# MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With New Liberty Church October 6th, 7th and 8th, 1945

# **OFFICERS**

REV. A. L. WARREN, Moderator REV. I. D. NIX, Assistant Moderator BRANDON ESTES, Clerk

The next Session of this Association will convene with Free Waters Church, near Guin, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1946. Rev. G. O. Parker to preach the Introductory Sermon.

#### PROCEEDINGS

Of the 59th Annual Session of the Free W ll Baptist Association, held with New Liberty Church October 6th, 7th and 8th, 1945.

Singing by choir and prayer by the Rev. R. M. Moncrief opened

the session.

Rev. John Smith then preached from 1st chapter and 6th verse of Hebrews. We were then dismissed for refreshments.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

#### AFTERNOON SERVICE

1. Song by choir and prayer by Rev. J. O. Jones.

2. Moderator appointed Sister Nell Gann and Sister Richmond Pollard reading clerks.

Names of churches called. Letters read. Contents noted.

#### NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethlehem-John Tesnley, C. M. Warren and wife.

Bear Creek-Represented by letter.

Brilliant-Boston — Brother Floyd Dickenson and wife, Sister A. P. Leonard.

Brookside-Sister Nell Gann.

Free Waters-Richmond Pollard, Clarence Martin, Elmon Tidwell.

Good Springs-Not represented.

Gum Springs-Brother Foster, Joe Holcomb, Clov's Tucker.

Holly Springs—By letter.

Hopewell-By minute fund.

Lone Star-Sister G. O. Parker, Sister H. A. Pitts.

Liberty-Marvin Bozeman, G. M. Smith, Walter Wisham.

Mt. Olive—Lawrence Conner, Sister Essie May, Sister Hilton Berryhill.

Mt. Pleasant-J. H. McDonald, Walter Kemble, Louise R. Markham.

New L berty-Grady Harbin, Millard Aaron Whitson.

New Oak Grove-Clanton Manasco, Henry Wade, Lewis Bennis.

Piney Ridge—S. M. Key, Floyd Key, D. A. Farley.

Parrish-A. Guthrie, H. Thompson, W. Watson.

Pocahontas—R. A. Shed, John Nelson, Sister Sparks.

Popular Log-Greggs, H., Burleson, R. L.

Red Bay-By letter.

Spring Hill-

Shady Grove-J. T. Mashburn.

Union Chapel-Not represented.

Union Hill-W. C. Lacy and wife.

Union Ridge-Not represented.

By a move the delegates from each church were seated.

Call of petitionary letters received-One Parr.sh.

By a unanimous vote parish was received on condition of a letter of recommendation from the Progressive Association.

Call For Corresponding Delegates-Progressive, East Mississippi.

#### Roll Call of Ministers and Deacons

By a move and second we went into an election of officers. The following were elected:

A. L. Warren, Moderator.

I. D. Nix, Assistant Moderator.

Brandon, Estes,. Clerk.

By a move and a second the Moderator appointed all commit-

On Preaching—J. H. McDonald, Dewey Burleson, Johnnie Knight, Herman Hughley, with deacons of New Liberty church.

On Documents and Order of Business-H. A. Pitts, Vester Burkett, W. D. Martin, Grady Hudson, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Deceased Members—A. P. Leonard, John R. Argent, Grady

May.
On Literature—Sister H. A. Pitts, Sister Minnie Knight, Sister

Hilton Berryhill.
On Resolutinons—W. Sfl Flippo, Rev. J. O. Jones, Richmond

Pollard.
On Education—Harvy Key, Levy Benson, Henry Thompson.

On Home Missions-Sister Grady Hudson, Sister Ruby Dickinson, Sister Grady May.

On Temperance-John Smith, John Nelson, Will Alexander,

Victory Farley.

On Sabbath Schools-Mrs. C. M. Warren, Harrison Gregg, G. H. Burleson.

