

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the

*Twin Cities Association
Of Free Will Baptists*

meeting with the

*First Free Will Baptist Church
Of Columbus, Georgia
October 08, 2022*

Minutes of the 2022 Sessions

Meeting Schedule for 2023

01-14-23 Grace

07-08-23 Weems

04-08-23 St. Mark

10-14-23 First

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Matthew Mouser (2024)
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Ronnie Knighton (2023)
Clerk/Treasurer	Sis. Glenda George (2023)
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	Bro. Tony Mitchell (2023)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Matthew Mouser, Moderator (2024)
Sis. Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer (2023)
Rev. Ricky Ward (2023)
Sis. Paula Ryals (2023)
Dea. Lee Evans (2023)

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Russell Ruhland	2023
Rev. Matthew Mouser	2024
Rev. Willie Martin	2025

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

State Camp Board	Bro. Joey George (2025)
State Missions Board	Dea. Tony Mitchell (2025)
State Christian Education Board	Rev. Willie Martin (2023)
State Trustee Board	Rev. Russell Ruhland (2023)

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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Rev. Bradley Timmons	800 43 rd Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36870	706-325-8070
Rev. Ricky Ward	2303 45 th Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36870	334-614-2932

CAMP DIRECTORS

Sis. Heather Ransom, Director (2023)
Rev. Willie Martin, Asst. Director (2023)

YOUTH RALLY DIRECTORS

Sis. Heather Ransom, Director (2023)
Dea. Joey George, Asst. Director (2023)
Sis. Glenda George, Secretary (2023)

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January 8, 2022

The Twin Cities Association met at Grace Free Will Baptist Church.

Welcomed by Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator.

Song of praise, "Come Unto Me" pg. 44, led by Rev. Ricky Ward accompanied by Sherry Muzyka on the piano.

Opened in prayer by Rev. Matthew Mouser.

Devotion by Rev. Ricky Ward. Scripture verse: Philippians 4:4 - Are you having a good day? Paul explains about having a good day. We can do a lot to ourselves even after someone tells us to have a good day. We can clutter it up! Some things that can ruin a good day are: 1) holding a grudge; 2) unforgiving heart and 3) harboring resentment.

Rev. Ricky Ward called the meeting to order.

MSC to adopt the agenda.

MSC to receive letters and to seat all delegates.

Visitors to recognize – None.

MSC to receive previous minutes as read.

MSC to receive Treasurer's report as read.

MSC to receive Camp Funds report as read.

Youth Rally attendance and Change Trophy statistics read by Clerk Glenda George. MSC to receive.

Letters of correspondence: None

Resolutions: None

The Ordaining Council needs to meet with Bro. Allen Newman at the break.
Rev. Ricky Ward would like to meet with the pastors at the break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Allen Newman.

MSC to receive the day's digest report as read.

Old Business

None

Sis. Heather Ransom gave Twin Cities Camp update. She made a tentative reservation for May 29 – Jun 1, 2002, and they are to get back with her on the dates. There was discussion about changing the dates and she will check on other dates that are not on a holiday. MSC to receive.

Youth Rally will be January 22, 2022, at Grace Free Will Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. MSC to receive

Obituary Committee Report – Bro. Alton Sellers passed on October 22, 2021. MSC to get obituary information from the promotional bulletin to include with our minutes.

State Board Reports

State Trustees Board – Rev. Russell Ruhland was not present.

State Missions Board – Bro. Tony Mitchell stated the Mission Board has not met.

State Camp Board – Bro. Joey George stated the State Camp Board met but he didn't have the report. The State is going to raise the funds to an extra \$200 to help with costs. The Teen Camp will be more like a retreat, maybe two or three days, because of attendance. A site has not yet been determined. The dates will be the same week. MSC to receive.

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin stated the Promotional Bulletin always has dates for the various retreats. Couples Retreat will be at Lake Blackshear, the guest speaker will be Roy Harris. Minister's Retreat will be April 25-27, 2022, at Lake Blackshear. Eddie Moody will be the guest speaker. MSC to receive.

Women's Auxiliary – Sis. Glenda George stated the Women's Prayer Retreat will be held at Lake Blackshear on April 22 - 23, 2022. The dues deadline has

not been determined and T-shirts will not be an option this year. MSC to receive.

The State Meeting will be March 17-18, 2022, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia. MSC to receive.

New Business

The pastors will be getting together for a meeting soon. The Co-Op Revival will be May 2022 and the place will be determined later. MSC to receive.

Miscellaneous

Rev. Willie Martin made a motion to give host church, Grace FWB, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The motion was seconded and carried by everyone standing and applauding.

Sis. Beth Raymond stated the attendance at today's meeting was sad. She prays every night for our Association. She said we need to be an example for the younger generation.

Announcements

Youth Rally at Grace on January 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Widow and Widowers at Grace on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Mike Randall.

Song of Praise "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," pg. 137, led by Rev. Ricky Ward accompanied by Sherry Muzyka on the piano.

