MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Jasper Free-Will Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH

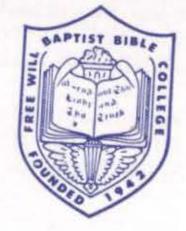
SHADY GROVE CHURCH FRANKLIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 30, AND OCTOBER 1-2, 1922

OFFICERS.

REV. JOHN L. CONNOR, Moderator :: ROBERT FRANKS, Clerk
W. J. UNDERWOOD, Treasurer

The next session of this Association will be held with Union Hill Church, three miles south of Hackleburg Station on the I. C. Railroad, Marion county, Alabama, the same to convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1923.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Wayne Martin

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Annual Session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association convened with Shady Grove Church Franklin County, Ala., September 30th and October 1st and 2nd 1922.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. L. Warren, the text used was Ephesians 2nd chapter 8th verse for by grace "Are Ye Saved" through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God.

After preaching an intermission of one hour was taken up for rest and refreshments. After which the Ministers and Delegates were requested to meet in the house, organize and proceed to business.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Associatson met pursuant to the request of Rev. B. M. Atkins moderator singing by the congregation after which prayer by Rev. James J. Wesley the moderator Rev. B. M. Atkins of the former Session being present the former clerk Fred B. Elliott being absent Robert Franks was appointed clerk. Pro tem then took their seats the moderator called the house to order and business was transacted as follows, viz:

- 1. Rev. J. S. Conner and Bro. Wm. Fowler were appointed reading clerks.
- 2. Letters from the churches are called for handed in and read contents noted as per Stastical Table.
- 3. Called for Petitionary Letters and opned the door for the reception of new churches into the body. Received the following to-wit: New Pleasant Hill this church being organized on our Articles of Faith, the church was unanimously received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates and welcomed to seats with us.
- 4. On motion it was agreed to permanantly organize the body which was done by electing Rev. J. S. Conner, moderator Bro. Robert Franks Clerk and Bro. W. J. Underwood treasurer, for the ensuing associational year.
- 5. Called for correspondence from Sister Associations and received the following, viz: from the Morning Star Association, Bro. E. G. Burt, Bro. E. B. Springfield and Bro. Ira Nix, from the Bear Creek Association Rev. C. A. Curtis these brethren were cordially received and welcome to seats with us and the hand of christian fellowship was extended to them and we felt that it was good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in love and union.
- 6. Called for visiting ministers of other demoninations to seat with us, Rev. B. V. McKoy of the M. E. Church South and W. J. Love of the Missionary Baptist Church these Brethren were also cordially received and welcomed to seats with us. On motion it is

agreed that the moderator appoint all the committees and the following were appointed, viz:

7. On Preaching, Bros. K. M. Pollard, W. F. Freeman, Wm. Fowler and A. J. Ingle with the deacons of Shady Grove Church.

8. On documents and order of business: Rev. James J. Wesely, Rev. A. L. Warren and Rev. M. R. Martin with the mod-

9. On Sabbath Schools: W. D. Martin, Rev. J. O. Jones and Bro. J. W. Roberson.

10. On Literature: P. T. Keeton, Bro. John A. Beazeley and Bro. M. N. Mays.

11. On Deceased Ministers and Members, A. R. Lawler, Rev. B. M. Atkins and G. W. Burleson.

12. On Finance: J. T. Pugh, H. R. Mink and W. A. Smith.

13. Committee on Preaching report that: Rev. B. N. McKoy of the M. E. Church South preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. P. T. Keeton preach tomorrow at 9 o'clock. Rev. John L. Conner preach at 11:00 o'clock a. m. Rev. W. D. Martin preach at 7:30 o'clock p. m. and Rev. James J. Wesley to preach Monday at 11 o'clock a. m. Oct. 2 1922, respectfully submitted K. M. Pollard chairman. On motion the report was received adopted and the committee discharged.

On motion the association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by the Modertor Rev. John L. Conner. Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock Rev. B. V. McKoy of the M. E. Church South preached to a large and well beheaved congregation his text was Genesis; 1st. Chapter, 26th. Verse; Let us Make Man.

ORDER OF SERVICE ON SABBATH

Sunday morning 9 o'clock Rev. P. T. Keeton preached to a large and attentive congregation of people his text was Hebrews 11; chapter and 6 verse; but without faith it is impossible to please him for he that cometh to good must believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

By 11 o'clock a large and well ordered concourse of people had arrived many of them with intense anxiety to hear the Rev. John L. Conner who had his appointment to preach at 11 o.clock, text subject: Communion which was handled with power and had a telling effect on the people and free salvation and free communion and the duties of christians in commemorating the death of Jesus Christ. After which the elements of the Lords Supper were administered to a host of communicants, and some washed each others

At 7:30 o'clock p. m. Rev. W. D. Martin preached to a large and attentive congregation text Psalms; 34 chapter; 7 verse; the angle of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him; and delivereth them, this closed our sabbath service.