On Finance—J. H. Estes, Floyd Dickinson, Clanton Manasco. Committee to Investigate the Trouble at Mt. Pleasant Church—

Foster Holcomb, Clanton Manasco, Aaron Whitson,. Committee to Investigate the Trouble at Free Watres-W. H.

May, H. L. Benson, Amos Martin. Collection for Orphanage at Eldridge, \$74.02.

#### REPORT ON PREACHING

Saturday night, Rev. I. D. Nix.
Sunday, 9:00 a. m., Rev. R. M. Moncriff.
Sunday, 11:00 a. m.—Rev. A. L. Warren.
Sunday, 2:30 p. m.—Rev. H. A. Pitts.
Sunday night, Rev. Vester Burkett.
Monday, 11:00 a. m., Rev. J. O. Jones.

Report received, committee discharged. Call names of churches and consign delegates to their places of stay. Moved, seconded and carried that the business of the body be suspended until Monday at 8:00 a.m.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After son gby choir and several prayer Rev. I. D. Nix preached an able discourse; Text, "Let Us Pass Over Unto the Other Side."

#### SUNDAY SERVICE

After several songs and prayers the Rev. R. M. Moncriff preached a fine sermon; Text, "Present Your Bodies a Living Sacrifice Holy and Acceptable Unto God." After which we were dismissed for 15 minutes.

#### SUNDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

After song and prayer the Rev. A. L. Warren preached a good sermon; Text, "To Whom Shall We Go," after which we were dismissed one hour for refreshments.

#### SUNDAY AFERNOON SERVICE

The Ladies' Auxiliary presented a fine program on the "Life of

Christ."

Rev. H. A. Pitts made a short talk on the Unified Program.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE After songs and Prayers the Rev. Vester Burkett preached a fine sermon; Text, "After Which the Lord's Supper Was Served," followed by the humble service of feet washing.

The services have been fine. Everyone seems to have enjoyed

them.

# MONDAY MORNING SERVICE

After song by choir and prayer by the Rev. I. D. Nix, the Modeerator declared the body ready for business.

1. Roll call of delegates.

2. Reading of the minutes omitted.

Committees went to work while the rest of the body had a devotional.

4. · Call for report of committees.

# ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. We recommend that the Association meet on Saturday be-

fore the first Sunday in October, 1946.

2. We recommend that the Moderator be paid \$7.50 and the clerk \$15.00 and the Assistant Moderator \$2.50 out of the Association fund.

3. We recommend that the Moderator appoint the preacher to

preach the Introductory sermon.

4. We find several churches asking for the Association. We

recommend the body to decide.

5. We recommonde 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.

6. We recommend that the body elect by vote two evangelists

for the next year.

7. We recommend that each church have quarterly confer-

8. We recommend that our preachers practice tithing and teache our members to do the same and that we support the different. phases of our denominational work.

9. We recommend the names of the deacons be placed in our

statistical table.

10. We recommend that Brother Will Alexander be examined

and if found qualified be licensed to preach for one year.

11. We recommend that we buy a tent for the Association, that we take an offering today and that ceah pastor take one offering at his church. That the committe on Ministerial character have charge of it. .

12. We recommend that the Ladies' Auxiliary have Sunday

afternoon to make their report.

We recommend that Sister A. P. Leonard be appointed President and Sister Lee Flippo, Secretary of the Auxiliary. Rev. A. L. Warren, Moderator. Brandon Estes, Clerk

# ON LITERATURE

We your committee on Literature recommend that since God has said in II Timothy, 3rd chapter, 16-17 verses, 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 with all good works. We study the Bible daily and in addition to the Bible we take our church papers, published at Ayden, N. C., and Monett, Mo. Also we use the standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature. We also recommend that we abstain from allowing the wrong k nd of books in our home.

Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Chairman, Mrs. Hilton Berryhill, Mrs. Minnie

Knight.

#### ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following report: We tender our heartfelt thanks to the New Liberty 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 the 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 Licenate. Be it resolved that ministers of this association shall not be eligible to the office of Moderator for more than two years in successive sess ons. Be it resolved that no minister of other asassociation be received into this association without a letter of recommendation from the assoc ation of which he is a member. We recommend that this body stand for the reports of the various committees that passed on by the body.

