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OF

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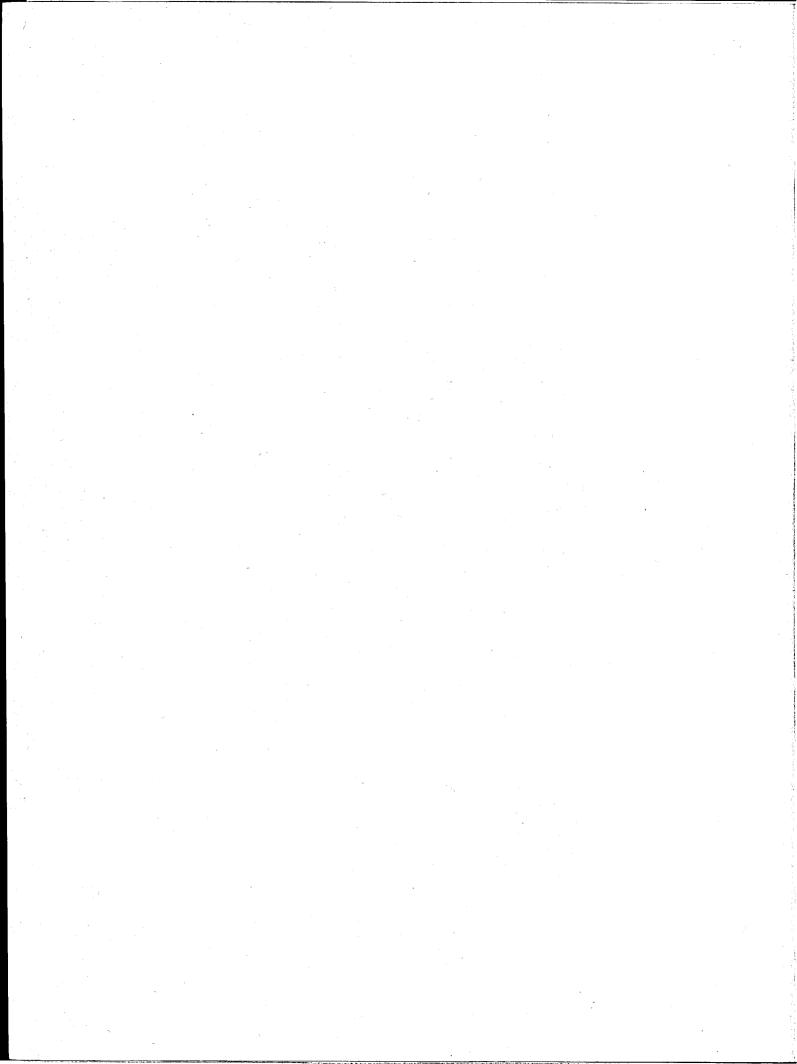
2018

REV. TERRY TRIBBLE

MODERATOR

BILLY PATTERSON

CLERK



2019 CALENDER OF EVENTS

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 13, 2019 April 14, 2019 July 14, 2019 October 13, 2019 Trinity FWB First Thomaston FWB New Beginning FWB Turners Chapel FWB Sunday @ 4:00pm

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday Jan. – Oct. Cotton Gin Café , Reynolds DIRECTORY OF 2019-2020 GENERAL OFFICERS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Moderator, Clerk and :

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BOARD OF CAMPING

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STATE MISSION BOARD

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STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 2019

MARCH 2021

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New Life Dwight Smith	110 Governors Drive, Box Springs,Ga 31801	(229)649-7755
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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 2018

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The first quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2018, at Trinity FWB Church, Mauk, Georgia. Bro. Kenny Robinson led the congregation in song. Rev. Terry Tribble welcomed everyone and led in prayer. Rev Tribble then introduced Bro. Jerry Weldon who brought devotion from Matthew 22:34. Jesus gave us two commandments and those were to "love God and love your neighbor".

