

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
*Twenty-eighth Annual Session*  
OF THE  
**Jasper Free-Will  
Baptist Association**  
HELD WITH  
**UNION CHAPEL CHURCH**  
MARION COUNTY, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 3-5, 1914.

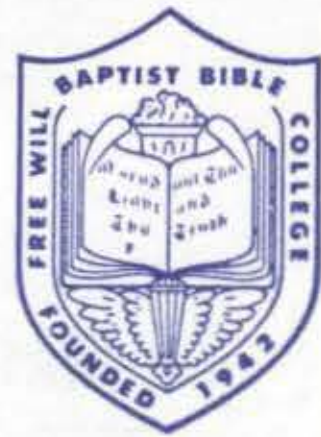
**OFFICERS:**

REV. WM. D. MARTIN.....	Moderator
JOHN W. ROBERSON.....	Clerk
JOHN A. NELSON.....	Treasurer

THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL CONVENE  
WITH PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH, 3 MILES WEST OF RED  
BAY, ALA., ON THE I. C. RAILROAD, ON THURSDAY BEFORE  
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1915.

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## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

Wayne Martin

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### PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association convened with Union Chapel Church, Marion County, Ala., October 3-5, 1914.

After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Conner, who preached the Introductory sermon: text, Hebrew 412. Rev. W. D. Martin concluded, after which prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Moore and benediction by Rev. J. L. Conner.

One hour intermission for dinner.

### Afternoon Session.

At 1:30 P. M., after song and prayer by Rev. R. L. Baker, the former Moderator being absent, the Clerk appointed Rev. E. C. Thomas, Moderator, pro tem.

The Association was called to order and the Moderator announced the body ready for business, which was transacted as follows:

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. L. Conner and E. C. Thomas reading clerks.

Called for letters from the different churches, which were handed in and read and contents noted as per statistical table.

Called for petitionary letters and gave opportunity for the reception of new churches into the body and received the following, to-wit: Pleasant Hill. This church being organized on our articles of faith, it was unanimously received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates and they were welcomed to seats with us.



The Church, New Bethlehem, by letter asked for letter of dismissal, and by unanimous vote the same was granted.

On motion, it was agreed to permanently organize the body which was done by electing Rev. Wm. D. Martin, Moderator; J. W. Roberson, Clerk and J. A. Nelson, Treasurer for the next Associational year.

The Moderator appointed Bros. A. J. Ingle, J. T. Tharp and W. C. Pearce, with the deacons of this church as a committee on preaching.

Called for corresponding delegates from sister Associations and received Revs. J. W. Porter, C. A. Chaffin and Bro. J. T. Taylor from the Vernon; Rev. H. J. Hicks and Bros. J. C. McCostin, J. W. Pike and A. J. Guthrey and Rev. J. W. Moore of Morning Star.

On motion, these brethren were invited to seats with us.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Documents and Order of Business—Revs. E. C. Thomas, M. R. Martin, J. R. Ford and P. T. Keeton, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Sabbath Schools—Rev. J. L. Conner, Bros. T. A. Berryhill and J. D. Alvis.

On Literature—Bros. W. A. Smith, J. H. Taylor and W. B. Cantrell.

On Deceased Ministers and Members—W. J. Underwood, J. E. Kennedy and M. A. Fields.

On Finance—Bros. C. E. Fowler, W. W. Elliot and Robert Franks.

On Associational Funds—Bros. W. S. Flipppo, E. S. Green and J. L. Eads.

Rev. W. E. M. Cofield asked that the church, Mars Hill, which had been dropped from our Minutes, be re-instated and added to the list.

By a unanimous vote Mars Hill Church is re-instated.

The Committee on Preaching report as follows: Rev. J. R. Ford preach tonight. At 9 a. m. Rev. J. L.

Conner make Sabbath School lecture. At 11 a. m., Rev. J. W. Porter of the Vernon Association, preach.

A. J. INGLE, Chairman.

On motion the report is received and adopted and the Committee retained.

