MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Seventh Annual Session OF THE

Jasper Freewill Baptist Association

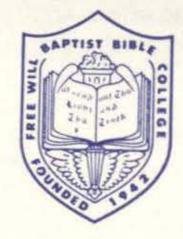
HELD WITH

Mt. Olive Church, in Marion County, Sept. 30th to Oct. 2d, 1933

OFFICERS

REV. A. L. WARREN Moderator W. S. FLIPPO Secretary-Treasurer

Next Session of this Association Will Convene with
Freewater Church, 8 Miles North of Guin, Marion County, Alabama; the Same to Convene
on Saturday, Before the First Sunday in
October, 1934; Rev. M. L. Hollis to
Preach the Introductory Sermon, and It Is To Be A
Doctrinal Sermon



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Bill Atkinson

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty-Seventh Session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association, which Convened with Mt. Olive Church September 30th to October 2nd, 1933

After song by the choir and prayer by Bro. James Fowler, Rev. J. S. Frederick preached the introductory sermon. Text used: St. John, 6th chapter and the latter clause of the 58th verse: "He that eateth of this bread shall live forever," after which one hour was taken for refreshments and dinner. By request of the Moderator the association was asked to be back in the house by 1 o'clock.

Afternoon Session, September 30, 1933

After song by the choir and prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis, the Past Moderator and Secretary-Treasurer being present, the Moderator called the house to order, ready for business.

1.—By move and second the moderator appointed Rev. M. L.

Hollis and Bro. Grady Hudson as reading clerks.

2.—The names of the different churches were called and the letters were handed in and read and the delegates were enrolled as per statistical table.

Names of Churches and Delegates:

Mt. Olive-J. W. Burleson, R. Franks, H. L. Franks.

GUM SPRINGS-John Moore, E. Bealey.

UNION CHAPEL-J. V. Beacham, L. C. Estes, H. Loden. UNION HILL-W. C. Lacy, J. H. Frederick, F. L. Cochran.

MT. PLEASANT-W. W. Westbrook, W. W. Elliot, G. W. Doss.

FREEWATER-J. L. Pearce, W. M. Wilson, W. C. Estes.

LIBERTY-R. E. Smith.

RED BAY-C. Tharp, J. Yielding.

SHADY GROVE-J. J. Graves, E. R. McDuffie, T. M. Nix.

PEARCE'S CHAPEL-Walter Crow.

POPLAR LOG-R. Gardner, O. Carnes.

BETHLEHEM-J. L. and M. M. Franks, Rufus Evans.

GUIN CHAPEL-Asked for Letter of Dismission-Letter Rejected-Rev. J. J. Wesley seated as delegate.

BRILLIANT CHAPEL—W. W. Nelson, Charley Mullenix, J. H. Whitman.

BEAR CREEK-Lon Gumine, Luther Hansley.

NEW OAK GROVE-B. Martin, W. H. Keeton, J. Shadrick.

GOOD SPRINGS-J. T. Henson.

UNION VALLEY-Not represented.

POCAHONTAS—Coley Gann.

HOPEWELL-J. T. Henson.

PINEY RIDGE—Austin Key.

LONE STAR-R. E. Stone.

CALUMET-L. Cheekwood, T. H. Baird, C. Murray.

NEW RIVER CHAPEL—Not represented.

SPRING HILL-B. S. Henson, D. Farris, B. Nuckols.

EAST TUPELO-Will Payne, Myrell Malier, Waldred Chesin.

FRIENDSHIP-Berry Cochran.

PLEASANT VIEW-J. H. Laylor, Doyald Taylor, J. Daniel.

- 3.—By move and second the names of all the ministers were called and all present answered to their names.
- 4.—By move and second the body was organized by electing Rev. A. L. Warren Moderator and W. S. Flippo, Secretary-Treasurer.
- 5.—By move and second the Moderator appointed all committees.

Committees

ON PREACHING—Archie Keeton, A. J. Ingle, with Deacons of Mt. Olive Church.

ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Revs. J. S. Frederick, W. D. Martin, J. L. Conner, M. L. Hollis, with the Moderator and Secretary-Treasurer.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Rev. J. F. Ashmore, D. S. Henson and J. H. Taylor.

ON LITERATURE-Rev J. H. Potts and W. C. Lacy.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS—J. H. Stricklin and Berry Cochran.

ON FINANCE-John Moore, W. W. Nelson and I. D. Nix.

ON RESOLUTIONS—T. J. Lankston, J. Daniel and Doyal Taylor.

ON TEMPERANCE-R. E. Smith and Lon Gunnison.

ON EDUCATION—George Nix, G. W. Flippo, Booker Wigginton.

ON HOME MISSIONS-Coley Gann, Ervin Omary and B. Dares.

Next in order was to call the names of the churches and consign the the delegates to their place of staying while the body was in session.

Next in order was to call for the reports of the Committee on Preaching. The report was that Rev. J. F. Ashmore should preach that night, Rev. W. D. Martin to preach Sunday at 9 o'clock; Rev. A. L. Warren preach Sunday at 11 o'clock; Rev. B. M. Atkins to preach Sunday night; Rev. M. L. Hollis to preach Monday at 11 o'clock.

Moved and seconded that the association adjourn to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Saturday Night Services

After singing by the choir and prayer, Rev. J. F. Ashhmore preached to a large congregation of well-behaved people. Text used: St. John, 3rd chapter and 14th verse, "Even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

Sunday Services

At 9 o'clock, after singing and prayer, Rev. W. D. Martin preached an interesting discourse to a large audience of people. Text used: Ezekiel, 13th chapter and 3rd verse; "Thus saith the Lord God—Woe unto the foolish prophets that follow their own spirits and have seen nothing."

At 11 o'clock, after singing by the choir, and prayer by Rev. B. M. Atkins, Rev. A. L. Warren preached to a large concourse of well-behaved people. Text used, "Behold how good it is for brethren to dwell together in union." After preaching, a song was sung and a collection taken up for Rev. A. L. Warren, as donations to him, on account of sickness in his family—\$18.27 being contributed. The Lord's supper was postponed until the Sunday night service.

Sunday Night Service

After singing by the choir, and prayer by Bro. J. M. Dupree, Rev. B. M. Atkins preached an able discourse to a large audience of people. Text used: "Thus saith the Lord God; 'Woe unto Israel.'" After preaching the Lord's supper was served, and all Christians were invited to partake of these emblems. After supper a goodly number of Christians washed each other's feet amid tears

and shouting; after which the congregation adjourned to meet again Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Monday Morning Session

- Oct. 2, 1933. After song by the choir, and prayer by Rev. E. R. Franks, there being a quorum present the moderator called the body to order, ready for business. The secretary-treasurer being absent the moderator appointed W. M. Wilson secretary protem, and the various committees were asked to make their reports and return back just as soon as possible.
- 1. By motion Bro. H. D. Shellnut, was seated with us from Vernon Association.
- 2.—A call was made for reports from the various committees.
 The committee on Documents and Order of Business reported as follows: "We, your committee, report as follows:

Report received and adopted by sections.

- SEC. 1.—We recommend that this association meet on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1934.
- SEC. 2.—We recommend that the Moderator be paid \$5.00 for his services.
- SEC. 3.—We recommend that the Secretary-Treasurer be paid \$10.00 for his services.
- SEC. 4.—We recommend that Rev. M. L. Hollis preach the introductory sermon, and it be a Doctrinal Sermon at our next Association.
- SEC. 5.—We recommend the Jasper association rescind the act of Section 9 of Document and Order of Business in 1929 session held at Red Bay, Alabama.
- SEC. 6.—We recommend that the various churches of this association do not call any preacher of this new move to the pastoral care of their church in this association. If they do so they shall be excluded from this association.
- SEC. 7.—We find that two churches have asked for the next session of association, and we recommend that this body decide the place for the next session.
 - SEC. 8.—We recommend that this body authorize the clerk

to write Rev. M. A. Thompson ordained credentials and that his name be placed on the ministerial roll as an ordained minister.