W. S. Flippo, Chairman, Rev. J. O. Jones, Richmond Pollard,

Committee.

#### ON EDUCATION

We your 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 mislead ng literature, such as magazines. We also recommend the Sunday School to teach our children God's Word. We recommend subscriptions to the Free Will Laptist Church papers as much as possible, study to show thy self approved by God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the Word of truth, 2nd Timothy; 2nd chap. 15th verse.

Harvey L. Key, Chairman, Levy Benson, D. A. Farley, Com.

#### ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS

Parrish-3 ages not given.

Mt. Pleasant-Rev. Foster Bonner, age 48.

Shady Grove-J. C. McDuffie, Bro. N. T. Nix, age 85, Sister Etta Nix, age 61.

Mt. Olive-Bro. G. W. Franks, age 82, Bro. H. R. Williams, age 65. Bro. Will Miller, age 45.

Oak Ridge-Sister Olga Robins, age 36, Sister Leon Adams,

Bethlehem-Bro. Willie Crow.

Free Waters-Sister Mary Wilson, Bro. Cecil Pollard.

Red Bay-Bro. Kermit Wood, age 17.

Brilliant-Boston-Mrs. Lee Warren, Martin Whitman, T. H. McCollum.

Union Hill-Bettie Jackson, Gum Springs-Icy Miles.

#### ON SABBATH SCHOOL

We find 17 of our churches having Sunday School with a total membership of 1139 pupils on roll. We find most Sunday Schools using our literature.

We recommend that every church organized and push a sunday school so that our children will be prepared to be good leaders to-

morrow. Respectfully,

Mrs. C. M. Warren, H. Gregg, G. H. Burleson, Committee. Rev. J. O. preached a fine sermon. Text, "Love." Dismissed one hour for refreshments.

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After song and prayer the moderator called the body to business.

Secretary-Treasur Report		•
Minute Fund	\$	76.87
Association fund		60.60
For Tent		41.25
For Mrs. Foster Bonner		36.00
For Orphan's Home		74.00
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Total in my hand Oct., 8, 1945,		\$288.74
Paid out 1945, H. A. Pitts for dues	\$15.00	F .5
Rev. A. L. Warren	7.50	56 FF
Rev. A. L. Warren	36.00	
K. V. Shutes for Orphanage	74.02	
Brandon Estes	15.00	
I. D. Nix	2.50	·
I. D. Nix W. H. May for Tent	41.25	<b>8</b>
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Total paid out		\$191.27
Balance		\$97.47

Respectfully, Brandon Estes

#### ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

We your commttee on Ministerial Character report: We find all our ministers in good standing. We urge that our ministers abstain from the worldly things such as picture shows and worldly amusement. 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. Lacy, Amos Martin.

#### ON MT. PLEASANT

We your committee appointed to investigate the controversy at Mt. Pleasant church report as follows: We recommend that the moderator, assistant moderator and clerk of this association, make a thorough investigation of this matter, also examine the minutes made when said church granted the clerk a right to right to Bro. Patterson a letter of dismiss on and report back to our next regular session of our association. We feel like this is the only way to clear up this matter and bring back peace and fellowship at Mt. Pleasant church.

Respectfully submitted,

Foster Holcomb, Chairman, Clanton Manasco, Aaron Whitson. Report received.

ON FREE WATERS

8th day of October, 1945. We the committee appointed on the Free Water grievance, ask for more time to investigate the case. W. H. May, Chairman, H. L. Benson, Amos Martin, report received.

#### ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: Wh skey is leading our nation to ruin. All of our churches should work and talk and vote against strong drink. The church should be temperat in all things. We don't need saloons under no conditions,, but the present modern saloons is far worse than the old style saloons. The present saloons are leading our nation into whorrdom. We should vote our present saloon system out, and teach our children to be temperate and abstain from strong drink.

By the committee, John Smith, Chairman.

