

MINUTES

—of the—

45th Annual Session

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**JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

—Held with—

**Union Hill Church, Marion County, Ala.,
October 3 to 5,**

1931

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Officers:

REV. M. L. HOLLIS, Moderator.
W. S. FLIPPO, Clerk.
J. A. UNDERWOOD, Treasurer.

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The next session of this Association will convene on Saturday, before the First Sunday in Oct. 1932, with New Oak Grove Church, in Walker County, near Nauvoo, Ala.

Rev. A. L. Warren to Preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. H. Potts, Alternate.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Wayne Martin

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the 45th Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association which convened with Union Hill church in Marion County, Ala., on Oct. 3-5, 1931. Song by the choir Prayer by Rev. J. S. Fredrick, after which the introductory was preached by Rev. W. D. Martin. Text used: Isaiah 5: 2 After preaching one hour was taken for dinner and refreshments.

Afternoon Session, Oct. 3.

Song by the Choir and Prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis. The former Moderator and Clerk being present, the body was called to order ready for business.

1st. The Moderator appointed Rev. M. L. Hollis and Rev. J. L. Conner reading clerks.

2nd. Names of the different churches were called and letters were read and delegates names enrolled as per statistical table.

3rd. Called for Petitionary Letters, received two. New River Chappel and Spring Hill. These churches were received unanimously by the body.

Names of Churches and Delegates

Mt. Olive—J. T. Tidwell, W. B. Parr, A. G. May.
Gum Springs—A. J. Ingle, Jim Stanford,
Union Chappel—A. Y. Pratt, Gus Eads, M. M. Warren.
Union Hill—L. P. Pusser, J. A. Kennedy, J. Z. Hudson.
Mt. Pleasant—G. W. Doss.
Free Water—K. M. Pollard, W. M. Wilson, J. M. Franks.
Liberty—Walter Vaughn, Daulton Akins.
Red Bay—J. T. Tharp, C. Barnes, Alva Long.
Shady Grove—I. T. Jackson, W. F. Freeman, E. R. McDuffey.
Pearces Chapel—J. W. Robertson.
Poplar Log—R. L. Mitchell, J. W. Duke, Aaron Carnes.
Bethlehem—J. L. and M. M. Franks, Rufus Eavans.
Guin Chappel—M. J. Dupree, E. Vaughn, L. Wilson.
Brilliant Chappel—J. Underwood, W. L. Franks, Joe Mullinix.
New Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
Bear Creek—J. W. Wooten, F. M. Lindsey, Lonnie Gunnell.
New Oak Grove—J. H. Martin, J. Fowler, Horace Keeton.
Good Springs—Not represented.
Union Valley—Dewey Atkins, Howard Romine.

Pocahontas—Frank Hines, W. T. Neasmith,
Hopewell—J. A. Hopson, J. T. Henson.
Piney Ridge—D. A. Farley, Austin Key, C. V. Estes.
New Liberty—T. Whitman, J. F. Cox, J. Smith.
Lone Star—Not represented.
Calumet—J. Dannel, Louis Cheekwood.
New River Chappel—T. E. Pratt, D. E. Glenn L, C. Nicholson.

Spring Hill—B. S. Henson, Bert Nuckols.

4th. By motion and second the body was organized by electing Rev. M. L. Hollis Moderator. W. S. Flippo Clerk and J. A. Underwood Treasurer.

5th. Called for correspondence from Sister Association. Received none.

6th. Called for visiting ministers of other denominations to have seats with us, none.

7th. Move and second that the Moderator appoint all the committees.

Appointment of Committees.

On Preaching—M. J. Dupree, Gus Eads, W. L. Franks.

On Documents and Order of Business—C. Barnes, J. L. Conner, J. H. Potts with Moderator and Clerk.

On Sabbath Schools—Rev. J. F. Ashmore, J. T. Tidwell, Alva Long.

On Literature--Rev. W. D. Martin, P. T. Keeton, J. S. Frederick.

