

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

Held With Piney Ridge Church
October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1943

OFFICERS

REV. H. A. PITTS, Moderator

REV. A. L. WARREN, Assistant Moderator

BRANDON ESTES, Clerk

The next Session of this Association will convene with
Mt. Olive Church, near Guin, Alabama, on Saturday
before the first Sunday in October, 1944. Rev. I. D.
Nix to preach the Introductory Sermon.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the 57th annual session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association, which convened with Piney Ridge church October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1943.

Singing by the choir and prayers and testimonies by the congregation opened the meeting.

Rev. A. L. Warren preached a fine sermon from the text "Behold the Lamp of God". A collection of \$55.00 for the orphan home at Eldridge. We were dismissed one hour for refreshments.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

AFTERNOON SERVICE

1. Song by choir, prayer by Rev. I. D. Nix. The moderator and clerk being present, the body was called to business.
2. The moderator appointed D. A. Farley and Cliff Kennedy as reading clerks.
3. Church letters read and contents noted as per statistical table.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

- Bethlehem—Represented by letter.
Bear Creek—Represented by letter.
Brilliant-Boston—Bro. F. Whitman, Jessie Strickland, Sister J. A. Underwood.
Brookside—Olie Gann, R. M. Moncrief.
Calumet—Dropped.
Free Waters—Bro. Richmond Pollard, Elmon Tidwell, Sister Ida Wilson.
Good Springs—Not represented.
Gum Springs—Wyman Holcomb and wife, George Benson.
Holly Springs—Represented by letter.
Hopewell—A. B. Bell.
Lone Star—Bro and Sister Eugene Taylor, Sister G. O. Parker.
Liberty—Represented by letter.
Mt. Olive—Bazalee Parr, A. G. May.
Mt. Pleasant—Herman Huglar, Alvin Mullenix, Chesley Huglar.
New Liberty—Pearl Fowler, Clifton Moore, Estelle Worthy.
New Pleasant Hill—Dropped.
New Oak Grove—Vergie Kilgore, Johnnie Knight.
Piney Ridge—S. M. Key, F. C. Key, Leona Key.
Pocahontas—Floyd Nelson, Sister Annie Nelson.
Poplar Log—Hobson Harris, Dempsy Markham, Elva Lou Markham.
Red Bay—By letter.
Spring Hill—Minnie Bevis, Willodean Cunningham.
Shady Grove—Sister J. O. Jones, Dock Adams, H. M. Bankston.
Union Chapel—Represented by letter.
Union Hill—Cliff Kennedy, Sister Claud Lacy, Leaborn Kennedy.
Union Ridge—H. R. Mink, Mary J. Mink.
5. By a move all delegates were seated.
6. Call for petitionary letters. Received two, New Liberty and Brookside.
7. By moves and seconds New Liberty and Brookside letters were received. By a unanimous vote New Liberty and Brookside churches were received.
8. Call for corresponding delegates.
Progressive—K. V. Shutes.
Northeast, Miss.—J. M. Hass, D. M. Smithen.
Bear Creek—P. J. Box, E. K. Jones.
Vernon—J. S. Fredrick.
By a move the body was organized by electing Rev. H. A. Pitts moderator, Rev. A. L. Warren assistant moderator, and Brandon Estes clerk.
By a move the moderator appointed all committees.

On Documents and Order of Business—J. O. Jones, B. M. Adkins, I. D. Nix.

On Preaching—Harvy May, Cliff Kennedy, J. A. Underwood, with deacons of Piney Ridge church.

Literature—Minnie Bevis, Jake Benson, Harvy Key.

Deceased Ministers and Members—Jake Benson, Sister W. H. May, Brother Ashburn.

Resolutions—W. D. Martin, Virgie Kilgore, Grady May.

Education—Bazalee Parr, Pearl Fowler, Estell Worthy.

Home Missions—John Smith, R. M. Moncref, Clifton Moore.

Temperance—J. S. Fredrick, Colie Gann, George Benson.

Finance—Herman Huglar, Eugene Taylor, H. R. Mink.

Sabbath Schools—Vester Burket, Leaborn Kennedy, Perry Morgan.

REPORT ON PREACHING

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Saturday night.

Rev. W. D. Martin, Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

Rev. H. A. Pitts, Sunday, 11:00 a. m.

Rev. J. S. Fredrick, Sunday night.

Rev. G. O. Parker, Monday, 11:00 a. m.

