

FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION  
OF  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
OF  
NORTH CAROLINA

*IN THIS COPY OF THE MINUTES ARE THE MINUTES FROM  
AUGUST 2019 THROUGH MAY 2020*

**MEETING ANNUALLY  
ON  
2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY IN MAY**

**MEETINGS QUARTERLY  
2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY IN**

**AUGUST- NOVEMBER- FEBRUARY**

*THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL  
BAPTIST IN  
AFFILIATION WITH THE  
NORTH CAROLINA AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF FREE WILL  
BAPTIST*

**MODERATOR: BRO. BILLY POE JONES**

**CLERK: BRO. VINCENT WHITE**

## Introducing Free Will Baptists

### History

The rise of Free Will Baptists in America can be traced to the influence of Baptist of Arminian Persuasion who settled the colonies from England.

The denomination sprang up on two fronts at almost the same time. The southern lines, or Palmer movement traces it's beginning to the year 1727 when one Paul Palmer organized the church at Chowan, North Carolina. Palmer had previously ministered in New Jersey and Maryland, having been baptized in a congregation which had moved from Wales to a tract on the Delaware River in northern Pennsylvania.

The northern line, or Randall movement, had it's beginnings with a congregation organized by Benjamin Randall, June 30 1780, in New Durham, New Hampshire. Both lines of Free Will Baptists taught the doctrines of free grace, free salvation, and free will, although from the first, there was not an organizational connection between them.

The northern line expanded more rapidly in the beginning and extended its outreach into the West and Southwest. In 1910-1911, this body of Free Will Baptists merged with the Northern Baptist denomination, taking along more than half 1,100 churches and all denominational property, including several major colleges. On December 28, 1916, at Pattonsburg, Missouri, representatives of remnant churches in the Randall movement reorganized into the Cooperative General Association of Free Will Baptists.

Free Will Baptists in the southeastern United States, having descended from the Palmer foundation, had often manifested fraternal relationships with Free Will Baptists of the Randall movement in the north and west, but the slavery questions and the Civil War prevented formal union between them. The churches in the southern line were organized into a General Conference by 1921. These congregations were not affected by the merger of the northern movement with the Northern Baptists.

Now that the remnants of the Randall movement had reorganized into the Cooperative General Association and the Palmer movement had organized into the General Conference, it was inevitable that fusion between these two groups of Free Will Baptists would finally come. In Nashville, Tennessee, on November 5, 1935, representatives of these two groups met and organized the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

This body adopted a treatise which set forth the basic doctrines and described the faith and practice that had characterized Free Will Baptists through the years. Having revised on several occasions, it serves as a guideline for the denominational fellowship which comprises more than 2,400 churches in 42 states and 14 foreign countries

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "Keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation; and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
AUG 2018 - MAY 2019**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

MODERATOR: Bro. Billy Poe Jones  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Bro. Jeff Silver  
CLERK: Bro. Vincent White  
TREASURER: Bro. Roger Johnson

**EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR ONE YEAR**

Bro. Jeff Duncan  
Bro. Donald Justice  
Bro. Phillip Wyatt

**ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

ASSISTANT CLERK: Bro. Colby Davis  
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Bro. Melvin Revis  
SONG LEADER: Bro. Gary Lewis  
ASSISTANT SONG LEADER: Bro. Jeff Duncan

**YOUTH BOARD**

Bro. Jeff Silver  
Bro. Vincent White  
Bro. Colby Davis  
Bro. Gary Hamilton

**PROMOTIONAL BOARD**

Bro. Gary Hamilton

**PRESBYTERY BOARD**

Bro. Melvin Revis  
Bro. Larry Anderson  
Bro. Richard Cole  
Bro. Jerry McClain  
Bro. Justin Griggs

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Bro. Gary Lewis  
Bro. Keith Webb  
Bro. James Townsend

## CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES OF THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

### BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH – Marion, N.C.

Pastor: Bro. Ray Stockton P.O. Box 1034 Marion N.C. 28752  
828-652-4460 or 828-652-7908  
Church Mailing Address: P.O. Box 236 Nebo, N.C. 28761  
Church Address: 1690 old #10 hwy Marion N.C. 28752

### EMMANUEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH – Nebo, NC

Pastor: Bro. Donald Justice P.O. Box 343 Old Fort, NC 28762  
828-460-9808  
Church Address: 845 South Creek Road, Nebo, NC 28761

