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## PROCEEDINGS.

Proceedings of the 26th annual session of the Jasper Freewill Baptists Association convened with Union Hill Church Marion County Ala., Oct. 5 7 1912.

After singing a hymn Prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Conner, introductory sermon by Rev. E. C. Thomas concluded by Rev. J. L. Conner, prayer by Rev. J. T. Harris and benediction, dismissed one hour and 30 minutes for dinner.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After song and prayer by Rev. Thomas Keeton, Rev. E. C. Thomas Moderator and J. W. Roberson clerk being present took their seats. The Moderator called for business and it was transacted as follows.

1. Appointed Rev. J. L. Conner and Rev. W. D. Martin reading clerks.
2. Called for letters and they were handed in and contents noted as per statistical table and the delegates were seated.
3. Called for petitionary letters, and received one from Poplar Log Church and one from Bethlehem Church.
4. By a move and second the church Poplar Log was received in to this Association and Bros. O. E. Harris, J. W. Mann and E. A. Frederick were seated as delegates from Poplar Log church.
5. On motion the church Bethlehem be received into this Association and Bros. J. L. Crow and Monie Fields be seated as delegates from Bethlehem church, whereupon the Moderator and clerk extended the right hand of Fellowship to the delegates of these two new churches.
6. On motion it was agreed to permanently organize the body which was done by electing Rev. J. L. Conner Moderator John W. Roberson clerk and John A. Nelson treasurer for the next year Association.
7. Called for correspondence from sister Associations and received as follows, from Vernon Rev. J. T. Harris who was received and seated with us.
8. On motion the Moderator appoint all committees and the following were appointed to wit:
9. On preaching, A. J. Ingle, J. T. Tharp, J. J. Erwin with the Deacons of this church.

10. On motion the report is received and the committee retained.

11. On documents and order of business W. J. Crenshaw Rev. W. D. Martin Rev. J. R. Ford with Moderator and clerk.

12. On Sabbath schools, Bros. W. A. Smith R. S. Mullens and W. G. Ivy.

13. On Literature, Bros. H. T. Warren G. W. Burleson Rev. A. H. Loy and J. W. Mann.

14. On Deceased Ministers and Members, Bros. W. J. Underwood, J. H. Crow. Rev. W. E. M. Cofield and Rev. M. R. Martin

15. On Minute funds, Bros. W. S. Flippo, J. H. Whitman and W. C. Estes.

16. On Associational funds, Bros. J. A. Beasley, J. L. Crow, W. C. Pearce and Rev. M. M. Vaughn.

17. The Committee on Preaching report as follows. Rev. W. D. Martin preach tonight, Rev. J. T. Harris preach, tomorrow at 9 A. M. Rev. J. L. Conner preach, at 11 A. M. Rev. M. R. Martin preach, tomorrow night.

18. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock A. M. prayer by Rev. W. D. Martin and benediction by Rev. M. R. Martin.

### SATURDAY NIGHT.

At 7 30 P. M. Rev. W. D. Martin preached a very instructive sermon to a large and well behaved audience, text St. John 3-5.

### ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICE.

At 9 A. M. the people was called together by singing after which prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Ford. Rev. J. T. Harris of the Vernon Association. Preached a most instructive sermon to a large audience, Text; "Friend go up higher" at the close of which 10 minutes recess was taken. After which the audience re-assembled and Rev. J. L. Conner preached a most convincing sermon on the subject of Communion at the close of which the Lord's supper was administered and Christians of different denominations partook with us after which a song by the choir and benediction by the Moderator, at 5 P. M. Prayer service was opened by Bro. Willie Hudson mixed with many testimonies by the Brethren and Sisters for Christ.

At 7 30 P. M. the audience was called together by a hymn and prayer by Rev. M. R. Martin who preached to a large and well behaved audience.



MONDAY MORNING OCTOBER 7, 1912.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. The congregation sang a hymn after which prayer was offered by Bro. J. J. Erwin. The Roll was called and delegates answered to their names there being a quorum present the moderator announced the association ready for business which was transacted as follows.

1. On motion Saturdays proceedings was read and adopted.
2. Called for ministers of different denominations to seats with us, none received.
3. The moderator appointed the following committee on resolutions to wit: J. J. Erwin W. J. Crenshaw and Rev. J. T. Harris.

