# CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTIST

185th
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 2020

REV. TERRY TRIBBLE MODERATOR

TIM SALTER CLERK

# **2021 CALENDER OF EVENTS**

# QUARTERLY MEETINGS 4:00 PM

January 10, 2021	Trinity FWBC
April 11, 2021	Thomaston FFWBC
July 11, 2021	New Beginnings FWBC
October 10, 2021	Turner's Chapel FWBC

# **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday January - October 8:00 AM at Turner's Chapel FWBC

# OF 2021-2022 GENERAL OFFICERS

**MODERATOR** 

OCT 2021

Rev. Terry Tribble

PO Box 16 Mauk, GA 31058 478-862-2745

**ASSISTANT MODERATOR** 

OCT 2021

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

**CLERK/TREASURER** 

Tim Salter 4131 Jeff Davis Rd. Thomaston, GA 30286

706-647-1236

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ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER

Rev. Chris Daniel 203 Poplar Street Thomaston, GA 30286 606-792-6165 OCT 2021

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Moderator, Clerk and:

Jesse Carroll

155 Dillon Road Butler, GA 31006 (478) 862-5880 OCT 2023

Mike Armour

253 Saddle Trail Road Box Springs, GA 31801 (229) 649-8158 **OCT 2021** 

**Rev. Randy Lankford** 

2360 SR 271 Ellaville, GA 31806 (229) 938-4230 OCT 2022

#### **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Rev. Chris Daniel 203 North Poplar Street Thomaston, GA 30286

OCT 2023

Rev. Phil Bozeman

(606) 792-6165

430 Joe Posey Road Butler, GA 31006 (478) 365-7506 OCT 2021

**Rev. Terry Tribble** 

PO Box 16 Mauk, GA 31058 (478) 862-2745 **OCT 2022** 

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Rex Robinson** 

1137 Roberta Hwy. Butler, GA 31006 (478) 862-3947 OCT 2023

**Marilyn Smith** 

143 Southern States Rd. Mauk, GA 31058 (478) 862-3958 **OCT 2023** 

#### STATE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

**MARCH 2021** 

#### **BOARD OF CAMPING**

Rev. Terry Tribble PO Box 16 Mauk, GA 31058 (478) 862-2745

**MARCH 2022** 

#### **STATE MISSION BOARD**

**Gerald Moore** 4 Flicking Mill Road Butler, GA 31006

**MARCH 2022** 

## **STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Rev. Dallas Short 249 Saddle Trail Road Box Springs, GA 31801 (229) 549-6041

**MARCH 2021** 

## **DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES**

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Thomaston FFWBC PO Box 302 146 Harp Road Thomaston, GA 30286 (706) 648-3834	Rev. Chris Daniel 203 Poplar Street Thomaston, GA 30286 (606) 792-6165	Elaine McHargue 2266 Rocky Bottom Road The Rock GA 30285 (706) 975-0391
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New Liberty FWBC 2993 Country Club Rd. Ellaville, GA 31806	Rev. Randy Lankford 2360 SR 271 Ellaville, GA 31806 (229) 938-4230	Perry Lunsford P.O. Box 714 Ellaville, GA 31806 (229) 937-2488
New Life FWBC Box Springs, GA 31801		Maci Hess 491 Sand Pit Road Mauk, GA 31058 (478) 837-6224
Spring Hill FWBC 2818 Ga. Hwy. 127 Mauk, GA 31058	Rev. Sam Allen * 2393 Ga. Hwy. 355 Buena Vista, GA 31803 (229) 649-3716	Sharon McAllister 2818 Ga. Hwy. 127 Mauk, GA 31058 (229) 649-7704
Trinity FWBC 1335 Hwy. 90 W. Mauk, GA 31058	Rev. Terry Tribble P.O. Box 16 Mauk, GA 31058 (478) 862-2745	Alane Patterson 8 Lee Street Reynolds, GA 31076 (478) 847-3493
Turner's Chapel FWBC 911 Roberta Hwy. Butler, GA 31006 (478) 862-3828	Rev. Phil Bozeman 430 Joe Posey Road Butler, GA 31006 (478) 365-7506	Betsy Mullins 1010 Tommy Purvis Jr. Rd. Reynolds, GA 31076 (478) 258-6695