### FRIENDLY FREE WILL BAPTIST – Morganton, N.C.

Pastor: Bro. Paul Grindstaff P.O. Box 1852 Hildebran, NC 28637  
828-327-3972  
Church Mailing Address: 2208 South Fork Dr. Morganton, N.C. 28655  
Church Address: Old Hwy #18 Morganton, N.C. 28655

### GOING HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST – Marion, N.C.

Pastor Bro. Jeff Duncan P.O. Box 1141 Marion, N.C. 28752  
828-659-1979 or 828-527-3155  
Church Mailing Address: P.O.Box 1141 Marion, N.C. 28752  
Church Address: 191 Yancey St. Marion, N.C. 28752  
[WWW.goinghomefwbc.org](http://WWW.goinghomefwbc.org)

### HARRIETT MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST – Caroline, N.C.

Pastor: Bro. Billy Poe Jones 1938 HWY 221A Forest City, N.C. 28043  
828-305-5599  
Church Address and Mailing Address Same As Above

### MT. CALVARY FREE WILL BAPTIST – Marion, N.C.

Pastor: Bro. Rick Wood  
195 Miracle Drive Marion, N.C. 28752  
828-925-2230  
Church Mailing Address: P.O Box 310 Marion, N.C. 28752

### REDEEMED FREE WILL BAPTIST– Marion, N.C.

Pastor: Jerry McClain 208 Silvers Welch Rd. Old Fort, N.C. 28762  
828-668-7132 or 828-442-8033  
Church Address:

**ROBERTSON CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST – Bostic, N.C.**

Pastor: Bro. Colby Davis 486 Robinson Cr. Rd. Bostic, N.C. 28018  
828-289-2354

Church Mailing Address: P. O. Box 165 Bostic, N.C. 28018  
Church Address: 212 Robertson Creek CH. RD. Bostic, N.C. 28018

**SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST - Old Fort, N.C.**

Pastor: Bro. Vincent White P.O. Box 2354 Old Fort, NC 28762  
828-442-0861

Church Address: 407 Salem Church Road Old Fort, N.C. 28762

**SPRINGWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST – Belmont, N.C.**

Pastor: Bro. Jeff Silver 110 Park Terrace Dr. Belmont, N.C. 28012  
704-601-6514

Church Address: 826 Stanley Spencer Road, Gastonia NC, 28056

**SULPHER SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST – Hazelwood N.C.**

Pastor: Bro. Phillip Wyatt 86 Friendship Circle Waynesville, N.C. 28786  
828-734-9724

Church Mailing Address: P.O. Box 413 Hazelwood, N.C. 28786

**TRINITY HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST – Marion, N.C.**

Pastor: Bro. Gary Lewis 7175 Hwy 70E Nebo, N.C. 28761  
931-200-9023

Church Mailing Address: PO. Box 520 Nebo, N.C. 28761  
Church Address: 7065 Hwy 70E Nebo, N.C. 28761

**WAY OF THE CROSS FREE WILL BAPIST - Shelby, N.C.**

Pastor: Bro. Justin Griggs 875 East Zion Church Rd. Shelby, N.C. 28150  
Church Number: 704-604-7152

**WEST 5<sup>TH</sup> AVE. FREE WILL BAPTIST – Gastonia, N.C.**

Pastor: Bro. Richard Cole 109 Pilots Ridge Dr. Bessemer City, N.C. 28016  
704-922-7903

Church Address: 2145 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Gastonia, N.C. 28052

**FOOTHILLS MINISTERS WHO PASTOR CHURCHES  
NOT AFFILIATED WITH THIS BODY**

**Bro. Larry Anderson** – 6007 Benfield Landing Rd. Nebo, N.C. 28761  
828-442-4616 828-584-7712

**Bro. Jeff Boone** – Morganton First Free Will Baptist Church

**Bro. Allen Fredell** – Northview Free Will Baptist Church  
828-764-7314

**STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR**

**Bro. Reuben Cason**  
8902 Stone Heritage Rd., Middlesex, NC 27557  
252-230-440

**LICENSED MINISTERS OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED  
WITH THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION**