On motion the Association adjourned until Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Song by the choir and prayer by Rev. J. R. Ford.

Benediction by Rev. J. L. Conner.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

At 7 p. m. services were opened by song and prayer.

Rev. J. R. Ford preached a very interesting sermon to an attentive and well behaved congregation.

#### SUNDAY PROCEEDINGS.

At 9 a. m. the audience was called together by song by the choir and prayer by Rev. J. W. Moore.

The people were joyfully entertained by the Sabbath School exercises by the pupils, at the close of which, Rev. J. L. Conner made a very brief and pointed lecture on Sabbath Schools.

Intermission of 10 minutes for recreation.

At 11 a. m. the great concourse of people were called together by song by the choir and prayer by Rev. J. L. Conner.

Rev. J. W. Porter of the Vernon Association, preached a most convincing sermon on communion. Text—"What Think Ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?"

After the sermon, the Lord's Supper was administered and Christians of different Denominations partook with us.

Song by the choir and benediction by Rev. J. W. Porter.

At 4:00 p. m. we met and after song, special prayer for the peace of the warring nations was offered, in accordance with the request of the President of the United States, led by Rev. J. W. Moore, after which we went



into memorial service in honor and admiration of the life and character of our beloved Brother, Rev. G. C. Elliot.

At 7:00 p. m.—Song by the choir.

Prayer by Rev. Baker.

Rev. W. D. Martin preached a very interesting sermon, at the close of which much joy was manifested.

#### MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 5, 1914.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The congregation sang a hymn, after which prayer was offered by Rev. M. R. Martin.

The Moderator called the body to order.

The Clerk called the roll and ministers and delegates answered to their names.

The Moderator announced a quorum present, and the Association ready for business, which was transacted as follows:

By a motion, all ministers present of this Association hand their names to the Clerk that they may be enrolled.

Invited visiting ministers of different denominations to seats with us and Rev. R. L. Baker of the M. E. Church came and took seat.

Enrolled names of standing committee as follows: A. J. Ingle, J. T. Tharp, J. A. Beasley and G. W. Moore.

On motion, Saturday's proceedings were read and adopted.

The Committee on Preaching report Rev. J. W. Moore to preach at 11 a. m.

On motion the Association adjourned one and a half hours for preaching and dinner. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Thomas.

Song by the choir and benediction by the Moderator.

At 11 a. m. the congregation was re-assembled by song and prayer by Rev. John Handley.

Rev J. M. Moore preached a most instructive and in-

teresting sermon: text, Second Corinthians 5-20. At shake, with much joy.

the close of which, was a great love feast and hand-

Prayer by Rev. J. L. Conner and benediction by Rev. E. C. Thomas. (Dinner served.)

#### Afternoon.

The Association was called together by song and prayer by Bro. J. J. Ervin, after which the Moderator called for reports of Committees, as follows:

#### On Documents and Order of Business.

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We find there are four petitionary letters asking for the next Association and we recommend that the delegates decide as to where it shall go.

We recommend that the Clerk superintend the printing of our minutes to the best advantage and that he have \$7.50 for his services, to be paid out of the minute funds.

We recommend that the Moderator have \$6.00 for his service, to be paid out of the Associational funds.

We recommend that Article 12 of the Church Government be observed.

We recommend that the day of convening this Association be changed from Saturday to Thursday before the 1st Sunday in October of each year.

We recommend that each church in this Association report to the Association clear description of all church property and value and the Clerk include such value in the Statistical Table in our minutes.

We recommend that a Finance Committee of each church meet their pastor the first meeting after the Association and arrange and agree on the Pastor's salary for the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
REV. M. R. MARTIN, Chairman.



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

#### Report on Sabbath Schools.

We, your Committee, report as follows: We have an enrollment of 220 pupils in five churches, to-wit: Liberty, Pocahontas, Union Chapel, Gum Spring and Bethlehem, with an annual expenditure of \$30.00.

