

MINUTES
OF THE
40th Annual Session
OF THE
Jasper Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
CONVENED WITH
Gum Springs Church

MARION COUNTY ALABAMA
OCTOBER 2nd 3rd 4th. 1926

OFFICERS

E. D. P. T. KEETON Moderator
BRO. J. W. ROBERSON Clerk
BRO. W. J. UNDERWOOD Treasurer

The next session of this Association will convene
with Guin Chapel Church at Guin Ala.
The same to convene on Friday
before the 1st Sunday
in October 1927.



**FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE**

Presented By

Wayne Martin

**MINUTES
OF THE
Fortieth Annual Session of The
Jasper Association
of Free Will Baptist**

Proceedings of 40th session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association which convened with Gum Spring Church Mairon County Ala. Oct. 2--4th 1926.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. D. Martin, Text Deu. 2, part of 4 and 5th verses
After preaching Intermission 1 hr. for dinner.

EVENING SESSION

The Association was called together with song by the choir and Prayer by Rev. J. H. Potts.

The former moderator and clerk being present the body was called to order and business was transacted as follows.

1st. The Moderator appointed Revs. J. L. Warren and J. S. Frederick reading Clerks,

2nd. Called for letters from the churches they were handed in, read and contents noted as per Statistical Table.

3rd. Called for Petitionary letters for reseption of New Churches into the Body and received one from Good Springs Church.

4th. The Deligates from the new church came forward and the right hand of fellowship was extended to them and they were seated.

MINUTES OF JASPER ASSOCIATION

5th. On Motion the Body was permanantly organized by Electing Rev. P. T. Keeton, Moderator, Bro J. W. Roberson Clerk, W. J. Underwood Treasure.

6th. Called for correspondence from Sister Associations and received from State Line by letter Little Browns Creek, J. A. Lambert, J. H. Thompson and J. D. Jones who was seated with us.

7th. On Motion Rev. H. C. Austin of Grand River Association of Oklahoma was seated with us.

8th. Called for visiting Ministers of other Denominations to seat with, received none.

9th By a Motion the Moderator appointed all committees as follows.

On preaching Bros. Joseph Atkins, John Tharp, Ely Kenedy with Deacons of this church.

On Documents and order of business Revs. W. D. Martin, G. W. Flippo, A. L. Warren with Moderator and Clerk.

On Sabbath Schools Revs. J. L. Conner, J. S. Fredrick, G. T. Williams, Bro. Riley Clark.

On Literature; Rev. J. A. Godsey, Bros H. Pike. M. J. Dupree, Newt Ingle and Rev. J. R. Benson.

On Deceased Ministers and Members, Rev. J. H. Potts, Bros. R. Franks, G. W. Burleson and W. C. Pearce.

On Finance, Rev. H. Howell, Bros. Lee Franks, R. L. Johnston.

On Resolution, J. A. Beasley, E. R. Franks and W. M. Fowler.

10th. The Committee on Preaching report as follows, Rev. H. C. Austin tonight, Rev. J. L. Conner, Sunday at 9 A. M., Rev. P. T. Keeton at 11, a. m. Rev. J. S. Frederick at 7:30 P. M.

11th On Motion the Report received and committee retained.

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12th. On Motion we adjourn until Monday Morning at 8: o'clock. Song by choir, benediction by Rev. H. Howell Saturday Night at 7:30 after song and prayer, Rev. J. S. Frederick preached on eloquent sermon fo a large and attentive audiance.

SUNDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

By 9 o'clock an immense congregation had assembled and after song and prayer by Sister Potts, Rev. J. L. Conner preached a most interesting sermon which was enjoyed by the audiance after which a Christian hard shake was had with much joy. 20 minute recess.

At 11 the Audiance came together by song and prayer by Bro. H. Pike, Rev. P. T. Keeton preached a very interesting sermon to an exceedingly large congregation, Text Rev. 3: 20, after which the Lords Supper was served and all Christians was invited to commune with us and the Ordinance of Feetwashing was prepared add a great many participated in washing each others feet.

Sunday Night at 7: 30 after song and prayer by J. L. Conner, Rev. J. S. Frederick preached a very intersting sermon Text, "God is love."

MONDAY MORNING Oct. 4th 1927.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; song by choir, praper by Rev. J. J. Wesley. The names of Minister and Delegates were called and a quorum being preasent, the Moderator announced the body ready for business which was transacted as follows.

