

Minutes

of the

46th Annual Session

of the

**JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

held with

**New Oak Grove Church
Walker County, Ala.,**

October 1 to 3

1932

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OFFICERS:

REV. J. S. FREDERICK, Moderator.
W. S. FLIPPO, Secy-Treas.

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Next session of this Association will convene with Mt. Olive Church, in Marion County, Ala., 5 miles north-east of Guin, on Saturday, before the 1st Sunday in October. Rev. J. S. Frederick to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. W. D. Martin, Alternate.

1933



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Bill Atkinson

PROCEEDINGS.

The 46th, Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association convened with New Oak Grove Church on October 1st to 3rd, 1932. After song by the choir and prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. J. H. Potts preached the introductory sermon. Text used, Luke 7th chapter, 3rd verse, "And when he heard of Jesus he sent unto him the Elders of the Jews beseeching him, that he would come and heal his servant." After which one hour was taken for refreshments and dinner. The Moderator requested the delegates to be back in the house by 1 o'clock.

Afternoon Session, Oct. 1.

After singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. J. L. Conner, the former Moderator and Clerk being present, the Moderator called the house to order ready for business. Rev. J. L. Conner and Rev. J. S. Frederick were appointed reading clerks.

Names of the various churches were called and letters were handed in, read and Delegates seated as per statistical table.

Called for petitionary letters and received one from East Tupelo Church by letter and recommendation.

Churches and Delegates.

Mt. Olive—R. L. Johnson, W. D. Tidwell, W. B. Parr.
Gum Springs—W. C. Weeks, W. I. Mills, A. J. Ingle.
Union Chapel—Gus Eads, J. V. Beachum.
Union Hill—J. A. Kennedy, W. C. Lacy, Ben Pope.
Mt. Pleasant—Represented by Letter and Contribution.
Free Waters—L. Mann, Grady Hudson.
Liberty—W. R. Graham, Clarence Lockhart.
Shady Grove—By Letter and Contribution.
Pearces Chapel—Not represented.
Poplar Log—J. W. Duke, J. R. Frederick.
Bethlehem—J. R. Franks.
Guin Chapel—M. J. Dupree, Sister Nellie Dupree.
Brilliant Chapel—J. A. Underwood, Mrs. Ida Underwood, Wary Eads.
New Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
Bear Creek—S. M. Lindsey, J. F. Hitchcock, G. F. Wooten.
New Oak Grove—A. Martin, J. A. Dudley, J. W. Kilgore.
Good Springs—By Letter and Contribution.
Union Valley—O. Melcher, A. J. Guthrie, W. M. Fowler.
Pocahontas—W. T. Neasmith, F. Hines, O. Swindle.
Hopewell—B. Jackson, J. T. Henson, E. B. Caloway.

Piney Grove—J. Benson, H. Key.

Lone Star—B. B. Pounders.

Calumet—J. H. Taylor, T. Baird, C. Murray.

New River Chapel—L. C. Nicholson, T. E. Pratt.

Spring Hill—B. S. Henson, B. Nuckols, D. Farris.

East Tupelo—Mattie Long, Faye Beggs, Preston Marcey.

By motion and second the body was organized by electing Rev. J. S. Frederick Moderator, and W. S. Flippo Secy.-Treas.

Called for correspondence from sister associations, whereupon Bro. S. S. Cooner, Vester Burkett, Bruce Files were seated with us from the Morning Star Association.

Motion and second that the Moderator appoint the committees.

Committees.

On Preaching—A. J. Ingle, R. L. Johnson with the Deacon of New Oak Grove church.

Documents and Order of Business—Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. A. L. Warren with the Moderator and Secy.-Treas.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. J. F. Ashmore, J. H. Taylor, Gus Eads.

Literature—Revs. B. M. Atkins, J. A. Godsey, Ben Pope.

Deceased Ministers and Members—A. J. Guthrie Rev. I. D. Nix, Vester Beachum.