**ORDAINED MINISTERS NOT PASTORING**

**Bro. Patrick Buchanan** – P.O. Box 2237 Marion, N.C. 28752  
828-652-6084

**Bro: David Buff** – 127 East Sixth Street Marion, N.C. 28752  
828-442-7324

**Bro. Timmy Cox** – 351 Bridges Dr. Forest City, N.C. 28043  
828-248-1935 or 828-223-0250

**Bro. Daniel Hensley** -104 Cross Memorial Ave., Morganton, N.C. 28655  
828-391-1938 or 828-409-3296

**Bro. Melvin Revis** – 1567 Fairview Rd., Marion N.C. 28752  
828-652-3301 or 828-925-7746

**Bro. Roger Sims** – 171 Butler Rd., Apt 308, Forest City N.C. 28043  
828-245-3216

**Bro. James Townsend** – 101 May St., Gastonia, N.C. 28052  
704-915-1464



**FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2019 AT  
SPRINGWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
PASTOR: REV. JEFF SILVER**

Total Present: 75

Opening Song: Heaven's Jubilee

Devotions: Bro. Levi Worley

Welcome: Bro. Jeff Silver

Response to welcome: Bro. Jeff Duncan

Roll call of churches and ministers: Clerk Bro. Vincent White

Moderator's Report: By Bro. Billy Poe Jones

Special Singing: Host Church

Message: Bro. Keith Webb – Gal 3:1-5 Living by Scriptures

Executive Board Report: Bro. Vincent White

Treasury Report: Bro. Melvin Revis, Checking \$14,914.85, Todays Offering \$114.00

Presbytery Board Report: No Report

Youth Board Report: Bro. Jeff Silver, Next Youth Meeting @ Robinson Creek, Aug 17

Promotion Board: Bro. Gary Hamilton

Missions: Bro. Mike Allison (Family Ministry) & Bro. Carl Miller (Harvest Children's Ministries)

Old Business: No Report

New Business: Bro Reuben Cason (NCFWB Promotion Dir) - \$1,000 offering today.  
Bro. Luke Johnson (Landon Johnson) – 1,500 Love Offering

Meeting was ended in prayer.

**FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2019 AT  
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
PASTOR: REV. VINCENT WHITE**

Total Present: 80

Opening Song: A Little Talk With Jesus

Devotions: Bro. Daniel Hensley – Matt. 4:18-20 Fishers of Men

Welcome: Bro. Vincent White

Response to welcome: Bro. Donald Justice

Roll call of churches and ministers: Clerk Bro. Vincent White

Moderator's Report: By Bro. Billy Poe Jones

Special Singing: Host Church

Message: Bro. Vincent White – Exd. 14:14 The Lord will Fight for You!

Executive Board Report: Bro. Vincent White

Treasury Report: Bro. Roger Johnson, Checking \$13,154.31, Todays Offering \$167.00

Presbytery Board Report: No Report

Youth Board Report: Bro. Jeff Silver, Next Youth Meeting @ Way of the Cross FWB Church

Promotion Board: Bro. Melvin Revis – Nomination of Bro. Keith Turner and Bro. Dwayne Turner  
Motion Made, Second, and Move was Made

Missions: Bro. Mike Allison (Family Ministry) & Bro. Carl Miller (Harvest Time Ministry)

Old Business:

New Business:

Meeting was ended in prayer.

**FOOT HILLS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2020 AT  
REDEEMED FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
PASTOR: REV. JERRY McCLAIN**

Total Present: Clerk was not Present

Opening Song:

Devotions:

Welcome:

Response to welcome:

Roll call of churches and ministers:

Moderator's Report:

Special Singing:

Message:

Executive Board Report:

Treasury Report:

Presbytery Board Report:

Youth Board Report:

Promotion Board:

Missions: Bro.

Old Business:

New Business:

Meeting was ended in prayer.

**FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
MAY <sup>TH</sup>, 2020 AT  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
PASTOR:**

Total Present: Meeting was Postponed until August due to COVID19

Opening Song:

Devotion:

Welcome:

Response to welcome:

Roll Call of Ministers and Churches:

Moderators Report:

Special Singing:

Message:

Executive Board Report:

Treasury Report:

Presbytery Board Report:

Youth Board Report:

Missions:

Old Business:

New Business:

**Minutes for the Executive Board Meeting for the August 2019 Meeting**

The Executive Board met, members present were Bros. Billy Poe Jones, Vincent White, Jeff Duncan, Jeff Silver, and Phillip Wyatt.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was set for Springwood FWB Church.