4. Reports of committees was called for in regular order and presented as follows to wit: On documents and order of business we your committee on documents and order of business submit the following report we find six petitionary letters asking for the next association and we recommend that the delegates decide upon the place of holding the same. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and receive \$7.50 for his services and that the moderator have \$6.00 for his services out of the associational funds. We recommend that the churches of this association contribute to the state convention and that we represent by delegates and that this association pay the traveling expense of the delegates out of the associational funds. We recommend that this association employ and send out an evangelist clothed with authority to travel and preach in the bounds of this association collect association funds from the churches he may preach to turn them into the treasury of this association and appeal to his congregations for his support.

Respectfully Submitted

W. J. Crenshaw, Chairman.

On motion the report is received and adopted.

#### DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We your committee on Denominational Literature report as follows. We recommend Freewill Baptist literature in our Sabbath schools and the prayerful study of the Holy Bible.

Respectfully Submitted.

H. T. Warren, Chairman.

On motion the report is received and adopted and the committee discharged.

#### MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We your committee on Ministerial Character beg to report as follows: We find all our Ministers in good standing and we urge that it is their duty to attend each session of the Association as much as possible.

We also recommend all churches that have no pastors to call some of our young Ministers to serve them as this will encourage them.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. J. Ingle

W. T. Keeton

G. W. Moore

Jesse Tyra

J. A. Beasley

Standing Committee

#### DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS.

We your committee on Deceased Ministers and Members report as follows.

Since our last Association Death has summoned from the church militant on earth to the church triumphant in heaven as follows: from Mt. Olive Bro. A. J. Westbrook age about 70. Sister Matilda Franks, age about 80. From Mt. Pleasant, Rev. W. H. Ingram born Sept. 7th 1850 died Jan 4, 1912, Sister Mirtie Estes age 18 years 1 month 7 days. From Friendship Bro. J. W. Williams age 39 years 11 months 18 days. From Gum Springs, Sister Rebecca West, age 51 yrs., from Union Chapel. Sister Eva Bishop, age 32 yrs. 1 mo. 10 days. From Liberty, Bro. W. H. Estes, age 59 yrs. 3 mo. 9 days, Sister Viola Wilson, age not given, from Pleasant Ridge, sister M. J. Keeton, age 79 yrs. 3 mo. 14 days, Bro. F. M. Falkner, age about 80 yrs. From Pokahontas, Bro. Wm. Bell, age 46, Bro. R. E. Beard, age not given.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. Underwood, ch'm.

On motion the report is received and adopted and committee discharged.

#### On Minute Funds.

We your committee on minute funds report as follows: We find paid in by the various churches

\$22.10

Contributions by the Brethren

\$4 35

Respectfully submitted

W. S. Flipppo

J. H. Whitman

W. C. Estes

On motion the report is adopted and committee discharged.



## Associational Funds.

We your committee on Associational funds submit the following report. We find paid in by the various churches \$32.65

Respectfully submitted  
J. A. Beasley  
W. C. Pearce  
M. M. Vaughn  
J. L. Crow

On motion the report is adopted and committee discharged.

On motion we adjourn until 1 30 P. M. for preaching. After singing and prayer by the moderator, 10 minutes refreshment, at 11 A. M. the congregation was reassembled by singing and prayer by Rev. E. C. Thomas, after which Rev. J. T. Harris of the Vernon Association preach a very feeling and instructive sermon Text 1 Cor. 15:36. At the close of which intermission of 1 1-2 hours was taken for dinner.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M. the Association was reassembled by singing and prayer by Bro. G. T. Beasley, after which the moderator announced the body ready for business

## Sabbath Schools.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows. We find our Sabbath schools on the increase and we recommend that our people co-operate with the state organization of Sabbath Schools and makes report of work done, amount collected and expended the No. of pupils enrolled also that ministers encourage the work in these churches and encourage the study of the Bible for the divine teacher said, "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life".

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. Smith, Ch'm.

On motion the report is adopted and committee discharged.