Morning Message:

Rev. Allen Newman – He talked about the word change. A church that refuses to change will die. He read an article that broke down his message, "Change is a Reality of Life." Scripture from John 2:13 - 17. Jesus entered the temple and didn't like what he saw. They were conducting business and making it a house of thieves. If Jesus were to walk into your church, would he like what he saw

going on? Matthew 21: 12 – 13. We need to conduct our church and keep our people in line according to God's word.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ricky Ward.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda George, Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2022)\$3,993.25

Deposits

Deposit - Dues..... \$900.00

Balance Subtotal\$4,893.25

Expenditures

Fed Ex (Printing of Minutes)..... \$242.77

Georgia State Association (Dues) 750.00

USPS (Mailing of Minutes to Historical Society) \$10.48

Balance on Hand (March 31, 2022)\$3,890.00

Associational Funds \$3,427.37

Youth Competition \$146.05

Men's Retreat \$216.58

Summer Intern \$100.00

\$3,890.00

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2022) \$592.48

Deposits

Inflatable Rental (First Church) \$250.00

Change Trophy..... \$0.00

Balance Subtotal \$842.48

Expenditures

Tag for Trailer \$28.52

USPS (Stamps)..... \$7.66

Balance on Hand (March 31, 2022) \$806.30

Digest Report
January 2022

January 8, 2022, Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	5
Deacons Present.....	6
Delegates.....	9
Visitors.....	<u>2</u>
Total Present.....	22

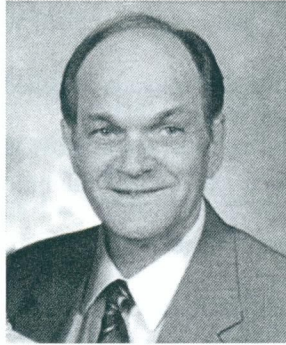
Youth Rally Cancelled Due to COVID

Attendance

First Church	0
Grace.....	0
St. Mark	0
Weems	<u>0</u>
Total Children	0
Adults.....	<u>0</u>
All Total.....	0

Change Trophy

First Church	\$0.00
Grace.....	\$0.00
St. Mark	\$0.00
Weems	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total.....	\$0.00
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$0.00
Difference	+\$0.00



Mr. Alton Sellers, 91, of Phenix City, AL passed away Friday, October 22, 2021, at Canterbury Health Facility in Phenix City, AL.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 pm Monday, October 25, 2021, at Vance Brooks Funeral Home in Phenix City, AL with Rev. Ricky Ward and Chaplain Dean Knipe officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeview Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends Monday afternoon from 1:00 until 2:00 pm, one hour prior to the service, at the funeral home.

Mr. Sellers was born February 28, 1930, in Winston, AL, son of the late Millard Sellers and Mary E. Sellers. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and retired after 21 years of service. During his tenure with the US Army, he was a Bronze Star recipient. Mr. Sellers later retired again from the State of Alabama, having worked over 20 years with the Department of Human Resources (DHR). Additionally, he retired as a minister in the Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 6 sisters.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Marion Stamps Sellers; children Sherrie Craig and husband Joe of Vinemont, AL, Robert Clements and wife Marci of Cullman, AL, Tim Sellers and wife Rhonda of Hanceville, AL, Susan Hartman and husband Lance of Phenix City, AL and Alan Ray of Phenix City, AL; two sisters; three brothers; eight grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild as well as many other nieces, nephews, and extended family.

April 9, 2022

The Twin Cities Association met at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church.

Welcomed by Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator. Opened in a word of prayer.

Song of praise, "Follow On," pg. 600, led by Rev. Matt Mouser accompanied by Rae Knighton on the piano. "Great is Thy Faithfulness." pg. 8 was also sang.

Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator, prayed and then the meeting to order.

Devotion by Rev. Ricky Ward, scripture from Matthew 14:22, Jesus was late, but was on time in the text. We often say the Lord is late answering my prayer, but he is really on time. He watched the disciple's strain but waited until later to help them.

MSC to adopt the agenda.

MSC to receive letters and to seat all delegates.

Visitors to recognize – None

MSC to receive previous minutes as read.

MSC to receive Treasurer's report as read.

MSC to receive Camp Funds as read.

Letters of correspondence: None

Resolutions: None

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Charles Wilson.

MSC to receive the day's digest report as read.

No Youth Rally attendance and Change Trophy statistics were read because the Youth Rally was cancelled due to COVID.

Old Business

None

Discussed Twin Cities camp dates (May 29 – Jun 1, 2022) and cost (\$145 per person). Appealed to get camp registrations in by April 24, 2022. Camp will be at Poplar Point which is a 90-minute drive. MSC to receive as information. MSC to receive.

Obituary Committee Report – Obituaries for Richard K. Ward and Martha Watson were read. MSC to receive.

Youth Rally will be held April 23, 2022, at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. MSC to receive

State Board Reports

State Trustees Board – Rev. Russell Ruhland nothing to report.

State Missions Board – Bro. Tony Mitchell was not present.

State Camp Board – Bro. Joey George was not present.

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin stated the Minister's Retreat will be April 25-27, 2022, at Lake Blackshear. The guest speaker will be Eddie Moody. MSC to receive.

Women's Auxiliary – The Prayer Retreat will be held at Lake Blackshear on April 22 - 23, 2022. MSC to receive.

New Business

None

Miscellaneous

Rev. Matthew Mouser discussed attendance at the Association meetings. It may be possible to change meeting time to earlier on Saturday at 9:00 and to have the meeting semi-annually. Sis. Paula Ryals stated that pastors need to encourage people to attend the meetings. Pastors are to discuss and offer a resolution on the information presented concerning attendance. MSC to receive.

Motion to give host church, St. Mark FWB, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The motion was seconded and carried by everyone standing and applauding.

Announcements

Grace will have their Widow/Widower fellowship Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Grace will be having their Easter Egg Hunt on April 16, 2022.

There will be a Sunrise Service at Lakeview Cemetery on Easter Sunday.

Co-Op Revival will be at First Church May 2-4, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
The guest speaker will be Mike Hollis.

Rev. Russell Ruhland praised the Lord for Ronnie Knighton being with us.

MSC to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Russell Ruhland.

