

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held With Gum Springs Church

October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1942

OFFICERS

REV. G. O. PARKER, Moderator

REV A. L. WARREN, Assistant Moderator

BRANDON ESTES, Clerk

The next Session of this Association will convene with Piney Ridge Church, near Arley, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1943. Rev. A. L. Warren to preach the Intoductory Sermon.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and having obtained justification by faith in his name, we as members of the Frewill Baptist Church at _____

agree:

1. To watch over each other in love, to pray for each other as members of a common faith, ever striving to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

2. We will not speak evil one of another, nor will we prosecute or expose the faults of the weak members of our church; but we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction to Timothy, "That we will reprove, rebuke and exhort" each other as members of a common brotherhood.

3. We are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of Faith. But we should remember that our relations to each other are closer, and the obligations more binding, than that of a common bond of Christian charity. In adopting this Covenant we become as a family, and assume in a Christian sense the care and responsibility that the members of a family should feel for each other.

4. We will attend the stated meetings of our church unless we are providentially hindered, or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And we will contribute of our means as the Lord has prospered us for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of our church. And we will prefer the service of our own church to that of any other, and will pray for our pastor while he is preaching the word to us.

5. We will not injure our influence in the house of the Lord by occupying seats among the ungodly and sinners; but will occupy seats near the pulpit and use the natural powers which the Lord has given us to praise His holy name. We will sing with those who sing and pray with those who pray.

6. We will not be guilty of the sin of Sabbath breaking by making Sunday visits to our neighbors, which is a double sin against the law of God. For in so doing we fail to attend the house of the Lord and hinder others who might wish to do so. Let us remember the law of Moses which condemns Sabbath breaking, and the words of the inspired apostle which says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

7. We will not neglect secret and public prayers, and those of us who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to the service of God by teaching our children the great necessity of the Christian religion as the only hope of happiness after death. We will adopt the covenant of Joshua, the servant of the Lord, and say, "but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

PROCEEDINGS

Of the 56th Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association, which convened with Gum Springs October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1942.

Singing "Never Grow Old", by the choir and prayer by Rev. I. D. Nix opened the meeting. Rev. W. D. Martin preached a fine sermon from the 20th chapter of Rev. We were then dismissed one hour for refreshments.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

Afternoon Service—Song by choir and prayer by Rev. J. O. Jones. The Moderator and Clerk being present, the body was called to business.

2. Roll call of standing delegates.
3. Moderator appointed Rev. B. M. Adkins and Rev. J. S. Fredrick as reading clerks.
4. Letters from churches read and contents noted as per statistical table.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

- Bethlehem—J. H. Estes, C. M. Warren and wife.
Bear Creek—Lon Gunion.
Brilliant-Boston—C. W. Franklin, Clarence Myres, A. Woods.
Calumet—Not represented.
Free Waters—Hubbard Estes, R. Pollard, Ida Wilson.
Good Springs—E. C. and M. C. Humphries, C. A. Poden.
Gum Springs—Wyman Holcomb, Dewie Prescott, Joe Holcomb.
Holly Springs—Represented by letter and contribution.
Hopewell—A. B. Bell, J. E. Bell.
Lone Star—Earlie Roberts, Herhall Parr.
Liberty—C. T. Wilson.
Mt. Olive—Lawrence Conner, B. Parr, Arthur May.
Mt. Pleasant—Stella Westbrook, Herman Hugla and wife.
New Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
New Oak Grove—Amos Martin, Levi Benson, Joe Noles.
Piney Ridge—D. A. Farley, H. L. Key, Sister L. M. Farley.
Pocahontas—Mattie Lene Smith, Lee Ora Edgil, Gilder Edgil.
Poplar Log—A. H. Kennedy, Joe Mitchell, Boake Wiginton.
Red Bay—Represented by letter and contribution.
Spring Hill—Sister B. Naoma, B. S. Hinson, Bert Nuckles.
Shady Grove—L. R. Pounders, J. T. Mashburn, Sister J. O. Jones.
Union Chapel—J. V. Beauchamp, Gus Eads.
Union Hill—Freeman Cochran, Cliff Kennedy, Frank Lacy.
Union Ridge—H. R. Mink, George Tharp, Sister Mary Jane Mink.
5. Called for petitionary letters; received none.
 6. Moved, seconded and carried that all delegates be seated.
 7. Moved, seconded and carried that the body be organized for business, which was done by electing Rev. G. O. Parker Moderator and Brandon Estes Clerk.
 8. Call for corresponding delegates received as follows:
Morning Star—Rev. V. Burkett, Brother John Smith.
Vernon—Rev. J. S. Fredrick, Brother D. C. Hall.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- On Preaching—Clarence Myers, Hubbard Estes, B. Parr with deacons of Gum Springs church.
On Documents and Order of Business—Rev. B. M. Adkins, W. D. Martin, I. D. Nix with Moderator and Clerk.
On Sabbath Schools—Freeman Cochran, J. S. Fredrick, Harvy May.
Literature—Stella Westbrook, Lee Ora Edgil, Mattie Lene Smith.
Resolutions—J. O. Jones, A. H. Kennedy, H. Parr.
Education—J. H. Estes, Rev H. A. Pitts, Joe Mitchell.