In seven months the pupils of Union Chapel have memorized 344 verses of Scripture and ten of the children have joined the church.

We recommend that the Moderator visit the churches and organize Sabbath Schools, as an auxiliary of the church. The Sabbath Schools are unexcelled.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. D. ALVIS, Chairman.

#### Report on Literature.

We, your committee report as follows:

We recommend Free Will Baptist Literature in our Sabbath Schools, together with the prayerful study of the Holy Bible. We further urge each church to procure at least one quarters supply of literature so they may become acquainted with the same.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. A. SMITH, Chairman.

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

#### Report on Deceased Ministers and Members.

We, your committee report as follows:

Since our last Association death has entered the pales of our churches and removed therefrom as follows: from Mt. Pleasant, Rev. G. C. Elliot, aged 59 years, 1 month, 26 days; Sister Iley Dybery, aged 25 years, 6 months and 24 days. From Union Hill, Sister N. E. Raburn, aged about 77 years. From Freewater,

Sister D. D. Franks, aged 77 years, 11 months and 19 days; Brother James O. Conner, aged 67 years.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. J. UNDERWOOD, Chairman.

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

#### Report on Ministerial Character.

We, your committee submit the following report: We find all our ministers in good standing and urge that it is their duty to attend each session of the Association, if possible.

We recommend that all churches not having a pastor, call some one of our young ministers to attend them and encourage them in the ministry. We urge that our ministers having churches in charge urge the great need of Sunday Schools and prayer meetings in their work, as we think this a great help in the church work and in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. A. BEASLEY,  
A. J. INGLE,  
G. W. MOORE,  
J. T. THARPE,  
Committee.

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

#### Report on Minute Funds.

We, your committee, report as follows:

We find paid in by the various churches \$24.15. Personal contribution, \$4.00; total \$28.15.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. E. FOWLER, Chairman.

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



### Report on Associational Funds.

We, your committee, submit the following report:  
We find there has been paid in by the various churches, \$10.20.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. EADS,

W. S. FLIPPO.

### Treasurers Report.

Amount on hand, October 6, 1913.....	\$109.77
Interest on \$81.37.....	6.50
Received from the churches this year.....	10.20
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$126.47</b>
Paid out to Rev. G. W. Flippo.....	\$6.00
Paid out to J. A. Nelson.....	5.00
	11.00

Balance on hand, October 5, 1914.....\$115.47

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. NELSON, Treasurer.

On motion the report is received and adopted.

### Names of Ministers Present.

Revs. G. W. Flippo, J. L. Conner, E. C. Thomas, W. E. M. Cofield, J. R. Ford, W. D. Martin, M. R. Martin, D. B. Cunningham and P. T. Keeton.

### Standing Delegates Present.

A. J. Ingle, J. A. Beasley, J. T. Tharp and G. W. Moore.

### MINISTERS' REPORTS.

Since last Association I have received 22 members into the church at Union Chapel and baptized 11 and received \$55 for my services.

Received at the church of New Hope, 7 members and received for my service, \$17.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MOORE.

Since the last Association I have traveled 1,260 miles. Preached 78 sermons, given 20 exhortations, prayed 208 public prayers, visited 138 homes, visited the sick 9 times, helped ordain 2 deacons, conducted 3 burial

services. Received for my services from Union Hill, \$64.42; Pocahontas, \$36.00; from other churches, \$24.25.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. MARTIN.

Since our last Association I have preached 103 sermons and received into the church 6 and baptized 2. Married one couple, visited the sick 14 times, received for my service from Friendship, \$5.15; from Mountain Home, \$9.00; other contributions, \$2.00; for marriage, \$1.00; total \$19.15.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. FORD.