Morning Message:

Rev. Bradley Timmons, scripture from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda George, Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2022 – *May 31, 2022

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (April 1, 2022)\$3,890.00

Deposits

Deposit – Dues (St. Mark)..... \$90.00
 Deposit – Dues & Co-Op Revival (Weems) \$240.00
 Deposit – Co-Op Revival (First Church)..... \$150.00
 Deposit – Co-Op Revival (Grace \$200.00,
 St. Mark \$150.00 and offering \$907.23)\$1,257.23

Balance Subtotal\$5,627.23

Expenditures

Heather Ransom (Youth Rally Cost @ St. Mark) \$115.44
 Mike Hollis (Co-Op Revival Speaker)\$1,150.00
 Rev. Matt Mouser (Reimbursement for Co-Op
 Speaker's Hotel Room) \$407.23

Balance on Hand (*May 31, 2022)\$3,954.56

Associational Funds	\$3,491.93
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$3,954.56

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (April 1, 2022) \$806.30

Deposits

.....\$7,009.59

Balance Subtotal\$7,815.89

Expenditures

.....\$1,928.64

Balance on Hand (*May 31, 2022)\$5,887.25

Note: *Bank statement for June 2022 was not received before the quarterly meeting.

Digest Report

April 2022

April 9, 2022, Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	9
Deacons Present	2
Delegates.....	6
Visitors.....	<u>6</u>
Total Present	23

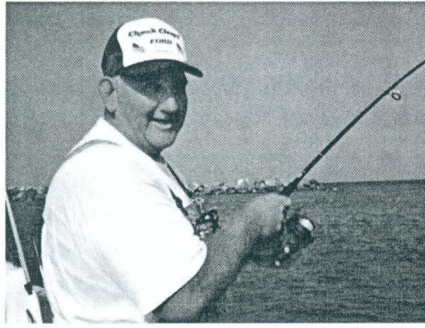
Youth Rally @ St. Mark FWB April 23, 2022

Attendance

First Church	4
Grace.....	0
St. Mark	13
Weems	<u>0</u>
Total Children	17
Adults.....	<u>17</u>
All Total	34

Change Trophy

First Church	\$174.40
Grace.....	\$0.00
St. Mark	\$0.00
Weems	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$174.40
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$174.40
Difference	+\$0.00



Mr. Richard K. "Bud" Ward, 83, of Phenix City, AL passed away Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at the Columbus Hospice House in Columbus, GA. Funeral services will be held 11:00 am Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Vance Brooks Funeral Home in Phenix City, AL with Rev. Ricky Ward officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeview Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 5:00 until 7:00 pm, at the funeral home.

Mr. Ward was born May 27, 1938, in Columbus, GA son of the late David Earnest Ward and Ludie Louise Dudley Ward. He retired from Golden Foundry in Columbus, GA with over 30 years of service. Mr. Ward's favorite past time was hunting and fishing, as well as spending time with his family. He was also fond of music, especially listening to his family play and sing. Mr. Ward was a member of the Wilson Williams Masonic Lodge Post 351 and the Phenix City Shrine Club. Additionally, he was a founding member of Grace Freewill Baptist Church.

Other than his parents, Mr. Ward was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia People Ward, his second wife, Bennie Lou Faulk Oakes Ward and eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his children, Rev. Ricky Ward and wife Robin, Randy Ward and wife Patsy and Robin Ward Hudson and husband Ronnie; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Kennefick (Dan), Joe Corcoran (Shelby), Scott Ward (Dana), Ric Ward, Heather Taylor, Eric Hudson and Monica Workman (Jeremiah); five great-grandchildren, Caleb Kennefick (Emily), Cason Kennefick, Henry Corcoran, Wyatt McIntyre, Hailey McIntyre; as well as extended family and friends.

Obituary for Twin Cities Association Minutes
Martha Watson of First Free Will Baptist Church

Martha Watson was born in October of 1929 and was over 92 years of age when she passed away in February of 2022. She was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church for nearly 40 years. She was an exceptional member of the church serving diligently. In her eulogy, her pastor of many years stated that, she was a "busy" woman that "not anyone could keep up with her." She was a valuable asset to the church because she served in numerous ways. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, participated in the senior group, served in Vacation Bible school, constantly prepared food for socials at the church, meals for funerals, etc. She was an encourager. She brought guests to church. She visited and served those that were sick. She loved to talk on the phone, but also in person, sometimes holding your wrist until she finished what she had to say! It was also stated at her funeral that she could probably be considered a "deaconess, and had probably done more work than the deacons!"

Martha will be missed very much but we are happy to report that she loved Jesus and the church. Because she did we will see her again. Jesus said in John 14:19 "because I live, ye shall live also."

Prepared by Rev. Willie C. Martin

July 9, 2022

The Twin Cities Association met at Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church.,

Welcomed by Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator.

Song of praise, “Standing on the Promises” pg. 223, led by Rev. Ricky Ward and accompanied by Rev. Willie Martin on the piano.

Rev. Ricky Ward opened in a word of prayer.

Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator, called the meeting to order.

Devotion by Rev. Ricky Ward. Scripture from Psalm 119:103. We need the Word of God in our lives. We need not only read but live the Word. Not everything we hear is sweet. The more we get into the Word the sweeter and stronger it becomes. Prayer is a powerful thing, and God has answered and met the needs in our lives. He has also met our needs through reading His Word. The Word can give you direction and understanding. The Word isn’t just a bunch of dos and don’ts. God’s Word leads and directs us on how to live.

MSC to adopt the agenda.

MSC to receive letters and to seat all delegates.

Visitors to recognize – Bro. Lee Woodard.

MSC to receive previous minutes as read.

MSC to receive Treasurer’s report as read.

MSC to receive Camp Funds as read.

MSC to receive Youth Rally attendance and Change Trophy statistics as read.

Letters of correspondence: None

Resolutions: None

The Ordaining Council to meet at the break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Allen Newman.

MSC to receive the day's digest report as read.

Old Business

The pastors met concerning the meeting time and frequency and it was determined that we would continue meeting like we have been doing.
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Youth Rally will be January 22, 2022, at Grace Free Will Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. MSC to receive.