Home Missions—Wyman Holcomb, Dewie Prescott, Joe Holcomb.

Temperance—Rev. W. C. Raburn, Johnie Knight, W. M. Burleson.

Finance—H. R. Mink, B. Parr, Jeff Benson.

Examining Committee—A. L. Warren, W. D. Martin, B. M. Adkins.

10. Report on Preaching—J. S. Fredrick, Saturday night; Quinton Bell, Sunday 9:00 o'clock; G. O. Parker, Sunday 11:00 o'clock; Vester Burkett, Sunday night; A. L. Warren, Monday 11:00 o'clock.

Clarence Myers, Chr.

Report received and committee retained.

11. Call names of churches and consign delegates to their places of stay for the session.

1. Moved, seconded and carried that the business of this body be suspended until Monday 8:00 a. m.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After some good songs by the choir and prayers by the brethren, Rev. J. S. Fredrick preached an interesting sermon from 2nd Tim., 2nd chapter, 3rd verse.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Song service conducted by Rev. J. O. Jones, prayer by Rev. I. D. Nix.

At 9:00 a. m. Rev. Quinton Bell preached a good sermon from Matt. on Humiliation. Then the choir sang some good songs.

At 11:00 a. m. song led by Perry Morgan, prayer by Rev. Grady Hudson. Then Rev. G. O. Parker preached a fine sermon from Heb. 12th chapter and 14th verse.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing one hour by the choir.

Devotional, led by Rev. W. C. Raburn.

Rev. Vester Burkett preached an interesting sermon. Text, 2nd Peter, 3rd chapter, 11th verse. Everybody seemed to have enjoyed all services.

MONDAY MORNING SERVICE

After singing by choir and prayer by Rev. A. L. Warren, the roll was called. The Moderator then declared a quorum present and the body ready for business.

1. Minutes of Saturday read and approved as read.
2. Alternate delegates seated in places where needed.
3. The committees then went to work, while the rest of the body had a devotional service.

By a move and a second we adjourned business while Rev. A. L. Warren preached a fine sermon. Text, "Increase Our Faith." We were dismissed one hour for refreshments.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Song by choir and prayer by Rev. B. C. Chism. The Moderator called the body to business. Prayer for Ruby J. Wesley and other sick ministers.

Call for Report on Committees:

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. We recommend that this Association meet on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1943.
2. We recommend that the Moderator be paid \$5.00 and the Clerk \$10 out of the associational fund.
3. We recommend that A. L. Warren preach the introductory sermon in 1943.

4. We find 4 churches asking for the association. We recommend that this body decide who shall have it.

5. We recommend the church covenant, form of church conference and articles of faith be attached to the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. Adkins, Chm.

Report adopted by section committee discharged.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Sunday School committee, beg leave to report as follows:

Believing that no church can successfully carry on the Lord's work without a working Sunday School, organize and support the same. Not just finance it, but by the presence of more of our fathers and mothers. We recommend that each pastor take more interest in Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. Cochran, Chm.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON LITERATURE

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

We recommend the use of the Free Will Baptist literature in every Sunday School, League, and all other studies.

We recommend that our people have a certain period each day for their study and meditation of the Bible..