## MINISTERS REPORTS.

Since our last Association I have preached 59 sermons, offered 70 public prayers, delivered 5 exhortations, married 4 couples, visited the sick room 9 times, conducted 2 Burials, received into the church 18, Baptized 9, traveled 1696 miles, received from Pleasant Ridge \$58.85, Gum Springs \$33.75, New Hope \$10.00, for marriages \$4.00, Total \$112.60.

Respectfully Submitted.

Rev. E. C. Thomas,

Since the last Association I have Preached 39 Sermons, offered 70 public prayers, Organized 1 church, Ordained 1 Deacon I have had no pastoral work. married 1 couple, received \$2.50.  
Rev. A. H. Lay.

Since last session of our Association I have preached 42 Sermons, offered 80 public prayers, traveled 464 miles, visited sick room 11 times, received into the church 30 members, Baptized 13 and 3 conversions, I am pastoring 2 churches, have married 4 couples, received for my services. \$13.25.

Respectfully Submitted.

Rev. J. R. Ford.

Since the last session of the Association I have traveled 750 miles, preached 53 Sermons, given 21 exhortations, prayed 201 public prayers, visited 252 homes, visited the sick room 11 times, rec'd into the church by Baptism 14, by letter 6, I have rec'd for my service from Pocahontas \$37.74 have had 2 regular appointments this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. W. D. Martin.

## TREASURERS REPORT

Amount on hand Oct. 3rd. 1911	\$94.77
Interest on same	7.58
Received from various churches	\$32.65
Total	\$135.00
Paid out to Rev. R. C. Flipppo	\$10.00
Paid out to Rev. G. C. Elliott	\$10.00
" " " Sister Nelson	\$10.00
" " " Rev. E. C. Thomas	\$6.00
" " " J. A. Nelson	\$5.00
Total paid out	\$41.00—41.00
Balance on hand October 7th. 1912	\$94.00
Respectfully submitted,	J. A. Nelson, Treasurer.
On motion, the report is rec'd and adopted.	



## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Resolved, That any Minister of this Association who is found guilty of circulating false reports, by pen or otherwise, on a brother Minister which is liable to impair his usefulness and destroy his influence shall be deemed guilty of a disciplinary offence, and after discipline has been used if he does not show signs of penitence and reformation he shall be excommunicated from the Association and published in our denominational literature.

2. It is agreed to retain a financial system, as we see the great need of such, and we recommend that each member of this Association pay, annually, 50 cents in connection with the minute funds, and ask all our ministers to use their best efforts in the collection of these funds; and it is further understood that our Treasurer keep a true record of all funds paid in, and how the same are paid out; such funds to be disposed of through the Moderator and Clerk being authorized by the Association; said funds to be used for no other purpose than the up-building of the Jasper Free-Will Baptist Association, i. e., aiding distressed and disabled Ministers and poor widows and orphans.

3. Be it resolved. That members shall not hold their membership out of the Church over one year after date, and they are under the jurisdiction of the Church to which they belong.

4. Be it resolved, That any Minister of the Jasper Free-Will Baptist Association who desires to set forth the full functions of the Gospel the same shall be made known to the Annual Association by a recommendation from the Church or Churches to which they belong, and if on examination, they shall be found worthy, the Association may ordain them; but all ordinations must be done at the Annual Association.

5. On motion, Rev. W. D. Martin be, and he is hereby appointed to write a circular letter to be appended to the Minutes of 1913, choosing his own subject.

6. On motion, each Minister report annually the amount of money he has secured, the number of miles traveled, number of sermons preached, number of public prayers, number of marriages, number of visits to the sick, and number of burial services attended during the associational year.

7. On motion, the Moderator is authorized to appoint delegates to our Sister Associations as follows:—

To State Convention Rev. W. D. Martin and W. J. Crenshaw.

To Bear Creek Association Bros. J. H. Mason, C. E. Fowler and Rev. J. R. Ford.

To Little Brown's Creek Bros. W. T. Keeton and J. T. Tharp.

To State Line, W. A. Smith and Rev. A. H. Lay.

To Morning Star, W. J. Crenshaw and Rev. J. J. Wesley.

To Vernon Rev. M. R. Martin and J. A. Nelson.