Twin Cities camp report was given by Director Heather Ransom. MSC to receive. Blake Prather made a comment that camp was a bit lop sided. He asked the other churches to encourage their children to attend camp. Beth Raymond stated that we must do something to get our children interested in camp.

Obituary Committee Report – Beulah M. Walsh, listed in minutes. She attended Weems Road Free Will Baptist from 1963. MSC to receive.

State Board Reports

State Trustees Board – Rev. Russell Ruhland had nothing to report.

State Missions Board – Bro. Tony Mitchell was not present.

State Camp Board – Bro. Joey George had nothing to report as they have not met. Teen Camp was cancelled due to lack of participation. MSC to receive.

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin stated there was nothing to report. Minister's Wife Retreat in September. The wives have a good time while together. If you can help your pastor's wife attend it

would be great for them. The Senior's Retreat was held in the Eufaula area. Another committee has met to make another retreat out of this. MSC to receive.

Women Active for Christ – Sis. Brooke Prather stated that during April 22-23, 2022, Debbie Griffin returned to Japan. During April 22-23, the State Prayer Retreat was at Lake Blackshear, the state project is to support New Life Church that Doug and Miriam Bishop oversee. Taylor Pate will be helping them. The goal is \$8,000. The Prayer Retreat was more costly than expected and they are looking to find another site. MSC to receive.

New Business

Matt Mouser was confronted by Jerry Gibbs with International Missions concerning "Go Global." There is a possibility of First Church doing this, but the Twin Cities could host this event. A team of missionaries will come and educate the community about what the great commission is. It's a three-hour seminar and very interactive. Mr. Gibbs has a scheduling conflict with our next quarterly meeting. We have options as to when he can come to speak with us, 1) move the meeting later, or 2) go ahead with our meeting and have them later. Motion that we do this and that the pastors get together and discuss/design this for us (i.e., the date and all details). Motion seconded and carried. The date for the pastors to meet is July 20, 2022, at 10:00. Motion carried.

In October, several positions will require a change in status. A nominating committee needs to be formed. The annual report has the list of offices that will be terminating. He asked for volunteers.

First Church – Lee Evans, chm.

Grace Church – Beth Raymond

St. Mark Church – TBD (Bro. Ricky Ward to get with Bro. Bradley Timmons)

Weems Rd Church – George Vachon

MSC to receive these names as nominating committee members.

Miscellaneous

Rev. Willie Martin made a motion to give host church, Weems FWB, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The motion was seconded and carried by everyone standing and applauding.

MSC to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Matt Mouser.

Morning Message: Rev. Willie Martin, scripture from John 4:34-38, "How Little We See." Most people in churches see little and do little in the church. Jesus saw much to do, but his disciples saw little to do. What do you see when you look at the work of God in your church? The harvest has promise and reward. Four areas of sight: 1) how well we see; 2) how much we see; 3) how long we see, keep watching and working, Mark 13:33-37, and 4) how closely we see, be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, Rev 3:2.

Rev. Willie Martin closed in prayer.

Announcements

Youth Rally at Weems Road FWB, August 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Grace FWB benefit singing tonight at 6:00 p.m. for Bro. Todd Ward for medical expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda George, Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2022 – September 30, 2022

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (June 30, 2022)\$3,954.56

Deposits

Deposit – Dues \$90.00

Balance Subtotal\$4,044.56

Expenditures

..... \$0.00

Balance on Hand (September 30, 2022)\$4,044.56

Associational Funds	\$3,581.93
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$4,044.56

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (June 30, 2022)\$5,887.25

Deposits

Walmart Refunds \$54.68

Balance Subtotal\$5,941.93

Expenditures

Camp Rental.....	\$4,945.00
Camp Evangelist	\$500.00
Welch College (Jordan Teem and Shelby Dilda)	\$100.00
Snow Cones	<u>\$18.00</u>

Balance on Hand (September 30, 2022) \$378.93

Digest Report

July 2022

July 9, 2022, Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	5
Deacons Present.....	4
Delegates.....	14
Visitors.....	<u>2</u>
Total Present	25

Youth Rally @ Weems Road FWB July 23, 2022

CANCELLED

Attendance

First Church	0
Grace.....	0
St. Mark	0
Weems	0
Total Children	0
Adults.....	0
All Total.....	0

Change Trophy

First Church	\$0.00
Grace.....	\$0.00
St. Mark	\$0.00
Weems	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$00.0
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$00.0
Difference	+\$0.00

Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists

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Twin Cities FWB Camp 2022 Report

We had a wonderful time together at a new to us camp facility at Poplar Point Christian Camp in Rockford, AL. There were a total of 38 campers and workers in attendance at our 2022 session (May 28-31). Bro. Ben Campbell from Arbor Grove FWB Church in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas was our camp preacher. Having Bro. Ben and his son Beckett there with us was a joy. Also, we had two representatives from Welch College to come help serve. Shelby Dilda and Jordan Teem from Welch College jumped right in and helped out wherever they were needed. Campers were taught how to study God's Word along with other great truths from God's Word presented in our morning Bible classes and nightly cabin devotions and morning devotions.

Campers also enjoyed activities like archery, laser tag, Ga-ga ball, swimming, slip-n-slide, inflatables, games, and glow in the dark wiffle ball while watching a meteor storm, camp fire with smores, sparklers and singing, and food! The campers were split up into two teams and played games to earn points throughout the week. In first place with 3,700 points was the Red Blood Monkeys team, and in second place with 3,000 points was the Yellow Buttermen Bandits team.

There were three small group morning Bible classes (two girl classes and one boy class). The morning Bible classes were taught by Cindy Fodor, Casey Bonner, Katie Evans, Jory Prather, Amie Prather, Shelby Dilda and Matt Mouser. Morning devotions along with the pledges were led by Willie Martin, Blake Prather, and Lee Evans. Poplar Point Camp staff cooked and served our meals. Thank you to all of our volunteers that came and helped out in so many different ways. You are truly appreciated.