#### ON HOME MISSION

We, your committee on Home M'ssion, report as follows: We pray that each church member let his or her light so shine that the world might see Jesus throeugh them. We recommend that our churches cooperate with our association more in home missions. It is every christians duty to be found doing something for the unbuilding of sabbath schoool, prayer meeting and all church services. Visit the sick. Have praver with them. Have services in their homes. Help those that need your help, urge men and women, boys and girls that does not attend services to go to church and sunday school, that they may hear the Word of God preached-there is much to be done in home mission. Let us studdy the Bible with a prayerful heart, asking God to help us understand it and do exactly as it says. Let's pray one for another and live each day as it was the last. Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. Grady Hudson, Mrs. Flovd Dickinson. Mrs. Grady May. By a move and second all reports were received and adopted hy sections, and committees discharged, except the committee on M'nisterial Character. It was retained.

By a move the moderator appointed delegates to Sister Associations as follows: Bear Creek, Rev. J. A. Godsey. Kev Jones.

State Line-Grady Hudson, H. A. Pitts, A. L. Warren, G. O. Parke: State Association- Foster Holcomb, Richmond Pollard,

W. S. Flippo. · 1. A \$15.00 fee was turned over to H. A. Pitts to pay our state

dues and national dues. 2. The body elected Grady Hudson and Rev. H. A. Pitts as

Evangel sts for the coming year. 3. Collection to buy Tent \$41.25.

4. The Moderator appointed Rev. G. O. Parker to preach the introductory sermon next year.

5. Will Alexander was licensed to preach one year.

### CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and having obtained

STATISTICAL TABLE	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Number of Members	Lays of Meeting	Pupils In Sunday School	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Value of Church Property
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Bethlehem G. Hudson Rufus Evans, Brilliant, Rt. 1 J. Estes, C. Tidwell, W. Franks Bear Creek J. O. Jones Burton Fredrick, Hackleburg S. M. Lindsey, J. Wooten Brilliant-Boston H. A. Pitt Vester Hawkins, Brilliant J. A. Underwood, D. Self, J. Franks, J. Pugh, V. Hawkins, D. Burleson	15 1 32	10	2	1 3	97 64 211	3 1 2-4	50 33 130	\$191.72   35.00   900.00	\$ 34.00 10.00 140.00	2.00		
Brookside	3 10	5	4	2	17 141	1	30 60	53.00 295.00	35.00 85.00		2.00	
Gum Springs H. A. Pitts J. H. Moore, Winfield T. Hawkins, J. Beasley, J. H. Moore, G. Benson, W. Holcomb  Holly Springs I. K. Boyett Lillie Mae Chamblee, Atwood Represented by \$1.00 Fund P. E. Lay, Burgett	1	3		1	79	4		90.99	69,39	1.00 1.00		
Lone Star 3. O. Parker 3. D. Parker 3. C. Stone 3. C. Stone 4. B. Chism, Tremont, Miss. 3. F. Lee 5. F. Lee 6. W. E. Atkinson, Guin, Rt. 1. H. S. Atkinson, A. G. May, R. L. Johnson, M. J. Dupree 6. Herman Huguley, Brilliant, Rt. 1. C. Stone 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. R. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. R. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Stone 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Stone 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Stone 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Stone 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Stone 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Stone 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Stone 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Stone 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Stone 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley 6. C. Lawrence, F. A. Aldredge,	11 4 10	2 1 14	1	1 1	134 285 136	3	40	51,00 147.00 549.56	32.00 177.64 20.00	$2.75 \\ 2.50 \\ 6.00$	2.00	500
New Liberty Pearl Fowler, Bankston T. Fowler, W. J. Warett. O. Fowler, M. May, Moore, W. D. Smith, H. C. Fowler	2			1	170	3	98	278.00	13.00	8.65	2.00	
1. Parrish L. D. Nance L. D. Nance J. W. Benson Piney Ridge J. A. Godsey J. A. Godsey J. O. Parker M. L. Hollis Shady Grove J. O. Jones J. O. Jones J. O. Jones J. O. Jones J. A. Pitts J. M. Robins, Nauvoo, Rt. 1 J. M. Robins, Nauvoo, Rt. 1 J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent John Argent John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin John Argent J. M. Martin,	6 2 3 14 3	1 2 1	2	2 1 1 2 2	195 44 57 63 124 137 251	2 4 4 2-4	105 60 75 64 60	294.80 50.20 166.50 115.54 925.00 152.00	20.00 25.00 112.76 175.00	2.50 2.00 2.00 3.30 3.00	1.55 4.00 3.50 2.00 2.00	
Spring Hill B. Glaygew Mattie Welborn, Phil Campbell G. Nix, D. Adams, J. Graves Minnie Bevis, Nauvoo, Rt. 3 R. S. Henson O. S. Gardener M. L. Cochran, Hackleburg T. J. Langston, W. C. Lacy, B. Pope Not Represented Not Rep	1	2	2	1	265	1 2	45 50	35.00	42,00	1.36 3.00		