Since our last Association I have preached 47 sermons, prayed 48 public prayers; received into the church, 13 members; baptized 14, visited the sick 10 times, conducted one burial, traveled 1,103 miles; received for my service from Pleasant Ridge, \$42.45; from Gum Springs, \$33.65; from New Hope, \$35.65; total \$111.75.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. E. C. THOMAS.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

Rev. R. A. Nix, Rosco, Texas, Rt. 3.  
Rev. John L. Conner, Guin, Ala., Rt. 1.  
Rev. J. J. Wesley, Guin, Ala.  
Rev. G. W. Flippo, Guin, Ala., Rt. 3.  
Rev. Jas. E. Cochran, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 3.  
Rev. E. C. Thomas, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 4  
Rev. W. B. Benson, Carbon Hill, Ala.  
Rev. R. C. Flippo, Guin, Ala.  
Rev. W. E. M. Cofield, Bear Creek, Ala.  
Rev. A. H. Lay, Hackelburg, Ala., Rt. 2.  
Rev. J. R. Ford, Hackleburg, Ala Rt. 2.  
Rev. R. S. Pennington.  
Rev. W. D. Martin, Glen Allen, Ala., Rt. 2.  
Rev. M. R. Martin, Brilliant, Ala., Rt. 1.  
Rev. P. T. Keeton, Dennis, Miss., Rt. 1.  
Rev. T. J. Finch, Eden, Ala., Rt. 1

### LICENTIATES.

M. M. Vaughn, Guin, Ala., Rt. 3.  
Jesse A. Underwood, Brilliant, Ala. R. 1.  
E. R. Franks, Guin, Ala., Rt. 3.



On motion, Rev. J. R. Halladay's and W. M. Busby's names are dropped from our minutes.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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 offense 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.

It is agreed to retain a financial system and that the 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 upbuilding of the Jasper Freewill Association, i. e. aiding distressed and disabled ministers and poor widows and orphans.

Resolved, That members shall not hold their membership out of the church over one year from date and they are under the jurisdiction of the church to which they belong.

Resolved, That any minister of the Jasper Freewill 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 Association.

Resolved, That each minister report annually the amount of money he has received; the number of miles traveled; number of sermons and public prayers; number of marriages and visits to the sick and number of burial services attended during the year.

On motion, the Moderator appointed corresponding delegates to our sister Associations, to-wit:

Bear Creek—Rev. J. R. Ford, Bros. R. S. Mullens and J. A. Beasley.

Little Brown's Creek—Rev. P. T. Keeton, Bros. J. T. Tharp and Jesse Keeton.

State Line—Bros. J. T. Arthur, J. M. People and M. K. Williams.

Vernon—Revs. J. L. Coner, M. R. Martin and E. C. Thomas.

By a majority vote, the next session of this Association will be held with Pleasant Ridge Church, 2 miles west of Red Bay, Alabama, on the I. C. Railroad, the same to convene on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1915.

On motion, Rev. J. L. Conner preach the Introductory sermon. Rev. W. D. Martin, alternate.

On motion the Treasurer loan the money in the treasury at 8 per cent interest on note with good security, and the treasurer have \$5.00 for his service.

On motion, the Clerk is to superintendent the printing of our minutes and that he have \$7.50 for his service, out of minute funds.

On motion, it is decreed that our Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be appended to our minutes.

On motion, Section 12 of the Church Government be observed, and the Moderator appoint a committee in accordance therewith as follows: J. T. Tharp, R. E. Kennedy, J. L. Eads, W. S. Fiippo, W. J. Underwood, J. D. Alvis and W. B. Cantrell.

On motion, it is agreed under letters of recommendation from their churches that Bros. Rev. P. T. Keeton and Rev. T. J. Finch be ordained, and the Moderator appointed the following Presbytery, to-wit: Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. E. C. Thomas and Rev. J. W. Moore, together with Bros. J. T. Tharp and J. H. Hollis, who proceeded to examine them on their proficiency and knowledge of the holy Bible and zealousness to our Articles of Faith and hearing no objections, proceeded with the ordination at the close of which the right hand of fellowship was extended to them.

On motion, Rev. R. S. Pennington's name be added to the list of ordained Ministers in our minutes and his license be renewed.

