# MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

WHICH CONVENED WITH

RED BAY CHURCH, FRANKLIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ON October 5th to 7th, 1929.

REV. W. D. MARTIN, Moderator.

W. S. FLIPPO, Clerk.



The Sati Wit can The Next Session of this Association Will Convene on Saturday Before the First Sunday in October, 1930, With Shady Grove Church, 4 Miles Northwest of Philcampbell, in Franklin County, Alabama. Rev. J. A. Godsey to Preach the Introductory Sermon.

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

Proceedings of the 43rd Session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association which convened with Red Bay church, Franklin County, Alabama, on October 5-7, 1929. Song, by the Choir, Prayer by Rev. J. H. Potts. The introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. D. Martin. Text: "We are made Spectacles unto Man and Angels. After preaching intermission one hour for dinner.

## EVENING SESSION, OCTOBER 5.

Song by the choir, Prayer by Rev. B. M. Adkins. The former Moderator being present, called the body to order and business was transacted as follows:

1st. The former Clerk not being present, the Moderator appointed W. S. Flippo Clerk protem.

2nd. The Moderator appointed Rev. J. S. Frederick, Rev. J. H. Potts reading clerks.

3rd. Called for letters from the different churches, which were handed in and read and the contents noted as per statistical table.

4th. Called for petitionary letters. None.

5th. By motion the body was organized by electing Rev. W. D. Martin, Moderator, W. S. Flippo, Clerk and W. J. Underwood, Treasurer.

6th. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations, received from State Line Association, Bro. J. M. Nelson and Rev. J. B. Watts. From Bear Creek Association, Bro. W. S. Taylor. These Brethren were seated with us.

7th. Called for visiting Ministers of other Denominations to have seats with us. None.

8th. By motion Moderator appointed all the Committees.
On preaching, Bro. A. J. Ingle, Davis Nix, J. A. Keeton, with
the Deacons of Red Bay church.

On document and order of business, Rev. J. S. Frederick, Rev. P. T. Keeton, Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. P. H. Pike with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Sabbath School, Rev. J. O. Jones, Will Weeks and John Kennedy.

On Literature, Rev. J. H. Potts, Gus Eads, Harley Loden. On deceased ministers and members, Rev. J. A. Flippo, Jack Guthrie and J. B. Nelson.

On Finance, Coley Gann, Rev. B. M. Adkins, J. R. Franks. On Resolutions, Lee Nix, Wm. Fowler, L. A. Ashton.

On Querries, I. D. Nix, E. R. McDuffy and M. M. Franks.

On Temperance, J. H. Frederick, Henry Grissom, P. H. Whitley and Luke Estes.

On Education, J. A. Underwood, J. L. Franks, V. Martin.
On Home Mission, M. J. Dupree, Martin Key, W. W. Nelson
Next in order to hear the report of Preaching Committee
which was as follows: Rev. J. O. Jones preach tonight, Rev.
A. L. Warren preach at 9 o'clock Sunday, Rev. W. D. Martin
preach at 11 o'clock, Rev. P. T. Keeton preach at 3 o'clock
and Rev. J. S. Frederick preach Sunday night.

On motion the report was received and the Committee was discharged. By motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Song by the choir, prayer by Rev. W. D. Martin.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song by the choir after which Rev. J. O. Jones preached a very interesting discourse to a well behaved audience. Text, Mathew 23rd Chap. 12th verse: and Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE

At 9 o'clock, after song by the choir, Rev. A. L. Warren preached an interesting sermon. Text: St. John 3rd chapter, 36th verse: He that believeth on the Son hath Everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. W. D. Martin moderator preached to a large concorse of people. Text, Hebrew 12th Chapt, 18th verse: and St John 14th Chapt, 1st verse: after which the Lord's Supper was served and Christians of all denominations

were invited to commune with us.

At 3 o'clock Rev. P. T. Keeton preached an interesting discourse to a well-behaved audience. Text: St. John 10th Chapt. 2 and verse: But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

### SUNDAY NIGHT AT 7 O'CLOCK

After song by the choir, Rev. J. S. Fredrick preached to a large concorse of people. Text used, Look forward and not backward.

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met persuant to adjournment. Song by choir, prayer by Rev. B. M. Atkins. There being quorum present, the moderator called the body to order ready for business. Next in order were to call the names of delegates. They were called and all present answered to their names.

Next in order was call for the report of Committee on document and order of business.

We your committee on document and order of business beg

Sec. 1. We recommend that this Association meet on Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1930 at the place designated by the assembly of this session.

Sec. 2. We recommend that each Minister make an annual report of his years work.

out of the Associational funds.

N. R. Martin have \$25.00

Sec. 4. We recommend that the clerk have \$10.00 for his service, out of the minute funds.

