

*MINUTES*  
OF THE  
58th Annual Session  
OF THE  
JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION

Held with Mt. Olive Church

Sept. 30th and Oct. 1-2, 1944.

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OFFICERS:

Rev. Vester Burkett, Moderator

Rev. A. L. Warren, Assistant Moderator

W. S. Flipppo, Clerk

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The next Session of this Association will Convene with New Liberty Church, about 10 miles East of Fayette, on Saturday before the First Sunday in October, 1945. Rev. John Smith to preach the Introductory Sermon.





## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

**Wayne Martin**

### PROCEEDINGS.

Of the 58th Annual Session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association, which convened with Mt. Olive Church, on Saturday, before the first Sunday in October, September 30th and October 1 and 2, 1944.

After singing and prayers and testimonies by the congregation, which opened the meeting. Rev. I. D. Nix preached a noble discourse. Text used: Nehemiah the 6th chapter and the later clause of the 6th verse: "For which cause thou buildest the wall." after which we were dismissed for one hour for refreshments.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE.

- 1.—Song by the choir and prayer by G. O. Parker.
- 2.—The Moderator appointed Rev. J. S. Frederick, Rev. Grady Hudson Reading Clerks.
- 3.—Church Letters read and contents noted as per statistical table.

#### **Names of Churches and Delegate.**

- Bethlehem**— Grove Sullins, Wesley Crow.  
**Bear Creek**— Lon Gunion, Burton Frederick, Edd Hill.  
**Brilliant-Boston**— Luie Bates, A. P. Leonard, Mrs. M. F. Whitman.  
**Brookside**— Sister Nelle Gann, Sister Donnie Parvin, Sister Ola Yocum.  
**Free Waters**— Richmond Pollard, Felix Crow, Clarence Martin.  
**Good Springs**— E. C. Humphres, C. D. Paden, Wesley Humphres.  
**Holly Springs**— Represented by letter and contribution.  
**Hopewell**— Sister Bertha Scott, Annie Lue Wakefield, Sister Ellen Dean Bell.  
**Lone Star**— Burble Keeton, B. B. Ponders, Floyd Kennedy.  
**Liberty**— R. Gardner, Marvin Bozeman, Grover Smith.  
**Mt. Olive**— G. W. Guthrie, T. M. Markham, H. L. Franks.  
**Mt. Pleasant**— Herman Hughley, N. E. McDaniels, Mrs. Maglene Lawrence.  
**New Liberty**— Aaron Whitson, A. L. Atkins, Shaon Fowler.  
**New Oak Grove**— Ira Robbins, H. F. Knight, Lonnie McDaniel.  
**Piney Ridge**— W. J. Benson.  
**Pocahontas**— Johnie Nelson, Mrs. Zora Nelson, Manley Millwood.  
**Poplar Log**— H. Gregg, H. Burleson, Elva Harris.  
**Red Bay**— Represented by letter and contribution.  
**Spring Hill**— Sister Rosie Henson, Sister Minnie Bevis.  
**Shady Grove**— J. T. Mashburn, T. M. Nix, H. W. Bankston.  
**Union Chapel**— Represented by letter and contribution.  
**Union Hill**— Grady Kennedy, Ester Gunnion, F. L. Cochran.  
**Union Ridge**— H. R. Mink, Mary Jane Mink, George Tharp.  
5—By move all Delegates were seated.  
6—Called for petitionary letters, none.  
7—Call for corresponding Delegates from Sister Associations. From Progressive, Rev. A. J. Lambert, K. V. Shoots. From Bear Creek, Rev. W. S. Taylor, Sister Templeton.

Next in order was to call the names of the Ministers and Deacons of the various and there were 19 Ministers present and 23 Deacons present.

From Vernon Association, Rev. Frank Lee, Frank Collins, Rev. J. S. Frederick, H. McDonald, Harrison Gosey and wife, Robert Gosey and wife.

By a move the body was called to order ready for business. By the absence of the Clerk, Bro. W. S. Flippo was appointed Clerk pro-tem.



By move and second the body was organized by electing Rev. Vester Burkett Moderator and W. S. Flippo Clerk.

By move the Moderator appointed all the committees.

On Documents and order of business, Revs. B. M. Atkins, I. D. Nix, H. A. Pitts, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On preaching, N. A. Patterson, H. R. Mink, J. B. Owens with the Deacons of this church.

