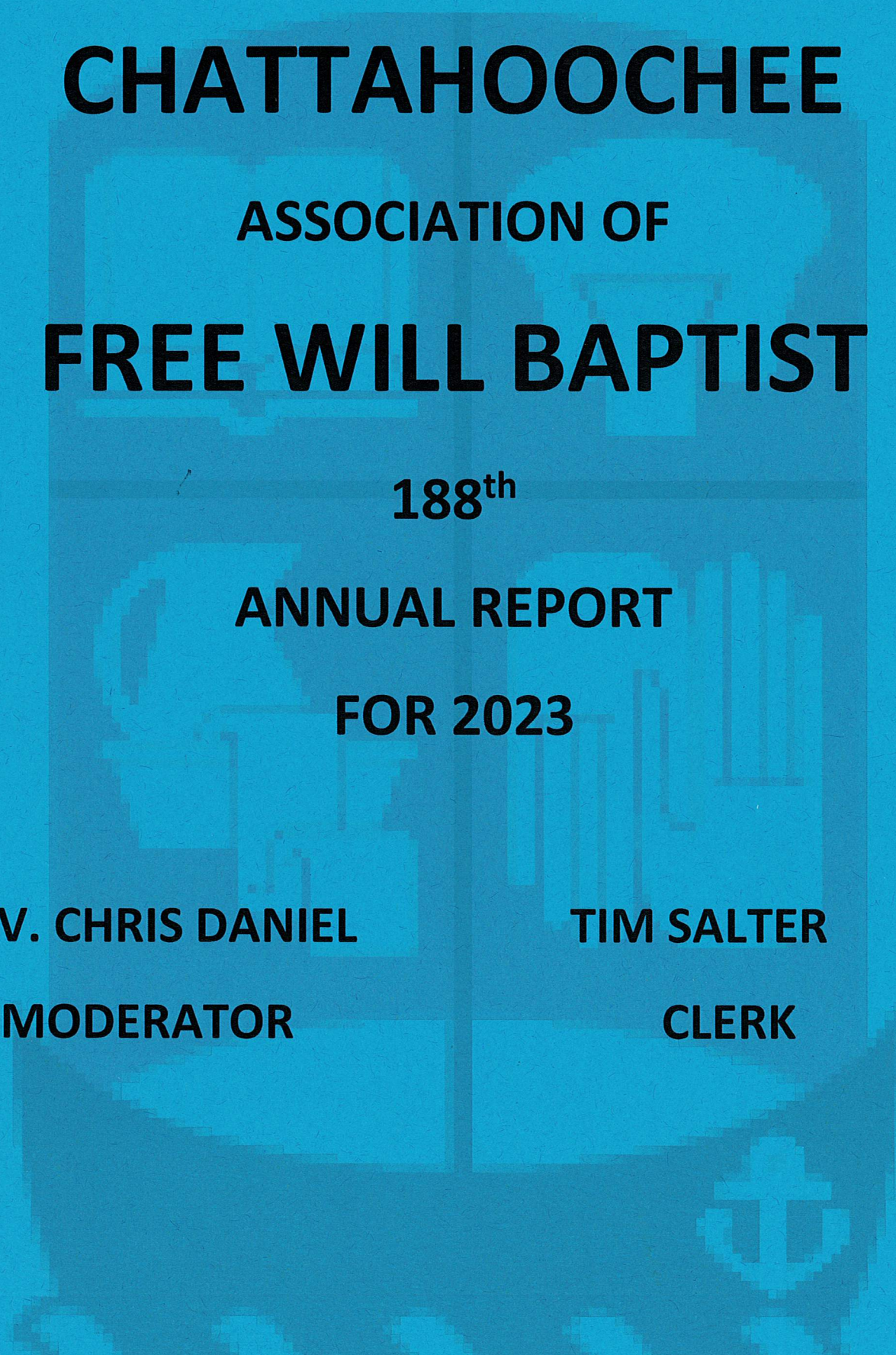




CHATTAHOOCHEE

ASSOCIATION OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

188th

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR 2023

REV. CHRIS DANIEL

MODERATOR

TIM SALTER

CLERK

RULES OF DECORUM

Any minister or delegate not abiding by these rules of decorum shall be corrected immediately by the Chattahoochee Association.