SEC. 9.—We recommend the examination and ordination of Rev. C. P. Bray.

Respectfully submitted:

REV. J. S FREDERICK,

Chairman.

The congregation adjourned for preaching.

Monday Services

At 11 o'clock Rev. M. L. Hollis preached an able discourse. The text used was Second Kings, Chapter 3: "Make this valley full of ditches," after which one hour was taken for refreshments and dinner. The body was requested to be back in the house by 1 o'clock.

Monday Afternoon Session

After singing by the choir, and prayer by Rev. J. S. Frederick, the moderator called the body together, ready or business.

1. COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS:-We, your committee, report as follows: We find that death has entered the pale of our churches since the last session of the Jasper Association and has called from us the following brethren and sisters: From Union Chapel Church-Bro. C. L. Eads, aged 36 years; Sister Izie Eads, aged 27 years: From Liberty Church-Sister Mary Smith, aged 72 years, 3 months and 15 days: From Spring Hill Church—Bro. J. B. Jackson: From Pocahontas Church—Bro. Will Davis, aged 66 years: From Freewater Church-Bro. Jesse Lee Pollard: From Mount Olive Church-Sister Docie May: From Poplar Log Church-Bro. R. L. Mitchell: From New Oak Grove Church-Sister Rachel Rhodan, Sister Garrett, Sister Daisy Curtis, Sister Susie Jettus: From Gum Springs Church-Sister Martha Miles, Sister Martha Black: From Union Hill Church-Bro. John A. Kennedv, aged 56 years, 3 months and 15 days; Bro. Jim Hudson, aged 54 years, 11 months and 9 days; Bro. Elijah Yeilding, age unknown. These all died in the triumph of a living faith.

Respectfully submitted:

J. H. STRICKTIN, Chairman.

Report received, adopted and the committee discharged.

Total----\$32.95

Respectfully submitted:

W. W. NELSON.

Chairman.

Report received, adopted and the committee discharged.

ON RESOLUTIONS:—We, your committee on resolutions, make the following report:

We resolve that this association elect two delegates to represent us in the state conference which convenes with Mt. Harmony.

We tender our thanks to Mt. Olive Church and community for the able manner in which they have cared for us while our stay has been with them.

Respectfully submitted:

T. J. LANGSTON,

Chairman.

Report received, adopted and the committee discharged.

On Temperance:—We, your committee on temperance, report as follows: 1.—Let us follow the instructions of the inspired apostle, and let every man strive to do all he can for his Master by being temperate in all things. First Corinthians, Chapter 9 and 25th verse: "Let us keep our body under subjection, lest we give ourselves to the tempter." Let us go on record, condemning the indulgence in all intemperance and follow the teachings of the Holy Bible.

Respectfully submitted:

J. E. SMITH,

Chairman.

Report received, adopted and the committee discharged.

ON LITERATURE:—We, your committee on literature, report as follows: We recommend that the last report be adopted as they were in the last association.

Respectfully submitted:

REV. J. H. POTTS,

Chairman.

Report received, adopted and the committee discharged.

ON EDUCATION:—We, your committee on education, report as tollows: We want to go on record, condemning the constant change in our text books. We recommend the encouragement of every phase of education. We recommend a Bible training school and we encourage the reading and more study of the Bible. We feel the need of more training in our churches, of our children in Sunday school; also we feel the need of our preachers teaching our church members the discipline of the church.

Respectfully submitted:

G. E. Nix, Chairman.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

ON HOME MISSIONS:—We, your committee on Home Missions, report as follows: 1. Home mission society whose purpose it will be to visit all who may be sick and those who are in distress, also to encourage the weak members to attend church and Sunday school. We pray God that the weak members may become strong ones. 2. It shall be the duty of this society to have a finance system to raise money for any purpose the society may see fit to. 3 We recommend that this association appoint some good brother to visit all the churches of this association to aid all the churches in this work.