On deceased members and ministers, J. B. Nelson, J. H. Potts, C. Kembell.

On Literature, C. P. Lawrence, Minnie Bevis, Dave Smith, B. L. Atkins.

On Deceased Members, J. B. Nelson, J. H. Potts, Claude Kembel.

On Resolutions, Rev. W. D. Martin, Rev. John Smith, Herman Hugely.

On Education, Olan Fowler, Luie Bates, Rev. O. S. Gardner.

On Home Mission, Rev. G. O. Parker, H. Burleson, H. Gregg.

On Temperance, F. L. Cochran, G. C. Lawrence, Rev. W. J. Benson and Manly Millwood.

On Finance, Rev. M. T. Shirley, B. B. Pownders, J. B. Keeton.

On Sabbath Schools, Rev. Grady Hudson, Chairman, Mrs. W. M. Whitman, Mrs. A. P. Leonard.

#### Report On Preaching

Rev. G. O. Parker, Saturday Night.

Rev. W. J. Benson, Sunday, 9 a. m.

Rev. Vester Burkett, Sunday, 11 a. m.

Rev. A. L. Warren, Sunday night.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Monday at 11 a. m.

N. A. Patterson, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Next in order call the names of churches and consign delegates to their places of stay while in session.

Moved and second and carried that the business of the body be suspended until Monday at 8 a. m.

#### Sunday Service.

After singing by the choir and prayers and testimonies by the congregation, Rev. W. J. Benson preached an able discourse. Text used; 21 chapter and 26th verse, "Follow Me" after which the congregation was dismissed for 10 minutes.

#### Sunday At 11 O'clock.

Rev. Vester Burkett preached to a large concourse of Christian people of all denominations. Text used, Amos 3rd chapter and 3rd verse, "Can Two walk together except they be agreed." After there were a collection taken up for the Freewill Baptist Orphans Home at Eldridge, Ala., in the sum of \$219.11, after which the congregation was dismissed.

#### Sunday Night

After singing by the choir and devotional service conducted by Rev. H. A. Pitts, Rev. A. L. Warren preached an able sermon to a large congregation. Text used, 126 Salms and the 3rd verse: "the Lord hath done great

things for us Whereof we are glad after preaching the Lord's Supper was served to a large audience of christians of different denominations and supper being ended there were a large number of christians washed each others feet.

#### Monday Morning Service.

After singing by the choir and prayer by G. W. Flippo, 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 committee went to work while the rest of the congregation carried on a Devotional Service, conducted by Rev. Frank Lee, of Vernon Association.

By move and second that we adjourn for one hour for preaching, after singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. Raymond Riggs preached an able discourse, Text used, 2nd Peter, 2nd chapter, 2 verses, "And many shall follow their pernicious ways by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." After preaching there was a collection taken for Foreign Mission in the sum of \$112.00. The body adjourned for one hour for refreshments.

#### Monday Afternoon Session.

Song by the choir and prayer by Bro. Hollis. On order of business.

#### Report of Committee on Documents and Order of Business.

1. We recommend that the Association meet on Saturday, before the first Sunday in October, 1945.

2. We recommend that the Moderator be paid \$7.50 and the Clerk \$15 out of the Association fund.

3. We recommend that Rev. John Smith preach the introductory sermon.

4. We find that several churches are asking for the next session of the Association. We recommend that this body shall decide which church shall have it.

5. We recommend that A. L. Warren and Vester Burkett be appointed evangelists and that they may have the privilege to go wherever God may lead them, with the right to take a freewill offering to pay their expense.

6. We find in the reading of the letters, that Wm. R. Hullett was recommended for ordination and Bro. Bonner was recommended for be recognized and his name be enrolled in our minutes as a regular ordained minister and the committee be appointed to examine them.

7. We recommend that any of our preachers staying away from our Association three years in succession without a lawful excuse, and that this excuse must be presented in writing and in case they fail to do so their name be dropped from the minutes.

8. We recommend that each church hold conference at least quarterly and that the following items be added to the form of conference:

(1) That acknowledgements be made, (2) that distressed members be seen about and whatever needed may be supplied by the church.

9. We recommend that our preachers practice tithing and teach our



members to do the same and that we support the different phases of our denominational work.