Finance—P. H. Pike, J. A. Kennedy.

Resolutions—Revs. J. H. Potts, E. B. Springfield, G. W. Turner.

Temperance—W. O. Melcher, Tom Baird.

Education—Rev. J. R. Benson, A. Martin.

Home Mission—T. J. Hines, W. R. Graham.

Next in order, names of the churches were called and Delegates were consigned to their place of stay while the body is in session.

Called for report of the committee on preaching which follows: We, the committee on preaching report that Rev. M. L. Hollis preach Saturday night, Rev. A. L. Warren preach Sunday at 9 o'clock, Rev. J. S. Frederick preach Sunday at 11 o'clock, Rev. B. M. Atkins preach Sunday night and Rev. J. L. Conner preach Monday at 11 o'clock. Report received and committee discharged. A. J. Ingle, Chairman.

Motion and second to adjourn to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Benediction by the moderator.

Saturday Night Session.

After singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. M. L. Hollis preached an able discourse. Text used Matt.

24:21. "For then shall be great tribulations, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time nor ever shall be."

Sunday Morning Session.

At 9 o'clock, after singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. J. A. Godsey, Rev. A. L. Warren preached an able sermon to a large and well behaved audience. Text "Cooperation," after which the assembly adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock.

The body gathered back in the house at 11 o'clock, after singing and prayer. Rev. J. S. Frederick preached to a large concourse of well behaved people. Text I Cor. 15:15. "Yea and we are formed false witnesses of God," after which the Lord's Supper was deferred until the Sunday night service.

Sunday Night Session.

After singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. B. M. Atkins preached an able discourse to a large audience. Text "Victory through Faith," after which the Lord's Supper was served and all christians were invited to this feast and Supper being ended. A good number of the christians washed each other's feet amid tears and shouting in the hope of eternal life, which ended the Sunday service, the body adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Monday Morning, October 3.

The Association met at 8 o'clock. After singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. J. L. Conner, the Moderator called the body together ready for business.

1st. The Secretary called the names of Delegates from the various churches and all present answered to their names.

Report of Committes.

On Documents and Order of Business—We, your committee on Documents and Order of Business make the following report:

Sec. 1. We recommend that this association meet on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1933, at the place designated by the assembly of this session.

Sec. 2. We recommend that the Moderator be paid \$5 for his service at this session instead of \$10.

Sec. 3. We recommend that the Secretary-Treasurer be paid \$7.50 for his services—to be paid out of the minute fund.

Sec. 4. We recommend that Rev. J. S. Frederick preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this association, Rev. W. D. Martin, alternate.

Sec. 5. We recommend the reception of East Tupelo church, when they present a letter of dismission from the Vernon Association, if they are members of that Association, if they are not

members of that association, the church is received in this body.

Sec. 6 We recommend that Section 8 and 9 be dropped from the minutes.

Sec. 7. We recommend that the 4th item in the Constitution be retained. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. W. D. Martin, Chairman.

Sabbath Schools—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows: We find the interest of Sabbath Schools good and we encourage our churches to look well to the interest of Sabbath Schools, also, we ask that all our churches use Free Will Baptist Literature in connection with the Holy Bible. We find that out of 27 of our churches, 14 have Sabbath Schools, and we ask the other churches to organize sabbath schools so they can be represented in the next session of this association that they have a Sabbath School.

Rev. J. F. Ashmore, Chairman.

Report adopted, received and committee discharged.

Motion and second to adjourn for preaching, to meet back in the house by 1 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock, after singing by the choir, Rev. J. L. Conner preached an able discourse to a large and attentive audience. Text 1st Peter 2:1 "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guilt, and hypocracies, and envies, and all ill speakings," after which one hour was taken for refreshments and dinner.

Monday Afternoon Session, Oct., 3.

After singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. J. O. Jones, the Moderator called the body to order ready for business.