1st. On motion Saturday's Minute read and adopted.

2nd. On motion Rev. H. C. Austin entertain congregation while committees prepared their reports

3rd. Invited Ministers of other Denominations to seats with us, received none.

4th. Reports of committees was called for in regul r order and presented as follws.

ON DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

1st. We your committie report as follows. We find four petitions asking for next session of this Association and recommend that the body decide on the place.

2nd. We recommend that the Association convene on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1927 and continue over until Monday.

3rd. We recommend that the association pay \$5.00 for Minutes of State Conference.

4th. We recommend that the Moderator and Clerk furnish each Ordained Minister annually a certificate as to his Christian characted and standing in this Association.

5th. We recommend that each ordained Minister make Annual report of his years work to this Association.

6th. We recommend the Association donate \$25.00 of the Associational funds to the releaf of Rev. M. R. Martin.

7th. We recommend the next Ministers and Deacons meeting convene with Free Water Church to convene on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Aug. 1927.

8th. We recommend that in Art. 9 of Articles of Faith the phrase "Not of necessity" be struck out.

9th. We recommend that the Clerk have Minutes printed and that he have \$7.00 out of minute funds for his service and that the Moderator have \$5.00 and the Treasurer have \$5.00 for their service out of the Associational funds.

10th. We recommend that our rules of decorum be discuss at Ministers and Deacons meeting.

11th. We recommend the Ordination of Rev. P. H. Pike and Thos Britt.

12th. We recmomend each church in its letter report, 'Recieved by profession of Faith," in lieu of, "by baptism.

Respectfully Submitted

W. D. Martin, Chairman

On motion the report is received and adopted by sections.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We your committee report as follows, we find the interest in Sabbath Schools is on decrease there being only six schools reported as follows, New Oak Grove, Good Springs, Union Valley (Townly) Shady Grove, Union Hill and Guin Chapel. we see a great need of a united effort in behalf of our young people and we think the Sabbath School one of the best means to that end.

J. L. Conner Chairman

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

ON LITERATURE

We your committee report as follows.

We recommend Free Will Baptist Literature in connection with the Holy Bible and that each church ask their pastor to adopt Bible questional exercise at opening of service and give Sabbath School Lectures.

J. A. Godsey, Chairman.

By motion the report is received adopted and committee discharged.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS

We your committee report as follows.

We find since our last Association death has entered our churches, Mt. Olive, Sister Ruthie Ramey age about 24 years, Guin Springs, Bro. John Ingle age not given Union Hill, Sister Mary Tyra age 52 years 11 month and 22 days, Free Water, Sister Clemie Thredgill age not given, Liberty, Sister C. A. Smith age 29 years 6 month and 28 days, Sister M. A. Flurry age 82 years 11 months Sister S. J. Jones age 58 years 5 months 24 days. Pleasant Ridge, Bro. A. M. McKelroy age 61 years, Pearl Chapel, Bro. T. J. Tidwell killed by accident age not given Evening Shade, Sister Barn Tharp age 70 years, H. C.

Springs, Sister Amie Nichols age about 82 years. Sister Baty, age about 54 years. New Oak Grove, Sister Mary Crownover age not given Union Valley Bro. Jim Thomas age 80 years.

We pray that our loss is Heavens gain.

J. H. Potts, Chairman.

By motion the report is received adopted and committee discharged.

ON FINANCE

We your committee report as follows.

We find paid in by all the churches association funds \$41.10. Minute Funds \$39.20.

H. Howell, Chairman.

By motion the report is adopted an committee dischrge

TREASURERS REPORT

Amount on hand Oct. 5th 1925	\$72.24
Received from various churches	\$41.10
Total	\$113.34
Paid out for all purposes	\$35.00
Leaving balance on hand Oct. 4th 1926	\$78.34

Respectfully submitted

W. J. Underwood, Treasure.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

We your committee report as follows.

We find all of our Minister in good standing so far as we can ascertain except Rev. J. F. Broderick who stands an excluded member of his church (New Pleasant Hill) and we recommend that his name be dropped from the Minute and also the name of Rev. C. L. Pownders be dropped.

R. E. Kennedy, G. W. Moore, J. A. Keeton, J. A. Beasley J. Tharp and A. J. Ingle.

By motion the report is received adopted and committee retained.

By motion we adjourn 1 hr. for dinner.