We recommend that Christian literature be placed in the homes instead of worldly literature, and literature which ministers relate the Bible.

We recommend that each church sponsor a Bible school program for the young people, at least once a year.

Lee Ora Edgii, Stela Westbrook, Mattie Lou Smith, Committee.

Report received, committee discharged.

OUR HOME MISSION

We, your committee on Home Missions, reports as follows:

We pray that each church member let his or her light so shine that the world might see Jesus through them, let each and every one of us as Christians duty be found doing something for the upbuilding of our Sunday School, prayer meeting, and church hservices. We would to God everybody would have family prayer, and teach their children the way of the Lord.

Let us study the Bible with a prayerful heart, asking God to help us understand it, and do exactly as it says.

Let us as a Christian duty pray one for another, and live each day as though it was the last day.

Wyman Holcomb, Cham.

Report received, committee discharged.

ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, report as follows: : :

Be it resolved that body use its influence in every possible way to promote a total abstinence of the use of every form of alcoholic drinks, that we use our influence to restore the 18th amendment, and to bring back a land of prohibition.

May we be fully aware of the damnation that whiskey and strong drink has brought to our nation, and others. Let us pray for victory against practices that will lead our nation and other nations to disgrace and ruin. Let us pray that God will make a Christian nation out of good America.

Rev. W. C. Raburn, W. M. Burleson, Chm.

Report received, committee discharged.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS

We find that the Lord has not called any of our ministers by death, but we are sorry to report that we find that the Lord has called from our midst the following:

Bear Creek Church—Brother Lee Wooten, age 35 years, 8 months and 27 days.

Bethlehem Church—Brother Lansford Parr, age not given.

Free Waters Church—Brother J. Roaf Franke, age not given; Brother K. M. Poilard, age not given.

Brilliant-Boston Church—Sister Roberts Edmonds, age not given.

Hopewell Church—Sister Josie Harper, age not given.

Union Hill Church—Sister Opal Gumnin, age 19 years and 14 days.

Mt. Olive—Sister Gintie Berryhill, age 43.

Shady Grove Church—Sister Bertha Graves, age not given.

Mt. Pleasant Church—Sister Sarah Mullinax, age not given.

Lone Star Church—Brother Willie Bachord, age 70 years.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. Owen, Cham.

Report received, committee discharged.

ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, beg to report as follows:

That we, as members of this great Association, give our children the very best literal education possible, but of far greater importance that we educate them upon God's holy word. Whereas, we give you these quotations:

11 Timothy, 3rd chap., 15th to 17th verse, and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. Pitts, Cham.

Report received, committee discharged.

ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, reports as follows:

We tender our thanks to the Gum Springs Church and community for their kindness and cooperation in attendance, prayer and fellowship. We thank our 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 good Brothers and Sisters for their inspiring songs. It was food to our soul to hear these good songs and messages.

We thank the Brothers and Sisters for their services rendered at the piano.

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

J. O. Jones, Chm.

Report receive and committee discharged.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY REPORT

We met with Bethlehem church. Free Waters and Bethlehem gave a program. We meet in 1943 with Poplar Log the 2nd Sunday in April.

W. D. Mortin, Chm.,

Brandon Estes, Sec.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

We, your committee on Ministerial Character, find all our ministers in good standing, and at peace one with another.