1st The letter for admission into the Association from East Tupelo church was read and received with the understanding that they present a letter from the Vernon Association if they are members of that body, if not members they are received into this body.

Deceased Ministers and Members—We your committee on deceased ministers and members beg leave to report as follows: We find that death has visited the bounds of our Association and taken from our midst our beloved Brothers and Sisters, to-wit: From Brilliant Chapel church, Bro. W. J. Fowler, age unknown, Sister Mullinix, age unknown, Pocahontas, Bro. J. H. Alvis, age 83, Mt. Pleasant, Rev. M. R. Martin, age 72, Bro. G. W. Moore, age unknown, Sister Julie Andrews age unknown, Shady Grove, Bro. J. R. Whitfield, age 73, Calumet, Bro. Marvin Cook, age unknown, Piney Grove, Rev. C. E. Farley, age 77, Union Valley, Sister Tish Tirey, age unknown, Mt. Olive, Bro. A. T. Evans, died January 4, 1931, Gum Springs, Sister J. B. Baccus, age unknown.

All died in the triumph of a living faith. We feel our loss is heaven's gain. Respectfully submitted

A. J. Guthrie, Chairman.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Finance—We, your committee on finance report as follows:

We find paid in from the various churches	\$35.44
as minute fund	5.00
Associational funds	
Total	\$40.44

Respectfully,

Rev. P. H. Pike, Chairman.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Resolutions—We, your committee on Resolutions make the following report: We resolve that this Association elect 2 delegates to represent us in the State Conference which convenes with Guin Chapel church, on November 9th and 10th. Also we resolve that the Ministers, Delegates and visitors of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association tender our thanks to New Oak Grove church and community, for the able manner in which they have cared for us while our stay has been with them.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. H. Potts, Rev. E. B. Springfield, Rev. G. W. Turner.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Temperance—We, your committee on Temperance report as follows: Let us follow the instruction of the inspired apostle and every man that striveth for the Master is temperate in all things. 1 Cor. 9:25 Let us keep our body under subjection lest we give ourselves to the temper. Let us go on record condemning the indulging in all intemperance and follow the teaching of the bible for our rule and conduct.

Woodrow Melcher, Chairman.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Literature—We, your committee on Literature report as follows: We recommend that we as Free Will Baptist make an earnest effort to place good literature in our homes for the better training of our children, that they may grow up as godly men and women. We also recommend the use of our Free Will Baptist literature in our Sunday School, together with the prayerful study of the Holy Bible.

Respectfully,

Rev. B. M. Atkins, Chairman.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Education—Report rejected and not received.

Home Mission—We, your committee on Home Mission report as follows.

1st. Home Mission Society whose purpose it will be to visit all who may be sick and 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 purpose the Society may see fit.

3rd. We recommend that this Association appoint some good competent man to visit all the churches of this Association and to aid in all the churches in this work.

M. F. Hinds Chairman

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Ministerial Character—We, your committee on Ministers Character, after careful investigation, submit the following report: We find our Ministers in good standing so far as we can ascertain. Will say to our churches to look well to the interest of these Pastors, and that our Pastors urge the need of Sunday School in all our churches. Respectfully,

A. J. Ingle, T. J. Langston D. H. Nix, W. A. Keeton.

Motion and second that our deceased Brother, Rev. M. R. Martin's name be dropped from the minutes. Also that Rev. John Tucker's name be dropped from the minute, for non attendance.

By motion and second, the \$5 associational fund was paid to Rev. J. S. Frederick.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

Received in my hands this the 3rd day of Oct., 1932, from the various churches

Paid out October 3, 1932 to Rev. J. S. Frederick \$5.00

Balance \$0.00

W. S. Flippo, Secy-Treas.

Ministers and Postoffices.