Harvy May, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

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

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

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Brother Box conducted a fine devotional service, after which Rev. K. V. Shutes preached a very interesting sermon. Text, "Behold the Man."

SUNDAY SERVICE

At 9:30, after song by choir and prayer, Rev. W. D. Martin preached a fine sermon from Ezzeiel, 37th chapter. Collection was taken for the purpose of writing soldiers about christianity, leaving \$17.33 as mission money.

At 11:00 a. m. Rev. H. A. Pitts preached a fine sermon from St. John, 12th chapter, 21st verse.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Devotional by Rev. B. M. Adkins, after which Rev. J. S. Fredrick preached an interesting sermon from St. John, 20th chapter, 19th verse, after which the Lord's Supper was administered, followed by feet washing. All seemed to be filled with love and joy at all services.

MONDAY MORNING SERVICE

After singing by choir and prayer, the roll was called. The moderator then opened the body for business.

1. Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

2. Alternate delegates seated.

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

We adjourned one hour while Rev. J. M. Hass preached a fine sermon. Text, St. John, 19th chapter, 4th verse. Dismissed one hour for refreshments.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

After song and prayer the moderator called the body to business. Call for Report of Committees.

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. We recommend that the Association meet on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1944.
2. We recommend the moderator be paid \$5.00 and the clerk \$10.00 out of the association fund.
3. We recommend that Rev. I. D. Nix preach the introductory sermon.
4. We find several churches asking for the association. We recommend that this body decide which shall have it.
5. We recommend that our church covenant, form of church conference, form of church letter of dismission and articles of faith be attached to the minutes.
6. We recommend that A. L. Warren and W. D. Martin be appointed evangelists and they shall take a free will offering at the churches they visit to pay their expenses.
7. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to examine the credentials of our preachers each year.
8. We recommend that any of our preachers staying away from our association three years in succession without a lawful excuse, be investigated by our ministerial committee and be reported to the association.
9. We recommend that each preacher make a spiritual and financial report of each church he pastors.

I. D. Nix, Chairman.

Report received and adopted by sections. Committee discharged.

ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on education, report as follows:

As members of the Jasper Association we believe our children should be taught and trained in the literary field as much as possible, but of much more importance we believe the great book of God should be taught to the utmost standard. This can be done through christian parents at home, in Sunday Schools and the Free Will Baptist League. As a closing scripture reference we give you 2nd Timothy, 2-15, study to show thy self approved unto God a workman who needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the 'word' of truth.

Pearl Fowler, Estelle Worthy, Bazalee Parr, Chairmen.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS

We, the committee on Deceased Members, find that death has visited the Pailo of our association the following churches.

From Pochontas church, Brother John Williams, age 65; from Mt. Olive Brother Emet Franks, age not given; from Mt. Pleasant, Sister Martha Doss, age not given; from Hopewell, Rev. Carl Miller, age not given; from Piney Ridge, Brother Frank C. Farley, age 58; from Union Hill, Brother W. W. Yielding, age 84 years, 11 months, 26 days; from Union Ridge, Sister Cora Franks, age 53 years, 9 months, 15 days; from Lone Star, Brother Roy Maddon, age not given; from Gum Springs, Sister Emlie Benson, age 62 years, Brother Charlie Glasco, age 91 years, Brother Jim Butler, age 78 years; from Brilliant-Boston, Brother John Pugh, age not given; from Shady Grove, Sister Connie Craven, age not given; from Red Bay, Sister M. L. Justice, age not given. With much regret we find our loss is Heaven's gain.

Madie May, Brother J. R. Benson, Brother J. T. Nashburn, Committee.

ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, report as follows:

We are made to believe that temperance is one of the gratest things known to mankind.

We recommend that all of God's people take a firm stand against the use of intoxicating drinks, and that churches withdraw from those who are intemperate. May we be fully aware of the damnation that whiskey and strong drinks has brought to our nation. Let us pray for victory against

practices that will lead our people to disgrace and ruin.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Frederick and George Benosn.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON HOME MISSION

We, your committee on home mission, pray that each church member let his light shine that the world might see Jesus through him. We, as christians should follow after good work, attend Sunday school, have family prayer and practice the pure and undefiled religion before God the father. Let us teach the Bible at our home with a prayerful heart to our children. We recommend that christians take a stand against strong drink and immoral picture shows.

Rev. R. M. Moncrief, Clifton Moore, John Smith.

Report received. Committee discharged.

ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, report as follows:

We tender our thanks to the Piney Ridge 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 on another and work faithfully to make the best better.

J. W. Benson, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

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

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, Chairman.

J. A. Underwood, W. C. Lacey, W. C. Pearce, W. M. Wilson.

Report received, committee retained.

Minute fund 1943	\$57.15
Association fund 1943	\$27.05

Total in my hand October 6, 1943	\$84.20
Paid out 1943 to H. A. Pitts	\$ 5.00
To Brandon Estes	\$10.00

Total paid out October 6, 1943	\$15.00
Left in my hand for minutes	\$69.20

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Estes, Sec.-Treas.

ON SABBATH SCHOOL

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

We believe that no church can carry on successfully without a Sunday School and a devotional service with good attendance and prayer. We recommend that each pastor take more interest in Sunday School than some of them do. We believe God works through Sunday School.

Report received. Committee discharged.

Vester Burkett, Chairman.

By a move and second the 4th quarterly meeting will be held with Gum

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS 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 School	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Value Church Property
Bethlehem	Grady Hudson	Rufus Evans	Represented by letter		1				67	3	50	\$ 64.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 2.20	\$	\$1.000
Bear Creek	O. S. Gardner	J. F. Heathcock, Phil Campbell, Rt. 3	Represented by letter	4	2				57	1		45.00	6.00	2.00		1.000
Brilliant-Boston	H. A. Pitts	Vester Hawkins, Brilliant	F. Whitman, J. Strickland, Sister J. A. Underwood	1	5			1	234	3-4	120	375.00	125.00	2.00	3.00	1.000
Brookside	Vester Burkett	Nell Gann, Carbon Hill, Rt. 2	Colie Gann, R. M. Moncriff						14	1		42.00	54.00	2.50		1.000
Free Waters	G. O. Parker	Brandon Estes, Guin	R. Pollard, E. Tidwell, I. Wilson				2		129	4	54	158.64		3.00		1.000
Good Springs			Not Represented													
Gum Springs	H. A. Pitts	J. H. Moore, Winfield, Rt. 1	Wyman Holcomb and wife, George Benson	27	2			3	100	2	133	207.50	60.00	5.25	5.00	1.000
Holly Springs	I. K. Boyett	Lillie Mae Chamblee, Hodges, Rt. 1	Represented by letter	3	6				98	1		59.18		.30		1.000
Hopewell	Harvey Cobb	Edith Bell, Nauvoo, Rt. 3	A. B. Bell					1	55	2	63	74.66		1.50	1.00	
Lone Star	G. O. Parker	Lowell Ray Parker, Fulton, Miss., Rt. 3	Bro. and Sis. Eugene Taylor, Sis. G. O. Parker	1	2	2		1	133	3	58	50.00		3.25		
Liberty	C. S. Gardiner	R. Gardnes, Guin, Rt. 2	Represented by letter						63	3	25	45.00	46.00	3.35	.80	
Mt. Olive	H. A. Pitts	W. S. Flippo, Guin, Rt. 2	Bazilee Parr, A. G. May		5	2		1	287	3	75	125.00	60.00	40.00	2.25	1.000
Mt. Pleasant	Vester Burkett	Herman Hugley, Brilliant	H. Hugley, A. Mullenix, C. Hugley	2	4			1	80	1	68	100.00	22.00	2.60		
New Liberty	Vester Burkett	Pearl Fowler, Bankston, Rt. 1	Pearl Fowler, C. Moore, E. Worthy	12	15				166		7	60.00	25.00	4.50	.50	
New Oak Grove	H. A. Pitts	J. M. Robins, Nauvoo, Rt. 1	V. Kilgore, J. Knight	4	1				209	1	45	203.30	42.50	3.85	3.00	
Pocahontas	Vester Burkett	Lora Nelson, Carbon Hill, Rt. 2	F. Nelson, Anny Nelson		2			1	55	4	55	27.00		3.00		
Piney Ridge	J. O. Jones	D. A. Farley, Arley, Rt. 2	S. M., F. C. and Leona Kly	1	5			1	63	3	60	53.60	36.78	2.00	4.75	
Poplar Log	G. O. Parker	B. H. Owen, Hamilton, Rt. 3	H. Harris, D. and E. Markham	9	1	2	1		86	4	70	131.87	7.90	4.00	3.00	
Red Bay	Non-Elected	Oliver H. Mink, Red Bay	Represented by letter	3				1	126	1-2	50	480.00	150.00	2.00	1.25	
Shady Grove	Ira Nix	W. F. Freeman, Phil Campbell, Rt. 3	Sis. J. O. Jones, H. M. Bankston, Bro. Dock Adams	9		1		1	256	3	45	121.50	50.25	2.00	1.00	
Spring Hill	J. S. Fredrick	Mary Thomas, Nauvoo, Rt. 3	M. Bevis, W. Cunningham	1					38		40	57.00		.60	1.00	
Union Chapel			Represented by letter													
Union Hill	G. O. Parker	L. C. Kennedy, Hackleburg	C. Kennedy, L. Kennedy, Sis. Claud Lacy	5	3		1	1	254	2	60	128.31	20.50	2.00		
Union Ridge	B. C. Chism	H. R. Mink, Red Bay, Rt. 1	H. R. and M. J. Mink					1	18	1	55	36.00		1.50	.50	
			TOTAL	81	44	7	4	14	2587		1106	\$2,574.56	\$480.93	\$46.95	\$23.95	\$8.000