<sup>1.</sup> On Fourthcoming of a Letter From the Progressive Association.

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 T.mothy, "That we will reprove, rebuke and exhort" each other as members

or 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 fee! 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 preach-

ing 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."

#### **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President, Mrs. A. P. Leonard.
Vice President, Mrs. Oma Hudson.
Secretary, Mrs. Lee Flippo.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Miss R. Pollard, Mr. Floyd Dickinson, Brandon Estes.
FIELD WORKER

Rev. Grady Hudson.

#### 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, Hacklebury, Alabama. Franks, E. R., Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama. Fippo, J. A., Haleyville, Alabama. Godsey, J. A., Hamilton, Alabama. Gilbert, John, Carbon Hill, Alabama. Gardner, O. S., Hackleburg, Alabama. Hudson, Grady, Hamilton, Alabama. Jones, J. O., Phil Campbell, Alabama. Lowrey, Lee Roy, Bankston, Alabama. Keeton, P. T., Belmont, Mississippi, Rt. 3. Montcrief, R. M., Empire, Alabama. Martin, W. D., Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama. N'x, 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. Smith, John, Bankston, Alabama. Springfield, E. B., Townley, Alabama. Warren, A. L., Brilliant, Alabama. Yie'ding, Nathan, Hackleburg, Alabama. Chism, B. C., Tremont, Miss., Rt. 1. Key, Harvy, Arley, Alabama.

#### DECEASED MINISTERS

Broaderick, J. F. Martin, M. R. McCombs, W. C. Benson, W. B. Black, T. F. McHaffey, E. M. Boughn, G. P. McVey, J. P. Bagbce, R. W. . Nix, R. A. Brdshaw, 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. Perkins, S. M. Crumbia, P. W. A. Dickson, F. M. Phillips, C. Dubois, Porter Reese, F. C. Elliott, G. C. Ramsey, S. B. Springfield, T. J. Fowler, H. B. Flippo, R. C. Swindle, T. P. Grace, J. A. Tingle, W. S. Griffin, T. T. Tomlin, R. H. Hulsey, 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. Key, A. L. White, J. B. Johnson, J. A. Walker, T. L. Lawler, A. R. Williams, J. R. Miller, Carl 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 Free Waters church on Saturday before the firest

Sunday in October, 1946.

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 Assocation 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. My 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.

A. L. Warren, Moderator, Brill ant. 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 B.ble, and that its teachings contrue the only infallible doctrine of the gov-

ernment of His church. 2 Timothy 3-16.

Artt. 3. We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity, and consequently involved

his posterity in s.n. 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 pre-

ceded by effectual conviction for sin. 2 Cor. 7-9-10.

Art. 7. We believe that the human wil lis 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 d'spensation 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 commemorable 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 Ressurrection 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 de-

cision 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 be come 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 sessionn, the former Clerk also officiating until th 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 dleegates shall rule in all cases exceut the

reception of members; then it shall be usanimous.

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 rise 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 per-

sonal 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.

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