Rev. J. L. Conner	Winfield, Ala. R 3.
" J. J. Wesley	Guin, Ala.
" G. W. Flippo	Guin, Ala. R 2
" W. D. Martin	Guin, Ala. R 2.
" J. L. Brasseal	Winfield, Ala. R 3
" I. D. Nix	Nauvoo, Ala. R 1
" P. H. Pike	Townley, Ala.
" E. B. Springfield	Townley, Ala.
" E. R. Franks	Guin, Ala. R 2
" 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.
" J. S. Frederick	Hackleburg, Ala. R 2
" J. A. Godsey	Hackleburg, Ala.
" J. O. Jones	Philcampbell, Ala. R 3
" J. H. Potts	Guin, Ala. R 2
" J. R. Benson	Nauvoo, Ala. R 1
" M. L. Hollis	Red Bay, Ala.
" J. F. Ashmore	Winfield, Ala. R 3.
" J. R. Williams	Brilliant, Ala.
" A. J. Lambert	Townley, Ala.
" G. W. Turner	Townley, Ala. R 1.

Minister's Report.

I beg leave to report the following work done by me since our last Association. Sermons preached 105, public prayers 110, received in church 8, baptised 1, visited sick homes 55, funerals preached 5, ordained deacons none, ordained ministers none, pastored churches 1, held communion services 1, conducted prayer meetings 15, attended S S 48, held revivals 1, miles traveled 500, money received \$202 10, traveling expense \$3.38, married couples 5. Trusting I may do more another year, I am yours,

A. J. Lambert.

Miscellaneous Business.

1st. By motion the Moderator appoint Delegates to Sister Associations as follows:

Mt. Mariah—Rev. B. M. Atkins, Rev. W. D. Martin.

Vernon—Rev. J. S. Frederick, Rev. A. L. Warren.

Little Brown Creek—Rev. J. H. Potts, Rev. J. F. Ashmore.

Muscle Shoals State Line—Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. P. H. Pike.

Bear Creek—Rev. I. D. Nix, Rev. E. B. Springfield.

State Line—Rev. J. A. Godsey, Rev. J. O. Jones.

2nd. By a unanimous vote the next session of this Association will convene with Mt. Olive Church, in Marion County, Alabama, 5 miles north east of Guin, Ala., on Saturday, before the First Sunday in October, 1933.

3rd. Be it resolved that any minister of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association who desires to set forth the full function 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 ordination must be done at the annual association.

4th. Be it resolved that we will not accept the baptism of no unordained minister

5th. By motion the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum and Constitution be appended to our minutes.

6th By motion the Association adjourned to meet at the above named place Song by the choir with handshaking amid tears after which benediction by the Moderator.

REV. J. S. FREDERICK, Moderator.
W. S. FLIPPO, Secretary-Treasurer.

Articles of Faith.

Art. 1. We believe there is but 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 immersion 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 case 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.

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 [3] 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 and Clerk-Treasurer, who 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 business is transacted.

6. Churches wishing to become a member 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 Temperance, cause Sunday School, Missionary work, etc.

REV. J. S. FREDERICK, Moderator.