Vester Burkett, Mod. Chairman.  
W. S. Flippo, Clerk.

#### ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, report as follows: We believe that no church can carry on successfully without a Sabbath School. We recommend that all churches have a Sabbath School next year to show our love for God and our children and our appreciation and love to the Free Will Baptist cause. Respectfully submitted

Rev. Grady Hudson, Chairman,  
Mrs. W. M. Whitmore,  
Mrs. A. P. Leonard.

#### ON LITERATURE.

Report missing.

#### ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, pray that each church member let their light shine that the world might see Jesus through them. We, as Christians, should obey the Lord in all of his teaching, which teaches us that denying our Godliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Respectfully submitted,

Rev. G. O. Parker, Chairman;  
H. Burleson,  
H. Gregg.

#### ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, report as follows: We are made to believe that Temperance is one of the greatest things known to mankind. We recommend that all of God's people take a firm stand against the use of intoxicating drinks, and churches withdraw from those who are intemperate. May we be fully aware of the damnation that whisky and strong drinks to our nations. Let us pray for victory against practice that will lead our people to disgrace and ruin.

F. L. Cochran, Chairman,  
G. C. Lawrence,  
Rev. W. J. Benson,  
Manly Millwood.

#### ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS.

We, your committee on Deceased Ministers and Members. On looking through we find that death has come to our Associations and taken for its victims: From Bear Creek Church—Sister Mary Cochran, aged 52 years. From Freewaters Church, Brother W. C. Pearce and Brother W. H. Francis. From Gum Springs Church: Sister Martha Ingle, Sister Maggie Butler. From Holly Springs Church, Brother James Hubert Chamblee, age 33 yrs. 3 months, 13 days. Hopewell Church: Sister Dorthula Jackson. From Liberty Church: Brother Bob Pugh, age 39. From Mt. Pleasant: Bro. A. B. Cochran, aged 74 years. From Mt. Olive: Brother Albert Franks,

and Brother Other Markham and Brother George Andy May, killed in Italy in action. From New Liberty: Brother J. W. Moore, aged 75 years, Sister Laura Russell, aged 84 years, Sister Annie Gillian, aged 35 years, Sister Mary Paer, aged 59 years. From New Oak Grove Church: Brother Warch Keeton, Brother Jim Howell, Jr. From Union Hill Church Sister Molly Mitchel, age 62 years, Brother Leslie Tyra, age 43 years, 10 mos. 17 days. From Union Chapel: Brother Albret Warren, aged 58 years, Brother Dan Eades, aged 70 years. From Red Bay Church: Sister M. L. Justice. Report received and committee discharged.

J. B. NELSON, Chairman.

#### ON EDUCATION.

We, the committee on Education, report as follows: We recommend the Prayerful study of the Bible. We recommend that we fathers and mothers teach our children God's word in our homes and not allow our children to study corrupt and misleading literature, such as magazines. We also recommend the Sunday Schools to teach our children God's word. We recommend the subscription of the Free Will Baptist Church papers as much as possible study to show thyself approved by God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth—2nd Timothy, 2nd chapter, 15th verse.

Committees: Mrs. G. C. Lawrence, Chairman; Mrs. Mamy Bevis, Dave Smith, A. L. Atkins. Report received and the committee discharged.

#### ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following report: We tender our heartfelt thanks to the Mt. Olive Church and the people of the community for their kindness and hospitality while in their midst. We further tender our thanks to the ministers for their gospel messages they preached. Be it resolved that we ministers stay with the discipline of the Free Will Baptists. Be it resolved that no licensed minister of the gospel shall be ordained unless he shall have preached one year as a Licentiate. Be it resolved that no minister of this Association shall be eligible to office of moderator for more than two successive sessions. Be it resolved that no minister of other associations be received into this Association without a letter of recommendation from the association of which he is a member. Respectfully submitted by the committee:

Rev. W. D. Martin, Chairman.  
Rev. John Smith.

Report received. Committee discharged.

#### ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We your committee on Ministerial Character report: We find all our ministers in good standing and at peace one with another. We urge that our ministers abstain from the worldly thing 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; W. C. Lacy, J. A. Underwood.