On Deceased Ministers and Members - Rev. G. W. Flippo, J. L. Franks, P. H. Pike.

On Finance---Rev. B. M. Atkins. John Tharp, J. A. Underwood.

On Resolutions--Rev. J. O. Jones, Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. J. A. Godsey.

On Querries--Rev. Ira Nix, Dewey Atkins, J. A. Kennedy

On Temperance--Rev. J. R. Williams, Rev. E. B. Springfield, Rev. J. A. Flippo.

On Education--I. T. Jackson, Frank Hines, Howard Romine.

On Home Mission-- W. M. Wilson, W. F. Freeman, M. M. Franks

Next in order was to call the names of the Churches, Ministers and Delegates were consigned to their place of

stay while the body is in session,

Called for report of the committee on preaching and they made the following report;

That Rev. B. M. Atkins preach Saturday night, Rev. J. L. Conner at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, Rev. M. L. Hollis preach at 11 o'clock, Rev. A. L. Warren preach Sunday night and Rev. Ira Nix preach Monday at 11 o'clock. Report received and committee discharged.

Moved and second to adjourn to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday Night Service

After song by the choir and prayer by Rev. P. T. Keeton, Rev. B. M. Atkins preached an able discourse to a large audience. Text used Acts 13; 47.

Sunday Services

After song by the choir and prayer Rev. J. S. Frederick preached in Rev. J. L. Conner's place as he was not able to preach. Text used I Cor. 4th chapter and latter clause of 9th verse. "For we are made a spectacle unto the world and to angles and to men."

Sunday at 11: o'clock Rev. M. L. Hollis preached to a large concourse of well behaved people. Text used I. Tim. 5; 4 "But if any widow have children or nephews let them learn first to shew piety at home and to requite thier parents for that is good and acceptable before God."

Sunday Night Services

After song by choir and prayer, Rev. A. L. Warren preached a very interesting sermon. Text used II. Cor. 5: 1. "For we know if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens." After which the Lord's supper was served and all christians were invited to partake of the emblems, and supper being ended there were a great number of the audience washed each others feet amid tears and a glorius revival.

Monday Morning Session

The Association met at 8: o'clock. After song by the choir and prayer by Rev. J. H. Potts the body was called to order

by the Moderator and the following business was transacted;
1st. The names of the delegates were called in order and all present answered to thier names.

Report of Committees

On document and order of business report adoptod and received by sections:

Sec. 1. We recommend that this Association meet on Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1932 at the place designated by the assembly of this session.

Sec. 2. We recommend that the Moderator be paid \$10 00 at each session for his service out of the Associational funds

Sec. 3. We recommend that the treasurer be paid \$5.00 for his services out of the Association funds.

Sec. 4. We recommend that the Clerk be paid \$10 00 for his services out of the minufe funds.

Sec. 5. We recommend that Bro G W. Turner's ordinations from Pocahontas be examined by a committee and Revs. J. L. Connor, J. H. Potts and E. B. Springfield be appointed to examine him.

Sec. 6. We recommend that Sec. 2, 6 and 9 be left out of our minutes.

Sec. 7. We recommend that Rev. A. L. Warren preach the introductory sermon at the next Association and Rev. J. H. Potts alternate.

Sec. 8. We recommend that the Moderator appoint one to get out and organize League Workers in this Association.

Sec 9. We recommend that excluded members shall not be recieved into any of our churches until they have made reconciliations with the church from which they were excluded.

Sec. 10. Be it enacted by this Association that Article 4 of the Constitution of this Association, which reads as follows: "The officers of this Association shall be a moderator clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes."

Be it enacted that it be changed to read as follows: The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes. Respectfully,

C. Barron Chairman

On Sabbath Schools. We your committee on Sabbath School report as follows; We find the interest in Sabbath School very good and we urge all of our churches to organ-

ize Sunday Schools in their churches that do not have them We recommend the careful study of the Holy Bible together with some good standard literature. Respectfully,

Rev. J. F. Ashmore, Chairman.