<sup>\*</sup>Not ordained by CAFB

## **DIRECTORY OF ACTIVE DEACONS**

First Thomaston	
Tim Salter	4131 Jeff Davis Rd., Thomaston, GA 30286 Home: (706) 647-1235
	Cell: (706) 975-4852
Now Poginning	
New Beginning Mike Armour	253 Saddle Trail, Box Springs, GA 31801(229) 649-8158
WIRE ATTIOUT	233 Saudie Itali, box Springs, GA 31801(223) 043-0136
New Liberty	
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
Tom Wyrick	
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
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#### CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

#### FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2020

The First Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist was held on January 12, 2020, at Trinity FWBC. Brother Billy Patterson led the congregation in "Victory in Jesus". Moderator Rev. Terry Tribble welcomed everyone and Sister Josephine Welch opened with prayer. Moderator Rev. Terry Tribble introduced Brother Larry Starling who brought the devotion. Brother Starling spoke on Faith and the unseen and blessings of nature. We are to have faith in God and know that God is present in our lives.

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

The clerk read the letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
1. First Thomaston	0	· 1
2. New Beginning	2	1
3. New Liberty	4	0
4. New Life	0	0
5. Spring Hill	0	0
6. Trinity	3	1
7. Turner's Chapel	3	.3

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.

Committees were strengthened as follows:

Finance - Brett Johnson and Betsy Mullins

The Clerk read the minutes of the 184th Annual Meeting. Motion was made to approve the previous minutes and seconded. The vote was unanimous.

An offering was received.

#### **STATE BOARD REPORTS:**

State Executive Board – Rev. Terry Tribble reported that the board met on December 3, 2019 at White Oaks FWBC. Rev. Tribble reports that there are 102 FWB Churches in the State of Georgia and that 19 are without Pastors and 3 have closed their doors. Overall giving is up .38%. Acts 1:8 is up 1.9%, COOP is up 4.38%, designated giving is down 2.88%. Long time Secretary at the State Office, Rhonda Chandler has left the office and Debbie Griffin has been hired to fill her spot.

<u>State Mission Board</u> – Brother Gerald Moore reported that the board has not met, but will meet at the State Meeting. Brother Moore reported that he spoke with William Smith and that the Awaken Church in Tifton is growing in members. Prayers that God will continue to guide Brother Josh and Chris that God will continue to bless the Awaken Church.

Board of Christian Education - No report. Meeting on January 16 in Albany.

Board of Trustees - No report.

State Board of Camping – No report, waiting on date for meeting.

A short break was taken at this time.

#### **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Finance Committee**

General Fund Balance \$18,110.90

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fee > \$200.00
Offering \$134.00
Total Received \$334.00

Bro. Rex Robinson made a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

<u>Executive Committee</u> – No report. Will meet at Quarterly Meeting in April.

<u>Unfinished Business</u> – Meeting location for Third Quarterly Meeting. No decision was made and a motion was made to table the decision until the Second Quarterly Meeting in April. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

<u>New Business</u> – State Meeting being held on March 18-20, 2020 at FFWBC in Albany, GA. Men's Prayer Breakfast has been moved to Turner's Chapel. Turner's Chapel has turned off land line phone. Church number is now Rev. Bozeman's number (478-365-7506).

Motion was made to give authority to the Moderator to appoint delegates to the State Meeting. Motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Brother Dennis Santoro spoke on collecting clothing, school supplies, and toiletry items for needy families and children in DFCS care. Anyone interested are to contact Brother Dennis at Turner's Chapel FWBC.

Special Singing was brought by a group of ladies from Trinity. They wonderfully sang, "What A Day That Will Be".

Rev. Randy Lankford then brought the evening message from Isaiah Chapter 60. Rev. Lankford spoke on how the rising political culture and the state of the world is evidence of darkness and the enemy is rising. Rev. Lankford referenced the world as a kerosene lamp. The lamp burning requires maintenance and the burning causes the glass to become dirty and the light not to shine bright. Jesus is the light and we must maintain the lamp to allow it to shine bright for all the world to see. We must maintain our lives like unto a lamp so that our lives will shine as a beacon for others to see.

Brother Tribble thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting, Brother Moore dismissed the meeting and blessed the meal. Everyone then enjoyed a time of fellowship together.