**Old Business:**

- Association Meeting – Move to the First Saturday in the Months of August, November, February & May.

**New Business:**

- Love Offering for Bro. Luke Johnson (1,500.00)
- Love Offering for Bro. Reuben Cason (1,000.00)

The meeting was closed with prayer and fellowship.

**Minutes for the Executive Board Meeting for the November 2019 Meeting**

The Executive Board met, members present were Bros. Billy Poe Jones, Donald Justice, Vincent White, Roger Johnson, and Phillip Wyatt.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was set for Salem FWB Church.

Old Business:

- 1) Reminder of the Meetings being Moved.

New Business:

- 1) Pray about the March Movement Meetings

The meeting was closed with prayer and fellowship.

**Minutes for the Executive Board Meeting for the February 2020 Meeting**

No Minutes Available

**Minutes for the Executive Board Meeting for the May 2018 Meeting**

Meeting Postponed Due to COVID19



Foothills Association of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist  
August 2019 - May 2020

	<u>August</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>May</u>
Bro. Larry Anderson	A	P	*	
Bro. Jeff Boone	A	A	*	
Bro. Pat Buchanan	A	A	*	
Bro. David Buff	A	A	*	
Bro. Richard Cole	P	E	*	
Bro. Tim Cox	P	P	*	
Bro. Colby Davis	P	P	*	
Bro. Jeff Duncan	P	P	*	
Bro. Alan Fredale	P	P	*	
Bro. Justin Griggs	P	E	*	
Bro. Daniel Hensley	P	P	*	
Bro. Billy Jones	P	P	*	
Bro. Donald Justice	P	P	*	
Bro. Billy Lail	A	P	*	
Bro. Gary Lewis	P	P	*	
Bro. Jerry McClain	E	P	*	
Bro. Melvin Revis	E	P	*	
Bro. Jeff Silver	P	P	*	
Bro. Roger Sims	P	A	*	
Bro. Ray Stockton	P	P	*	
Bro. James Townsend	A	E	*	
Bro. Keith Webb	P	E	*	
Bro. Vincent White	P	P	*	
Bro. Phillip Wyatt	P	P	*	

P = Present

E = Excused

A = Absent/Unexcused

\*Roll was not taken at the Association Meeting in February due to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk being absent.

Foothills Association of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist				
August 2018 - May 2019				
Church's Name	August	November	February	May
Bethel	2	4		
Emmanuel	6	1		
Friendly	0	0		
Going Home	5	6		
Harriett Memorial	1	2		
Mt. Calvary	0	3		
Redeemed	1	1		
Robertson Creek	6	5		
Salem	4	35		
Springwood	32	12		
Sulphur Springs	5	6		
Trinity Hill	2	7		
Way of the Cross	5	9		
West 5th Ave.	3	2		
Total Delegates	73	83		
Visitors	5	6		
Total	78	89		

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**FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
MAY 6, 2019 - MAY 6, 2020**

Bethel	\$450.00
Emmanuel	\$400.00
Friendly	\$0.00
Going Home	\$710.00
Harriett Memorial	\$1,000.00
Mt. Calvary	\$800.00
Redeemed	\$210.00
Robertson Creek	\$200.00
Salem	\$800.00
Springwood	\$1,800.00
Sulphur Springs	\$1,030.00
Trinity Hill	\$435.00
Way of the Cross	\$0.00
West 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	\$210.00
Cash Offerings	\$515.00
Interest from checking	\$1.56
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$8,561.56</b>
Stamps Clerk	\$55.00
Rev. Ruben Cason Love Offering	\$1,000.00
National Freewill Baptist Association	\$3,140.00
Clerk Honorary	\$100.00
Treasurer Honorary	\$100.00
Flowers Rev. Ray Stockton's Wife	\$59.00
Rev. Billy Poe Jones Reimbursement Nationals	\$869.90
Association Post Office Box Rental	\$76.00
Treasurer Mileage	\$185.00
Love Offering Rev. Luke Johnson	\$1,500.00
March Revival to Churches	\$400.00
Association One Call Now	\$173.88
Flowers Rev. Harold Holcombe	\$60.00
Foothills Youth	\$2,400.00
F.W.B. International Missions	\$1,200.00
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$11,318.78</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$20,236.58</b>
<b>Credits:</b>	<b>\$8,561.56</b>
<b>Debits:</b>	<b>\$11,318.78</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$17,479.36</b>
<b>Total Checking Balance as of May 6, 2019</b>	<b>\$17,479.36</b>

