

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-fourth Annual Session

OF THE

JASPER FREEWILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held With Union Hill Church

October 5-6-7, 1940

OFFICERS

Rev. J. O. Jones, Moderator

Brandon Estes, Clerk



The next Session of this Association will convene with New Oak Grove Church near Nauvoo, Alabama; the same to convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1941. Rev. Grady Hudson to preach the Introductory Sermon.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association, Which Convened With Union Hill Church, Marion County, Alabama, October 5th, 6th and 7th, 1940.

The meeting opened with singing by the choir, prayer by Rev. J. H. Potts, and several good testimonials. After which Rev. J. O. Jones preached an able discourse from the 13th chapter and 1st verse of Hebrews. We were then dismissed one hour for refreshments.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER FIFTH

Afternoon Session—1. After song by choir and prayer by Rev. John Miller, the Moderator and Clerk being present, the body was called to business.

2. Names of churches were called, letters read and contents noted as per statistical table. Moderator appointed Rev. H. A. Pitts and J. S. Frederick as Reading Clerks.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethlehem—J. H. Estes, Calvin Warren, Henry Cagle.
Bear Creek—S. M. Lindsey, Lon Gunion, J. W. Wooton.
Brilliant-Boston—Jessie Stricklin, Johnnie Williams.
Calumet—Represented by letter and contribution.
Free Waters—Loyd Franks, J. E. Tidwell, H. Franks.
Good Springs—Tom Humphress, Richard Humphress.
Gum Springs—Mack Sexton and wife, Velmer Moore.
Holly Springs—J. H. Chamble, Vessie Childers, Paul Cole.
Hopewell—Rev. John Miller, A. B. Bell.
Lone Star—Aldo Pounders, B. C. Chism, W. Brown.
Liberty—Lonnie Tucker, Bob Pugh, Icy Gardner.
Mt. Olive—A. G. May, T. M. Markham, Sid Ledlow.
Mt. Pleasant—W. M. Burleson, H. Huglar, F. A. Aldridge.
New Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
New Oak Grove—Arthur Dudley, Ira Robins, Cecil Kilgore.
Piney Ridge—D. A. Farley, L. M. Farley, Harry Key.
Pocahontas—Arthur Swindle.
Pleasant View—Dropped.
Poplar Log—Arvin Carnes, Booker Godsey.
Pearce's Mill—Dropped.
Shady Grove—E. R. McDuffie, Edd Hill.
Spring Hill—Minnie Bevis, Lilly Farris, Mamie Nuckles.
Red Bay—Not represented.
Union Chapel—A. E. Warren, S. M. Burchfield, S. L. Walden.
Union Hill—Freeman Cochran, Cliff Kennedy, Orbin Langston.
Moved, seconded and carried that all delegates be seated.
Call for petitionary letters. Received one from Union Ridge, which was received by a unanimous vote and the following delegates seated: E. R. Bostic, H. R. Mink.
Moved, seconded and carried that the body be organized which was done by electing Rev. J. O. Jones Moderator, and Brandon Estes, Clerk.
Call for corresponding delegates from Sister Association. From Morning Star, Brothers Bud Fowler, John Smith, Vester Burkett. Vernon Association—Rev. J. S. Frederick, D. C. Hall. State Line—Brothers L. S. Carter, S. A. Triplett, J. G. Stone, Rev. L. Woodham, Rev. I. K. Boyett.
Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint all Committees.
On Preaching—J. J. Graves, J. H. Estes, J. H. Champlee, with Deacons of Union Hill church.
On Documents and Order of Business—H. A. Pitts, Rev. I. D. Nix, Rev. G. O. Parker, with Moderator and Clerk.
Sabbath Schools—J. C. Miller, J. E. Kennedy, Vester Burkett, D. C. Hall.
On Literature—Johnnie Moore and wife, V. L. Woodham, J. A. Godsey.
On Deceased Members—W. C. Robum, S. A. Triplett, Ira Robins.
On Resolutions—Mack Sexton and wife, W. D. Martin.

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On Education—A. L. Warren, Roy Benson, Booker Godsey, W. S. Flippo.
On Home Missions—Mennie Bevis, Lilly Farris, Nelly Hopkins.
On Temperance—Edd Hill, Rev. J. S. Frederick, Rev. J. H. Potts, E. R. McDuffie.
On Finance—P. T. Keyton, Freeman Cochran, Orbin Langston.
Call for the Report on Preaching as Follows: Saturday night, Rev. Roy Benson; Sunday, 9:00 o'clock, Rev. H. A. Pitts; Sunday, 11:00 o'clock, Rev. A. L. Warren; Sunday night, Rev. B. M. Adkins; Monday, 11:00 a. m., Rev. G. O. Parker.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. ESTES, Chairman.