On Deceased Ministers and Members. We, your committee on Deceased Ministers and Members, beg to report as follows: We find that God has blessed the ministers of this Association wonderfully, there being no deaths among our ministers reported to this assembly. We find that God has seen fit to call from Shady Grove church, Sister Harret Hill, age 78 years. From Mt. Pleasant, Sister Mary Martin and Bro Alex Strickland, age not given. Also Sister Pearlle Lee age not given. From Pocahontas church, Bro. Wm Boshell, age not given, and Bro. T. A. Vaughn from Guin Chappel church. From Bear Creek church, Sister Willie Mae Scott, age not given. Bro Robert Cook, age 75 years 3 months and 4 days. Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. G. W. Flippo, Chairman.

On Finance—We, your committee on finance, report as follows: We find paid in from the various churches as minute fund. \$38.25, Associational funds \$9 80, report received and committee discharged.

J. T. Tharp, Chairman.

On Resolutions—We, your committee on resolutions make the following report, that this Association elect one delegate to represent this body at the General Conference, which is to be held at Bryan, Texas, on Friday, after the 2nd in June, 1932, and that a fee of \$10 be collected from the various churches of this Association that wishes to help pay the same.

Resolved, that this Association elect a delegate to represent this body in the State Conference. 3rd. Resolved that we, the delegates, ministers and visitors of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association, extend our thanks to the members of Union Hill church and the community, for the able manner in which they have cared for us while our stay has been with them

4th. Be it resolved that this Association adopt a short form of letters to the Association and that they be printed in our minutes. Respectfully submitted,

John Smith,
Rev. J. O. Jones.

Rev. A. L. Warren
Rev. J. A. Godsey.

On Querries—1st. How can the 9th verse of the 3rd Chapter of 1st John be compared to the 8th Article of Faith in the Free Will Baptist Decorum?

2nd. How may preachers know how to preach the Divinity of the Scriptures?

3rd. What is meant in Revelation, 20th chapter and 4th verse?

Report adopted and received.

Rev. I. D. Nix, Chairman

On Temperance—We, your committee report as follows: We want to go on record condemning intoxication and making the same, for we believe it is one of the greatest evils in leading our boys astray, and we also condemn dram drinking among church members. We further condemn the mixed swimming pools, modern dances and night car riding among our girls and boys, and request the fathers and mothers to avoid such if possible for they are responsible for these children. We further condemn any class or set of men who try to condemn the 18th Amendment to our Constitution. Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. J. R. Ford, Chairman.

On Literature—We, your committee on literature make the following report: We recommend that the Free Will Baptist place good literature in homes for thier children to study. We also recommend our churches use the Free Will Baptist Literature in on our Sunday Schools in connection with the Holy Bible. Respectfully Submitted.

Rev W. D. Martin, Rev. J. S. Frederick, Rev. P. f. Keeton

On Ministerial Character—We your committee on ministerial character, after careful investigation, submit the following report: We find our ministers in good standing as far as we can ascertain. Will say to our churches to look well to the interest of thies partors and that our pastors urge the need of Sunnay Schools in all our churches. Report adopted and received. A. J. Ingle, T. J. Langston, D H Nix, Lee A. Nix, W. A. Keeton.

On Home Mission—We your committee on home mission report as follows: 1st Home Missohn Society, whose purpose it will be to visit all who may be sick, and help those that are in distress, and also to encourage the weak members to attend the church and Sunday School, 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 assist each church in this work. Report adopted and rec'd.

W. F. Freeman, Chairman.

On Education—We your committee on education report as follows; We want to go on record condemning the present Text Book system as well as some text books in use. We realize the need of education, but condemn the unnecessary expense required by the Text Book Commission. We realize that is a serious mistake to fail to encourage every phase of education work. We want to go on record as condemning the constantly change of text books in our public schools. We further recommend that we establish a Bible Training School; that we encourage reading and study of the Bible for instruction and as our guide through life. We would recommend that we establish at least one school for the purpose of educating and training our young ministers. Report adopted and received.