- A. This Conference shall be opened in singing and with prayer and closed with prayer.
- B. Only one person shall speak at a time and must rise to his feet to address the Moderator.
- C. Each person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech except by the Moderator, nor shall the Moderator interrupt unless he or she breaks order.
- D. Persons speaking shall adhere to the question and in no wise cast reflection on the person who spoke before them.
- E. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Moderator.
- F. Members shall address one another as Brother, Brethren, or Sister.
- G. Names of delegates of the Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association deems necessary.
- H. No person shall speak longer than five (5) minutes at a time without permission of the Moderator.
- I. The rights of the minority shall be respected.

2024 CALENDER OF EVENTS

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

4:00 PM

January 14, 2024: Trinity FWBC

April 14, 2024: Thomaston FFWBC

July 14, 20234: Turner's Chapel FWBC

October 13, 2024: Turner's Chapel FWBC

Men's Prayer Breakfast 4th Saturday January – October

8:00 AM at Turner's Chapel FWBC.

DIRECTORY
OF
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MODERATOR

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430 Joe Posey Road
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OCT 2025

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

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2360 SR 271
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CLERK/TREASURER

Tim Salter
4131 Jeff Davis Rd.
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706-647-1236

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ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER

Jessica Salter
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moderator, Clerk and:

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Brett Johnson
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OCT 2026

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Rev. Randy Lankford
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STATE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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MARCH 2025

BOARD OF CAMPING

(Vacant)

STATE MISSION BOARD

Gerald Moore

4 Fickling Mill Road

Butler, Ga. 31006

MARCH 2027

STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Billy Patterson

8 Lee Street

Reynolds, Ga. 31801

(478) 847-3493

MARCH 2025

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
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New Liberty FWBC 2993 Country Club Rd. Ellaville, Ga 31806	Rev. Randy Lankford 2360 SR271 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		Sharon McAllister 2818 Ga. Hwy. 127 Mauk, Ga. 31058 (229) 649-7704
Trinity FWBC 1335 Hwy. 90 W. Mauk, Ga. 31058	Rev. Ed Sandefur 603 Pine Street Elco, Ga. 31025 (478) 662-2301	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

*Not ordained by CAFB

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New Liberty

New Life

Spring Hill

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Leonard Stubbs 2719 Ga. Hwy 127, Mauk, Ga. 31058 (229) 649-3304

Tom Wyrick

Trinity

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Turners Chapel

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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

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2023

The first quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist was held January 8, 2023, at Trinity FWBC in Mauk, Ga. The meeting was opened by singing of "Everybody will be happy over there." Rev. Ed Sandefur welcomed everyone and opened with prayer. Bro. Rick Puente brought a devotion from a book his reading by Max Lucado. Bro. Rick spoke on the state of the world and what the coming of the Lord will be like.

Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel called the meeting to order and called for the Clerk to read the corresponding letters.

The Clerk read the letters:

CHURCH	DELEGATES	DEACONS
1. First Thomaston	0	1
2. New Beginning	0	0
3. New Liberty	3	0
4. New Life	0	0
5. Spring Hill	0	0
6. Trinity	2	0
7. Turner's Chapel	4	2

The Clerk made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded by Rev. Phill Bozeman, and the vote was unanimous.

There were no visitors.

Rolls of Officers and Committees were called by the Clerk and a copy is attached as part of the minutes.

Committees were strengthened as follows:

Finance: Rick Puente

The Clerk read the minutes of the October 2022 Annual Meeting. A Motion was made to approve the previous minutes by Rev. Phil Bozeman and was seconded by Sis. Marilyn Smith. The vote was unanimous.

An offering was then received.

STATE BOARD REPORTS

State Executive Board: No Report

State Mission Board: No report

Board of Christian Education: No report

Board of Trustees: No report

State Board of Camping: No Report

A short break was taken at this time.

After the break the Association Committees gave the following reports:

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$13,692.08
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Received at this meeting:

Representation Fee	\$ 160.00
Offering	\$ 94.00
Total Received	\$ 254.00

Brother Rick Puente read the financial report and made made a motion to accept Finance Report, the motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Committee: Clerk, Tim Salter advised the Association of the finances and that there are churches who are not paying quarterly dues. If the churches do not pay the dues, the finances of the association will continue to decline. The association currently pays the national dues for each church each year. It was discussed that the clerk would prepare a letter to send to each Pastor and Clerk to advise them to pay their quarterly dues

Old Business: Board of Camping is still vacant. Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel asked if anyone was still interested. There was no answer.