Heather Ransom
Camp Director

TWIN CITIES 2022 CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Held at Poplar Point Camp, Rockford, AL May 28th-May 31st

Total Registered Campers 26
 Registered Day & Night Workers 14
 No shows 2

Grand Total 38 but had to pay for the 40 planned.

Camp Fund Balance	\$286.44
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Received from youth rally change trophy competition ¹	\$ 455.44
Received from State Camp Board ²	\$ 1,200.00
Received of Campers/workers	\$ 5,665.00
Received from church inflatable rental fee	\$ 150.00
Credit from Wal-Mart returns	\$ 12 4.87
Return of 2021 check not cashed from lifeguard	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 7620.31

Expenses

Camp Deposit (applied to camp rental)	\$ 765.00
Camp Rental	\$ 4435.00
Camp Evangelist (Ben Campbell)	\$ 500.00
Welch College Representative (Jordan Teem)	\$ 50.00
Welch College Representative (Shelby Dilda)	\$ 50.00
Archery (Poplar Point Camp)	\$ 30.00
Canteen Purchases (popcorn, smores, yoo-hoos, water, piñata candy, boiled peanuts, pickles, Memorial Day pretzels/pops)	\$ 281.54
First Aid	\$ 23.84
Food (oranges, chips, cookies, gluten free food)	\$ 267.10
Cleaning Supplies	\$ 38.32
Fun-time, Games (water balloons, team bandannas, piñata, glow sticks, wiffle balls)	\$ 275.46
Laser Tag (Poplar Point Camp)	\$ 360.00
Lifeguard (Poplar Point Camp staff)	\$ 120.00
Postage	\$ 9.02
Snow Cones (Poplar Point Camp)	\$ 18.00
Supplies/paper goods (Memorial Day trays, air pump, needles, skewers, flashlights)	\$ 276.02
Trailer Tag	<u>\$ 28.52</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 7527.82

Total Receipts for Camp Year 2022	\$ 7,620.31
Less Total Expense for Camp Year 2022	<u>\$ 7,527.82</u>
2022 Camp Session Gain	\$ 92.49

Camp Fund Balance from 2021	\$ 286.44
Camp Receipts balance taken from report at top of page	<u>\$ 7,620.31</u>
Total	\$ 7,906.75
Less expenses listed above	<u>\$ 7,527.82</u>
Current Camp Fund Balance Total	\$ 378.93

We are grateful for the money we receive from the state camp board and money received from the youth rally change trophy competition as this helps tremendously to offset cost of camp.

Report submitted by
 Heather Ransom, Camp Director

¹ July/August 14th 2021 \$222.04; October 23rd 2021 \$59.00; January 22nd 2022 \$0.00 (no youth rally held); April 23rd 2022 \$174.40; (July/August, 2022 amount not recorded).

² The State Camp Board provides each Junior Camp (per association) an equal share of money.

Beulah M. Walsh

OCTOBER 17, 1930 – MARCH 20, 2022



Beulah M. Walsh, 91 of Columbus, GA. passed away on March 19, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2022 in the Edgewood Hall of Striffler-Hamby Mortuary with Reverend Mike Randall officiating. Interment to follow in Parkhill Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Mrs. Walsh was born in Noma, FL. on October 17, 1930 to the late Herbert and Lorene Strickland Clark. She was a member of the Weems Road Freewill Baptist Church. Mrs. Walsh loved her family and serving others. She enjoyed cooking for her family or preparing a dish for someone in need. She was retired from West Point Pepperell Mill where she worked as a spinner for many years. Her husband, Walter W. Walsh, preceded her in death along with siblings, Jane Carver Delois Clark and Devon Clark.

Survivors include her two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Carol Walsh and Darryl and Lisa Walsh all of Columbus, GA. a brother, Dewitt Clark and wife Joyce of Crestview, FL. five grandchildren, Brian Walsh (Candice), Shanna Ward (Jason), Amy Elliott (Josh), Zachary Walsh (Kelsey) and Rachel Williams (Robert) nine great grandchildren, Chapman Ward, Ava Elliott, Riley Walsh, Wynn Ward, Cara Ann Ward, Jack Elliott, Corley Walsh, Elaina Williams and Zoey Walsh.

October 8, 2022

The Twin Cities Association met at First Free Will Baptist Church.

Welcomed by Rev. Ricky Ward.

Song of praise, "When We All See Jesus" pg. 692, led by Bro. Wade Prather accompanied by Sis. Rae Knighton on the piano.

Call to order and opening word of prayer.

Rev. Ricky Ward, Moderator, gave morning devotion on "No one ever said they had too much of gratefulness," scripture reference Ephesians 4:29. Radical gratitude, which means walking through life being grateful no matter what. Whether they're good, bad or whatever. We should not walk-through life without being grateful. A child of God should be grateful for life and blessings. Everyone we know needs a good dose of encouragement.

MSC to adopt the agenda.

MSC to receive letters and to seat all delegates.

Visitors to recognize – None

MSC to receive previous minutes as read, with one amendment to correct that the Minister's Wife Retreat will be October 13-15, 2022, at Lake Blackshear.

MSC to receive Treasurer's report as read.

MSC to receive Camp Funds as read.

There was no Youth Rally attendance and Change Trophy statistics read as the Youth Rally was cancelled.

Letters of correspondence: None

Resolutions: None

No boards or committees to meet during brunch.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Wade Prather.

MSC to receive the day's digest report as read.

Old Business

None.

The Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Matt Mouser. It is attached to the minutes. It concerned the ordination of Bro. Allen Newman. MSC to accept report.