AFTERNOON PROCEEDING

The body called together by song and Prayer by Rev G. W. Flippo.

Revs. P. H. Pike and Thos. R. Britt was examined on their knowledge of the Holy Bible and their loyalty to our Articles of Faith and being found their proficiency satisfactory they were duly Ordained to the full Function of the Gospel by a Presbytery composed of Revs. J. L. Conner, B. M. Atkins and J. S. Frederick.

Names of Ordained Ministers and their Post Office

Rev. J. L. Connor	Winfield,	Ala.	Rt. 3
--- J. J. Wesley	Guin,	---	---
--- G. W. Flippo	---	---	Rt. 3
--- J. E. Cochran	Winfield,	---	Rt. 3
--- Jesse R. Ford	Hackleburg	---	Rt. 3
--- W. D. Martin	Guin,	---	Rt. 3
--- M. R. Martin	Brilliant,	---	Rt. 1
--- J. L. Brasseal	Winfield	---	Rt. 3
--- J. R. Benson	Nawvoo	---	Rt. 1
--- I. D. Nix	-----	---	Rt. 1
--- P. H. Pike	Townley	---	---
--- E. B. Springfield	Townley	---	---
--- Thomas R. Britt	Nawvoo	---	Rt. 3
--- E. R. Franks	Guin	---	Rt. 3
--- P. T. Keeton	Dennis	Miss.	Rt. 1
--- B. M. Atkins	Glen Allen	Ala.	Rt. 2
--- A. L. Warren	Brilliant	---	---
--- L. L. Nichols	Hamilton	---	---
--- J. H. Flippo	Hackleburg,	---	Rt. 3
--- John Tucker	Hamilton	---	Rt. 2
--- Joe S. Frederick	Hackleburg	---	Rt. 3
--- J. A. Godsey	Hackleburg	---	---
--- J. O. Jones	Philcampbell	Ala.	Rt. 3
Rev. G. T. Williams	Guin	Ala.	---
Rev. J. H. Potts	Guin	Ala.	---

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

1st By Motion the Moderator appoint Corresponding Delegates to Sister Associations towit, Little Browns Creek. J. T. Tharp, and P. T. Keeton, Vernon, Rev. W. D. Martin and Bro. R. Franks, State Line, Rev. J. L. Conner, and A. L. Warren, Bear Creek. Rev. B. M. Atkins. and J. S. Fredick, Mt. Moriah. P. H. Pike, and Thos Britt.

2nd. By Motion the Moderator appointed Delegates to State Conference towit W. C. Pearce, J. M. Dupree, and J. M. Weeks,

3rd. By Motion there will be a Ministers and Deacons Meeting the same to convene with Free Water Church begaining on Thursday before the 1st. Sunday in Aug. 1927 and Rev. A. L. Warren, Preach Introductory Sermon

4th. By Motion the proceeding of Ministers and Deacons meeting of 1926 be appended to our Minute,

5th. By majority vote the next session of this Association be held at Guin Chapel Church Guin Ala. the same to convene on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1927 Eld. J. L. Conner preach the introductory Sermon.

6th. 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 libel 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.

7th. 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 cts. in connection with the mintue funds, ask all our Ministers to use their best efforts in collecting these funds and it is futh

er 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 purposes than the up-building of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association, i.e, aiding distressed and disabled Ministers, and poor widows and orphans.

8th. 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.

9th. 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 recommendation from the church or churches to which they belong, and if on examination, they are found worthy, the Association may ordain them; but all ordinations must be done at the Annual Association.

10th. Be it Resolved; That, we will not accept the baptism of any unordained Minister.

11th By motion our Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum and Constitution be appended to our minutes.

12th. By Motion the Treasurer is ordered to have 150 copies of Decorums and church government, printed, the same to be sold and the money turned back into the Treasury.

13th. By Motion the following resolutions of thanks to the people of Gum Springs towit: Resolved that, the Association tender our sincere thanks to the officers, and delegates this August body, and to the good women, and community at large for their love and hospilatity to us while here and we will long remember the same.

Wade M. Fowler Charman.

14th. By motion the Association adjourn to meet at the place and time above named. Song by choir and prayer by Bro. J. L. Conner, and the parting hand was taken amid joy and tears, Benediction by the Moderator
Rev. P. T. Keeton Moderator.