[T. Jackson, Chairman.

Tresurers Report

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| Amount received Oct. 5, 1931, from churches----- | \$9.80 |
| Paid out Oct. 5, 1931 to Rev. M. L. Hollis----- | \$5.00 |
| Total left on hand Oct. 5, 1931----- | \$4.80 |

J. A. Underwood, Treas.

Monday at 11 o'clock, Rev. I. D. Nix preached an able discourse. Text used; St. John, 3rd chapter 16th verse. "God so loved the world." After preaching, one hour was taken for refreshment and dinner.

Monday Afternoon Session

After song by the choir and prayer by Rev. J. F. Ashmore the house was ready for business.

Names of Ministers and Postoffices.

Rev J. L. Conner, Rt 3, Winfield, Ala.

J. J. Wesley, Guin, Ala.

" G. W. Flippo, Rt 2, Guin, Ala

" J. R. Ford, Rt 2, Hackleburg, Ala.

" W. D. Martin, Rt 2, Guin, Ala.

" M. R. Martin, Rt 1, Brilliant, Ala.

" J. L. Brasseal, Rt 3, Winfield, Ala,

" I. D. Nix, Rt 1, Nauvoo, Ala.

- " P. H. Pike, Townley, Ala.
- " E. B. Springfield, Townley, Ala.
- " E. R. Franks, Rt 2, Guin, Ala.
- " P. T. Keeton, Belmont, Miss.
- " B. M. Atkins, Townley, Ala.
- " A. L. Warren, Brilliant, Ala.
- " L. L. Nichols, Hamilton, Ala.
- " J. A. Flippo, Haleyville, Ala.
- " John Tucker, Rt 2, Hamilton, Ala.
- " J. S. Frederick, Rt 2, Hackleburg, Ala.
- " J. A. Godsey, Hackleburg, Ala.
- " J. O. Jones, Rt 3, Philcampbell, Ala.
- " J. H. Potts, Rt 2, Guin, Ala.
- " J. R. Benson, Rt 1, Nauvoo, Ala.
- " M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala.
- " J. F. Ashmore, Rt 1, Winfield, Ala.
- " J. R. Williams, Brilliant, Ala.
- " C. A. Farley, Harley, Ala.
- " A. J. Lambert, Townley, Ala.

Licensed Ministers, Rev. G. W. Turner R 1, Townley, Ala

Minister's Report.

Since the last session of this association I have preached 81 sermons and prayed 62 public prayers, traveled 1143 miles, paid for my services \$50, paid out for traveling expenses \$13.05, married 3 couples, held 3 funeral services, received into the church 23 members, attended 2 churches. Yours in Christ.

I. D. Nix.

I beg leave to report the following work done by me since our last association: Sermons preached 73, public prayers 85, received in the church 38 baptised 22, visited sick homes 40, funerals preached 1, ordained 1 deacon, pastored 1 church, held 1 communion service, conducted prayer meetings 35, attended Sunday School 47 times held revivals 2, miles traveled 138, money received \$159.02 traveling expenses \$1.50, organized 1 Sunday School. Yours.

A. J. Lambert,

To the 45th annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association: I am happy to have the privilege to make the following report of my year's work to the ministry: Under God and by His goodness, I have pastored 2 churches Red Bay and Brilliant-Boston, giving Red Bay 3 Sundays in each month and Brilliant, Boston 1 Sunday. I have also pastored 1 church in the Vernon association, preaching for them on Saturday and Saturday night before the 2nd Sun-

days. The Lord has wonderfully blessed His work in these churches. We have received into Red Bay church 25 members, Brilliant-Boston 23 members, Mt. Harmony 11. I have preached 294 sermons during the year, held 6 tent meetings where we have no churches, organized one church with 73 members, held 4 church meetings, baptised 81, taken 242 members into the churches, received \$1043.00 for pastoral work, for evangelistic work \$365.00. Total year's work \$1408.00, with house furnished by Red Bay church. Traveled during year 8700 miles, conducted 14 funerals, assisted in 5 others, ordained 5 deacons, preached one commencement sermon, 4 memorial sermons. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless me in his service.