Sec. 5. We recommend that Rev. A. L. Warren have \$5.00 out of the Associational funds for his service as moderator for the past year.

Sec.6. We recommend that the present moderator be paid \$5.00 out of the Associations funds at this session.

Sec. 7. We recommend that Bro. W. J. Underwood have \$5.00 out of the Association funds for his service as Treasury for the past year.

Sec. 8. We recommend that each Pastor of church or churches look after the placing of our church manual in the homes of its members.

Sec. 9. We recommend that the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association deed to the Guin Chapel church their rights and out of the Associational funds for his service as Moderator and Clerk of said Association make the said officers of Guin Chapel church a clear title to same.

Sec. 10. We recommend that each male member of all the churches in the Association shall pay annually 50 cents Associational funds for the purpose of keeping up the distress and disable ministers of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association and poor widows and orphans in this Association wherever disperse to do so. Said money to be paid out by the officers of this Association when the expenses of said Association is paid. By motion the report was received and adopted by section.

REV. J. S. FREDRICK, Chairman.

Public donation to Rev. J. L. Conner \$27.10 Rev. L. L. Nichols \$21.26.

# AFTERNOON SESSION, OCTOBER 7, 1929.

Song by the choir, prayer by the Moderator after which the body was called to order for business.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows. We find the interest of Sabbath school increasing. We find 13 churches with good Sabbath schools. The following churches have Sabbath School, to wit, Mount Olive, Union Hill, Shady Grove Good Springs, Guin Chaple, Union Valley, New Liberty, Brilliant Chapel, Red Bay, Poplar Log, New Oak Grove, Piney Ridge, New Pleasant Hill.

We also recommend that each Pastor of church or churches urge the superindent in the Sabbath School to elect christian people for the teacher in the Sabbath School. Respectfully submitted Rev. J. O. Jones, Chairman.

On deceased member and minister, we your committee on deceased members and ministers, report as follows: Since our last Association, death hath entered the pales of our

churches and claimed as its victims our brothers and sisters from Mt. Olive, Bro. J. F. Motes, age 62, Sister Ida Colburn, age 19 yrs. 4 mo. and 7 days, sister. Willie Mae Underwood, age 20 yrs. 4 mo. 9 days. From Union Chaple, Bro. John Davis Eads, Age 58 yr. 2 mo 16 days.

From Red Bay, Bro. George W. Stacy, age 84 years Sister Iva Pearl Dickinson, age 34 years, 6 months and 20 days from Bethlehem, sister Mirtle Lewis, age 19 years, 4 months 20 days, from Guin Chapel, sister Martha Jane Vaughn, age 78 years, 3 months and 23 days, from Brilliant Chapel, Rev. J. E. Cochren, age 74 years, from Union Valley, Bro. P. C. Pike, age 32 years 7 months, from Pocahontas, sister Hazentine Gann, age 70 years, S. Clemon, 64 years, from Poplar Log, Bro. Ed Harris, age 50 years. Respectfully submitted, A. J. Guthrie, Chairman. Report received and Committee discharged.

# ON FINANCE

We your committee on finance report as follows: We find paid in from the various churches for Minute funds, \$41.60, Associational funds, \$46.05. Respectfully submitted. Rev. B. M. Adkins, Ch'man. Report received and committee disch'd.

# COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTION

We, your committee on Resolution report as follows: Be it resolved that this Association extend their thanks to the good people of Red Bay church and the community for their kind hospitality shown to us while in session. Lee A. Nix, Cairman. Report received and the committee discharged.

# QUERRIES

We, your Committee on Querries submit the following report: 1st. What part does the gospel have in man's salvation? 2nd. Can the believer disbelieve after he believes? 3rd. What condition is the infant in when it is born?

What birth did Christ have under consideration when He said, except a man be borned of the water and the spirit, St. John, 3rd chapter and 5th verse. Respectfully submitted, I. D. Nix, Chairman. Report received and Committee discharged. This subjected to discussion at Ministers and Deacons meeting.

#### ON TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance report as follows: We believe the fact that intemperance is one of the greatest curses of our land, we want to go on record condeming intoxicating drinks in all it's forms. We further condem any people or party, or set of men who tries to destroy the 18th amendment to our Federal Constitution. We further want to go on record condeming of tobacco and cigaret and the uses of tobacco in any form among the youths of our land. We, further, to go on record condeming the modern styles of indecent dresses, because it leads to destruction of both boys and girls. We further want to go on record condeming the modern dances, also condeming the mixed swimming pools. We also condem all vices of night car riding and request the fathers and mothers to use their influence against the same. Respectfully, W. H. Crissom, Chairman. Report received, adopted andcom. disc'gd.