Respectfully submitted

Moderator Rev. Terry Tribble **Clerk** Tim Salter

**APPROVED JULY 12, 2020** 

#### CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

#### **SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2020**

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist was canceled due to COVID-19 Virus. This decision was made after the Moderator, Rev. Terry Tribble, contacted each pastor and each agreed it was in the best interest of safety to cancel the meeting. The meeting was to be held at Thomaston FFWBC. Due to no meeting host for the July Meeting it was agreed upon that the July 2020 meeting would be held at Thomaston FFWBC on July 12, 2020. Moderator Rev. Terry Tribble requested that each church still send representation dues. A letter was prepared and mailed out to each church by the Clerk, Tim Salter.

\$200.00 in representation dues were received for the April Meeting.

A copy of the letter is made part of the minutes for the April Meeting.



#### CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST 1335 HIGHWAY 90 MAUK, GA 31058

MODERATOR REV. TERRY TRIBBLE CLERK BRO. TIM SALTER

April 1, 2020

Greetings Church Clerks! I hope you and your churches are all doing well. I wanted to notify each of you to let you know of changes to the April 2020 Quarterly Meeting. Moderator, Rev. Terry Tribble, contacted me on March 31, 2020. He has spoken with Pastors at each church and they have decided to postpone the April 19, 2020 meeting at First Free Will in Thomaston. This decision was made to protect the health of our members due to the current crisis our State and Nation is experiencing with the COVID-19 virus. The April meeting will be moved to the July 12, 2020 meeting. This meeting will be held at First Free Will Baptist in Thomaston at 4 PM. Quarterly dues are still due for April and will you please mail them to me at PO Box 302 Thomaston, Ga. 30286. I will be emailing this to each of you and sending a hard copy in the mail. I pray for each of you and your church during this time in our nation. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything.

Thank You!

Tim Salter, Clerk CAFWB

#### CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

#### **THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2020**

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist was held on July 12, 2020 at FFWBC in Thomaston. The meeting was opened by singing, "Child of the King." Moderator Rev. Terry Tribble welcomed everyone and Pastor Chris Daniel opened with prayer. Moderator Rev. Terry Tribble introduced Brother Tim Salter who brought the devotion. Brother Salter spoke about todays culture concerning the church and the need for church members to get back in church.

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

The clerk read the letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
1. First Thomaston	0	1
2. New Beginning	1	1
3. New Liberty	<b>3</b>	0
4. New Life	0	0
5. Spring Hill	0 -	0
6. Trinity	2	0
7. Turner's Chapel	0	0

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 part of the minutes. There were no visitors.

Committees were strengthened as follows:

Finance - Marilyn Smith, Delois Tribble

The Clerk read the minutes of the January Quarterly Meeting. There was no meeting in April 2020 due to COVID—19. Motion was made to approve the previous minutes and seconded by Marilyn Smith. The vote was unanimous.

An offering was then received.

#### **STATE BOARD REPORTS**

<u>State Executive Board</u> – No report, asked prayer for Sandra Bishop.

<u>State Mission Board</u> – No report.

Board of Christian Education - No report.

<u>Board of Trustees</u> – No report.

State Board of Camping – No report.

A short break was taken at this time.

#### **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Finance Committee

General Fund Balance \$17,339.06

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fee \$280.00
Offering \$64.00
Total Received \$334.00

Sister Marilyn Smith made a motion to accept Finance Report, the motion was seconded by Rev. Phil Bozeman. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Committee - No report.

<u>Unfinished Business</u> – None.

New Business - None.

It was mentioned that Trinity's Homecoming is July 26<sup>th</sup> and Turner's Chapel Homecoming is Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> with special singing by Trinity and guest speaker William Smith. July 25<sup>th</sup> is the Men's Prayer Breakfast, Clerk made note that he had received the Annual Report for the State Association and it was available for viewing.

Special Music was presented by Sister Lankford and she played the piano and sang, "Til' the Land".

Rev. Randy Lankford then brought the evening message from Matthew 13, 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1-7, and Amos 6. Rev. Lankford spoke of the parable of the wheat ant the tares. Rev. Lankford spoke of the enemy coming into the church sowing seeds of evil and it had been going on since the beginning of time. Jesus is coming to remove the tares. Today's church has been asleep too long and we are to trust in Jesus, he never fails.

Brother Tribble thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

**Moderator** Rev. Terry Tribble Clerk Tim Salter

APPROVED OCT. 11, 2020

#### ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

#### CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The 185<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist convened at 4:00 pm. on October 11, 2020 at Turner's Chapel FWB Church, Butler, Georgia. Rev. Phil Bozeman welcomed everyone. Billy and Alane Patterson began the meeting with the singing of "Victory in Jesus". Rev. Phil Bozeman led in prayer and brought the devotion from Daniel Chapter 1. Rev. Bozeman spoke on Daniel's stand for God and that he would not defile himself.

