

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**THIRTY-EIGHT ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**Jasper Free Will Baptist**  
**Association**  
**CONVENED WITH**  
**NEW PLEASANT HILL CHURCH**  
**FRANKLIN CNUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**OCTOBER 4, 5, 6, 1924**

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**OFFICERS:**

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

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The next session of this Association will be held with  
Free Waters Church, nine miles north-east of  
Guin Station on the Frisco R. R. Marion  
county, Alabama, the same to con-  
vene on Saturday before the  
first Sunday in October,  
1925.





## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

**Wayne Martin**

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### PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Thirty-eight Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association convened with New Pleasant Hill Church Franklin County, Alabama, October 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1924.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Dowdy, of the Muscle Shoals, State Line Association. Text 2 Corinthians 2nd chapter 15th verse. "For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish."

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 Association meet pursuant to the request of Rev. W. D. Martin, moderator. Singing by the congregation, after which prayer by Rev. J. H. Potts. The former moderator W. D. Martin and former clerk Wade M. Towler being present, they took their seats the moderator called the body to order and business was transacted as follows, viz:

1. Rev. J. L. Conner and Bro. Robert Franks were appointed reading clerks.
2. Letters from the churches are called for handed in and read and contents noted as per Statistical Table
3. Called for Petitionary Letters and opened the door for the reception of new churches into the body. Received none.
4. On motion it was agreed to permanently organize the body, which was done by electing Rev. J. L. Conner, moderator. Rev. George W. Flipppo, assistant moderator. Bro. Robert Franks Clerk, and Bro. J. W. Roberson, corresponding secretary. Bro. W. J. Underwood treasurer, for the ensuing associational year.
5. Called for correspondence from Sister Associations and received the following: From the Muscle Shoals State Line Association, Rev. W. C. Dowdy and Rev. L. C. Gibson, these brethren were cordially received and welcomed 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 denominations



to seats with us. None present.

7. On motion it is agreed that the moderator appoint all the committees and the following were appointed as follows, viz:

8. On Preaching, Bros. A. J. Ingle, J. T. Thorp, Ely Kennedy with the deacons of this church.

9. On Documents and Order of Business, Bro. J. W. Roberson, Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. C. L. Pounders, Rev. G. W. Flippo with moderator and clerk.

10. On Sabbath Schools, Rev. J. H. Potts, Rev. J. R. Ford, Rev. E. R. Franks and Bro. W. F. Freeman.

11. On Literature, Rev. Joe S. Frederick, Bros. J. M. Underwood and W. A. Smith.

12. On Deceased Ministers and Members, Bros. G. W. Burleson, Jhon R. Franks and J. F. Broadrick.

13. On Finance: Bros. J. H. Wilson, J. H. Burgett and J. J. Graves.

14. Committee on Preaching report that Rev. G. W. Flippo preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. J. L. Conner preach to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Bloss, of the Muscle Shoals State Line Association preach at 11 o'clock, a. m., and Rev. L. C. Gibson preach Sunday night at 7:30. Rev. W. D. Martin preach Monday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Ingle, Chairman.

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

By motion the association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock, prayer by Rev. C. L. Conner, moderator. Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock Rev. G. W. Flippo preached to a large and well behaved congregation, his text was Matthew 16; chapter and 24 and 25 verses: "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me; For who soever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

#### ORDER OF SERVICE ON SABBATH

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock Rev. J. L. Conner preached to a large and attentive congregation of people, his text was Matthew 12; chapter and 43-44 and 45 verses; "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest and findeth none."

Then he saith I will return unto my house from whence I came out and when he is come he findeth it empty swept and garnished.

Then goeth he and taketh with him self seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there, and the last state of that man is worse then the first, even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

By 11 o'clock a large and well ordered concourse of people had arrived, many of them with intense anxiety to hear the Rev. J. B. Bloss, of the Muscle Shoals State Line Association preach. Text, not given. He preached 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 of communicants, and some washed each-others feet.

At 7:30 o'clock p. m. Rev. L. C. Gibson of the Muscle Shoals State Line Association preached to large and attentive congregation, this closed our Sabbath session.