Monday morning October 2 1922, the Association met pur-

suant to adjournment the congregation sung a hymn after which prayer was offered by Rev. B. V. McKoy of the M. E. Church South. Rev. J. S. Conner moderator, called the body to order, the clerk called the roll and the ministers and delegates answer to their names. The moderator announced that a quorum was present and that the association was ready for business, the reading of the proceedings of Saturday omitted.

On motion visiting ministers of other demoninations were invited to seats with us. Rev. B. V. McKoy of the M. E. Church South accepts a seat and the brother welcomed in our midst.

Reports of committees were called for in regular order and presented as follows, viz;

1. On documents and order of business. We your committee on documents and order of business, beg leave to report as follows; 1st. we find six petitionary letters asking for the next session of the association, and we recommend that a note of the body decide the place of holding the next session in 1923.

2. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes and have six dollars for his service paid from the minute funds and that the moderator have fine dollars for his services, paid from the associational funds.

3. We recommend that Bro. J. A. Beazely be elected on committee of ministerial character instead of Bro. J. L. Eads, deceased.

4. We recommend that Sister Thomas the widow of Rev. E. C. Thomas have \$15.50 fifteen dollars and 50 cents out of the associational funds this year. Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James J. Wesley, Chairman. On motion the report received was adopted and the committee discharged.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We your committee as Sabbath schools report as follows, we find 8 churchs report Sabbath schools and we long to see the time when every church and especially in this association have a good lively Sabbath school and report each year to the association the officers and enrollment. We insist that the pastors and members of each church use their influence and support in upbuilding the Sabbath schools. Respectfully submitted, Rev. W. D. Martin, Chairman.

On motion the report received odopted and the committee discharged.

ON LITERATURE

We, your committee on literature report as follows: we recommend the use of Freewill Baptist literature in our Sabbath schools together with the prayerful study of the holy bible, respectfully submitted, P. T. Keeton, Chairman.

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

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS

We your committee on deceased ministers and members beg leave to submit the following report, death has entered the bounds of our association and removed there from our beloved Brethren and Sisters, to-wit:

From Brilliant Chapel Church—Sister Mishie Rolls and Sister Lizzie Ingram-From Union Chapel Church—Bro. J. L. Eads, age 49 years, 11 months, 22 days and Sister Harret Baccus, age not given. From Gum Springs Church—Bro. Homer Imgle, age 37 years. From Free Water Church—Sister Corda Payton, age 52 years. From Pleasant Ridge Church—Bro. Howard Mayhall, age 37 years. From Liberty Church—Sister M. K. Williams age 70 years. From Union Hill Church—Sister Margaret Kenedy, age not given. Mt. Olive Church—Sister Nancy J. Burleson, age 58 years, 9 months and 2 days. Respectfully submitted,

On motion the report received adopted and the committee dis-

charged.

On motion the association adjourned for preaching and to meet at 1 o'clock p. m. Prayer by the moderater Rev. John L. Conner. At 11 o'clock Rev. James J. Wesley preached to a arrangements of the committee a most eleoquent sermon to a large and attentive congregation; text used St. Luke, 16th chapter and 25th verse; but Abraham said Son, remember that thou in thy life time receividest thy good things and likewise Lazarus will things; but now he is comforted and thou art tormented.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing by the congregation and prayer by Rev. Joe Frederick. The moderator called the body to order and called for unfinished business as follows viz:

ON FINANCE

We your committee on finance report as follows, we find paid in from the various churches as minute funds \$33.21 thirty three dollars and twenty one cents. We also find paid in from the various churches as associational funds \$30.30 thirty dollars and thirty cents. The committee instructed to pay the minute fund to the secretary Bro. Robert Franks and the association funds to the treasurer W. J. Underwood. Respectfully submitted,

On motion the request received adopted and the committee discharged.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

We your committee on ministerial character to-wit: A. J. Ingle, R. E. Kenedy, J. A. Beazily, D. T. Nix, John Keeton, W. A. Smith and G. W. Moore. As standing committee submit the following report, we find our ministers, James J. Wesley, John L. Conner, G. W. Flipps, J. E. Cochran, J. R. Ford, W. D. Martin, M. R. Martin, J. L. Brasile, E. R. Franks, J. O. Jones, A. R. Lawler,

John Tucker, O. C. Rich, C. L. Paunders, L. E. Beazley, P. T. Keeton, B. M. Atkins, W. B. Hollis, A. L. Warren, J. H. Hollis, G. B. Ford and L. L. Nichols, licentrate. All in good standing as far as we can ascertain at this session. Respectfully submitted, A. J. Ingle, Chairman.