Moderator Rev. Terry Tribble called the meeting to order. Then Rev. Tribble had special prayer for Rev. Dallas Short with other Church Ministers present.

Moderator Rev. Terry Tribble then called for the corresponding letters. The clerk read the corresponding letters:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
1. First Thomaston	0	1
2. New Beginning	2	1
3. New Liberty	0	0
4. New Life	0	0
5. Spring Hill	0	0
6. Trinity	4	0
7. Turner's Chapel	3	3

Brother Tim Salter 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 – Betsy Mullins

Temperance – Jimmy Robinson, Brett Johnson

Sunday School – Alane Patterson, Delois Tribble

Obituaries – Lisa Armour, Jesse Carroll

Minutes of the Third Quarterly Meeting were read and motion was made to approve the minutes by Rev. Phil Bozeman. Marilyn Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

An offering was received, and the following reports were presented:

<u>State Executive Committee</u> – Has not met, but State Moderator William Smith advised that between January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2020 Covid-19 has effected the State. COOP giving is down 3.77%, Acts 1:8 is down 2.77%, but designated giving is up. Missionary Debbie Griffin is trying to get back to Japan, but is having VISA issues. 16 churches currently without pastors.

<u>State Mission Board</u> – No report.

Board of Christian Education - No report.

<u>Board of Trustees</u> – No report.

State Board of Camping - No report.

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

<u>Sunday School</u> – Sister Alane Patterson noted that Sunday School is a vital part of learning more about Christ. Helps to have a clearer understanding. It is vital for young children to learn and come to salvation. It is important for adults to discuss openly ideas in Sunday School.

<u>Temperance</u> – Brother Brett Johnson noted that we are to encourage people to come to church, understand the importance of meeting together and supporting each other. We are to witness and invite unchurched people to church to hear the word of God. We are to read and understand the word of God.

Obituary — Sister Lisa Armour read the Obituary of Donna Lou Williams, member of Trinity FWBC. She went home with the Lord on December 29, 2019. Sister Williams was born in Yuma, MI and was the youngest of 12 children. She was loved and spoiled by all her siblings and continued to be loved by everyone who knew her. In the winter of 1952 she met and fell in love with a dashing Air Force Sgt. who was the one and only love of her life. They had five children and she devoted her life to raising her children. The family moved from Michigan to Odessa, FL in 1966. And then retired to Mauk, GA in 1996. After moving to Mauk she later joined Trinity FWBC. She was dedicated to her church and God and was faithful in attendance and participating in any way she could until her health declined. She was indeed a loved and loving person and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

<u>Finance Committee</u> – Sister Marilyn Smith reported.

**General Fund Balance** 

\$17,288.86

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fee	\$160.00
Offering	\$150.00
Total Received	\$310.00

Sister Marilyn Smith made a motion to receive the report as presented. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

<u>Nominating Committee</u> – Brother Mike Armour on behalf of the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers.

Executive Committee – Brother Jesse Carroll
Ordaining Council – Rev. Chris Daniel
Finance Committee – Brother Rex Robinson, Sister Marilyn Smith

A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the Nominating committee. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

#### Old Business - None

<u>New Business</u> – Host Church's for 2021 Meetings. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, at Trinity FBWBC, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Thomaston FWBC, July 11<sup>th</sup> at New Beginnings FWBC and Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at Turner's Chapel FWBC. Men's Prayer Breakfast still 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month from January to October at Turner's Chapel.

Rev. Shane Suggs brought the message from Mark Chapter 1 v 1-11. He gave an update on the Tifton Church. They are coming up on their 2 year anniversary, they had 300 first time guest and 72 salvations this year. Rev. Suggs spoke on the state of the world and that no matter how dark the world is, the Gospel still shines through. Mark announced the good news of Christ and the only way to be a disciple is to confess your sins, commit to Christ, deny yourself and take up your cross and follow Jesus.