MONDAY MORNING OCTOBER 6th, 1924

The association met pursuant to adjournment the congregation sung a hymn after which prayer was offered by Bro. James Godsey. Rev J. L. Conner moderator, called the body to order, the clerk called the roll and the ministers and delegates present answered to their names. The moderator announced that a quorum was present and that the association was ready for business.

On motion the clerk read the proceedings of Saturday, the same were read and adopted.

On motion visiting ministers of other denominations were invited to seats with us. None present.

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 several petitions asking for the next association, and we recommend that the body decide it.

2nd. We recommend that the association convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1925.

3rd. We recommend that the association send \$5.00 to our State Press, at Vernon, Ala., for State minutes, the same to be sent to our clerk, to be mailed to each church, and receive postage for same.



4th. We recomend that Rev. H. Howell's matter be refered to the State Line Association for settlement.

5th. We recommend that Rev. Jesse F. Broadricks ordination be refered to the council on Ordination.

6th. We recommend that the clerk have the minutes printed at Verron, Ala., and receive \$7.00 out of minute funds for his services.

7th. We recommend that the moderator have \$5.00 for his services, to be paid out of associtanal funds.

8th. We recommend that a ministers and deacons meeting convene with Mt. Olive church, beginning on Thursday before the forth Sunday in July, 1924 and continue for three days. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Roberson, Chairman.

On motion the report received adopted and the committee discharged.

#### ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We your committee in regard to Sabbath schools report as follows: We find four churches that report Sabbath schools, and they are as follows; Guin Chapel church, Union Hill church, Holly Springs church and New Pleasant Hill church. We urge that the ministers, brethern and sisters of this association organize more Sabbath schools, as we deem it nessary, we also recommend that the Free Will Baptist literature be used in connection with the Holy Bible. Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. H. Potts, Chairman.

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

#### ON LITERATURE

We your committee on literature submit the following report; We recomend that our churches use the Free Will Baptist literature in connexion with the Holy Bible, and we recommend that each church have their pastors adopt a Bible quotatinoal exercise at the opening af each service.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Underwood, Chairman.

On motion the report received adopted and the committee discharged.

#### ON DECEASED MINISTERS and MEMBERS

We your committee on deceased ministers and members report as follows: Since our last association death has entered the pales of our church and removed there

from as follows: From Guin Springs church sister Mattie Reed age not given- Sister Jannie Farris age about forty three years- And Janie Fowler age thirty five years. From Union Chapel church brother J.T. Warren age seventy four years. And sister Melvertia Henderson age about forty six years. From Free Waters church, sister M.A. Wilson age seventy six years and six months From Union Hill church brother Tom Coal age about forty years. New Pleasant Hill brother Elvin Pounders age twenty one years and nine months and ten day And Mrs Minnie Oliver age forty one years and seven months. Peaces Chapel brother Nathan Crow age not given. Mt. Olive, sister Lue Williams age thrty nine years. Shady Grove, sister Josie Freeman age sixty three years , eleven months and eighteen days Death is only A gate to real happiness and light, to the tose who have lived in the center of God's will . Respectfully submitted G.W Burleson;Chairman.

On motion the report received adopted and committee discharged.

On motion the association adjourned for preaching and to meet at one o'clock P.M. prayer by the moderator Rev. John L. Conner.

At eleven o'clock Rev. W.D. Martin according to arrangements of the committee prached A most eloquent sermon to A large and attentiv congeration .Text used Luke 14th chapter and 20ht verse, 21st chapter anb 23rd verse 2nd Cori. nthons 5t chapter and 20th verse.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The association met persuant to adojoournment singing by the congeration and brayer by Rev. Joe Flipppo. The moderator called the body to order and called for unfinished business as follows, viz:

#### ON FINANCE

We your committee on finance submit the following report: We find from the various churches as minute funds \$36.46 and associational funds \$32.00 Respectfully submitted J.H. Wilson Chairman

The committee were instructed to pay the miute funds to the secretary Brother Robert Franks and the associational funds to the treasurer W.J. Underwood

On motion report received adopted and committee discharged.



### ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

We your committee on ministerial character to wit A. J. Ingle, R. E. Kennedy, J. A. Beasley, D. T. Nix, John Keeton, W. A. Smith and G. W. Moore submit the following report.