Respectfully submitted:

COLIE GANN,

Chairman.

Report reeceived, adopted and committee discharged.

MINISTERIAL CHARATER.—We, your committee on ministerial character, make the following report: We find our ministers in good standing, as far as we know, and we ask that they preach the Bible and stand to the Freewill Baptist doctrine as far as the Word of God holds it good, and we beg that our preachers be careful in talking about their brother preachers, and we also ask the churches to look after their pastors and help them.

Respectfully submitted:

A. J Ingle, W. C. Pearce, T. J. Langston, W. A. Keeton, Committeee.

Report received, adopted and the committee retained.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:-Received in my hand on the second day of October, 1933, from the various churches, \$32.95 as association and minutes funds.

Paid out, Oct. 2, 1933, to W. S. Flippo, for his services, \$10.00, leaving for printing the minutes the total amount of \$22.95.

> W. S. FLIPPO. Sec'y Treasurer.

We, the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association recommed that each church member in this association pay annually 5 cents per year as an associational and finance fund, and this body ask all ministers to urge the members to pay the same. After this, while the choir sang a song, a collection was taken up for Sister Julia Nelson.

Moyed and seconded that Rev. W. D. Martin be appointed to visit all churches he can and work in the interest of home missions.

Names of Ordained Ministers and their Addresses.

REV. J. L. CONNER	R. R 3, Winfield, Ala.
REV. J. J. WESLEY	
REV. G. W. FLIPPO	
REV. W. D. MARTIN	R 2, Guin, Ala.
REV. J. L. BRASSEAL	R. 3. Winfield, Ala.
REV. J. D. NIX	
REV. E R. FRANKS	R. 2, Guin, Ala.
REV. P. T. KEETON	Belmont, Miss
REV. B. M. ATKINS	R. 3, Winfield, Ala.
REV. A. L. WARREN	Brilliant, Ala.
REV. L. L. NICHOLS	Hamilton, Ala.
REV. J. A. FLIPPO	Haleyville, Ala.
REV. J. S. FREDERICK	
REV J. A. GODSEY	Hackleburg, Ala.
REV. J. O. JONES	R. 3, Phil Campbell, Ala.
REV. J. H. POTTS	
REV. J. R. BENSON	R. 1, Nauvoo, Ala.
REV. M L. HOLLIS	Red Bay, Ala.
REV. J. F. ASHMORE	R. 3, Winfield, Ala.
REV. J. R. WILLIAMS	
REV. G. W. TURNER	Townley,-Ala.

LICENTIATE MINISTER-C. P. BRAY, Phil Campbell, Ala.

Miscellaneous Business.

1:- By motion the moderator appointed delegates to sister associations as follows: Mt. Moriah, Revs. J. L. Conner, M. L. Hollis and J. T Tidwell; Vernon-Revs. J S. Frederick, J. F. Ashmore and A. L. Warren; Little Brown Creek-Revs. W. D. Martin, J. L. Conner and M. L. Hollis; Bear Creek-Revs. I. D. Nix and W. D. Martin; State Line-W. D. Martin and W. R. Graham. To the State Conference, which is to convene on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1933, the delegates are as follows: Brothers J. A. Underwood and J. T. Tidwell.

2:- By a unanimous vote the next session of this association will convene with Freewater Church, 8 miles north of Guin, Alabama, in Marion county, the same to convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1934.

3:- Be It Resolved; That any minister of the Jasper Freewill 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 ordinations must be done at the annual association.

4:- Be It Resolved; That we will not accept the baptism of any unordained minister.

5:- The ordaining council appointed to examine Brother C. P. Bray reported they recommended that he be required to preach another year before ordination.

6: By motion the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum and Constitution were ordered appended to our minutes.

7:- By motion the association adjourned to meet at the above named place; after which there was singing by the choir, and handshaking amid tears and joy; after which the benediction by the moderator.