By a move and second the Union Hill Sunday School was given permission to put on a program Saturday night.

Called names of churches and consigned delegates to their places of stay while the body was in session.

By a move and second the body adjourned to meet again Monday morning at 8:00 a. m.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After singing by choir and several good prayers the Union Hill Sunday School gave an interesting program, "Life at the Cross Roads", after which Rev. Roy Benson preached an able discourse from the 21st chapter and 7th verse of John, "This is The Lord."

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday morning at 9:00, Rev. H. A. Pitts preached an interesting sermon from the 3rd chapter and 18th verse of 2nd Peter. Sunday at 11:00 o'clock Rev. A. L. Warren preached a good sermon from the middle clause of 1st chapter, 29th verse of St. John.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After singing and several good prayers Rev. J. S. Frederick preached an able discourse from the 2nd chapter and 7th verse of St. Luke. We then enjoyed the Lord's Supper, followed by the the Humble Service of Feet Washing. Rev. B. M. Adkins was to preach at this time, but due to an accident, he was unable to preach.

MONDAY MORNING SERVICE

After singing by choir and prayer by Rev. W. C. Raburn, the roll was called and the Moderator declared a quorum present and the body ready for business.

Minutes of Saturday read and approved as read.

Alternate delegates seated in places where needed.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. Grady Hudson and Rev. J. S. Frederick to examine the candidates for ordination.

The committees went to work while the rest of the body had a devotional service.

By a move and second we adjourned one hour while Rev. G. O. Parker preached a fine sermon. Text, "Rebuild God's Alter." We were then dismissed one hour for refreshments.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

After prayer by Rev. Grady Hudson it was moved and seconded that Brothers M. T. Shirley, Nathan Yielding, Roy Benson and J. M. Benson be ordained, which was done by the ordaining council, Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. Grady Hudson and Rev. J. S. Frederick.

Call for the reports of committees on Documents and Order of Business.

We recommend that this Association meet on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1941.

We recommend that the Secretary-Treasurer be paid \$10.00 and the Moderator be paid \$5.00 for their services out of the financial funds.

We recommend that Rev. A. L. Warren be appointed Evangelist of

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this Association for the ensuing year; that he have power to organize Sunday Schools, Leagues, and Ladies' Aid and that the Churches call on him for this service.

We recommend that Rev. Grady Hudson preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this Association.

We find four churches asking for the next Association. We recommend that this body decide which shall have it.

We recommend the form of our church conference be attached to our minutes.

We recommend that the Clerk send each church a typewritten blank for their Associational Letter.

We recommend that the Bible references of our Articles of Faith be attached to our Minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

REV. J. O. JONES, Moderator,
BRANDON ESTES, Clerk.

Report received and adopted by sections. Committee discharged.

On Sabbath Schools—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, report as follows:

We find five churches without Sunday Schools.

We recommend each church to have a Sunday School and each church represent their Sunday School with a program at the Sunday School rally at Free Waters the second Sunday in April, 1941.

Respectfully Submitted,

REV. J. C. MILLER, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

On Literature—We, your committee on Literature, report as follows:

We recommend that our churches study the Bible with a prayerful heart in our homes and in our Sunday School. Also use the Free Will Baptist Literature. We also recommend that each Sunday School teacher get a teacher's book for each class. We recommend that Christian Literature be placed in our homes for our children to read instead of magazines and story books.

We also recommend that each Sunday School have a program which might influence the interest of our young people.

REV. O. S. GARDNER, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

On Deceased Members—We, the 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 Oak Grove Church Sister Mrs. Mae Dudley died March 11, 1940, age 43 years, 1 month.

From Union Hill church Sister Artive U. Godsey, age 36 years and 7 months, and Sister Nora Frederick, age 34 years and 11 months.

From Good Springs—Minnie Ingle, age not stated.

From Bear Creek Church—Brother B. F. Edgar, age 83 years, 5 months and 30 days.

From Brilliant-Boston Church, Mrs. Mary Jane Fowler, Mrs. Fannie Burleson and Rev. J. R. Williams, ages not stated.

From Free Water Church—Brother J. F. Pearce, Brother Glyn Franks, Brother J. M. Franks and Sister B. J. Morris. All died in the triumph of a living faith, ages not given.