On motion, the following resolution is adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That this, the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association at Union Chapel Church, hereby tender our sincerest thanks to the officers and delegates of this august body, and to the good sisters and community, at large, our deepest love and respect for their kindness



and friendly assistance within their power, and assure them that their kindness will long cluster in our memory.

Respectfully submitted,  
REV. E. C. THOMAS.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place above named.

Closing exercises by Rev. W. D. Martin. A hymn was sung and the parting hand taken amid much tears mingled with joy.

REV. W. D. MARTIN, Moderator.  
J. W. ROBERSON, Clerk.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Of God—Art. 1. We believe there is one living and true God. Who is in personality. the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost: Equal and harmonious in every Divine perfection.

Of the Holy Scriptures—Art. 2. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and that its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church.

Of Original Apostacy—Art. 3. We believe that Adam was created holy: but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity, and consequently involved his posterity in sin.

Of Free Grace—Art. 4. We believe that the Grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings. That the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. That the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted, regenerated and saved.

Of Christian Faith—Art. 5. We believe that Christian Faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and we believe in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. That "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

Of Repentance—Art. 6. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which constitutes Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction for sin.

Of Free Agency—Art. 7. We believe that the human will is free, and that men have ability to accept or re-

ject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

Of Perseverance—Art. 8. We do not believe under the Gospel dispensation that any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally; but those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved. That it is possible for men who have been converted, to "Make shipwreck of the Faith," turn again to sin and be finally lost.

Of Good Work—Art. 9. We believe that good work is the result of Faith, and not of necessity. That those who have Faith will do works of righteousness; while those who have no faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God.

Of Christian Baptism—Art. 10. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without Faith in the subject who receives it.

Of the Lord's Supper—Art. 11. We believe the Supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance. That the bread and wine represent his body and blood. That it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in observing that sacred service, regardless of names or denominational distinctions.

Of The Soul—Art. 12. We believe that man is a living soul. That the body will die, but that the soul is immortal. That death is the separation of the mortal and immortal parts of human beings.

Of the Resurrection—Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. When the resurrection shall take place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being. That the righteous will be received into a state of everlasting happiness, to reign with God forever and ever. But the wicked will be bound hand and foot and be cast into outer darkness. "The wicked are driven away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death."

### RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 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.

Art. 1. This Association shall be known as the Jasper Freewill Baptist 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.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall be eligible to the office of Moderator more than two successive sessions, unless no other member be competent to act in that capacity.

Art. 9. Any church of this Association failing to be represented for two years in succession, the same shall be dropped from our minutes.

### LIST OF DELEGATES.

Mt. Olive—W. S. Flippo, J. S. Ledlow and R. Franks  
 Mt. Pleasant—W. J. Underwood, W. W. Elliot, W. A. Smith  
 Friendship—J. T. Arthur, Jas. People  
 Gum Springs—J. T. White, E. S. Green, J. H. Taylor  
 Union Chapel—J. J. Erwin, M. D. Spiller, J. L. Eads  
 Union Hill—R. E. Kennedy, P. R. McCaig  
 Free Water—W. C. Pearce, M. C. Franks, J. Rouf Franks  
 Liberty—T. A. Berryhill, M. K. William, M. M. Wilson  
 Pleasant Ridge—J. S. Keeton, J. T. Tharp  
 Shady Grove—W. J. Lacy  
 Pearces Chapel—J. W. McGuire  
 Pocahontas—J. D. Alvis  
 New Hope—C. E. W. M. and W. Jim Fovier  
 Pleasant Grove—S. G. Walker  
 Mountain Home—R. S. Mullens, H. H. Drakefield  
 Poplar Log—O. E. Harris, E. A. Frederick (deserted)  
 Bethlehem—M. A. Fields  
 Bethel—M. S. Flippo, W. B. Cantrell  
 Mars Hill—W. E. M. Cofield, J. B. Glibrea  
 Pleasant Hill—T. J. Finch, W. B. Hollis



### STATISTICAL TABLE.

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