> REV. A. L. WARREN, MODERATOR, W. S FLIPPO, SECRETARY-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 infallible 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 that man 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 is a commemorative ordinance; that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians unite in observing the sacred service, regardless of name or denominational distinction.
- ART. 12. We believe that man is a living soul: that the the body will die, but that the soul is immortal; that death is the separation of of the mortal and immortal parts of human beings.
- 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.

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Constitution

- 1. This Association shall be known as the Jasper Freewill 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 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 Temperance Cause, Sunday School, Missionary Work, etc.

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 shall 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—nor 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.

REV. A. L. WARREN. MODERATOR, W. S. FLIPPO, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAMES OF CHURCHES	NAMES OF PASTORS	NAMES OF CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Minute Funds	Associational Funds	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Number Expelled	Number Deceased	Number of Members	Church Property
Mt. Olive	Rev. J. L. Conner	W. S. FlippoR. 2, Guin, Ala.	J. W. Burleson, R. Franks, H. L. Franks	\$ 2.35	\$ 3.00	0	3	0	9	1 5	248	\$1000.00
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		Royal GrahamR. 2, Guin, Ala										
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Poplar Log	Rev. G. W. Flippo	Hobson HarrisHackleburg, Ala	R. Gardner, Orium Carnes	1 00		0	0 .		(1 4	31	1000.00
Bethelhem	Rev. G. W. Flippo	J. R. FranksR. 3, Hamilton, Ala.	J. L. Franks, M. M. Franks, R. Evans	1.00		5	0	0	0	1	_ 42	200.00
Guin Chapel	Rev. J. B. Bloss		J. J. Wesley	3.50				0 .				
Brilliant Chapel.	Rev. I. K. Boyett	Vester Hawkins Brilliant, Ala.	W. W. Nelson. C. Mullenix, J. H. Whitman	.50		5	9	0	0	0 2	56	2000.00
Bear Creek	Rev. J. O. Jones	J. F. HeathcockR. 4, Hackleburg, Ala.	Lon Ginnins, Luther Hanley	1 70	3 00	0	0 .		0	0	_ 43	
New Oak Grove.	Rev. J. S. Fredrick	W. H. KeetonR. 1, Nauvoo, Ala.	W. H. Keeton, B. Martin, J Shadrick	2.80		5	0 .		0	3	_ 147	1000.00
Good Springs		J. T. Henson						5 .				
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Pocahontas	Rev. W. D. Martin_	A. R. Shed	Coley Gann	1.00		7	1	0	-1	1	_ 54	
Hopewell	Rev. I. D. Nix	J. T. Henson R 2, Nauvoo, Ala.	J. T. Henson	1.00	.25	2	0	0	0		_ 25	500.00
Piney Ridge	Rev. I. D. Nix	D. A. Farley Arley, Ala.	Anston Key	1.00	4 00	0	0	0	0	1	_ 50	
Lone Star		R. T. Mouldin Itawamby, Miss	R. E. Stone	.50		0	0 .		0	0		
Calumet	Rev. J. L Conner	Claude Murry R. 2, Parrish, Ala.	Louis Cheakwood, T. H. Beard, C. Murry	2 00		0	0	0	0	0	_ 52	
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Spring Hill	Rev J. S. Fredrick	Mrs. Minnie BevisR.2, Nauvoo, Ala.	B S. Henson, D. Farris, B. Nuckles	75		1000	0			- 5		
East Tupelo	Rev. M. L. Hollis	Mrs. Herbert E. PostEast Tupelo, Miss.	W. Payne, M. Malier, M. Chesin	1 00			0					
Friendship	Rev. A. L. Warren	Mrs. Annie Mae Wideman_R. 1, Winfield, Ala	Berry Corkran	.80		0	0	0	0		- 18	
Pleasant View	Rev. W. D. Martin-	Doyal Taylor	J H Taylor, D Taylor, J. Daniel	1.00		0	0	0	0		- 23	