Bro. J. W. Roberson Clerk

Proceeding of ministers, and Deacon, meeting. Thursday before the 4th. Sunday in August 1926. with Pearce Chaple Church, Eld J. A. Godsey preach introductory sermon, after which 1 hour was taken for refreshments.

AFTERNOON

1st. At 2 o'clock the meeting was called together by song and prayer.

2nd. Proceeded with business by appointing Eld. W. D. Martin, Moderator and J. W. Roberson Clerk.

3rd. Called names of churches, Ministers and Delegates to wit, Mt. Olive, J. H. Potts, J. L. Conner. Union Hill, Rev. J. S. Frederick. Free Water, Eld. G. W. Flippo, E. R. Franks. Liberty, Eld. W. D. Martin. Brilliant Chapel, Bro. G. W. Burleson. Bethlehem, Bro. John R. Franks.

4th. By a motion a committee was appointed by the Moderator to arrange program and present question for Discussion.

5th. By motion the meeting adjourn until Friday Morning

Song by choir Benediction by Eld. J. H. Potts.

FRIDAY 9 O'CLOCK

The meeting met by song by choir and prayer by Rev. J. L. Conner.

The committee on program reported the following questions for consideration.

1st. What is the duty of pastor to his church?

2nd. What is the duty of the church to its pastor?

3rd. Who will have a part in the general Judgment?

4th. What is hell?

5th. Adjourn 1 hr for refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2 o'clock the meeting was called together by song and prayer, after which the subjects above named was called out and ably discussed.

Respectively after which final adjournment by song and prayer.

Rev. W. D. Martin, Moderator.

J. W. Roberson, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. OF GOD—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.

Article 2. OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—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

Article 3 OF ORIGINAL APOSTASY—We believe that Adam was created holy; but by voluntarily transgression fell into depravity, and consequently involved his posterity in sin.

Article 4 OF FREE GRACE—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 reproved the world of

sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted, regenerated and saved.

Article 5. OF CHRISTIAN FAITH—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 come by hearing and believing, by the word of God."

Article 6. OF REPENTANCE—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.

Article 7. OF FREE AGENCY—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.

Article 8. OF PERSEVERANCE—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 faith," turn again to sin and be finally lost.

Article 9. OF GOOD WORKS-- We believe that good works is the result of Faith. 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.

Article 10. OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM--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.

Article 11 OF THE LORDS SUPPER. - 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 name or denominational distinctions

Article 12 OF THE SOUL. --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.

Article 13. OF THE RESURRECTION---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 in to 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 name 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 cases of a tie and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall also speak on any question after others has spoken, providing he

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appoints some one to the choir 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 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 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 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 that 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 institution, such as the Temperance Cause, Sunday School, Missionary Work, etc.

REV. P. T. KEETON, MODERATOR.

BRO. J. W. ROBERSON, CLERK.

BRO. W. J. UNDERWOOD, TREASURER.

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Name of Churches

Name of Delegates

Mt. Olive	R. Franks, Dave Tidwell, Lee Franks
Gum Springs	Newt Ingle, Foster and Joe Halcomb
Union Chapel	Will Weeks, J. D. and Marvin Eads
Mt. Pleasant	J. H. Whitman, W. W. Elliott
Union Hill	J. W. Lankston, W. C. Lacy, F. L. Cochran
Freewater	J. T. Tidwell, W. C. Pearce, J. G. Markham
Liberty	W. M. Wilson, W. R. Graham
Pleasant Ridge	P. T. and John Keeton
Shady Grove	T. L. Jackson, J. W. Clark, Melt McMury
Pearces Chapel	W. A. Crow, J. W. Roberson
Poplar Log	R. and Oscar Gardner
Bethlehem	J. L. and M. M. Franks, Felix York
Evening Shade	Represented by Contribution
Guin Chapel	J. M. Weeks, M. J. Dupree
Holley Springs	W. T. Conway, P. E. Lay, L. D. Bady
Brilliant Chapel	G. W. Burleson, W. W. Nelson, John Pugh
Mt. Hope	Not Represented
New Pleasant Hill	W. H. Grissom, T. N. Cofield, P. W. Whitley
Bear Creek	Not Represented
New Oak Grove	W. S. Noles, J. M. Robins, Archie Keeton
Good Springs	J. A. Johnston, J. E. Creekmore, E. C. Humpess
Union Valley	W. M. Fowler, Lee Johnson, E. B. Springfield
Pocahontas	Joseph Atkins, Coley Gann, John Nelson

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