We find all of our ordained ministers in good standing so far as we can ascertain except Rev. H. Howell, being charged of obtaining money under false pretense. We recommend that he make satisfaction with the State line association. We recommend that all of our ordained ministers bring in a report or send in one to the association of his years work beginning with the next association.

We recommend that the clerk of this association write Rev. J. T. Brazil a letter that he preach more than he has or give up his credentials. Brother John Tucker has made his acknowledgement to the committee and we refer him to the association. A. J. Ingle Chairman.

On motion the report received adopted and committee retained.

### TREASURERS REPORT

Amount left in my hands October 6th 1923	\$4. 84
Received from various churches	\$32. 00
Private contribution	\$14. 10
Total	\$50. 94

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out as follows to ; W. D. Martain	\$5. 00
To W. J. Underwood	\$5. 00
Grand total now on hand	\$40. 94

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Underwood, Treasurer.

On motion report received and adopted.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICE

Rev. John L. Conner, Winfield, Ala; R. 3. Rev. James J. Wessley, Guin, Ala; Rev. G. W. Flippo, Guin, Ala; R. 3. Rev. J. E. Cochran, Winfield, Ala; R. 3. Rev. J. R. Ford, Hackleburg, Ala; R. 3. Rev. W. D. Martin, Guin, Ala; R. 3. Rev. M. R. Martin, Brilliant, Ala; Rev. J. L. Brassiel, Winfield, Ala; R. 3. Rev. E. R. Franks, Guin, Ala, R. 1. Rev. C. L. Pounders, Phil-Campbell, Ala; R. 3. Rev. P. T. Keeton, Red Bay Ala; Rev. B. M. Adkins, Glenallen, Ala. Rev. A. L. Warren, Brilliant, Ala; Rev. G. B. Ford, Hamilton, Ala; R. 3. Rev. L. L. Nichols, Hamilton, Ala; Rev. J.

H. Flippo, Brilliant, Ala; R. 1. Rev. J. H. Potts, Guin, Ala R. 1. Rev. John Tucker, Hamilton, Ala; R. 2. Rev. Joe S. Frederick, Phil-campbell, Ala; R. 3.

### 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 offence, 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 of our ministers to use their best effort 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 authorised by the Association; said funds to be used to no other purpose than the upbuilding 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 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 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 Association, whereupon the following were appointed; to the little Browns Creek Association, Rev. P. T. Keeton and J. T. Tharp, Vernon Association, Rev. J. H. Potts, Robert Franks, and



W. J. Underwood. State line Association, Rev. James J. Wesley, Rev. E. R. Franks, and Brother R. L. Mitchel. Bear Creek Association, Rev. W. D. Martin, Brother W. A. Smith, and Brother D. C. Nix. Muscle Shoals State line Association, Brother R. E. Kennedy, Rev. Joe Frederick, and Rev. J. L. Conner. Morning Star Association, Rev. J. R. Ford, Brother G. W. Burleson, and G. W. Guthrie. Congerational, Rev. W. D. Martin, Brother John R. Franks, Brother R. W. Murray.

7. Be it Resolved; That there be one ministers and deacons meeting and that the same convene with Mt. Olive Church on Thursday at eleven o'clock before the 4th Sunday in July, 1925 and that the introductory sermon be preached by Rev. Joe S. Frederick.

8. On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of this association with Free waters Church 9 miles north east of Guin Station on the Frisco R. R. Marion County, Alabama, the same to convene Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1925

6 On motion Rev. J. R. Ford was elected to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Joe S. Frederick, 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 a committee was appointed to examine J. T. Broadrick, reported that he be ordained to the full functions of the Gospel, and the following presbatory proceeded to ordain him, to wit; Rev. W. D. Martin, and Rev. G. W. Flippo, the clerk to write his credentials.

12. On motion it was agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing, and have the work done at Vernon Lamar County Alabama, and that the Clerk be allowed \$ 7. 00 for his services.

13. Be it Resolved; That this the Freewill Baptist Association at New Pleasant Hill Church hereby tender our sincerest thanks to the officers and delegates of this august body and to the good sisters and to the community at large, for their love and friendship toward us. We will long remember you all. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Roberson.