Moderator Terry Tribble called the meeting to order and called for corresponding letters.

The clerk read the letters:

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

The 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. The State Executive Secretary, Rev. William Smith, was welcomed as a visitor.

Committees were strengthened or appointed as follows:

Finance - Sis. Pam Weldon

Minutes of the 182nd annual session were read. Bro. Rex Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

An offering was received at this time

STATE BOARD REPORTS:

<u>State Executive Committee</u> Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the Executive Committee had met in December and it was noted that co-operative giving for the first three quarters of 2017 was down. It was also reported that five churches have closed or left the denomination.

<u>State Mission Board</u> –Bro. Gerald Moore reported that they met in November and approved the purchase of electronic supplies from the Florida State Association A committee report was given on the updates to the Mission Board handbook. Shane and Jamie Suggs were approved to assist with the Tifton Church plant.

<u>Board of Christian Education</u> – Rev. Phil Bozeman reminded the association to check the promotional bulletin for dates of retreats and he encouraged attendance.

Board of Trustees – no report.

<u>State Board of Camping</u> – Rev. Tribble reported camp dates will be June 24-29, 2018 for Teen Camp, and July 1-4, 2018 for Jr. Camp. All camp workers must have a background check done through the state office.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$10,190.96
Benevolence	7,769.35
Youth Fund	2,089.74

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	320.00
Offering	91.00
Benevolence	100.00

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

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

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business –Bro. Billy Patterson reminded the body of an addendum to the annual meeting minutes whereby Rev. Tribble made a decision not to serve on the Executive Committee or State Board of Trustees. Article IV: Section III states that "vacancies on any of the boards between sessions may be filled by appointment of the moderator until the next business

session". Rev. Randy Langford was appointed to the Executive Committee and Rev. Dallas Short to the State Board of Trustees. Rev. Phil Bozeman made a motion that they continue to serve. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Following announcements the meeting was adjourned.

The evening worship service was begun by Rev. Terry Tribble introducing special singers and guest speaker, Rev. William Smith. Rev. Smith chose as his text John 13 and addressed the ordinance of foot washing. It teaches humility, the need for daily cleansing, and a servant type attitude. We were reminded that we are called to be servants and the higher we rise in the church the more of a servant we should become. Rev. Smith closed with prayer and an invitation to all to stay for the meal and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Terry Tribble

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk Approved:

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 2018

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The second quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 4:00 pm on Sunday April 8, 2018 at First Thomaston FWB Church, Thomaston, Georgia. Sister Elaine McHargue led in a song followed by a welcome and prayer by Bro. Tim Salter. Bro. Salter brought the devotion from Galations 3:26-27 and reminded us that the blood of Christ cleanses us all.

Moderator Rev. Terry Tribble called the meeting to order. The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
First Thomaston	1	2
Bethany	0	0
New Beginning	1	1
New Liberty	3	0
New Life	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 – Sis. Geraldine Taunton

Minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Prior to the short break an offering was received and prayer was offered.

The meeting reconvened with the following reports:

<u>State Executive Committee</u> – Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the committee met at the State Association and reported that total giving is up by 1.87% from last year and that there currently are twelve churches without pastors.

<u>State Mission Board</u> – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the board had met on March 5th. Church planter, Josh Bennett, presented a proposal to rent or purchase a building for the Tifton mission church. The board also met at the state meeting to review with Rev. Donnie Burke the pilot program in Gainesville.

Board of Christian Education - No report.

Board of Trustees - No report.

<u>State Board of Camping</u> – No report.

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$9,262.51
Benevolence	7,419.35
Youth Fund	2,098.74
Received at this meeting:	
Poprocontation Food	220.00

320.00
139.00
105.00

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

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

Old Business

Sis. Marsha Starling made a motion to continue with the Sunday afternoon meetings. Sis. Lisa Armour seconded and the vote was unanimous.