From Holly Springs Church—Brother J. M. Giddy, died December 2nd, 1939, and Sister J. M. Giddy, died December 20th, 1939.

From Poplar Log Church—Sister Addie Pratt, age not given.

From Union Chapel Church—Brother R. Tidwell, age not given.

From Piney Ridge Church—Sister E. R. Farley, died December 13th, 1939, age 78 years.

All died in the triumph of a living faith. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Respectfully Submitted,

REV. W. C. KAYBURN, Chairman.

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Report received and committee discharged.

On Resolutions—We, your committee on Resolutions, report as follows:

We tendered our thanks to Union Hill church and community for their kindness and cooperation in attendance, prayer, testimonies and fellowship.

We thank the officers of this Association for their faithful service. We further tender our thanks to the ministers for the gospel messages they have preached; also to the quartet from New Oak Grove church for the inspiring songs. It was food to our soul to hear these good songs and messages.

We thank the good brethren and sisters for their services rendered at the piano.

We thank the Sunday School for the good program they put on.

Be It Resolved that each Sunday School in this Association enter the rally with a program at Free Water Church the second Sunday in April.

May we all pray for one another and work faithfully to make the best better.

REV. W. D. MARTIN, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

On Education—We, your committee on Education, report as follows: Christ says in His word to search the scriptures. We understand the scripture to be the Bible. We call your attention to this scripture: "Show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

We recommend that we read and teach our children to read and study our church paper and literature, instead of love story magazines.

We recommend a Bible education for children along with their other studies.

Respectfully Submitted,

REV. A. L. WARREN, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

On Home Missions—We, your committee on Home Missions, recommend that we do all in our power to get the children in each community in Sunday School, that each church elect a visiting committee, which should consist of Sunday School teachers to call on people who are absent from church. That each community provide transportation for those living far from church. That the church and pastors cooperate in this matter. That each home have family prayer.

Heb. 10-22: "Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith." If we have faith and a pure heart, we can then work to please God. Let us strive to train our children up in the way they should go. Let teaching begin at home.

MINNIE BEVIS, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

On Temperance—We, your committee on Temperance:

Be It Resolved that this body use its influence in every possible way to promote a total abstinence of the use of every form of narcotics, that we use our influence to uphold the 18th amendment and to bring back a land of prohibition. Let us pray for victory against practices that will lead to prostitution and disgrace. Let us pray that God will make a Christian nation out of good old America.

REV. JOE S. FREDERICK, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged on ministerial character.

We, your committee, find all our ministers in good standing and at peace one with another. We ask the churches to stand by the preachers in their work for our Lord.

HARVEY MAY, Chairman.

J. A. Underwood, W. C. Lacy, W. C. Pearce, T. J. Langston.

Report received and committee retained.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Left in my hand from 1939 fund	\$ 1.00
Minute fund 1940	\$33.75