14. On motion the association adjourned to meet at the time and place aboved 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.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF GOD—Article 1. We believe there is one, and but 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 doctrine 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 consequently involved his posterity 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 believing, 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 effectually 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 any thing 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 scripturally 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 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 mortal 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 him 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 the death."

#### 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

2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.
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.
4. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session.
5. A majority of delegates present shall rule in all cases except the reception of members, then it shall be unanimous.
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, providing he appoints some one to the chair while he is speaking.
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.
8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject under discussion, or uses words of personal reflection.
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.
10. No person shall laugh or talk during the time the debate is going on.
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 Free Will 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.

2. This body shall be considered an advisory council.
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.
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.
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.
6. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.
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 Schools, Missionary Work, etc.

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



# STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1924.

Churches and Counties	Names of Delegates	Pastors	Clerks and their Post Office	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Deaths	Excluded	Days of Meeting	Membership
Mt. Olive, Marion Co., Ala. ....	Robert Franks, W. B. Parr, Willie Franks ...	Frank Lee.	W S Flipppo, Guin, R 1, Ala. ...	9	2		1		3	155
Mt. Pleasant, Marion Co., Ala. ....	W. A. Smith, J. m. Underwood. Walter Reed.	A. L. Warren.	J m Underwood, Brilliant, Ala		2	5				102
Gum Springs, Marion Co., Ala. ....	A. J. Ingle. ....	J. L. Conner	J A Beasley, Gle-allen, R 2 Ala	8	2		3			131
Union Chapel, Marion Co., Ala. ....	M. C. Eads, Guss Eads, C. L. Eads. ....	B. m. Atkins	C L Eads, Glen-allen, Ala. ....	4	1		2		3	134
Union Hill, Marion Co., Ala. ....	J. W. Langston, m. F. Lolley, T. J. Langston.	C. L. Pounder	w H Kennedy, Hacklebusg, Ala		1		1	3	2	174
Free Water, Marion Co., Ala. ....	E. B. Franks, K. m. Pollard, J. T. Tidwell. ....	W. D. Martin	R m Pollard, Guin, R 3 Ala—	8	2		1		1	109
Liberty, Marion Co., Ala. ....	W. R. Graham, J. H. Wilson, Royal Graham.	W. D, martin	G m Smith, Guin, R 3 Ala. ....						2	51
Plesant Ridge, Itwambia Co., Miss	J. A. Keeton. ....	P. T. Keeton	J S Keeton, Dennis, R 1 Miss	6	3				4	114
Shady Grove, Franklin Co., Ala. ....	J. J. Graves, W. F. Freeman, D. C. Nix. ....	W. D, martin	w F Freeman, philcampbel, Ala	5			1		3	100
Pearses Chapel, marion Co., Ala. ....	J. W. Roberson. ....	J. L. Conner	J w Roberson, Pearcesmills Ala	1			1			58
Poplar Log, Marion Co., Ala. ....	R. L. Mitchel, W. C. Jones. ....	G, w. Flipppo	R L mitchel, Hackleburg, Ala						2	30
Bethlehem, Marian Co., Ala. ....	J. F. Franks, m. m. Franks, F. H. York. ....	G. w, Flippa	John R Franks, Hamilton, Ala	7	1	1			3	42
Evening Shade, Itwambia Co. Mis	H. R. Mink. ....	P, T Keeton	H R mink, Red Bay, Ala—	6	1				1	21
Guin Chapel, Marion Co., Ala. ....	W. J. Underwood. ....	Frank Lee	W J Underwood, Guin, Ala—						1	52
Holly Springs, Franklin Co., Ala	J. H. Burget, P. E, Lay. ....	C L Pounders	J H Burgett, Hodges, R 1 Ala	3	4				1	36
Brilliant Chapel, Marion Co., Ala	G. W. Burleson,	A L warren	w w Nelson, Brilliant, R 1 Ala	2	5				2	45
Mt. Hope, Marion Co., Ala. ....	Not Represented.									
Ball Rock Franklin Co., Ala. ....	Not Represented.									
New Pleasant Hill, Mar- Co. Ala	Henry Grissom, P. W. Whitley, A. R. Pounder	Joe Fredrick	Nellie Rea, Spruce Pine, Ala	14	12	2	2	2	4	74