Springs church the 5th Saturday and Sunday in October, 1943.

The moderator appointed Rev. B. M. Adkins, Rev. J. S. Fredrick and Rev. I. D. Nix on the credentials committee.

Corresponding delegates to Sister Associations as follows:

Vernon—Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. H. A. Pitts, Rev. A. L. Warren.

Bear Creek—Rev. I. D. Nix, Rev. Harvey Key, Rev. John Smith.

State Association—Rev. H. A. Pitts, Rev. John Smith, Rev. G. O. Parker.

The State Convention will meet Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in November, with Malone Church, Alabama City.

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 Freewill 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 unity. 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 my house we will serve the Lord."

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.

Burkett, Vester, Townly, 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.

Gilbert, John, Carbon Hill, Alabama.

Gardner, O. S., Hackleburg, Alabama.

Hudson, Grady, Hackleburg, Alabama.

Jones, J. O., Phil Campbell, Alabama.

Lowrey, Lee Roy, Bankston, Alabama.

Keeton, P. T., Belmont, Mississippi, Rt. 3.

Monculf, R. M., Empire, Alabama.

Martin, W. D., Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.

Miller, John, Rt. 3, Nauvoo, Alabama.

Nix, I. D., Rt. 1, Nauvoo, Alabama.

Parker, G. O., Rt. 3, Fulton, Mississippi.

Pake, E. L., Pocahontas.

Pitts, H. A., Brilliant, Alabama.

Potts, J. H., Pell City, Alabama.

Raburn, W. C., Hackleburg, Alabama.

Smith, John, Bankston, Alabama.

Shirley, M. T., Guin, Alabama.

Springfield, E. B., Townley, 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.

Benosn, W. B.

Black, T. F.

Boughn, G. P.

Bagbee, R. W.

Birdshaw, J. H.

Cochran, J. E.

Collier, J.

Camp, T. M.

Cook, J.

Crumbia, P. W. A.

Dickson, F. M.

Dubois, Porter

Elliott, G. C.

Fowler, H. B.

Flippo, R. C.

Grace, J. A.

Griffin, T. T.

Hulsey, J. R.

Haney, G. B.

Holliday, J. R.

Ingram, W. H.

Jeffers, J.

Key, A. L.

Johnson, J. A.

Lawler, A. R.

Miller, Carl

Martin, M. R.

McCombs, W. C.

McHaffey, E. M.

McVey, J. P.

Nix, R. A.

Nickols, L. L.

Newman, W. R.

Nelson, W. A.

Owen, T. A.

Parks, E. G.

Perkins, S. M.

Phillips, C.

Reese, F. C.

Ramsey, S. B.

Springfield, T. J.

Swindle, T. P.

Tingle, W. S.

Tomlin, R. H.

Turner, G. W.

Thomas, C. C.

Ursy, James

Vickery, P. V.

Venson, W. G.

White, J. B.

Walker, T. L.

Williams, J. R.

Wesley, J. J.

These men are gone to be with God.

Listed by W. D. Martin.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. By a unanimous vote the next session of this Association will convene with Mt. Olive church on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1944.

2. 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.

3. 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.

H. A. Pitts, Moderator, Brilliant, Alabama.
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 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 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.

FORM OF LETTER OF DISMISSION

STATE OF ALABAMA.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at _____,

do certify that Bro. _____ is a member of our
church in full fellowship and is hereby given this letter of recommendation.

_____, Moderator.

_____, Clerk.