#### REPORT ON LITERATURE

We your Committee on Literature beg to report as follows: That we find several of our churches using song books put out by other music houses. We recommend that the Pastors of each church in this Association urge their members to use the song book put out by the Freewill Baptist Music House, at Aden, N. C. We also recommend the use of the Frewill Baptist Literature in our Sunday schools in connection with the study of the Holy Bible. We recommend the use of our Freewill Baptist Paper. We believe that those things are good methods in bringing men and women from nature's darkness to the marvelous light of God. Respectfully submitted.

Rev. J. H. POTTS, Chairman.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

#### ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

We your Committee on Ministerial Character, after careful investigation submit the following report: We find flying reports against Rev. J. L. Conner and Rev. G. T. Williams without any foundation. These things are hurtful and should not be. Let's all be more careful about tolking. Let's take courage and get on higher planes of christianity. Will say to our churches to look well to the interest of their Pastors and that our Pastors urge the great need of Sunday school work, and we trust that when we meet again that we can hear the reports read from all the churches that they have a good Sunday school. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Ingle, T. J. Langston, Lee A. Nix, J. A. Keeton. Report received, adopted and Committee retained.

#### HOME MISSION

We your Committee on Home Mission report 1st. Home Mission Society, the purpose of this Society will be to visit all who may be sick and help those that are in distress, also encourage the slackers to attend their meeting.

2nd. It shall be the duty of this Society to have a finance system to raise money for any cause the Society may see fit.

3rd. We recommend that this Association appoint some competent one to preside over the various churches to aid and encourage each church in this work. Respectfully submitted, S. M. KEY, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

By motion the Moderator appointed Rev. G. T. Williams for this work, and that he visit all the churches possible.

#### ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education report as follows: We want to go on record as a denomination stating that we stand first, last and all the time for education. We believe the fact that if we fail to educate our children, we make an awful mistake. We want to go on record denouncing the way of our text books that are used in our schools, such as Darmonism books of fiction or anything that is contrary to the teachings of the Bible. We want to go on record urging our people to organize and support bible schools in our different Associations. We further recommend that we establish as early as possible, a High school in the State of Alabama for the benefit of our young Ministers and others who may want to attend. The Bible to be the leading book in this school. This school

to be under the supervision of our denomination. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. UNDERWOOD, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

#### TREASURERS' REPORT

	I vour Tr	easurer, beg to report as follows:	Amount left in		
mv	hands on	October 7, 1928	\$41.94		
my	Paid in h	y various churches Oct., 7, 1929.	\$46.05		
	1 and m	Total on hand	\$87.99		
Paid Out on October 7, 1929.					
	Rev A I	. Warren	\$ 5.00		
		D. Martin			
	WIIIn	derwood	5.00		
	Roy M	R. Martin	25.00		
	Roy B	M. Adkins	12.75		
		on hand this date,	35.24		
	Darance	Respectfully submitted,			
		W. J. UNDERWOOD, Tr	easurer.		

# NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES

Rev. J. L. Conner, Route 3,	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Wesley	Guin, Ala.
Rev. G. W. Flippo, Route 2,	Guin, Ala.
Rev. J. R. Ford, Route 2,	Hackleburg, Ala.
Rev. W. D. Martin, Route 2,	Guin, Ala
Rev. M. R. Martin, Route 1,	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Brasseal, Route 3,	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. I. D. Nix, Route 1,	Nauvoo, Ala.
Rev. P. H. Pike,	Townley, Ala.
Rev. E. B. Springfield,	Townley, Ala.
Rev. T. R. Britt, Route 1,	
Rev. E. R. Franks, Route 2,	
Rev. P. T. Keeton, Route 1,	
Rev. B. M. Adkins, Route 1,	Boyle, Miss.
Rev. A. L. Warren,	Brilliant, Ala.
Rev. L. L. Nichols,	
Rev. J. A. Flippo, Route 1,	
Rev. John Tucker, Route 2,	Hamilton, Ala.

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Hackleburg,	Ala.
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Philcambell,	Ala.
Red Bay,	Ala.
Guin,	Ala.
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Guin,	Ala.
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	Hackleburg, Philcambell, Red Bay, Guin, Cordova, Guin,

#### MISCELLLANEOUS BUSINESS

1st. By motion the Moderator appointed corresponding delegates to sister Association, to-wit: Vernon Association, Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. J. S. Frederick. Mt. Mariah: Rev. P. H. Pike, Rev. B. M. Adkins, Bear Creek: Rev. J. O. Jones, Rev. I. D. Nix. State Line: Rev. G. W. Flippo, Rev. J. H. Potts, Rev. J. A. Flippo. Little Brown Creek: Rev. P. T. Keeton, Rev. W. D. Mortin, Rev. J. S. Frederick, Rev. A. L. Warren. Muscle Shoals: Rev. J. O. Jones, Rev. J. A. Godsey, L. A. Abston, J. J. Graves.