Obituary Committee Report – Velva Walters Newman, 8/21/1936 to 07/9/2022. See attached.

Sandra Gibson passed. She attended St. Mark FWB.

Thomas McDaniel passed. He attended Grace FWB.

State Board Reports

State Trustees Board – Rev. Russell Ruhland had nothing to report.

State Missions Board – Bro. Tony Mitchell stated the board met on September 27, 2022, but he could not attend and could not get the minutes from that meeting. Rev. Ricky Ward stated that Bro. Shane Suggs at Awaken Church in Tifton, Georgia is doing well. They attended an executive board meeting there. They are near the line of being self-supporting.

State Camp Board – Bro. Joey George was not present.

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin Minister's Wife Retreat on October 13-15, 2022, at Lake Blackshear,

Georgia. Kristy Johnson will be the speaker. Churches should send their pastor's wife.

Women's Auxiliary – Sis. Brooke Prather stated there is a reminder in the Promotional Bulletin about the State Project and the goal of raising \$8,000 to help New Life Church in Hokkaido, Japan. This is not just for Women Active for Christ but anyone who wants to help.

MSC to receive all reports as information. Motion carried.

New Business

Nominating committee report given by Lee Evans, chairperson. It is attached to the minutes. MSC to receive.

Miscellaneous

None.

Announcements

First FWB is having Homecoming October 9, 2022.

First FWB, Youth Rally, October 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 15, 2022, First Church will be hosting Go Global Missionary Team from 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning, the team will split up and give more information to each church in the Association.

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, Grace FWB will have Widows & Widowers Fellowship.

Sunday October 23, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. the Ordination Service for Bro. Allen Newman at Grace FWB Church.

MSC to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Willie Martin.

Morning Message:

Rev. Matt Mouser – scripture taken from Exodus 3:1-10. The goal here is to be encouraged that the calling by the Lord is serious. Four aspects of the calling by the Lord to serve His people: 1) our attention – necessary for the calling of God, so we can lean into what God has in store specifically for us. No one is exempt from the Great Commission, 2) our willingness – Moses was willing as indicated by Moses saying in v.4 “here I am.” Our belief and faith in God are important. Moses believes whatever is about to happen is important. God is always present, but his presence here is what was significant. Where God resides is holy. God’s holiness is being revealed here. 3) how we respond – this is what we think about God when he comes to us and calls us by name. The “I Am” God is a) self-existent, b) the creator of all things, c) immutable (unchanging), and d) recognizable, 4) the calling – God knows what is going on in our lives. He knows each heart, need and desire. God’s people here are being delivered from death to an abundance of milk and honey, a land overflowing. This is not the end of the call. Those that live without the Lord have no hope. God tells us to go out and deliver his people. There are people out there in need of a savior and God has called us to take the message to His people.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Matt Mouser.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda George, Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Twin Cities Association Funds

Balance Brought Forward (October 1, 2022)\$4,044.56

Deposits

Deposit – Dues (First & St. Mark) \$450.00

Deposit – Dues (Weems)..... \$90.00

Balance Subtotal\$4,584.56

Expenditures

..... \$0.00

Balance on Hand (December 31, 2022)\$4,584.56

Associational Funds	\$4,121.93
Youth Competition	\$146.05
Men's Retreat	\$216.58
Summer Intern	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$4,584.56

Camp Funds

Balance Brought Forward (October 1, 2022)..... \$378.93

Deposits

..... \$0.00

Balance Subtotal \$378.93

Expenditures

..... \$0.00

Balance on Hand (December 31, 2022) \$378.93

Digest Report

October 2022

October 8, 2022, Quarterly Meeting

Ministers Present.....	6
Deacons Present.....	7
Delegates.....	17
Visitors.....	<u>6</u>
Total Present	36

Youth Rally @ Weems Road FWB October 22, 2022

CANCELLED

Attendance

First Church	0
Grace.....	0
St. Mark	0
Weems	0
Total Children	0
Adults.....	0
All Total.....	0

Change Trophy

First Church	\$0.00
Grace.....	\$0.00
St. Mark	\$0.00
Weems	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total.....	\$00.0
Actual Change Trophy Deposit	\$00.0
Difference	+\$0.00



Velva Walters Newman

August 21, 1936 ~ July 9, 2022 (age 85)

Velva Walters Newman, 85, of Columbus, GA died Saturday, July 9, 2022, at Brookside Glen Assisted Living.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, July 12, 2022, in the chapel of McMullen Funeral Home and Crematory with Rev. Willie C. Martin and Rev. Matt Mouser officiating. The family will receive friends 5:00-7:00 PM Monday, July 11, 2022, at the funeral home, 3874 Gentian Blvd. Columbus, GA 31907. Interment will be held at Parkhill Cemetery.

Mrs. Newman was born August 21, 1936, in Colquitt County, GA to the late Robert F. Walters and Lois Truluck Walters. She was a retired school bus driver with the Muscogee County School District, with more than 25 years of service. She was a member of First Free Will Baptist Church and was one of the original members when the church was founded.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Edward B. Newman and great-granddaughter, Khloe Gaddy.

She is survived by her daughters, Dee Mitchell (Tony) of Midland, GA, Rae Knighton (Ronnie) of Columbus, GA, grandchildren, Emily Kilcrease (Adam) of Phenix City, AL, Brittany Mitchell of Columbus, GA, Lauren Mitchell of Columbus, GA, great-grandchildren, Adalyn Kilcrease, Kynslee Gaddy, Kamryn Gaddy, Emersyn Kilcrease and great-grandchild, baby boy Gaddy due December 20.