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	No. of Members	Days of Meeting	Pupils in Sunday Schools	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Value of Church P.
Bethlehem	G. W. Flippo	Rufus Evans, Brilliant, Rt. 1	J. H. Estes, C. Warren, H. Cagle	0	0	7	0	0	60	3	40	\$ 23.50		\$ 2.05		\$200.00
Bear Creek	J. O. Jones	J. F. Heathcock, Phil Campbell, Rt. 3	S. Lindsey, L. Gunion, J. Wooton	3	0	0	0	1	51	2				1.25		
Brilliant-Boston	A. J. Lambert	Vester Hawkins, Brilliant	J. Stricklin, J. Williams	32	12	0	0	3	221	4	151	205.00	\$120.00	2.00	3.00	10.00
Calumet	C. Harbin	W. M. Fowler, Bankhead	Letter. Contribution	8	3	0	0	0	73	1-3	50	15.00	5.00	1.10		
Free Waters	O. S. Gardner	Brandon Estes, Guin	E. Tidwell, L. Franks, H. Franks	0	4	1	0	4	128	1	45	25.00		1.50	.50	10.00
Good Springs	W. C. Raburn	E. C. Humphress, Vina Rt. 1	R. and C. and H. Humphress	2	0	3	0	0	44	2	48	27.86		1.00	.50	3.00
Gum Springs	H. A. Pitts	J. H. Moore, Winfield, Rt. 1	M. Sexton and wife, V. Moore	6	4	0	0	0	227	2	140	120.70	28.50	3.00	2.00	8.00
Holly Springs	I. K. Boyett	Lillie Mae Camplee	J. Chambles, V. Chism, P. Cole	3	1	2	0	2	59	4	55			1.10		
Hopewell	J. O. Jones	Roy Harper, Nauvoo, Rt. 3	A. B. Bell, J. Miller	5	2	0	0	0	53	2	60	45.55	6.45	2.25	.25	6.00
Lone Star	G. O. Parper	Wendell Brown, Fulton, Miss.	A. Pounders, B. Chism, W. Brown	9	12	0	0	0	108	3		16.75	3.00	3.10	1.00	
Liberty	A. L. Woodham	G. M. Smith, Guin	L. Tucker, B. Pugh, S. Gardner	2	2	1	0	0	63	3	30	6.00	3.00	4.00		6.00
Mt. Olive	A. L. Warren	W. S. Flippo, Guin, Rt. 2	A. G. May, T. M. Markham, S. Ledlow	7	4	0	0	0	275	3	80	72.93	26.25	2.50		1.80
Mt. Pleasant	A. L. Warren	W. M. Burleson	W. M. Burleson, F. A. Aldredge, H. Huglar						66					.65		5.10
New Oak Grove	A. L. Warren	J. M. Robins, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1	A. Dudley, S. Robins	0	0	0	0	1	213	4	40	67.98	17.00	3.10	1.25	10.00
New Pleasant Hill		Not Represented														
Pocohontas	V. Burkett	A. R. Shed, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2	Arthur Swindle		2				47			34.76				8.00
Piney Ridge	J. R. Benson	D. A. Farley, Arley, Ala.	D. A. Farley, L. M. Farley, H. Key	2	0	0	0	1	53	3	50	12.00		1.00	.65	
Poplar Log	G. O. Parker	Dobson Harris, Hamilton, Ala.	A. Comes, B. Godsey	6	0	0	0	1	66	4		52.00		1.30	.60	10.00
Red Bay		Not Represented														
Shady Grove	I. D. Nix	E. R. McDuffie, Phil Campbell, Rt. 3	E. R. McDuffie, Edd Hill	3	2	0	0	0	234	3	50	25.91	5.30	1.70	1.50	18.00
Spring Hill	J. S. Frederick	Mary Thomas, Nauvoo, Ala.	M. Bevis, L. Farris, M. Nuckal	0	1		0	0	35	4	30	25.00	5.00	1.00	.10	
Union Chapel	H. A. Pitts	J. V. Beauchamp, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 1	S. Birchfield, A. E. Warren, L. Walden	4	7	0	0	1	115	1	50	92.00		.75	.75	
Union Hill	O. S. Gardner	J. H. Kennedy, Hackleburg, Ala.	F. Cochran, O. Langston, C. Kennedy	2	1	2	0	2	245	2	60	25.35		1.60		10.00
Union Ridge	H. A. Pitts	H. R. Mink, Red Bay, Ala.	H. R. Mink, E. R. Bostic						19	4				1.00		
Total				94	57	16	0	16	2444		979	\$601.19	\$220.50	\$34.95	\$11.10	\$

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Associational fund 1940	\$12.75
Total in my hand Oct., 1940	\$47.50
Paid out October, 1940:	
To J. O. Jones	\$ 5.00
To Brandon Estes	\$10.00
Total paid out Oct., 1940	\$15.00
Left in my hand for printing minutes and other expenses	\$32.50

Respectfully Submitted,
BRANDON ESTES, Secretary-Treasurer.

By a unanimous vote the next session of this Association will be held with New Oak Grove church, beginning on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1941.

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. W. A. Nelson	Rev. J. B. White
Rev. G. C. Elliott	Rev. T. M. Camp
Rev. R. H. Tomlin	Rev. R. A. Nix
Rev. T. R. Hulsey	Rev. J. A. Owen
Rev. T. J. Springfield	Rev. E. M. McHaffey
Rev. T. P. Swindle	Rev. J. P. McVey
Rev. P. V. Vickry	Rev. J. A. Johnson
Rev. James Ursy	Rev. W. G. Venson
Rev. J. Jeffers	Rev. J. Collier
Rev. G. P. Boughn	Rev. J. R. Holliday
Rev. E. G. Parks	Rev. E. C. Thomas
Rev. F. M. Dickson	Rev. A. R. Lawler
Rev. J. Cook	Rev. G. O. Turner
Rev. H. B. Fowler	Rev. R. W. Buzbee
Rev. J. H. Birdshaw	Rev. W. C. McCombs
Rev. Porter Dubois	Rev. A. L. Key
Rev. F. C. Reese	Rev. W. H. Ingram
Rev. J. A. Grace	Rev. T. L. Walker
Rev. T. T. Griffin	Rev. J. E. Cochran
Rev. G. B. Haney	Rev. S. B. Ramsey
Rev. W. R. Newman	Rev. C. Phillips
Rev. S. M. Perkins	Rev. L. F. Black
Rev. M. R. Martin	Rev. W. B. Benson
Rev. W. J. Tingle	Rev. R. C. Flippo
Rev. L. L. Nickols	Rev. J. R. Williams
Rev. P. W. A. Crumbia	

These men are gone to be with God.
List compiled by Rev. W. D. Martin.