On motion the report received, adopted and committee retained.

TREASURERS REPORT

Amount left in my hand Oct. 3 1921,	\$ 2.67 30.30 26.50
Private contribution Oct. 2 1922,	\$59.47

DISBURSEMENTS

A I A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	\$ 6.00
October 2 1922, as follows, to Rev. B. M. Atkins,	leceased 15.50
To Sister I nomas widow of our beloved 200	5.00
W. J. Underwood, Treasurer,	\$32.95
Balance in my hands Oct. 2 1922, is	

W. J. Underwood, Treasurer.

On motion report received and adopted.

October 3, 1922.

To the Delegates and Ministers of the Thirty Six Annual Session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association which convened with Shady Grove Church Sept. 3

Dear Brethren. Tongue cannot express the appreciation and thanks to you brethren for this donation, may Gods richest blessings rest on you all and family till we meet at Union Hill Church Saturday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1923.

Written by, Wade M. Fowler, Delegate.

Signed by, Susie Thomas.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICE

Rev. James J. Wesley, Guin, Ala; Rev. John L. Conner, Brilliant R. 1, Ala; Rev. G. W. Flipps, Guin R. 3, Ala; Rev. J. E. Cochran, Winfield R. 3, Ala; Rev. J. R. Ford, Hackleburg R. 2, Ala; Rev. W. D. Martin, Guin R. 3, Ala; Rev. M. R. Martin, Brilliant R. 1, Ala; Rev. J. L. Braseil, Winfield R. 3, Ala; Rev. E. R. Franks, Guin R. 1, Ala; Rev J. O. Jones, Phil Campbell R. 3, Ala; Rev. A. R. Lawler, Vina, Ala; Rev. John Tucker, Glen Allen, Ala; Rev. O. C. Rich, Eden, Ala; Rev. C. L. Paunders, Phil Campbell R. 3, Ala; Rev. L. Beazely, Guin R. 3, Ala; Rev. P. T. Keeton, Red Bay, Ala; Rev. B. M. Atkins, Townley, Ala; Rev. W. B. Hollis, Eden R. 1, Ala; Rev. A. L. Warren, Brilliant, Ala; Rev. J. H. Hollis, Eden, Ala; Rev. G. B. Ford, Post Office not given, Ala; Rev. L. Nichols, Post Office not given, Ala.

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 ministers which is liable to impair 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 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 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 to no other purpose than the upbuilding of the Jasper Freewill 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 Jurisdiction of the Church to which they belong.

4. Be it 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 Annual Association.

5. Be it Resolved; That we will not accept the Baptism of

any unordained minister.

6. By motion it is agreed that the moderator appoint corresponding delegates to our Sister Associations, whereupon the following were appointed; to the little Browns Creek Association, Rev. P. T. Keeton and J. A. Keeton, Vernon Association, Rev. James J. Wesley, Rev. M. R. Martin and Bro. W. A. Smith, State line Association, Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. J. J. Wesley and K. M. Pollard. Bear Creek Association, Bro. G. W. Doss, Rev. W. D. Martin and Rev. J. R. Ford, Morning Star Association, Rev. B. M. Atkins, Rev. W. D. Martin and Rev. M. R. Martin.

7. Be it Resolved; That there be one ministers and deacons meeting and that the same convene with Brilliant Chapel Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in June 1923 and that the introductory sermon be preached by Rev. W. D. Martin. Rev. A. L. Warren, G. W. Burleson and Rev. James J. Wesley are appointed to arrange a program for the above named meeting.

8. On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of this association with Union Hill Church 3 miles South of Hackleburg Station on the I. C. R. R. Marion County, Alabama, the same to convene Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1923.

9. On motion, A. L. Warren was elected to preach the intro-

ductory sermon, Rev. P. T. Keeton; alternate.

10. On motion it was agreed that the articles of faith constitution and rules of decorum be appended to the minutes.

11. On motion it was agreed that the Clerk and superientend the printing of the minutes and have the work done to the best advantage and that the clerk he allowed \$6.00 for his services.

12. Be it Resolved; That this Jasper Freewill Baptist Association assembled at Shady Grove Church, Franklin County, Alabama, tender our thanks to the church and surrounding community especially the good sisters for their hospitality and to the young men and young ladies for their good behavior and the officers are especially thanked for faithful manner in which they have discharged W. D. Martin. their duties. Respectfully submitted,

13. On motion the association adjourned to meet at the time and place above named. Prayer by Rev. John L. Conner, Moderator, closing services conducted by the moderator with feeling and appropriate remarks. A hymn was sung and the parting hand was

taken amid tears and joy.

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

Article 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.