W. S. FLIPPO, Secy-Treas.



Statistical Table.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	DELEGATES	Paid for Minutes	Associational Fund	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	Days of Meeting	No. of Members	Church Property
Mt Olive	J. H. Potts	W. S. Flippo, Guin, Ala. Rt 2	W. D. Tidwell, N. B. Parr, R. L. Johnson	\$2.15	\$				1	1	3	246	\$1000.00
Gum Springs	J. F. Ashmore	N. D. Ingle, Winfield, Ala. Rt 3	W. C. Weeks, W. I. Miles, A. J. Ingle	2.00		20	6			1		175	
Union Chapel	I. D. Nix	Gus Eads,	Gus Eads, J. V. Beauchamp									1	96 \$ 500.00
Union Hill	J. S. Frederick	Freeman Cochran, Hackleburg, Ala. Rt. 2	J. A. Kennedy, W. C. Lacy, Ben Pope	1.00								2	188 \$1250.00
Mt. Pleasant	W. D. Martin	Alvin Mullinix, Brilliant, Ala.	Represented by letter and contribution	.85			4			4	4	67	\$ 500.00
Free Waters	J. S. Frederick	L. Mann, Guin, Ala. Rt 2	Grady Hudson, L. Mann	.60		8	9		1		1	162	\$1000.00
Liberty	J. S. Frederick	J. H. Wilson, Guin, Ala. Rt. 2	W. R. Graham, Clarence Lockhart	.65									
Red Bay	M. L. Hollis	Oliver H. Mink, Red Bay Ala.	C. L. Wigginton, Lee Goodwin, H. L. Keeton	3.00	\$ 2.04	19	8	3		3	1-3	237	\$5000.00
Shady Grove	J. O. Jones	E. R. McDuffee, Philcampbell, Ala.	Represented by letter and J. O. Jones	.70		55	9		2	1	1	3	\$1800.00
Pearces Chapel	J. H. Potts	Not Represented											
Poplar Log	J. A. Godsey	Orium Carnes, Hackleburg, Ala.	J. W. Duke, J. R. Frederick	1.40	.30	1	3					50	\$ 100.00
Bethlehem	G. W. Flippo	J. R. Franks, Hamilton, Ala. Rt 3	J. R. Franks	.80				1				2	35
Guin Chapel	J. B. Bloss	W. J. Underwood, Guin, Ala	M. J. Dupree, Miss Nellie Dupree	1.00								3	110 \$ 600.00
Brilliant Chapel	M. L. Hollis	Vester Hawkins, Brilliant, Ala	J. A. and Ida Underwood, Mary Eads	2.00	\$1.00	11	4						\$3000.00
New Pleasant Hill		Not Represented					0						
Bear Creek	J. A. Godsey	G. F. Wooten, Hackleberg, Ala. Rt 4	S. M. Lindsey, J. F. Heathcock, G. F. Wooten	1.00	.25	5	1					42	
New Oak Grove	J. S. Frederick	W. H. Keeton, Nauvoo, Ala. Rt. 1	A. Martin, J. A. Dudley, J. W. Kilgore	2.45		10	2					4	134 \$1000.00
Good Springs	J. A. Godsey	J. E. Creekmoore, Vina, Ala. Rt 1	Represented by letter and contribution	.75	.50								
Union Valley	A. J. Lambert	J. W. Pike, Carbon Hill, Ala. Rt. 2	O. Melcher, A. J. Guthrie, W. M. Fowler	2.15		9		2		1	all	127	\$1000.00
Pocahontas	W. D. Martin	A. R. Shed, Carbon Hill, Ala. Rt. 2	W. T. Nesmith, F. Hines, O. Swindle			1	1			1	2	61	\$ 800.00
Hopewell	I. D. Nix	J. T. Henson, Nauvoo, Ala. Rt 2	B. Jackson, J. T. Henson, E. B. Calloway	1.10	\$1.00				2		3	32	
Piney Ridge	W. D. Martin	D. A. Farley, Arley, Ala.	J. Benson, H. Key	1.00		2	4	2		1	2	49	
Lone Star	J. H. Potts	R. H. Mauldin, -	B. B. Pounders	.50		2	3				3		
Calumet	J. L. Conner	A. J. Flippo, Jasper, Ala. Rt. 5	J. H. Taylor, T. Beard, C. Murray	2.25	.25	3	2			1	2	4	68
New River Chapel	J. H. Potts	T. E. Pratt	L. C. Nicholson, T. E. Pratt	.70								26	
Spring Hill	J. S. Frederick	Minnie Bevis, Nauvoo, Ala. Rt. 2	B. S. Henson, B. Nuckols, D. Farris	.75		5					3		
East Tupelo	M. L. Hollis	Mrs. Hubert E. Post, Tupelo, Miss	Mattie Long, Faye Beggs, Preston Marenay			73	42				2	4	115