New Business

A committee consisting of Rev. Phil Bozeman, Rev. Randy Lankford, and Rev. Dallas Short was appointed to visit churches that have withdrawn and those not participating in the association business.

Clerk read a letter from Bethany FWB Church stating their desire to withdraw from the Chattahoochee Association and to replace Rev. Youngblood on any committees. Bro. Billy Patterson made a motion to accept their letter of withdrawal. Sis. Marilyn Smith seconded and the vote was unanimous. Moderator appointed Rev. Dallas Short to fill the vacancies on the Executive and Ordaining Committees until the next association meeting. Moderator appointed Rev. Dallas Short and Rev. Randy Lankford to serve on the Nominating Committee. New Beginning FWB Church volunteered to host the July meeting.

Following announcements the meeting was adjourned.

The evening worship service began with special music by Rev. and Mrs. Derrick Druy. Rev. Druy read from Psalm 22:3 and asked how do we get God's attention? He reminded us that we praise Him for what He has done, for answered prayers, for His promises, and for the Holy Spirit who helps us daily.

Following an inspirational message and prayer by Bro. Tim Salter he invited everyone to convene to the fellowship hall for the evening meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

Approved:

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING 2018

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The third quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 4:00 p.m. on July 8, 2018 at New Beginning FWB Church, Box Springs, Georgia. Rev. Dallas Short welcomed everyone and Sister Stephanie Smith led in song. Bro. Larry Starling offered a prayer. Bro. Mike Armour gave a devotion reading from the book of Samuel and said God's word still works today as it did then. Rev. Terry Tribble called the meeting to order..

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
First Thomaston	0	1
New Beginning	2	1
New Liberty	0	0
New Life	0	1
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.

Visitors Rev. Chris and Mrs. Linda Daniel were welcomed.

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 – Lisa Armour Nominating – Rev. Dallas Short, Bro. Chris Guined, Sis. Kay Jackson

Minutes of the Second Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Brian Fuller offered a prayer prior to receiving the offering.

<u>State Executive Committee</u> – No report.

<u>State Mission Board</u> – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that church planter Bro. Josh Bennett is working hard toward the launch date of August 19th as the establishment date for the church in Tifton, Georgia. They have held one service with 126 in attendance and one salvation. The

Gainesville revitalization project is continuing with success and Rev. Donnie Burk has a goal of re-launching that church in September.

Board of Christian Education –No report.

Board of Trustees – No report.

<u>State Board of Camping</u> – No report.

Following a short break the meeting reconvened with the following reports:

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$9,759.26
Benevolence	7,044.35
Youth Fund	2,098.74

Received at this meeting:

240.00
105.00
75.00

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

<u>District Youth Competition Director</u> Sis. Kay Jackson stated that there has been no involvement in the Youth Competition and she is asking the association to decide in October if this position needs to continue or be eliminated.

Unfinished Business –

Rev. Phil Bozeman reported that the committee has contacted two churches concerning their withdrawal from the association or lack of participation. This committee will continue to reach out to other churches.

Rev. Dallas Short made a motion on behalf of the nominating committee to appoint Rev. Dallas Short to fill unexpired terms of Rev. Ruble Youngblood on the Executive Committee and Ordaining Council. Rev. Phil Bozeman seconded and the vote was unanimous.

New Business -

Bro. Billy Patterson has been contacted by Gary Barefoot, Curator of the Free Will Baptists Historical Archives requesting copies of old association minutes. Many of these have been located and the clerk requested authorization to have copies made. Bro. Dwight Smith made a motion to proceed with this request. Rev. Dallas Short seconded and the vote was unanimous.

After several announcements the meeting was adjourned.