Submitted by:  
 Bro. Roger Johnson, Treasurer  
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 Old Fort, NC 28762  
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# CONSTITUTION OF THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE 1

### NAME: PURPOSE: AFFILIATION

This Association shall be called the FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION of (original) FREE WILL BAPTIST of N.C. The purpose of this body is to proclaim the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to advance the cause of His Kingdom among men.

We are affiliated with the North Carolina and National Associations of Free Will Baptists. The treatise of the National Association is adopted as a guideline of our practices and an expression of our faith.

## ARTICLE 2

### MEMBERSHIP

The member of this body shall consist of churches and ministers of like faith. Members may be received by letter from other Free Will Baptist Associations, or by letter of petition. Members coming to us by petition or from other denominations shall be examined by our Executive Board or some other board elected for that purpose, with regards to their faith and doctrines. If they meet the approval of the examining board, they shall be recommended by them to the body in session. They shall be received under the watch care of the body for a period of 90 days, after which time they shall be received into full membership by a majority vote of the body. All members (ministers and churches) shall be expected to be faithful in attendance. Ministers must report in person, or by letter, or personal phone call to the clerk of the association each session. Churches must report in person, or by letter, or by personal phone call to the clerk of the association each session. All are encouraged to attend each meeting. Any member (ministers or church) failing to be faithful in attendance may be dismissed.

### AMMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 2

Any member (minister) whom is counted as absent for four consecutive association meetings shall be sanctioned. Under these sanctions the member (minister) shall forfeit his voting rights with the body. The member (minister) shall not be eligible to hold any office within the association. If the member (ministers) turn, in the preaching rotation, comes during the sanction period then that shall be forfeited.

A member minister shall be reinstated only after being counted present for two consecutive meetings. When he is counted present on the second consecutive meeting the sanctions shall be lifted at that time.

Any member minister who is absent for eight consecutive meetings with no word as to their intent to be part of the Foothills Association body, shall be dropped from of the said body.

### ARTICLE 3

#### OFFICERS

The officers of this association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Executive Board, and any other officers, boards or committees that the body may elect to transact business. Their duties shall be explained in an appendage to this constitution.

### ARTICLE 4

#### INDEPENDENCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

This Association recognizes the independence of the local church and assumes no higher authority over the church than that of an advisory capacity. The church has a right to discipline their members and conduct their internal affairs without interference from the Association. All discipline should be binding upon all churches and no member should be received into one of our churches when they are out of fellowship with another. This body assumes no claim over local church property, except that which may be acquired by legal title.

### ARTICLE 5

#### LICENSING AND ORDAINING MINISTERS

This work shall be done by the authority of the local church. When a man announces his call to preach, the local church shall have the power to license him. When a church desires to ordain a man, the pastor shall call for a presbytery of 3 ordained ministers of the Association to assist him in this matter. The presbytery shall be elected by the body at its annual session. They shall be charged with the examination, ordination, proving, and testing before ordination of all candidates to be sure that they are sound in our doctrine and investigation (when necessary) of all ministers of the association.

Any minister wishing to unite with this body must appear before the presbytery, and upon their recommendation shall be received by a majority vote. No woman shall be considered for ordination. All candidates for ordination must meet the requirements of the Word of God as found in I Timothy 3: 1-7. No ordination shall be considered valid among us unless it is in accord with God's Word.

*In addition, we believe that in the best interest of this association, we will not accept into the Foothills Association of Freewill Baptist or ordain any man who has two(2) living wives. Or any man whose wife has two(2) living husbands.*

## ARTICLE 6

### DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

In order to encourage and maintain sound doctrine and moral character, this body recognizes its duty to discipline its members according to the Word of God. Any charges brought against a church or a minister must be in writing and presented to the accused, the Executive Board, or the Presbytery Board at least two weeks before a hearing can be held. The Executive Board shall be responsible to investigate charges against churches and the Presbytery shall be responsible to investigate charges against ministers. After such investigations, they shall make their findings known to the body, with the proper recommendations. The body may, by a majority vote, suspend or withdraw fellowship from any member found to be walking disorderly. The body may, by a majority vote, suspend, or revoke the credentials of any minister found walking disorderly. This body stands ready to restore the erring when sin is acknowledged, repented of, or forsaken. (Galatians 6: 1, Ephesians 4: 32)

### AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 6

Add #6 to read as follows: Any member who may be charged with immoral conduct or practices to Christian principles including but not limited to, the sin of homosexuality, as set forth in the King James Version of the Holy Bible, shall be brought to immediate attention of the Moderator and the Presbytery Board. It shall be their duty to give it serious and prayerful consideration, using every possible means authorized by their office to restore such a person to full reconciliation. Through repenting of, and forsaking the sin. However, should this fail they shall bring it before the association body. For such a person shall have the right to a fair and impartial hearing before the Association body. They shall be considered innocent until proven guilty and shall have the right to speak in their defense and to question any witness that may appear against them. After hearing all the evidence that has been presented, the Association shall bring it to a vote. The Association shall always stand ready to forgive and restore when sin is acknowledged and forsaken.

The Association should also stand ready to take action when sin is not acknowledged and forsaken. Matt18: 17, states "... For such a person is considered a heathen man".

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Association shall meet quarterly for worship and business on the second Saturday in February, August, and November. The annual meeting shall meet on the second Saturday in May. If a two-day meeting is desired, the body will meet on the first Friday before the second Saturday in May, and end on Saturday. In order to conduct business, a quorum of representatives from at least nine member churches must be present.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

All churches are requested to support the financial needs of the Association with an offering equal to at least 2% of the churches offerings. These funds may be spent either quarterly or annually.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended or suspended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual session, providing a quorum of at least nine members are present. The motion to amend must be made at the first session of the annual meeting, and must lay on the table until the final session.

## APPENDAGE

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**MODERATOR** - The moderator shall have the general oversight of the Association and shall preside at all business sessions. He shall see that the chair is filled at all times and that proper order is maintained. He shall have the same speaking rights as other members providing the chair is filled. In case of a tie vote, he shall be empowered to break the tie. He shall serve as chairman of the Executive Board. In his absence, or at his request, the assistant may assume his duties.

**CLERK** - The clerk shall take the minutes of all business meetings of the body and shall keep a permanent record of them. The clerk shall be responsible for having the minutes printed and shall serve as corresponding secretary of the Association. In the absence of the clerk, or at the clerk's request the assistant clerk may assume these duties.

**TREASURER** - The treasurer shall receive and disburse all money of the association at the direction of the body. He shall keep an accurate and permanent financial record, and shall give a financial report to the association at least once a year, or upon request. In the absence of the treasurer, the assistant may assume these duties.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD** - This board shall consist of seven members. The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, shall be members of the board by virtue of their office, with three additional members being elected by the body. The board shall have interim authority to act for the association between sessions. They shall report their work annually to the association, and their work shall be final upon the approval of the body in session. A quorum of at least four members must be present in order for the board to conduct business.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEE** - This board shall consist of three members who shall hold title to all property acquired by the association, and shall represent the body in all matters needing trustees. They shall perform their duties at the direction of the body.

**HISTORIAN** - The historian shall keep records of all historical events of the association. The assistant shall assist the historian in these duties.



**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – All officers of the association shall be elected for one year, except the historian and board of trustees. These shall be elected for an indefinite period. A nominating committee shall be elected at the last session of the annual meeting. They shall present nominations to the body the following year for all associational offices. When they give their report, the moderator shall call for nominations from the floor

**ASSOCIATIONAL RECORDS AND PROPERTY** – All finances, records, and property held by any officer of the association shall be turned over promptly to his successor in office upon completion of his term in office.