The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Phil Bozeman. Rev. Bozeman dismissed the meeting in prayer and blessed the food. We then enjoyed a time of food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,		
Rev. Terry Tribble, Moderator	Tim Salter, Clerk	
	Approved:	

# ATTENDANCE 2020 OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, MINISTERS

OFFICERS		JAN	APR	JUL	ост
Moderator	Rev. Terry Tribble	Х		Х	х
Asst. Mod.	Rev. Phil Bozeman	Х			Х
Clerk	Bro. Tim Salter	X		X	Х
Asst. Clerk	Rev. Chris Daniel	Х		Х	Х
COMMITTEE'S					
Executive	Rev. Randy Lankford	Х		Χ	Х
	Rev. Dallas Short	Х		Х	Х
	Bro. Mike Armour	Х		Х	Х
Ordaining	Rev. Dallas Short	Х		Х	Х
. !	Rev. Randy Lankford	Х		·X	Х
	Rev. Phil Bozeman	Х			Х
Youth/Camp Dir.					
Youth/Camp Dir.					
Finance	Bro. Rex Robinson	Х			
	Sis. Marilyn Smith			Х	Х
Christian Ed.	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X			Х
Camping	Rev. Terry Tribble	X		Х	х
Mission's	Bro. Gerald Moore	X			Х
Trustees	Bro. Dallas Short	Х		Х	Х
	MINISTERS				
	Rev. Phil Bozeman	Х	;	Х	Х
	Rev. Chris Daniel	X		Х	Х
	Rev. Randy Lankford	X		Х	
	Rev. Dallas Short	Х		Х	Х
	Rev. Terry Tribble	Х		Х	Х
	Rev. Sam Allen *				
	Rev. Brian Fuller*				

<sup>\*</sup> Not Ordained by CAFB

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### "We honor those who have gone before us."

#### **Donna Lou Williams (Trinity FWBC)**

Born: July 13, 1929 Gone Home: December 29, 2019

Donna Lou Williams was born in Yuma, MI on July 13, 1929 and was the youngest of 12 children. She was loved and spoiled by all her siblings and she continued to be loved by everyone who knew her. In the winter of 1952 she met, fell in love and married a dashing U. S. Air Force Sgt. who was the one and only love of her life. They had five children and she then devoted her life to raising her children. The family moved from MI to Odessa, FL in 1966 and then retired in Mauk, GA in 1996. After moving to Mauk she later joined Trinity FWB Church and was dedicated to her church and God by faithfully attending and participating in any way that she could until her declining health. She was indeed a loved and loving person and is greatly 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.

<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 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 I.</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> here 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* 

The office of Youth/ Camp Director shall remain vacant until the CAFB reinstates this position. *Amended 1/19* 

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

<u>Section V.</u> There shall be a Youth Competition Director. The office of Youth Competition shall remain vacant until the CAFB reinstates this position. Amended 1/19

- 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 National youth Conference Competition Guidelines.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

<u>Section I.</u> All officers, except board and committee members, shall be elected to a term of two years. The Moderator may succeed himself one term.

<u>Section II.</u> 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.

<u>Section III.</u> 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.

<u>Section V.</u> 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.

<u>Section VI.</u> 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. No travel reimbursement shall be allowed unless the CAFB in regular session approves such reimbursement for specific travel and at a specified rate.

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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.

<u>Section III.</u> 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. No travel reimbursement shall be allowed unless the CAFB in regular session approves such reimbursement for specific travel and at a specified rate.

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<u>Section IV.</u> 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**

<u>Section I.</u> 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.

#### 2006

#### Amendment 06-01

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

#### 2007

#### Amendment 07-01

The Youth Camp Director shall be elected for a term of three years. *Approved 10/07* 

#### 2010

#### Amendment 10-01

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 10-02

The Youth Director shall be elected for a term of three years and shall not serve consecutive terms.

Approved 1/10

#### Amendment 10-03

Article II, Section 2 to read: Members shall not serve consecutive terms.

Approved 1/10

#### Amendment 10-04

Article III, Section 3c to read: and shall not serve consecutive terms.

Approved 1/10

#### Amendment 10-05

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

#### 2019

#### Amendment 19-01

Article VI, Section I and Section III to remove the sentence: He also shall receive reimbursement for travel to all official meetings at a rate of twenty cents per mile.

Approved 1/19

#### Amendment 19-02

Article VI, Section I and Section III add: No travel reimbursement shall be allowed unless the CAFB in regular session approves such reimbursement for specific travel and at a specified rate.

Approved 1/19

#### Amendment 19-03

Article III, Section IV to add: The office of Youth/ Camp Director shall remain vacant until the CAFB reinstates this position. Section V to add: The office of Youth Competition shall remain vacant until the CAFB reinstates this position.

Approved 1/19

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