The worship service was opened by songs led by Sis. Stephanie Smith. Rev. Dallas Short introduced speaker Bro. Joseph Craigen. Bro. Craigen read from I Kings 3 and stated that if we ask God with a right heart He will give you more than you ask for. He then referred to James 4:3 and said "you ask and do not receive because you ask amiss". If we keep His word and stay under His wing His blessings will cause our cup to overflow.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Terry Tribble

Bro. Billy Patterson, Clerk

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The 183rd annual meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 4:00 pm. on October 14, 2018 at Turner's Chapel FWB Church, Butler, Georgia. Rev. Phil Bozeman welcomed everyone and a congregational song was had. Rev. Phil Bozeman led in prayer and Rev. Chris Daniel brought the devotion from Ephesians 1:3-4. He asked "why did God choose us?" He said it's because God loves us and took on all sins for us. As a result of this we are now a child of the King.

Moderator, Rev. Terry Tribble called the meeting to order and welcomed visitor Missionary Josh Bennett.

The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
Thomaston	0	1
New Beginning	1	1
New Liberty	3	0
New Life	0	0
Spring Hill	0	0
Trinity	3	0
Turners Chapel	3	3

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 – Ken Robinson Temperance – Marsha Starling, Lisa Armour Sunday School-- Jimmy Robinson, Jessie Carroll Obituaries – Dennis Santoro

Minutes of the Third Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

An offering was received and the following reports were presented:

<u>State Executive Committee</u> – Rev. Terry Tribble reported that they met in March at White Oaks FWB Church in Macon. The state meeting for 2019 will be March 20-22 at First FWB Savannah. Co-op giving is down, three churches in Georgia have closed, and there are thirteen churches without pastors. Beginning in 2019 the Executive Board will have a prayer retreat prior to the board meetings.

<u>State Mission Board</u> – Bro. Gerald Moore reported that they met in August devoting most of the time to discussing the revitalization project and updating the handbook. Rev. Donnie Burke has been called to the church in Albany. The Cartersville Church and property is in the process of being sold and Rev. Josh Bennett will present info on the Tifton during his presentation at this meeting today.

Board of Christian Education - No report.

Board of Trustees - No report.

<u>State Board of Camping</u> – No report.

At this time the association took a recess for committees to meet. Following the break the following reports were presented:

Ordaining Council

The ordaining council reported that they had met with Rev. Chris Daniel and found everything to be in order. Rev. Phil Bozeman made a motion to received Rev. Chris Daniel into full fellowship of the Chattahoochee Association. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Finance Committee -

General Fund Balance	\$10,061.01
Benevolence	6,669.35
Youth Fund	2,098.74

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fees	200.00
Offering	104.00
Benevolence	975.00

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

<u>District Youth Competition Director</u> – Sister Kaye Jackson reported in July that there had been no participation and asked the association to make a determination in October as to the disposition of this committee. Since there has been no interest from anyone since then she would recommend that the committee be dissolved.

<u>Nominating Committee</u> – Sis. Kaye Jackson on behalf of the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers. Rev. Phil Bozeman made a motion to elect the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Committee – Bro. Mike Armour Ordaining Council – Rev. Phil Bozeman Finance Committee – Bro. Rex Robinson, Sister Marilyn Smith District Youth Competition Director – Dissolve this position

<u>Temperance</u> - Sister Marsha Starling stated that we as Christians need to practice restraint when dealing with the hate of the world and God's people. We need to refrain from debating political issues and focus on God's word and His teachings.

<u>Sunday School</u> – Bro. Jessie Carroll stated that the teaching of God's word should begin in the home. Children learn by what they see and hear from their parents. Sunday School is the time of in-depth study of God's word where it is taught on individual levels such as age. We should attend Sunday School and encourage others to do so.

<u>Obituary</u> – Bro. Dennis Santoro 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 followed by prayer by Rev. Randy Lankford.

<u>Association Executive Committee</u> – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

As a result of the Youth Competition Director position being dissolved Clerk Billy Patterson asked about moving funds from the Youth account to the General fund. Following much discussion Sister Marsha Starling made a motion to move the money to the General Fund earmarked for children in the Chattahoochee Association to attend state camp. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A rising vote of thanks was given for the host church. Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned to enter the worship service.