New Business: None

Announcements: Men's Prayer breakfast begins January 28, 2023 at 8:00 AM at Turner's Chapel.

Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Rev. Randy Lankford and seconded by Bro. Chris Guined. The vote was unanimous.

We then sang a congregational hymn of "Victory in Jesus."

Bro. Phil Bozeman then brought the evening message from Matthew 11: 28-30. Bro. Phil spoke on who Jesus was to the Jewish people and Jesus cares for everyone. There are three statements of love shown by Jesus, Come to me, Learn from me, and rest in me. We are to bring our burdens to God.

We then sang a dismissal hymn "Come unto me."

Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel thanked everyone for coming and dismissed the meeting with prayer. Everyone then enjoyed a time of food and fellowship

Respectfully submitted,

Moderator

Rev. Chris Daniel

Clerk

Tim Salter

Approved April 16, 2023

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2023

The second quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist was held April 16, 2023, at Thomaston FWBC in Thomaston, Ga. The meeting was opened by singing of "I would not be denied." Bro. Tim Salter welcomed everyone and opened with prayer. Rev. Chris Daniel brought a devotion on putting on the whole armor of God and that we needed to put it on more than ever today.

Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel called the meeting to order and called for the Clerk to read the corresponding letters.

The Clerk read the letters:

CHURCH	DELEGATES	DEACONS
1. First Thomaston	0	1
2. New Beginning	0	0
3. New Liberty	3	0
4. New Life	0	0
5. Spring Hill	0	0
6. Trinity	0	0
7. Turner's Chapel	2	1

The Clerk made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded by Rev. Phill Bozeman, and the vote was unanimous.

There were no visitors.

Rolls of Officers and Committees were called by the Clerk and a copy is attached as part of the minutes.

Committees were strengthened as follows:

Finance: Chris Guined and Jesse Carroll

The Clerk read the minutes of the January Quarterly Meeting. A Motion was made to approve the previous minutes by Rev. Randy Lankford and was seconded by Perry Lunsford. The vote was unanimous.

An offering was then received.

STATE BOARD REPORTS

State Executive Board: Rev. Chris Daniel reported information from the State Meeting. The budget of the State is set at \$825,000, Acts 1:8 giving was \$165,000, \$340,000 designated giving, \$320,000 COOP. Damascus Church given back to owner, 3% pay raise for William Smith, \$19.00 per hour for Secretary at State Office. 20 Churches with no pastors.

State Mission Board: No report

Board of Christian Education: No report all retreats cancelled.

Board of Trustees: No report

State Board of Camping: No Report, letter received about camp, Clerk read over letter.

A short break was taken at this time.

After the break the Association Committees gave the following reports:

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$12,948.83
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Received at this meeting:

Representation Fee	\$ 120.00
Offering	\$ 70.00
Total Received	\$ 190.00

Brother Chris Guined read the financial report and made a motion to accept the Finance Report, the motion was seconded by Rev. Phil Bozeman and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Committee: Clerk, Tim Salter reported on the letter that was to be sent to churches about dues. Upon research all churches were caught up on dues at year end 2022, but three had not sent dues for January and the letter would be sent out after April meeting to see if dues were sent.

Old Business: Board of Camping is still vacant. Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel asked if anyone was still interested. There was no answer.

New Business: None

Announcements: Next meeting July 9, 2023, at Turner's Chapel

Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Bro. Chris Guined and seconded by Rev. Randy Lankford The vote was unanimous.

Sister Lavada Lankford then brought special singing of the "The Love of God."

Rev. Randy Lankford brought the evening message from Luke 24: 34-35. Spoke on Jesus on the Road to Emmaus after his crucifixion. The disciples were shocked to see Jesus. Jesus invited them to come unto him so they would believe who he was. Jesus wants us to draw near to him every day. We should want to draw near to him ourselves so that we can hear Jesus and his will for our lives.

Sister Lavada Lankford then led us in singing of "He touched me."

Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel thanked everyone for coming and dismissed the meeting with prayer. Everyone then enjoyed a time of food and fellowship

Respectfully submitted

Moderator
Rev. Chris Daniel

Clerk
Tim Salter

Approved 7/9/23

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2023

The third quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist was held on July 09, 2023, at Turner's Chapel FWBC. The meeting was opened by singing of "This is my Story." Rev. Phil Bozeman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. Phil Bozeman gave a devotion from Isaiah 40 on how God knows what's best for us, he knows what is physically best for us, knows what's best for us in his sovereign plan and God is working his plan in our life.

Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel 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	0	1
3. New Liberty	3	0
4. New Life	0	0
5. Spring Hill	0	0
6. Trinity	4	0
7. Turner's Chapel	4	4

The Clerk made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded by Rev. Randy Lankford, 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.

Committees were strengthened as follows:

Finance: Rick Puente

The Clerk then read the minutes of the April Quarterly Meeting

Sis. Marsha Starling made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Sis. Marilyn Smith. The vote was unanimous.

An offering was then received.

STATE BOARD REPORTS

State Executive Board: NO REPORT

State Mission Board: NO REPORT

Board of Christian Education: NO REPORT

Board of Trustees: NO REPORT

State Board of Camping: NO REPORT

A short break was taken at this time.

After the break the Association Committees gave the following reports:

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance	\$12,578.83
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Received at this meeting:

Representation Fee	\$ 280.00
Offering	\$ 108.00
Total Received	\$ 388.00

Brother Rex Robinson made a motion to accept the Finance Report, the motion was seconded BY Bro. Billy Patterson and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Committee: Members discussed the churches in the association that are not participating and have not received recent dues from. It was discussed to make contact with those churches' clerks. Bro. Rick Puente made a motion for the Clerk to contact those churches clerks and the motion was seconded by Sis. Marilyn Smith

Old Business: Board of Camping is still vacant. No recommendations.

New Business: Nominating Committee to be created to fill expiring positions of the Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk, Asst. Clerk, one position on Executive Committee. Bro. Rex and Sis Marilyn terms expiring on Finance.

Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel then formed a Nominating Committee Bro, Brett Johnson, Bro. Mike Armour and Bro. Jesse Carroll. Bro. Brett Johnson was made chairperson of the committee.

Announcements: July 23 Trinty Homecoming, Segos Singing, August Homecoming at Turner's Chapel, Sis. Lisa Armour thanked the Assoc. for their prayers for Bro. Dallas during his time or injury.

Moderator Rev. Chris Daniel thanked everyone for coming and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rev. Randy Lankford made a motion, and it was seconded by Rev. Phil Bozeman.

Special Music was brought by the Trinity Trio. They sang "Getting ready to leave this world."

Rev. Dallas Short then brought a message from Matthew 24: 4-25. He spoke about being prepared for the return of Christ. Bro. Dallas then told us about his injury and recovery.

We then enjoyed a time of food and fellowship.

Moderator
Rev. Chris Daniel

Clerk
Tim Salter

Approved 10/8/23

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

188th ANNUAL MEETING

The 188th Annual Meeting of the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist was held on October 08, 2023, at Turner's Chapel FWBC. The meeting was opened by singing of "Come thou Fount." Brother Brett Johnson welcomed everyone and opened Rev. Phil Bozeman opened with prayer. Bro. Brett Johnson gave a devotion on the Prophets. We need men and women to spread God's word. We all have an impact on someone. Is the life we live an example of God.

Assistant Moderator Rev. Randy Lankford 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	3	0
4. New Life	0	0
5. Spring Hill	0	0
6. Trinity	2	0
7. Turner's Chapel	3	4

The Clerk made a motion to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded by Rev. Phil Bozeman, and the vote was unanimous.

Visitor Pastor Caleb Franks was welcomed.

Rolls of Officers and Committees were called by the Clerk and a copy is attached as part of the minutes.

Committees were strengthened as follows:

Finance: Bro. Cliff Carroll

Sunday School: Bro. Rick Puente and Bro. Brett Johnson

Temperance: Sis. Laurette Robinson and Sis. Lavada Lankford

Obituary: Sis. Lisa Armour and Bro. Mike Armour

The Clerk then read the minutes of the July Quarterly Meeting

Bro. Chris Guined made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Bro. Brett Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

An offering was then received.

