST ANNUAL MEETING**  
**CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

The 181<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 9:30 a.m. on October 8, 2016 at Turner's Chapel FWB Church, Butler, Georgia. Assistant Moderator, Rev. Phil Bozeman welcomed everyone and a congregational song was had. Rev. Randy Lankford led in prayer and Bro. Bozeman brought devotion from Luke 6:43-45. He reminded us that a tree is known by the fruit it bears. Many today claim to be Christians but they are not bearing the fruit of Christ.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

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

Brother 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 – Gerald Moore, Delois Tribble, Jewel McDaniel  
Temperance – Pam Weldon, LaVada Lankford  
Sunday School – Jessie Carroll, Linda Weldon, Kaye Jackson

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 – 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 – No report.

Finance Committee –

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| General Fund Balance | \$10,628.26 |
| Benevolence          | 7,179.35    |
| Youth Fund           | 2,444.74    |

Received at this meeting:

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Representation Fees | 280.00   |
| Offering            | 57.00    |
| Benevolence         | 1,075.00 |
| National Fees       | 0        |

Brother Gerald Moore made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

District Youth Competition Director – Sister Kaye Jackson had no report however she stated that churches with children wishing to participate should notify her. State participants must be determined and registered by April.

Nominating Committee – They recommended the following:

Executive Committee – Rev. Terry Tribble and Bro. Chris Guined  
Ordaining Council – Rev. Bucky Shoemate  
District Youth Competition Director – Sister Kaye Jackson  
Finance Committee – Bro. Rex Robinson, Sister Stephanie Smith  
State Board of Trustees – Rev. Dallas Short

Temperance – Sister LaVada Lankford stated that we as a nation, church, and individuals need to be tenacious in temperance. This would include our actions as a church and in all areas of our lives. We need prayer as a focus point to stay vigilant as prayer warriors in defense of our beliefs and relationship with our Lord.

Sunday School – Sister Kaye Jackson stated that Sunday School is a vital part of the church. Worship service is for evangelism, praise, and worship. Sunday School is more in-depth learning of how to live godly lives. Proverbs 1:7 states “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” What better place to learn than Sunday School.

Obituary – Rev. Phil Bozeman 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. Billy Patterson closed in prayer.

Association Executive Committee – Bro. Billy Patterson recommended the following:

1. That a benevolence committee be appointed to study and make recommendation on funding, disbursements, and qualification guidelines for this fund. The moderator appointed Rex Robinson and Pam Weldon to serve on this committee.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bro. Billy Patterson made a motion to suspend the Youth/Camp Director position until it is needed. Rev. Phil Bozeman seconded and the vote was unanimous.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Quarterly Meetings for 2017 were set as follows:

First Quarterly Meeting – January 14, 2017 – Trinity FWB Church  
Second Quarterly Meeting – April 8, 2017 – First Thomaston  
Third Quarterly Meeting – July 8, 2017 – New Beginning  
Annual Meeting – October 14, 2017 – Turners Chapel

A rising vote of thanks was given for the host church.

Special music was presented by Rev. Randy and Sis. LaVada Lankford.

Rev. Phil Bozeman read from Nehemiah 4:1-6 and said God’s work has always faced opposition and this will continue. God works through His people even in opposition. He reminded us that even though we face opposition we must not compromise on God’s word. We even face opposition within ourselves through fear, discouragement and lack of faith.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dallas Short, Moderator

Billy Patterson, Clerk

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

**CAFB ROLL CALL  
OFFICERS AND MINISTERS**

| <b>OFFICERS</b>      |                       | <b>JAN</b> | <b>APR</b> | <b>JUL</b> | <b>OCT</b> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Moderator            | Rev. Dallas Short     | X          | X          | X          | X          |
| Asst. Mod.           | Rev. Phil Bozeman     |            |            | X          | X          |
| Clerk                | Bro. Billy Patterson  | X          | X          | X          | X          |
| Asst. Clerk          | Sis. Alane Patterson  | X          | X          | X          | X          |
| <b>COMMITTEE'S</b>   |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Executive            | Rev. Ruble Youngblood | X          | X          | X          |            |
|                      | Bro. Jesse Carroll    |            | X          | X          | X          |
|                      | Bro. Larry Starling   |            | X          |            |            |
| Ordaining            | Rev. Ruble Youngblood | X          | X          | X          |            |
|                      | Rev. Terry Tribble    | X          | X          | X          | X          |
|                      | Rev. Phil Bozeman     |            |            | X          | X          |
| Youth/Camp Dir.      | Sis. Marsha Starling  | X          | X          |            |            |
| Youth Compt. Dir.    | Sis. Kaye Jackson     | X          | X          | X          | X          |
| Finance              | Bro. Rex Robinson     | X          | X          | X          |            |
|                      | Sis. Stephanie Smith  | X          |            | X          |            |
| <b>STATE BOARD'S</b> |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Christian Ed.        | Rev. Phil Bozeman     |            |            | X          | X          |
| Camping              | Rev. Terry Tribble    | X          | X          | X          | X          |
| Mission's            | Bro. Gerald Moore     | X          | X          |            | X          |
| Trustees             | Bro. Larry Starling   |            | X          |            |            |
|                      | <b>MINISTERS</b>      |            |            |            |            |
|                      | Rev. Phil Bozeman     |            |            | 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          |            |
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## **OBITUARIES**

*We Honor those who have gone before us.*

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

**Brother Jimmy Wilhoite** born January 19, 1944 went to be with the Lord August 29, 2016. He was a faithful church member and worker. Mt. Olive will sorely miss his friendly presence and warm smile. He served as a deacon for many years. He served as Sunday School Director and taught the adult Sunday School class for several years. Brother Jimmy had a quick wit and was a joy to be around. His leaving leaves an empty place in the hearts of all who knew him. We look forward to seeing him again.

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

**Rev. Julius C. Grimsley** born June 17, 1927 went to be with the Lord on October 18, 2015. He was a U. S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He retired from the Columbus Consolidated Government as the automotive superintendent. He then worked for several years as road superintendent for Schley County. He was a retired pastor in the Free Will Baptist Association and lovingly served as pastor of New Liberty Free Will Baptist church for approximately 25 years. He leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Mary Annette Grimsley, a daughter, a son, four grandchildren and other friends and relatives.

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

**Brother Larry J. Bell** born July 5, 1944 went to be with the Lord on January 9, 2016. Larry was a member of Trinity FWB Church where he was a deacon for several years. He was faithful in his daily walk with the Lord and always willing to lend a helping hand. He was a brick mason by trade and during his career he helped many people with this talent by giving of his time and experience to train others. He leaves behind a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, one sister, two brothers, and many friends to mourn his passing. All who knew him miss his presence in their life.

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

**Brother Jack Spell** went to be with the Lord on March 30, 2016. He was a faithful member of Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church until his health prevented it. He was a great asset to this church, always willing to help whenever possible and he will be greatly missed.

**Sister Sarah Posey** born November 4, 1931 went to be with the Lord on April 28, 2016. She was a past Sunday School teacher for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her family and her church family. She was a loyal, supportive member until her health made her unable to attend. She will be greatly missed.



**Brother Luther Spillers** went to be with the Lord on May 28, 2016. Brother Luther was a loyal and true member of Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He was Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He was very faithful in his attendance until his health would no longer allow him to come. He will be greatly missed.

**Sister Barbara Jean Wainwright** born November 2, 1958 went to be with the Lord on September 22, 2016. She was a valued member of Turner's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. She attended church and brought her niece and nephew as much as she could. She will be missed by all.

# **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*