8. On Motion the Association donate Rev. R. C. Flippo \$10. Rev. G. C. Elliott \$10.00, Sister Nelson \$10.00 out of the Treasury.

9. By a majority vote of the Association Rev. W. D. Martin is put on the Evangelical work for the next Associational year.

10. By a unanimous vote it is decided and agreed that the next session of this Association be held with Mt. Pleasant church 1 mile West of Brilliant on I. C. Rail Road Marion County Ala. the same to convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1913, and that Rev. E. C. Thomas preach the Introductory sermon, Rev. J. L. Conner, alternate.

11. On motion the Treasurer is authorized to loan the money in the Treasury at 8 per cent. Interest with Note and Security and the Treasurer be allowed \$5.00 for his service.

12. It is ordered that our Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be appended to our minutes.

13. On motion it is agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes and that he have \$7.50 for his service.

On account of the distressed condition of Old Bro. H. J. Pyron who is blind and has a wife and 2 little children to support the Delegation and Brethren of different denominations made a personal contribution of \$11.45 for his assistance.

14. On motion the following Resolutions was adopted to wit: Resolved. That this the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association at Union Hill Church do hereby tender our sincerest love and respect to the officers and Delegates of this August body and to the good Sisters for their kindness and friendly assistance in every way within their power and that their kindness will long cluster in our memory.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. J. Erwin Ch'm.



15. On motion the Association adjourn to meet at the time and place above named. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Harris, closing exercises by the Moderator with appropriate remarks. A Hymn was sang and the parting hand was taken amid much tears and Joy.

Rev. J. L. Conner Moderator.  
J. W. Roberson Clerk.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

Rev. R. A. Nix, Rosco, Texas, r. f. d. No. 2.  
Rev. G. C. Elliott, Guin, Ala., r. f. d. No. 1.  
Rev. John L. Conner, Guin, Ala., r. f. d. No. 3  
Rev. J. J. Wesley, Guin, Ala.  
Rev. J. R. Halladay, Cordova, Ala.  
Rev. G. W. Flippo, Guin, Ala. r. f. d. No. 3.  
Rev. Jas. E. Cochran, Winfield, Ala. r. f. d. No. 3.  
Rev. W. M. Busby Nauvoo, Ala., r. f. d. No. 1.  
Rev. E. C. Thomas, Winfield Ala., r. f. d. No. 4.  
Rev. W. B. Benson, Carbon Hill, Ala.  
R. O. Flippo, Guin Ala.  
Rev. W. M. Cofield, Bear Creek Ala.  
Rev. A. H. Lay Hackleburg, Ala, r. f. d. No. 2  
Rev. J. N. Ford, Hackleburg, Ala., r. f. d. No. 2.  
Rev. W. D. Martin, Guin, Ala., r. f. d. No. 3.  
Rev. M. R. Martin Brilliant Ala, r. f. d. No. 1.  
(Licentiates) M. M. Vaughn Guin, Ala. r. f. d. No. 3  
Jessie A. Underwood Brilliant Ala, r. f. d. No. 1.

### RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. The Association shall be called to order by the moderator who presided at the last session; former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

Art. 2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

Art. 3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by the delegates present elects.

Art. 4. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session.

Art. 5. A majority of delegates present shall rule in all cases except the reception of members, then it shall be unanimous.

Art. 6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote, except in case of a tie, and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall also speak on any question after others have spoken, provided he appoint some one to the chair while he is speaking.

Art. 7. Only one person shall speak at the same time, and he shall arise and address the Moderator, and after recognition by the Moderator, proceed.

Art. 8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use words of personal reflection.

Art. 9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than fifteen minutes at a time.

Art. 10. No person shall laugh or talk during the time the debates are going on.

Art. 11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

### CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Jasper Freewill Baptists Association of Alabama, and being composed of ministers and delegates from the different churches forming the same, each church being entitled to three delegates.

Art. 2. This body shall be considered an advisory council.

Art. 3. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be decided by a two-third vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be chosen by a majority vote at each session of the Association.

Art. 5. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by a previous annual session and shall not adjourn finally, until all the business is transacted.

Art. 6. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

Art. 7. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the Temperance Cause, Sunday School, Missionary Work, etc.



## STATISTICAL TABLE

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