Special music was presented by Bro. Ken Robinson.

Rev. Josh Bennett of the Tifton mission reported on the successes of the Tifton work. He then read from Acts 1:8 and said this is the foundational statement of the church. The mission of Jesus is simple: we are to be His witnesses. The gospel is for all people as Christ left the example.

After the message and prayer the congregation enjoyed a time of food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator

Billy Patterson, Clerk

Approved:_____

ATTENDANCE 2018 OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, MINISTERS

OFFICERS		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
Moderator	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	Х
Asst. Mod.	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X	Х	X	X
Clerk	Bro. Billy Patterson	Х	X	X	X
Asst. Clerk	Sis. Alane Patterson	X	Х	X	X
COMMITTEE'S	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Executive	Rev. Randy Lankford	X	X		X
	Bro. Chris Guined	X	X	X	
	Rev. Ruble Youngblood *	X			
Ordaining	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	Х
	Rev. Ruble Youngblood *	X			
	Rev. Randy Lankford	X	X		X
Youth/Camp Dir.					
Youth Compt. Dir.	Sis. Kaye Jackson	X	X	X	X
Finance	Bro. Rex Robinson	X	Х	X	X
	Sis. Marilyn Smith	X	Х	X	X
STATE BOARD'S					
Christian Ed.	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X	X		X
Camping	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	1	X
Mission's	Bro. Gerald Moore	X	X		X
Trustees	Rev. Dallas Short	X	X		Х
	MINISTERS	_			
	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X	X	X	X
	Rev. Randy Lankford	X	X		X
	Rev. Dallas Short	- X	X	X	X
	Rev. Terry Tribble	X	X	X	X
	Rev. Ruble Youngblood *	X			
	Rev. Chris Daniel	-			X
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*Left CAFB. Rev. Dallas Short replaced on committees

OBITUARIES

We Honor those who have gone before us.

First Free Will Baptist Thomaston

Brother Herbert Salter was born September 23, 1943 and departed this life on September 16, 2018. He joined the church and was baptized on April 17, 1964. He was ordained a deacon in 1969 and served in this position faithfully. He also served as Sunday school superintendent, music director, and Sunday school teacher for many years. He always had a positive attitude and worked tirelessly to support the church. He was diagnosed with MS in 1983 but continued to serve the church and His Lord until his death. He and his wife, Helen, were married for 54 years and she is a charter member of the church. In addition to this he was honored to stand beside his son when he was ordained as a deacon in 2015. His invaluable service to this church will be greatly missed.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church

Sister Peggy Gibb was born March 3, 1936 and went home to be with the Lord on February 27, 2018. After moving to Taylor County from Miami, Florida in 1967 she became an active person in the community and in the church. She was a loving mother, homemaker, farmer's wife, and faithful member of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. She taught canning and other classes for the University of Georgia Extension Service office in Taylor County and became Taylor County's first female county commissioner. In addition to all of this she was a faithful Sunday School Teacher for many years but she was never too busy to help someone in need. Above everything else she loved her Lord and served Him well. Rest in peace our dear sister.

Turners Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Sister Grace Robinson was born January 1, 1939 and went home to be with the Lord on May 3, 2018. She was a loyal member of Turner's Chapel Church even through her battle with cancer. She lost that battle this year but she surely won the race. She is missed by her family, friends and her church family but we can rest knowing that she is in God's presence now.

Brother Floyd Robinson was born August 9, 1936 and departed this life on May 27, 2018. He was a loyal member of Turner's Chapel Church for many years and will be greatly missed by his family, his church, and all who knew him.

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.

<u>Section II.</u> 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.

<u>Section V.</u> 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.

<u>Section VI.</u> 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

<u>Section 1.</u> 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.

<u>Section II.</u> 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.

<u>Section IV.</u> 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 <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 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, <u>before</u> 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 honorarium 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