Report received and committee discharged.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the committee on finance, find paid in by the various churches:

Associational funds	\$ 44.50
As Minutes' funds	72.95



# 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	Minutes Fund	Association Fund
Bethlehem	Grady Hudson	Rufus Evans, Brilliant, Rt. 1	Wesley Crow—Grover Sullins	4	9				78	3	45	\$ 52.73	\$ 25.20	\$ 3.25	\$
Bear Creek	O. S. Gardner	Burton Frederick, Rt. 1, Hackleburg	Lum Gunion, Burton Frederick, Edd Hill	5	2			1	63		33	70.00		3.00	
Brilliant-Boston	H. A. Pitts	Vester Hawkins, Brilliant	Louie Bates, A. P. Leonard, Wm. F. Whitman	4	2	2			249	2-4	122	513.00	35.00	5.00	10.00
Free Water	Grady Hudson	Brandon Estes, Guin, Rt. 2	R. Pollard, Felix Crow, C. Martin	11			2	2	140	1	50	196.76	40.00	5.10	
Good Springs	B. C. Chism	C Paden, Vina, Rt. 2	E. C. Humphers, C. D. Paden, W. Humphers						44	2		30.50	9.85	2.00	1.50
Gum Springs	H. A. Pitts	J. H. Moore, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 1	Sister T. White, J. West, F. Holcomb	3				2	100			258.26	250.00	5.50	2.00
Holly Springs	I K. Boyett	Lillie Mae Chamblis Atwood, Ala	Lillie Mae Chamblis, Lunie Baty, Vessie Childers	4				1	60			132.26			1.00
Hopewell	J. S. Frederick	Edith Bell, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 3	Jane Gooden, Bertha Scott, Fannie Lou Wakefield			6					60	78.94		1.10	1.00
Lone Star	O. S. Gardner	H. B. Chism	B. Keeton, B. Chism, F. Kennedy	1					135	4	57			3.25	
Liberty	O. S. Gardener	M. Bozeman, Guin, Rt. 2	R. Gardner, M. Bozeman, G. M. Smith	2		2		1	58		57	51.00	5.50	3.00	
Mt. Olive	Frank Lee	W. S. Flippo, Guin, Rt. 2	3. W. Gurthrie, H. L. Franks, T. M. Markham			4		3	283	3	68	155.22	54.48	5.80	2.00
Mt. Pleasant	Vester Burkett	H. Huguley, Brilliant, Rt. 1	H. Huguley, N. M'Daniel, M. Lawrence	26	10			1	115	2-4	75	154.65	34.42	6.50	2.00
New Oak Grove	H. A. Pitts	J. M. Robin, Nauvoo, Rt. 1	I. Robins, H. F. Knight, Lonie McDaniel	6	5			1	193	1	55	293.10	72.60	3.50	5.00
Pocahontas	Vester Burkett	Zora Nelson, Carbon Hill, Rt. 2	M. Millwood, J. Nelson, Zora Nelson						32			50.00		2.00	1.00
Piney Ridge	J. O. Jones	D. A. Farley, Arley, Rt. 2	W. J. Benson	1						4	60	164.00	65.00	2.00	3.00
Poplar Log	C. E. Harbin	B. H. Owen, Hamilton, Rt. 3	H. Greggs, H. Burleson, Elva Harris	9		13			109	4	70	85.50	110.00	4.00	3.00
Red Bay	M. L. Hollis	O. R. Mink, Red Bay, Ala	No Delegates	6	3				134	1-3	50	1200.00	105.00	3.00	2.00
Shady Grove	Ira Nix	W. Freeman, Phil Campbell, Ala	J. L. Mashburn, H. M. Bankston, T. M. Nix	6	2	1			263	3	65	167.00	77.50	1.75	3.00
Spring Hill	J. S. Frederick	Mary Thomas	Roxie Henson, Minnie Bevis											1.00	1.75
Union Chapel	J. S. Frederick	J. V. Beachamp, Winfield	Represented by letter and committee					2				62.00	45.00	1.00	1.00
Union Hill	J. S. Frederick	M. L. Cochran, Hackleburg	O. Kennedy, E. Gunion, F. L. Cochran	10	2			2	264	2	55	55.00	65.00	2.30	
Union Ridge	P. T. Keeton	H. R. Mink, Red Bay, Ala., Rt. 1	H. R. Mink, Mrs. H. Mink, George King						17			25.25		2.00	1.00
New Liberty	Vester Burkett	Pearl Fowler, Bankston, Rt. 1	Adron Whitson, A. L. Adkins, S. Fowler	3	3			4	168	3	80	103.80	56.35	4.00	2.00
Brookside	Vester Burkett	Nell Gann, Carbon Hill, Ala	Nell Gann, Donnie Parvin, Ola Yocum						14	2		48.50		2.00	1.00