TWIN CITIES NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

October 2023

Officers

Moderator – Rev. Matthew Mouser (2-year term, expires October 2024)

Assistant Moderator – Rev. Ronnie Knighton (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Clerk/Treasurer – Sis. Glenda George (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer – Dea. Tony Mitchell (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Executive Board

Rev. Matthew Mouser, Moderator (2-year term, expires October 2024)

Sis. Glenda George, Secretary/Treasurer/Registration Clerk (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Rev. Ricky Ward (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Sis. Paula Ryals (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Dea. Lee Evans (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Ordaining Council

Rev. Russell Ruhland (3-year term, expires October 2023)

Rev. Matt Mouser (3-year term, expires October 2024)

Rev. Willie Martin (3-year term, expires October 2025)

State Board Members

State Camp Board – Dea. Joey George (4-year term, expires March 2025)

State Missions Board – Dea. Tony Mitchell (4-year term, expires March 2025)

State Christian Education Board – Rev. Willie Martin (4-year term, expires March 2023)

State Trustee Board – Rev. Russell Ruland (4-year term, expires March 2023)

Camp Directors

Director – Sis. Heather Ransom (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Assistant Director – Rev. Willie Martin (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Youth Rally Directors

Director – Sis. Heather Ransom (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Assistant Director – Dea. Joey George (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Secretary – Sis. Glenda George (1-year term, expires October 2023)

Respectfully submitted by:

Lee Evans, Chairman

Rev. Ricky Ward

Bro. George Vachon

Sis. Beth Raymond

Sis. Paula Ryals

Ordaining Council Report
October 8th, 2022

Over the last year since Grace Free Will Baptist Church requested the examination of Allen

Newman for Ordination as a minister of the gospel, the council has met several times to discuss Bro. Newman's calling, answers to the Ordination Standard, and has asked questions of him regarding those answers. We have also received helpful feedback from his local church regarding the qualities of a pastor found in God's Word over the last year of watch care.

With all of the aforementioned information, it is with great joy that the Ordaining Council of the Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists find that Allen Newman meets the qualifications of a pastor and receives ordination from his local church.

Signed,



Rev. Matthew Mouser



Rev. Russell Ruhland



Deacon Wade Prather

There were no
Twin Cities District Women
Active for Christ meeting
minutes or financial reports
for
FY 2022
as there is only one active
church that has an auxiliary.

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

We, being the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, having adopted the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists, realizing the necessity of fellowship among sister churches of like faith, do bond ourselves together to form an Association, and do therefore ordain this Constitution and By-Laws to the glory of God and to the improvement of denominational relations.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Twin Cities Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Twin Cities Association is to promote greater fellowship among its member churches and to realize a greater harvest in the vineyard of the Lord through the combined efforts of the churches. The Association shall encourage the forming of such auxiliaries as are beneficial to the work of the churches, such as Sunday School, Church Training Service, Master's Men, Women's Auxiliary, Prayer Meetings, Youth Organizations, and Missionary and Educational endeavors.

With this Divine purpose in view, we set forth the following statements of truth:

This Association neither claims nor desires to hold nor wield any power or authority over its member churches which are Divine Right reserved to the churches themselves. We emphasize anew that the local church is its own independent body so far as it relates to its own government, the transactions of its business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members. However, we do hold that churches who have the right and privilege of the above liberty and fellowship are composed of persons who believe the truth as it is in Christ, and give evidence of true piety, are, upon examination or recommendation, received into membership according to regular methods of the local church and upon condition of Baptism.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.

- Section 1: The Moderator shall preside over all business of this Association. He shall keep order and, in general, direct all business of the Association. He shall serve as ex-officio member of all standing committees or boards.
- Section 2: The Assistant Moderator shall discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence. In the absence of both the Moderator and his Assistant, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and the Standing Delegates shall elect someone to preside at the meeting.
- Section 3: The Clerk-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association. He/she shall be responsible for the printing and discharge of the Associational minutes to all churches and shall enroll delegates at each session corresponding necessary for the Association. He/she shall receive all monies contributed to the Association and make disbursements as authorized by the Association and/or the Executive Board. (Committee)
- Section 4: The Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall discharge the duties of the Clerk-Treasurer in his/her absence.

The Association shall appoint or elect any other officers, boards, or committees it deems necessary for its business.

ARTICLE IV - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- Section 1: There shall be an Executive Board (Committee) composed of the Moderator, Clerk, and at least three (3) men not holding any other office in the Association. This Committee shall act on behalf of the Association in case of any emergency and shall act as the Association when the Association is not in session; however, any action taken by this Committee is subject to the approval or disapproval of the Association at its next meeting. This Committee shall plan and prepare the programs of the Association. It shall be responsible to the Association for the questioning and examination of churches petitioning this body for membership. This Committee shall have power to deal with any officer of the Association who fails to function in his/her office or indulge in unchristian like conduct. However, this

action is temporary pending their report to the Association and final action by the body while in session. This Committee shall be available to mediate any dissension or offer any help to member churches providing their help is requested by the church. In such cases, their traveling expenses shall be paid by the church desiring their assistance.

Section 2: There shall be an Ordaining Council composed of at least three (3) deacons or ministers whose duties consist of those set forth in Article IX, Ministerial Relations of this document.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The term of the Moderator shall be two (2) years. He shall not succeed himself more than once.
2. The length of service for the Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be at the discretion of the Association.
3. The members of the Ordaining Council shall serve three (3) years. A new member is to be added at the annual meeting each year.
4. The officers shall be elected at the regular annual session of the Association on the second Saturday in October.
5. Any additional Boards, Committees, or Officers needed shall be appointed or elected by the Association at its discretion. The Nominating Committee shall ensure that there is equitable representation among the member churches on all boards and committees within the Association to the best of their ability.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

Representation in this Association is conditioned upon meeting the following requirements:

1. Full acceptance of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.
2. The churches of this Association shall practice consistency in supporting missions and Christian education.
3. Churches who petition this Association shall be examined concerning their spiritual and moral standard before the Associational acts.