STATE BOARD REPORTS

State Executive Board: Rev. Randy Lankford gave a report from the State Meeting. There has been an increase in overall giving, but a decrease in designated giving. The State had a good financial year. Pastor Caleb Franks was hired at the Awaken Church and will be the next church plant Pastor. 19 churches without pastors.

State Mission Board: Bro. Gerald Moore reported that the mission board met Sept. 21 at Awaken Church. The board voted to continue making rent payments for Awaken Church. Awaken Church is still growing and has begun two morning services. They hired Pastor Caleb Franks at a salary of \$42,000 to work at the church with a \$2500 start up allowance. New handbook is completed.

Board of Christian Education: NO REPORT

Board of Trustees: NO REPORT

State Board of Camping: NO REPORT

A short break was taken at this time.

After the break the Association Committees gave the following reports:

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

General Fund Balance **\$12,733.63**

Received at this meeting:

Representation Fee **\$ 200.00**

Offering **\$ 133.00**

Total Received **\$ 333.00**

Brother Rex Robinson made a motion to accept the Finance Report, the motion was seconded by Bro. Chris Guined and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Committee: None

Nominating Committee: Bro. Brett Johnson brought the report and recommended the following person for expiring offices:

1. Moderator: Rev. Phil Bozeman
2. Assistant Moderator: Rev. Randy Lankford
3. Clerk: Bro. Tim Salter
4. Assistant Clerk: Sis. Jessica Salter
5. Executive Committee: Bro. Mike Armour
6. Ordaining Committee: Rev. Dallas Short
7. Finance Committee: Bro. Rex Robinson and Sis. Marilyn Smith

Motion was made and seconded to approve Nominating Committee recommendations.

Sunday School: Bro. Brett Johnson brought the Sunday School report. The purpose of Sunday School is to learn more about God, his word and get to know Jesus better. We must strive to teach God's word to all ages. We must strive to teach the truth of God's word because there is too much doctrine in the world today. Our churches need to do more to increase our Sunday School outreach and spread God's word to many people as possible.

Temperance: Sis. Lavada Lankford gave the Temperance report. Temperance is abstinence from things that control. The Bible defines temperance as emotional restraint or self-control. Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but one who has a hasty temper exalts folly? Folly is someone who does not respect God. Without Temperance there is no self-Control.

Obituary: Bro. Mike Armour read an obituary from Turner's Chapel. Sis. Elba Elizabeth Wainwright was born on April 1, 1930, and passed away on October 17, 2022. She was one of Turner Chapel's eldest members. She was loved by all and enjoyed coming to church. She and her husband, Chester attended for many years, and she continued after his death until her health did not allow her to come. She will be remember for her dedication to Christ and to her church family. The Association was informed of the passing of Dwight Smith from New Life, but not obituary information was sent.

Old Business: Board of Camping is still vacant. No recommendations. Update from contact with church's not participating. I spoke to Maci Hess, the clerk at New Life. She was busy and forgot to send dues. She has sent all past dues. I called Sharon McAllister, the clerk at Spring Hill. No answer, left message, have not had call back. Received their dues later and it appears the Post Office did not want to deliver to the Association address cause it had my name on it. The delegate letter she sent shows their pastor as Mark Williams. I have not been contacted about a pastor change.

New Business: Meeting Locations for 2024. Trinity on January 14, Thomaston on April 14, Turner's Chapel April 14 and Tuner's Chapel Oct. 13.

Announcements: None

Assistant Moderator Rev. Randy Lankford asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Bro. Rex Robinson and second by Bro. Brett Johnson.

Special Music was then sung by all in attendance. We all sang "Showers of Blessing." Bro. Cliff Carroll then sang "Who am I."

Pastor Caleb Franks then brought the evening message from John 4. He spoke on how Jesus breaks down barriers between people and we must take the initiative to set the example as a Christian. Pastor Caleb spoke on Jesus being the living water and how he befriended the woman at the well in Samaria. We are to show people how to live a Godly Life.

We then enjoyed a time of food and fellowship.