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 S. S.	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Value of Church Prop.
Bethlehem	Grady Hudson	Rufus Evans, Brilliant Rt. 1	J. H. Estes, C. M. Warren, Ana Wite	4	4	0	0	1	68	3	65	\$ 50.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 1.60		\$ 300
Bear Creek	O. S. Gardner	J. F. Heathcock, Phil Campbell	Lon Gunion	0	0	0	0	1	49	1	30	9.65		1.30		
Brilliant-Boston	H. A. Pitts	Vester Hawkins, Brilliant	C. W. Franklin, Clarence Myres, Albert Woods	0	0	0	0	1	241	4	148	270.00	150.00	3.00	\$ 2.00	1,000
Calumet			Not Represented													
Free Waters	G. O. Parker	Brandon Estes, Guin Rt. 2	Richmond Pollard, Hubbard Estes, Ida Wilson	3	0	1	0	2	131	4	40	81.35		2.10		1,000
Good Springs	Clay Shotts	E. C. Humphress, Vina Rt. 1	E. C. and M. C. Humphress, D. Paden	0	0	0	0	0	44	2		23.20	6.50	1.00	.75	300
Gum Springs	H. A. Pitts	J. H. Moore, Winfield Rt. 1	Dewie Prescott, Wyman and Joe Holcomb	13	7	0	0	0	244	2	133	175.00	37.50	3.80	2.62	800
Holly Springs	I. K. Boyett	Lillie Mae Chamblees, Hodges	Represented by Letter	0	3	0	0	0	60	4		30.00		1.00		
Hopewell	Harvey Cabb	Roy Harper, Nauvoo Rt. 3	A. B. and J. E. Bell	5	1	1	0	1	60	2	64	42.10		2.75	1.50	600
Lone Star	P. O. Parker	Windell Brown, Fulton, Miss., Rt. 3	Earlie Roberts, Herhall Parr	11	9	2	0	1	134	3	65	25.00	12.75	3.65	2.25	
Liberty	V. L. Woodham	G. M. Smith, Guin Rt. 2	C. T. Wilson						65		30			1.00		600
Mt. Olive	H. A. Pitts	W. S. Flippo, Guin Rt. 1	B. Parr, Lawrence Conner, A. May	11	0	6	0	0	284	3	75	139.65	33.50	2.00	.60	2,000
Mt. Pleasant	Vester Burkett	Stella Westbrook, Guin Rt. 2	Stella Westbrooks, Herman Huglar and wife	8	1	0	0	1	75	1	60	35.10	49.46	2.00		500
New Oak Grove	H. A. Pitts	J. M. Robins, Nauvoo Rt. 1	A. Martin, Levi Benson, Joe Noles	11	1	3	0	0	198	4	30	155.00	45.71	3.00	3.00	1,000
New Pleasant Hill			Not Represented													
Pocahontas	Vester Burkett	Lee Ora Edgil, Carbon Hill Rt. 2	Mattie L. Smith, Gilder and Leona Edgil	6	4	0	0	0	53	4	68	39.25	10.00	1.00		800
Piney Ridge	W. D. Martin	D. A. Farley, Arley Rt. 2	D. A. Farley, Sister L. M. Farley, H. I. Key	0	5	0	0	0	62	3	60	109.65	30.00	1.25	2.50	
Poplar Log	G. O. Parker	E. H. Owens, Hamilton Rt. 3	A. H. Kenedy, Joe Mitchell, B. Wiginton	3	6	0	0	0	81	4	81	75.00		1.70	1.70	1,000
Red Bay	M. L. Hollis	Oliver H. Mink, Red Bay	Represented by Letter	5	1	0	0	1	124	1-3	5	420.00	75.00	2.50	1.00	8,000
Shady Grove	I. D. Nix	W. F. Freeman, Phil Campbell	L. R. Pounders, J. T. Mashburn, Sis. J. O. Jones	15	1	1	0	0	250	3	60	112.26	41.86	2.00	1.10	1,500
Spring Hill	J. S. Fredirck	Mary Thomas, Nauvoo Rt. 3	B. Naoma, B. S. Henson, B. Nuckles	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	50	87.75	7.50	1.25	.75	1,800
Union Chapel	H. A. Pitts	J. V. Beauchamp, Winfield Rt. 1	J. V. Beauchamp, Gus Eads	3	0	0	0	0	109	1	35	94.20	18.00	1.50		
Union Hill	G. O. Parker	L. C. Kenedy, Hackleburg	Freeman Cochran, C. Kenedy, F. Lacy	3	0	1	0	0	251	2	5	35.00	5.00	2.50		1,000
Union Ridge	L. C. Chism	I. R. Mink, Red Bay Rt. 1	H. R. Mink, Mary J. Mink, George Tharp	0	0	0	0	0	19	4	85	51.95		1.50	1.00	
TOTAL				01	43	14	0	9	2639		1257	\$2003.85	\$537.28	\$38.40	\$20.77	\$22.200

We urge that our ministers abstain from the worldly things, such as picture shows and worldly amusements. We also urge each church to stand by their pastor, and assist him in our Lord's work.