Article 4. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled

and called as often as necessary during the session. Article 5. A majority of delegates present shall rule in all cases except the

reception of members, then it shall be unanimous. Article 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. Article 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. Article 8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart

from the subject under discussion, or use words of personal reflection.

Article 9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association. nor more then fifteen minutes at a time. Article 10. No person shall laugh or talk during the time the debates are going on.

Article 11. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

CONSTITUTION

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

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

Article 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. Article 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. Article 6. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must

adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages. Article 7. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benovelent institutions, such as the Temperance Cause, Sunday Schools, Missionary Work, etc.

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

Article 9. Any church of this Association failing to be represented for two

years in succession, the same shall be dropped from our minutes.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF GOD—Article 1. We believe there is one, and but 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—Article 2. We believe that God is the Author of the Holy Bible, and that its teachings construe the only infallible doc-

trine of the government of His church.

OF ORIGINAL APOSTASY-Article 3. We believe that Adam was created holy; but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity, and cosequently involved

his posperity in sin.

OF FREE GRACE—Article 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 - Article 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 be-

lieving, by the Word of God."

OF REPENTANCE—Article 6. We believe that Repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which constitutes godly repentance must be preceded by effectfully conviction of sin.

OF FREE AGENCY—Article 7. We believe that the human will is free, and that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are

revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

OF PERSEVERANCE—Article 8. We do not believe under the Gospel dispensation that any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally; but those who by faith preserves 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—Article 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 can not do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God.

OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM—Article 10. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in the names of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That baptism cannot be Scriptually administered without Faith in the subject who receives it.

OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—Article 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 unite in observing that sacred service, regardless of names or denominational distinctions.

OF THE SOUL-Article 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

moral and immortal parts of human beings.

OF THE RESURRECTION—Article 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 by 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."

REV. JOHN L. CONNER, Moderator. BRO. ROBERT FRANKS, Clerk. BRO. W. J. UNDERWOOD, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1922.

Churches and Counties	Names of Delegates	Pastors	Clerks and their Post Office	Received by Baptism	Dismissed by Letter	Deaths	Days of Meeting	Minute Funds		Value of Church Property
Mt. Pleasant, Marion Co., Ala.,	Robert Franks, R. L. Johason, Willie Franks. G. W. Doss, J. M. Unperwood, W. A. Smith. A. J. Ingle, H. P. Aldridge, J. A. Beazely. J. W. Westbrook, J.V. Branchamp, C. L. Eades Leroy Purser, James Godsey, Joe Frederick. L. P. Mann, James Pearce, Floy Franks. W. R. Graham. B. B. Pounders C. L. Wigington, J. S. Keeton L. A. Abston, D. C. Nix W. F. Freeman. J. W. Roberson, M. V. Mays, Watter Mays. By Letter and Contribution By Letter and Contribution Not Represented. See Page H. R. Mink. J. T. Pugh, Walter Wisham P. L. Baty W. J. Williams H. C. Oliver Lee Franks, Lee King G. W. Bureleson. W. R. Ray, J. W. Oliver, W. T. Hitchcock. Wm Fowler W. H. Grison, J. F. Brandrick, Willie Rea.	G. W. Flipps J. L. Conner J. L. Conner J. L. Conner A. R. Loller W. D. Martin W. D. Martin P. T. Keeton W. D. Martin J. L. Conner G. W. Flipps G. W. Flipps G. W. Flipps C. T. Keeton Frank Lee A. R. Lawler A. L. Warren C. L. Pounders	J. W. Underwood, Brilliant R. 1. Ala J. A. Beazely, Glen Allen, R. 2. Ala C. L. Eades, Glen Allen, Ala., W. H. Kennedy, Hackleburg, Ala., K. M. Pollard, Guin, R. 3. Ala., J. A. Pratt, Guin, R. 3. Ala., O. L. Dickinson, Dennis, Miss., W.F. Freeman, Phil Campbell R. 3. Ala Walter Mays, Hackleburg R. 3. Ala E. A. Frederick, Hackleburg R. 3. Ala E. A. Franks, Hamilton, R. 3. Ala., J. R. Franks, Hamilton, R. 3. Ala., W. J. Underwood, Guin, Ala., W. J. Underwood, Guin, Ala., J. H. B. Hodges, Franklin Co. R. 1 Ala Lee Franks, Brilliant Ala., F. A.M. Hodges, Franklin Co. R. 1, Ala	7 1 15 1 4 4 3 4 4 3 4 4 3 4 4 4 4 4	2 2 4 1 3 3	1 1	2 12 3 14 2 18 1 2 2 4 10 1 3 6 1 5 1 6 1 6 1 7 7 6 1 7 7 6 1 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	20 50	225 320 200 500 125	500.00 500.00 1000.00 800.00 600.00 1800.00 600.00