## BY-LAWS AND RULES OF DECORUM

1. All meetings shall be open with scripture reading, prayer, and worship.
2. The clerk, assistant clerk, or the senior minister in years, shall call the meeting to order and shall preside until the moderator assumes his place.
3. Any member wishing to speak must first stand and be recognized by the moderator before the body and shall not speak more than twice, nor more than ten minutes, without special permission from the body. No person shall interrupt another who is speaking, except in cases of emergency or in accord with accepted parliamentary procedure. Frivolous motions of Filibustering shall not be tolerated by this body.
4. Christian love must rule in every session. No title, except Brother or Sister, shall be used when addressing another. There shall be no conversation between members that will interrupt Business while the body is in session.
5. No member shall absent himself from the body without the permission of the moderator. Anyone violating this rule may be admonished by the moderator. If the violation continues It may result in loss of voting privileges for that session at the discretion of the moderator. The moderator's decision shall be final unless overruled by a majority vote of the body. Any Member may appeal the moderator's decision to the body.
6. Roberts Rule of Order shall be used as a guide in our deliberations, and shall be the final authority as it applies to religious bodies such as ours.
7. These rules may be amended or suspended at any regular business session by a simple majority vote, providing that a quorum of at least nine members are present.
8. (Aug. 11, 2012) Motion made, second and carried that all material for the Foothills Assoc., be King James Version.

## DUTIES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

**EXECUTIVE BOARD** – This committee shall have the oversight of appointing tasks which will be assigned by the moderator and shall assist in scheduling meetings of the association. This committee shall also encourage attendance and local support of the association by visitation to delinquent ministers and churches.

**PRESBYTERY BOARD** - This board shall consist of at least three ordained ministers who are in good standing with the body. They shall be responsible for the ordaining, investigating, and receiving ministers into the association. They shall also be responsible for the examination, proving, and testing before ordination of all candidates to be sure that they are sound in our doctrine. They shall be elected annually. No man shall serve on this board and the Executive Board at the same time.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD** – This committee shall have the oversight of anything that pertains to foreign missions. They shall report annually to the association and present recommendations of ways in which the body can better support foreign missions.

**HOME MISSIONS** – This committee shall have the oversight of anything that pertains to home missions. They shall report annually to the association and present recommendations of ways to better support and promote home missions.

**PROMOTIONAL BOARD** – This committee shall be responsible for promoting the work of the association among local churches. They shall encourage the churches to support the association with their presents and fiancés. They shall report their work to the association annually.

**YOUTH BOARD** – This committee shall have the oversight of our youth. They shall explore plans to get our youth involved in the work of the association. They shall make plans for special activities and work for our youth. They shall be responsible for planning youth services, and report annually to the association of the accomplishments of said committee.

**NOMINATING BOARD** – This committee shall be responsible for presenting all nominees for offices in the association. They shall be responsible in contacting nominees in advance of their presentation before the body at the annual session. The body shall retain the right to nominate from the floor when committee gives its report.

**Motions Passed by the Body of the Foothills FWB Association.**

- Voted to incorporate the association.

8/15 – Travel Expense, \$.57 per mile travel pay for Executive and Presbytery Boards.

8/15 – Pay \$100.00 annually to the Clerk and Treasury.

8/15 – Pay Moderator’s travel expenses to the FWB National Meeting if his church is unable to pay travel expenses.

8/15 – Move the Foothills FWB Association money market account into the checking, Foothills FWB Association will have only the checking account.

8/15 – Clerk will send out annual letter all Foothills FWB Association churches by January, asking each church to pay their annual dues by the February quarterly association meeting.

5/18 - Association will give the Assoc. Youth Board \$2400 per as long as the Assoc. can afford it.

5/19 - Motion, Second & Passed to move the Saturday meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the months February, May, August, and November. This will start with February 2020 meeting.

**FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
AUG 2019 - MAY 2020**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

MODERATOR: Bro. Billy Poe Jones  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Bro. Jeff Silver  
CLERK: Bro. Vincent White  
TREASURER: Bro. Roger Johnson

**EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR ONE YEAR**

Bro. Jeff Duncan  
Bro. Donald Justice  
Bro. Phillip Wyatt

**ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

ASSISTANT CLERK: Bro. Colby Davis  
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Bro. Melvin Revis  
SONG LEADER: Bro. Gary Lewis  
ASSISTANT SONG LEADER: Bro. Jeff Duncan

**YOUTH BOARD**

Bro. Jeff Silver  
Bro. Colby Davis  
Bro. Vincent White  
Bro. Gary Hamilton

**PROMOTIONAL BOARD**

**PRESBYTERY BOARD**

Bro. Melvin Revis  
Bro. Larry Anderson  
Bro. Richard Cole  
Bro. Jerry McClain  
Bro. Justin Griggs

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Bro. James Townsend  
Bro. Keith Webb  
Bro. Gary Lewis