W. H. May, Chm.

J. A. Underwood, W. C. Lacey, W. C. Pearce, W. M. Wilson.
Report received, committee retained.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Minute Fund 1942	\$42.20
Associational Fund	\$22.42
Total in my hands October 5, 1942	\$64.62
Paid Out October, 1942, to G. O. Parker	\$ 5.00
To Brandon Estes	\$10.00
Total Paid Out October 5, 1942	\$15.00
Left in my Hand for Printing Minutes and Other Expense	\$49.62

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Estes, Sec.-Treas.

The committee on the examination of Rev. Harvey Key and Rev. B. C. Chism reported favorably. By a move and a second they were ordained by the ordaining council, Revs. B. M. Adkins, W. D. Martin and A. L. Warren.

By a move and a second W. D. Martin's Resolution to appoint a committee of 7 preachers to assist churches that need help to get a pastor was tabled.

By a move the Moderator appointed delegates to sister associations as follows:

State Line—O. S. Gardner, Grady Hudson, W. C. Raburn.

Vernon—A. L. Warren, H. A. Pitts, W. C. Raburn.

Morning Star—A. L. Warren, W. D. Martin, J. R. Benson.

Bear Creek—Jeff Benson, J. O. Jones, Harvey Key.

NAMES OF MINISTERS

Atkins, B. M., Rt. 3, Winfield, Alabama.
Bell, Quinton.
Benson, J. R., Nauvoo, Alabama.
Benson, J. W., Nauvoo, Alabama, Rt. 1.
Benson, Roy, Brilliant, Alabama.
Brasseal, J. L., Winfield, Alabama, Rt. 3.
Brooks, R. S., Hackleburg, Alabama.
Conner, J. L., California.
Daniels, J., Jasper, Alabama.
Flippo, G. W., Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.
Ford, J. R., Rt. 2, Hackleburg, Alabama.
Franks, E. R., Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.
Flippo, J. A., Haleyville, Alabama.
Godsey, J. A., Hamilton, Alabama.
Gardner, O. S., Hackleburg, Alabama.
Hudson, Grady, Hackleburg, Alabama.
Jones, J. O., Phil Campbell, Alabama.
Keeton, P. T., Belmont, Mississippi, Rt. 3.
Martin, W. D., Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.
Miller, John, Rt. 3, Nauvoo, Alabama.
Müller, Carl, Rt. 3, Nauvoo, Alabama.
Nix, I. D., Rt. 1, Nauvoo, Alabama.
Parker, G. O., Rt. 3, Fulton, Mississippi.
Page, E. L., Pocahontas.
Pitts, H. A., Tremont, Mississippi, Rt. 3.
Potts, J. H., Pell City, Alabama.
Raburn, W. C., Hackleburg, Alabama.

Shirley, M. T., Guin, Alabama.
Springfield, E. B., Townley, Alabama.
Wesley, J. J., Guin, Alabama.
Warren, A. L., Brilliant, Alabama.
Yielding, Nathan, Hackleburg, Alabama.
Chism, B. C., Tremont, Miss., Rt. 1.
Key, Harvy, Arley, Alabama.

DECEASED MINISTERS

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

These men are gone to be with God.

Listed by W. D. Martin.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Moved, seconded and carried that our first quarterly meeting be held with Gum Springs Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in January. The second meeting at Lone Star.

Program Committee—Brandon Estes, W. D. Martin, G. W. Flippo.

People who are on the program will be notified by mail.

2. By a unanimous vote the next session of this Association will convene with Piney Ridge church on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1943.

3. 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.

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

5. Be it resolved that we will not accept the baptism of any unordained minister.

6. 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.

G. O. Parker, Moderator, Fulton, Miss., Rt. 3.

Brandon Estes, Clerk, Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.

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 contrive 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 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. Micha 4-6-8.

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 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 spiritually administered without faith in the subject who receives it. Rom. 6-4.

Art. 11. We believe the Supper instituted by our Savior is a commendable ordinance; that it was instituted by Christians and that all Christians unite in observing the sacred service, regardless of name or denominational distinction. 1 Cor. 11, 18-29.

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 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 the 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 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.

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.

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.