Total ..... 117.45

B. B. Pounders, Chairman,  
M. T. Shirley,  
J. B. Keeton.

Report received and committee discharged.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received in my hand October 2, 1944:

Association funds .....	\$ 44.50
Minute funds .....	72.95
Total .....	117.45

Paid out October 2, 1944:

Rev. Vester Burkett .....	\$ 7.50
W. S. Flippo .....	15.00
H. A. Pitts .....	12.00
Leaves Balance for printing and mailing Minutes .....	82.95

Respectfully submitted: W. S. Flippo, Secretary-Treasurer.

By move and second the Moderator appointed delegates to the Sister Associations. To Vernon Association—Rev. H. A. Pitts. Rev. A. L. Warren. W. S. Flippo. Rev. W. D. Martin.

Bear Creek—Rev. I. D. Nix. Rev. W. J. Benson. Rev. J. O. Jones.

State-Line: Rev. G. O. Parks. Rev. Grady Hudson.

New Liberty: Rev. J. H. Pitts.

By move Brother Amons Martin be appointed on ministerial character in the place of W. C. Pearce, deceased.

Next in order by a unanimous vote the next session of this Association will convene with New Liberty Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1945—Rev. John Smith to preach the introductory Sermon.

Next in order by the recommendation from Bethlehem Church, Rev. W. R. Hullet was ordained as Minister of the Gospel.

Presbyteries—Rev. H. A. Pitts, Rev. Grady Hudson, Rev. W. J. Benson. After which the congregation sang and the Parting Hand was taken amid tears and joy.

The Body was dismissed to meet one year from now.

Rev. Vester Burkett, Moderator.

Rev. A. L. Warren, Assistant Moderator.

W. S. Flippo, Clerk.

### NAMES OF MINISTERS.

Atkins, B. M., Townly, Rt. 1, 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, Miss., Rt. 3.  
Martin, W. D., Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.  
Miller, John, Rt. 3, Nauvoo, Alabama.  
Miller, 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.  
Burkett, Vester.  
Barmer, Foster.  
Hullett, W. R.  
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, Mississippi, Rt. 1.  
Key, Harry, Arley, Alabama.

### DECEASED MINISTERS.

Broaderick, J. F.  
Benson, 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  
Elliot, G. C.  
Fowler, H. B.  
Flippo, R. C.  
Green, J. A.  
Griffin, T. T.  
Hulsey, J. R.  
Haney, G. B.  
Holliday, J. R.  
Ingram, J. H.  
Jeffers, J.  
Johnson, J. A.  
Key, A. L.  
Lawler, A. R.  
Wesley, J. J.

Martin, M. R.  
McCombs, W. C.  
McHaffey, E. M.  
McVey, J. P.  
Nix, R. A.  
Nichols, 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.

These men are gone to be with God.

Listed by W. D. Martin.



## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

1. 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.

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

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

4. 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 and tears and joy.

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

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

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Art. 1. We believe there is one and but one living, true God, who in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. First Timothy, 2-5.

Art. 2. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and that teachings constitute 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 commorable

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 Son is immortal; that death is a 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 remain 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 the Association must adopt its Articles of Faith, and conform to the usages.

7. We agree, as Churches of the 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 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

1. Opened doors of church for Reception of Members.
2. We invite visiting brothers and sisters to seats with us.
3. Call for Reading of Minutes of last Conference. Minutes read and approved.
4. Call for Enrollment and\_\_\_\_\_
5. Call for Peace and Fellowship of the Church.

To send after the Distressed Member.

6. Call for General Business of the Church.

7. On motion for adjournment, Rev.\_\_\_\_\_,

Moderator; Bro\_\_\_\_\_Clerk.

## CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been bought, 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 obligation more binding than that of a common bond of Christian unity. In adopting the Covenant, we become as a family, and assume in the 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 granted 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."