NAMES OF MINISTERS

G. O. Parker, Rt. 4, Fulton, Miss.
O. S. Gardiner, Hackleburg, Alabama.
J. H. Potts, Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.
J. L. Conner, California.
J. J. Wesley, Guin, Alabama.
G. W. Flippo, Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.
J. R. Ford, Rt. 2, Hackleburg, Alabama.
W. D. Martin, Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.
J. L. Brasseal, Rt. 3, Winfield, Alabama.
T. D. Nix, Rt. 1, Nauvoo, Alabama.
E. R. Franks, Guin, Alabama.
P. J. Keeton, Belmont, Miss.
B. M. Atkins, Winfield, Alabama.
A. L. Warren, Brilliant, Alabama.
J. A. Flippo, Haleyville, Alabama.
J. A. Godsey, Hamilton, Alabama.
J. O. Jones, Phil Campbell, Alabama.

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J. R. Benson, Nauvoo, Alabama.
G. W. Turner, Townley, Alabama.
R. S. Brooks, Hackleburg, Alabama.
Grady Hudson, Hackleburg, Alabama.
E. B. Springfield, Guin, Alabama.
E. L. Page, Pocahontas, Alabama.
W. C. Rayburn, Hackleburg, Alabama.
H. A. Pitts.
J. F. Broaderck.
J. Daniel, Jasper, Alabama.
M. T. Shirley, Guin, Alabama.
Roy Benson, Brilliant, Alabama.
J. W. Benson, Nauvoo, Alabama, Rt. 1.
Nathan Yielding, Hackleburg, Alabama.
Rev. John Miller.

By a motion the Moderator appointed delegates to Sister Associations.

State Line—Rev. G. Hudson, Rev. O. S. Gardner, Rev. W. D. Martin.
Vernon—Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. G. Hudson, Rev. M. T. Shirley,
Rev. S. D. Nix.
Morning Star—Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. Roy Benson, W. S. Flippo.
Progressive—A. L. Warren.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. By a move a transfer was given to Rev. W. D. Martin to Vernon Association.
2. By a move the report of W. D. Martin on Deceased Ministers be carried in the minutes.
3. By a move the Finance Committee of each church be dropped.
4. By a move Pearce's Mills and Pleasant View be dropped.
5. 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 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.
6. By motion the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum 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 the parting hands were taken amid tears and joy.
8. Be it resolved that we will not accept the baptism of any unordained minister.

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. 1st. Timothy 2-5.
- 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. 2 Timothy 3-16.
- Art. 3. We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity, and consequently involved his posterity in sin. Genesis 3-6.
- 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. Romans 10-12.
- 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. John 3-36.
- Art. 6. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of

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sorrow which constitutes godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction for sin. 2 Cor. 7-9-10.

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. Michael 6-8.

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. Luke 9-62.

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. Matt. 7, 19-20.

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. Rom. 6-4.

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. 1 Cor. 11, 28-29.

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 mortal and immortal parts of human beings. Genesis 2-7.

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. John 5, 28-29.

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. This 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.

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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.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

State of Alabama; _____ County.

We, The Free Will Baptist Church of Christ at _____

after divine service by Rev. _____, met in Conference.

1. Opened doors of Church for Reception of Members.

2. We invite visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

3. Call for reading of Minutes of Last Conference. Minutes read

and _____.

4. Call for Peace and Fellowship of the Church. Church _____

5. Call for General Business of the Church.

6. On motion for adjournment, Rev. _____

Moderator; Bro. _____, Clerk.

With singing, handshaking and tears, we adjourned to meet one year hence with New Oak Grove Church.

REV. J. O. JONES, Moderator,
BRANDON ESTES, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY REPORT

Our last Sunday School Rally was held with Shady Grove Church. The next to be held with Free Waters Church the Second Sunday in April, 1941.

W. D. MARTIN, Chairman,
BRANDON ESTES, Secretary.