M. L. Hollis.

Report of my year's work, I have preached about 38 sermons, prayed 85 public prayers, married 3 couples, received \$3.00, held 2 funerals services, visited the sick 20 times, organized 1 Sunday School, received into the church 30 members, 19 by recommendations, 11 baptism, helped in 4 meetings, prayed for the sick 11 times. Respectfully,

J. F. Ashmore.

Since the last Association, I have preached 150 sermons, prayed 225 public prayers traveled 3500 miles, paid for my service \$250.00, paid for traveling expenses \$115.00, received into the church 74, pastored 4 churches, held 5 funeral services, married 5 couples. Yours in Christ,

Rev. Joe S. Frederick.

We, your committee to examine Rev. G. W. Turner, find that he has license to preach, granted by Pocahontas church only three months or so ago. Therefore, we ask that he be required to serve as a license minister for a year and meet the rules of the association.

Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. J. H. Potts, Rev. E. B. Springfield.

By request of Rev. J. S. Frederick, while the choir sang a song, a collection was taken up for Bro. Charlie Eads, a member of Union Chappel church, who is in bad health and this assembly donated to him the sum of \$10.97 which we feel that God will bless the cheerful giver.

By motion and second this assembly adjourned to meet with New Oak Grove church, near Nauvoo, Walker County, Ala, on Saturday, before the First Sunday in October, 1932.

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator.

W. S. Flippo, Clerk.

J. A. Underwood, Treasurer.

Miscellaneous Business.

1st. By motion, the Moderator appointed corresponding delegates to Sister Associations To Mt. Mariah, E. B. Springfield; Vernon, Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. J. H. Potts; Little Brown Creek, Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. P. T. Keeton; Muscle Shoals, Rev. J. S. Frederick, Rev. J. F. Ashmore; Bear Creek, Rev. I. D. Nix, Rev. J. R. Ford; State Line, Rev. J. A. Godsey, Rev. J. O. Jones.

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 a unanimous vote, the next session of this Association will convene with New Oak Grove church, in Walker County, near Nauvoo, Ala., to convene on Saturday, before the First Sunday in October, 1932.

4th. 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 Association by recommendation 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 not 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 named above. Song by the choir, with handshakes amid tears, after which benediction by the Moderator.

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator.

W. S. Flipppo, Clerk.

J. A. Underwood, Treasurer.

Articles of Faith.

Art. 1 We believe there is one and but one living true God, who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection.

Art. 2 We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and that its teachings construe the only infalible doctrine of the government of His church.

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

Art. 4. 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 reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted, regenerated and saved.

Art. 5. We believe that christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Art. 6. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which constitutes godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction for sin.

Art. 7. We believe that the human will is free, and the men has ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

Art. 8. We do not believe under the gospel dispensation that any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that 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.

Art. 9. We believe that good works is the result of faith and that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have no faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.

Art. 10. 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.

Art. 11. 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 distinction.

Art. 12.—We believe that man is a living soul; that the body will die, but that the Soul is immortal; that death is the separation of the moral and immoral parts of human being.

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

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presided at the last session, the former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

2. The Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by delegates present elects.

4. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called for as often as necessary during the session.

5. A majority of delegates 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 be entitled to speak on any question after others have spoken, provided 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 he shall proceed.

8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart 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 the Association, not more than 15 minutes at a time.

10. No person shall laugh or talk while the debate is going on.

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

Constitution.

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 (3) delegates.

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

3rd. 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.

4th. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be chosen by a majority vote at each session of the Association.

5th. 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.

6th. Churches wishing to become a member of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

7th. We agree, as Churches of this Association, to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as Temperance, cause Sunday School, Missionary work, etc.

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator.

W. S. Flippo, Clerk.

J. A. Underwood, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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