Moderator

Assistant Moderator Re. Randy Lankford

Clerk

Tim Salter

ATTENDANCE 2023

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, MINISTERS

OFFICERS		JAN	APR	JUL	OCT
Moderator	Rev. Chris Daniel	X	X	X	X
Asst. Mod.	Rev. Randy Lankford	X	X	X	X
Clerk	Bro. Tim Salter	X	X	X	X
Asst. Clerk	Jessica Salter	X	X	X	X
COMMITTEE'S					
Executive	Jesse Carroll	X	X	X	X
	Brett Johnson	X	X	X	X
	Randy Lankford	X	X	X	X
Ordaining	Rev. Dallas Short			X	
	Rev. Randy Lankford	X	X	X	X
	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X	X	X	X
Finance	Bro. Rex Robinson				X
	Sis. Marilyn Smith	X		X	
Christian Ed.	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X	X	X	X
Camping					
Mission's	Bro. Gerald Moore	X		X	X
Trustees	Billy Patterson	X		X	
	MINISTERS				
	Rev. Phil Bozeman	X	X	X	X
	Rev. Chris Daniel	X	X	X	
	Rev. Randy Lankford	X	X	X	X
	Rev. Dallas Short			X	
	Rev. Ed Sandefur	X		X	X
	Rev. Sam Allen*				
	Rev. Brian Fuller*				

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 ASSOCIATION

This assembly shall be known as the Chattahoochee Association of Free Will Baptist.

The Chattahoochee Association uses the King James Version of the Bible as its standard Bible. This version will be used in all questions of doctrine and governance brought before this Organization. Standard rules of decorum will be observed.

ARTICLE II OFFICERS

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.

10-03 Amended January 9, 2010

Section III. 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.

06-1 Amended 4/06 10-01 Amended 1/10 19-01 Amended 4/19

Section IV. 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 V. 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.

06-01 Amended 4/06 10-01 Amended 1/10 19-02 Amended 1/19

Section VI. 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.

Section VII. 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.

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

Section IX Elections of general officers shall take place on the odd years of the calendar.

ARTICLE III DELEGATES

Section I. 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 II All delegates from the churches must be selected from the laity of the church sending them.

Section III. 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 IV. 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.

Section V. Any member in attendance may serve on committees but cannot make motions or vote.

ARTICLE IV BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section I. 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 II. Vacancies on any of the boards between sessions may be filled by appointment of the Moderator until the next business session.

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

ARTICLE V ORDINATION

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. The Chattahoochee Association will not ordain nor recognize the ordination of women. Women will not be permitted to preach nor pastor in churches of this Association. This is in

accordance with the Scriptures found in 1Timothy 2:11-15, Titus 2:3-5, and 1Corinthians 14:34-35 KJV.

ARTICLE VI ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Section I. 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 II. 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. **10-04 Amended January 9, 2010**
- D. The member having served the greatest portion of a three-year term shall be considered the chairman.

Section III. There shall be a Youth/ Camp Board which will be chaired by a President selected by the Youth Board. **19-03 Amended July 10, 2010**

The office of Youth/ Camp Director shall remain vacant until the CAFB reinstates this position. **19-03 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. **10-05 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. **10-02 Amended July 10, 2010**

Section -IV. There shall be a Youth Competition Director. The office of Youth Competition shall remain vacant until the CAFB reinstates this position. **19-03 Amended 1/19**

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the Youth Competition Director to coordinate all sessions.
- 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 VII FINANCIAL

Section I. 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 II. 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 VIII 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.

Approved Amendments 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

2021

21-01: Article 1 add

The Chattahoochee Association uses the King James Version of the Bible as its standard Bible. This version will be used in all questions of doctrine and governance brought before this Organization. Standard rules of decorum will be observed. *Approved 10-21*

21-02: Change (changed elected to selected) *Approved 10/21*

All delegates from the churches must be selected from the laity of the church sending them.

21-03: Add

Any member in attendance may serve on committees but cannot make motions or vote.

Approved 10/21

21-04: Add

The Chattahoochee Association will not ordain nor recognize the ordination of women. Women will not be permitted to preach nor pastor in churches of this Association. This is in accordance to the Scriptures found in 1Timothy 2:11-15, Titus 2:3-5, and 1Corinthians 14:34-35 KJV.

Approved 10/21

2021

1. The Constitution be reorganized to place subject matter into appropriate Articles and those articles be labeled according to the appropriate subject matter. *Approved 10/21*