4. Churches expelled from other Associations for any cause may not be received until their expulsion is satisfactorily explained to the Association.
5. Each church is allowed five (5) delegates. All ordained men in good standing with the church are standing delegates.
6. The Association shall meet four (4) times a year, three (3) quarterly meetings and one (1) annual meeting. Regular quarterly meetings of this Association shall be on the second Saturday in January, April, and July. The annual meeting shall be on the second Saturday in October.

ARTICLE VII - VOTING

1. The Moderator shall keep order and in general direct all business of the Association. He shall vote only in a tie vote, shall rule any person to silence who refuses to come to order, and in case of extreme disorder, may rule the meeting closed. The Moderator shall not allow any discussion on any subject unless it is placed before the body by a move and a second.
2. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject or more than five (5) minutes without permission from the Moderator.
3. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee/board provided the person nominated is elected.
4. Any person desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
5. Any ruling by the Moderator may be set aside by 2/3 majority of voting delegates.
6. All voting in this Association shall be as agreed upon by its delegates while in session.
7. The Moderator shall follow the Principles of Parliamentary Procedure in moderating the business of this Association.
8. The Moderator shall limit voting to authorized delegates only, and no delegate shall leave the building during a business session without being excused by the Moderator.

ARTICLE VIII - MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

1. The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for license upon request from his home church. A license may be granted by the Association for no

more than one (1) year. However, a license may be renewed after one complete year, for no more than one more year (or for a total of two years).

2. The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for ordination upon request from the church to which he has been called and is pastoring provided he has been licensed and has met the qualifications as stated in Item #5 of this same article.
3. Any Free Will Baptist Minister presenting himself for membership to this Association must, after a request from the church to which he has been called, appear before the Ordaining Council for questioning, and upon the recommendation from the Ordaining Council be received into full fellowship pending a letter of good standing from his former Association.
4. Any minister, from another domination presenting himself for membership to this Association must, after a letter of request from the church to which he has been called appear before the Ordaining Council for questioning. It is agreed that he will, upon recommendation from the Ordaining Council, be received under the watch care of the Association for a period of no less than one year from the time of licenser, during which time the minister will have proved himself, as well as his desire to be a Free Will Baptist, and then will be received into full fellowship by the Association.
5. Any minister presenting himself to this Association for license, ordination, etc., from another denomination, shall be examined by the Ordaining Council. The Examination shall include the following: A) A thorough investigation of his character shall be made. B) Close questioning concerning a Divine call to the office. C) He must be thoroughly familiar with and a firm believer in the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church. D) His educational qualifications should be in keeping with his office and he must show a willingness to further his knowledge by additional study. E) Any candidate for ordination must have been licensed and called to pastor one or more churches or hold a position in a member church that would require ordination such as Associate Pastor, etc. He must be a practicing tither, and an active supporter of world-wide missions. F) The candidate shall also be examined according to the Word as found in 1Timothy 3. G) The Council shall not recommend the ordination of any person whom they have honest doubt concerning his character, qualifications, and Divine Call to the work.

ARTICLE IX - ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. This Association shall be opened with Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

2. The Association shall convene at 10:00 AM on the date set by the body.
3. At each quarterly meeting, business shall be kept to a minimum with a delegate report and representation fee (seventy-five (\$75) dollars per church quarterly and seventy-five (\$75) dollars at the annual meeting) report being made and any other pressing item of business being left for the annual meeting.
4. At the annual meeting, the annual reports from the churches shall be compiled for the convenience of the Clerk-Treasurer in preparation of the Associational minutes.
5. The meetings of the Association shall rotate among the member churches in succession.
6. This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting delegates present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE - The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were by inspiration of God and are our infallible rules of Faith and Practice.
2. GOD - There is one living and true God revealed in nature as the Creator of the universe; and in the Scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, obey.
3. CHRIST - Christ is God manifest in flesh, in His divine nature truly God, in His nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, one crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our present Savior and Lord.
4. THE HOLY SPIRIT - The Scripture assigns to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.
5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD - God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts if grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.
6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN - Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, to inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST - The Son of God, by His incarnation, life suffering, death, and resurrection, effected for all, redemption from sin, that is full and free, is the ground of salvation by faith.
8. TERMS OF SALVATION - The conditions of salvation are:
 - (1) Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
 - (2) Faith of the un-served committal of oneself to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith with the soul renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from denomination of sin and become a child of God.
 - (3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
9. ELECTION - God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation, hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
10. FREEDOM OF WILL - The human will be free and self-controlled having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish.
11. SALVATION FREE - God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.
12. PERSEVERANCE - All believers in Christ, who through grace perseveres in holiness to the end of life, have promises of eternal salvation.
13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES - Baptism, or immersion of believers in water, and teaching humility, or universal obligation, is to be administered to all true believers.
14. TITHING - God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ endorses it in gospel (Matthew 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Corinthians 16:2)
15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH - The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, and Holy works.
16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION - The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done

evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

YOUTH RALLY BY-LAWS

The Youth Rally Committee Report states:

1. A director, assistant director, and secretary should be elected at each annual meeting.
2. They shall welcome and recognize each church at the rally. That they take an attendance count and give an attendance banner to the church with the most in attendance. This church will be responsible to the banner to the next rally.
3. The rallies shall be held on the 4th Saturday of January, April, and October, and the July rally will be held three Saturdays after the Associational Meeting. Each church shall host on a rotating basis and provide only the facilities for the rally in alphabetical order. Each rally will begin at 6:00 PM.
4. Each program should include devotion from the Bible, be collectively planned by associational pastors and age appropriate for each rally.
5. Offering may be taken only if they are designated toward the rally program.