2nd. By motion, the next session of this Association come together with a handshake one with another, in token of love, peace and fellowship with each other.

3rd. By unanimous vote, the next session of this Association convene with Shady Grove church, 4 miles northwest of philcampbell, Franklin County, Ala., same to convene on Saturday before the First Sunday in October, 1930. Rev. J. A. Godsey to preach the introductory sermon.

By motion this assembly voted to drop Sec.s. 6, 7 and 8, on page 10 of last year's Minute.

4th. 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 Association by reccomendment from the church or churches to which they belong. If upon examination they are found worthy the Association may ordain them, but all ordinations must be done at the annual Association.

5th. Be it resolved that we will accept the baptism of any unordained Minister.

6th. By motion the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum

and Constitution be appended to our Minutes.

7th. On motion the Association adjourned to meet at the place above named.

Song by the choir, with handshaking amid tears. Benediction by Rev. W. D. Martin.

Rev. W. D. Martin, Moderotor. W. J. Underwood, Treasurer. W. S. Flippo, Clerk.

Next in order to have the Minutes of the 3rd Preacher and Deacon's meeting printed in the Minutes. By motion this Association agreed to hold one Preacher's and Deacon's meeting and the same to convene with Free Water, 8 miles north of Guin, Ala. Same to convene on Friday before the 5th Sunday in August, 1930, and by motion Rev. J. O. Jones and Bro. L. A. Abston were appointed to draw up program for the meeting.

# PROCEEDING OF THE 3rd PREACHERS'S AND DEACON'S MEETING

The third Fith Sunday Preacher's and Deacon's Meeting was holden at New Oakgrove church, beginning on Friday before the 5th Sunday in September, 28, 1929.

A Preacher's Committee was appointed consisting of Bros., A. J. Ingle, W. A. Keeton and Man Robin. The Committee reported that Rev. W. D. Martin preach the introductory sermon, which was preached by him. Text: "We are Made Spectiles Unto Men and Unto Angels." Refreshments served afterwards.

They assembled in the house and organized for the business of the meeting by election a Moderator and Clerk.

1. Song by choir, after which prayer by Rev. J. R. Benson.

Rev. W. D. Martin was elected Moderator. Oak Grove church repesented by Rev. J. R. Benson, Rev. I. D. Nix, Bro. W. Arch Keeton and J. M. Robins.

Gum Springs: Bro. A. J. Ingle; Union Hill, Rev. J. S. Frederick; Liberty, Rev. W. D. Martin.

The Committee reported that Rev. J. S. Frederick preach tonight at 7:30.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn until 8:30 Saturday morning.

Song by choir and prayer led by W. D. Martin.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

1st. Question for discussion: "Is Water Baptism a Door into the Church?" Discussion opened by Rev. J. S. Frederick, followed by Rev. I. D. Nix, Rev. J. R. Benson, Bro. Jas. Ingle, concluded by Rev. W. D. Martin.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song by choir, prayer by Rev. I. D. Nix. Question discussed "When the unclear Spirit is gone out of Man, what condition is he in?" Matt. 12:43. Discussion opened by Rev. J. R. Benson, followed by Bro. Joe S. Frederick, Rev. W. D. Martin concluded the discussion.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by the choir, prayer by Rev. W. D. Martin.

Question under discussion: "What Must I Do to Inherit the Kingdom of Heaven?" Discussion opened by Rev. J. R. Benson followed by Rev. I. D. Nix, discussion concluded by Rev. W. D. Martin.

Move and second to adjourn.

REV. W. D. MARTIN, Moderator.

#### 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 Devine perfection.

Article 2. OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE—We believe that God is the Author of the Holy Bible and that its teachings construe the only infalible doctrine of the governm't 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 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 comes by hearing and believing, by the Word of God.

Article 6. OF REPENTANCE—We believe that repentance it sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which constitutes god-ly repentance must be peceeded by effectually conviction of sin.

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

Article 8. OF PRESERVANCE—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 in the emersion 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.

Article 11. OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—We believe the supper instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance. That it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians unite in observing the sacred service, regardless of name admonitional 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 moral and immoral parts of human being.

Article 13. OF THE RESURRECTION—We believe in the resurrection of the dead. When the ressurection shall take place the soul and body will reunite and form an immoral being. That the righteous will be received in a state of everlast-

ing 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 the death."

### RULES OF DECORUM

- 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 cases 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 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 use words of personal reflection.
- 9. No person will be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of Association, not more than 15 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

1. This Association shall be known as the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association of Alabama and being composed of minis-

ters 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 decission shall be final.
- 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by a majority vote at 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 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 School, Missionary Work, etc.

Rev. W. D. Martin, Moderator. W. S. Flippo, Clerk.



