

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held With Free Waters Church

October 5th, 6th and 7th, 1946

OFFICERS

REV. H. A. PITTS, Moderator

REV. VESTER BURKETT, Assistant Moderator.

BRANDON ESTES, Clerk

The next session of this Association will convene with Mt. Pleasant Church, near Brilliant, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1947. The committee on Order of Business to plan the program.

PROCEEDINGS

Of 60th Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association held with Free Waters Church, Oct., 5th, 6th and 7th, 1946.

Singing by the choir and prayer by the Rev. M. L. Hollis opened the session. The Rev. M. L. Hollis then preached from the 5th chapter of Gen., subject: Mathuselah. "A type of the church." We were then dismissed for refreshments.

Saturday, Oct., 5th Afternoon

After song by the choir and prayer by Rev. R. M. Moncrief, the moderator declared the body ready for business.

1. Roll call of standing delegates.
2. The Moderator appointed Bro. Grady Hudson and Bro. Jessie Stricklin as reading clerks.
3. Letters from the different read and statistics noted.

Names of Churches and Delegates

Bethlehem—Ted Sullens, Henry Cagle, Jack Linley.
 Bear Creek—Burton Frederick.
 Brilliant-Boston—Jessie Stricklin, W. L. Franks, Cliff Franklin.
 Brookside—Henry Mason, Sister Melba Griffin, Donnie Primm.
 Free Waters—Lee Flippo, Elmon Tidwell George Wilson.
 Good Springs—Hughes Humphress, Chester Haumpress, Vester Humphress.
 Gum Springs—W. Beasley, Will Weeks, Joe Holcomb.
 Holly Springs—By Letter.
 Hopewell—Ocie Bell, Sister H. E. Cobb, Sister Rosa Jackson.
 Lone Star—Bro. Keeton, Bro. R. H. Mauldin and wife.
 Liberty—Marvin Bozeman and wife, Mack Bozeman.
 New Mt. Joy—Hazel Frost, Sister Dorothy Walker.
 Mt. Olive—Howard Franks, Lawrence Conner, Edgar Atkinson.
 Mt. Pleasant—Aleth Ervin, O. D. Westbrook, Burl White.
 Pleasant Hill—Rosco Burleson, L. M. Townley, J. O. Pope.
 New Liberty—D. E. Alldridge, Herman Alldredge, Aaron Whitson.
 New Oak Grove—Clinton Manasco, Cecil Kilgore, S. Benson.
 Piney Ridge—S. M. Key.
 Parrish—J. M. Moore, John Argent, Henry Thompson.
 Pocahontas—Jim and Hattie Hunter, C. A. Odum.
 Popular Log—D. D. Markham, J. E. Harris, W. C. Jones.
 Red Bay—By Letter.
 Spring Hill—Roy Bevins, Sister Lillie Farris, Sister Minnie Bevins.
 Shady Grove—E. R. McDuffie, L. R. Pounders, T. M. Nix.
 Union Chapel—Gus Eads, J. V. Beauchamp, A. Y. Pratt.
 Union Hill—Hugh Kennedy John Jackson, Amon Frederick.
 Union Ridge—By contribution.

By a move all delegates were seated, except Parrish and by a move they were seated under the watchcare of the association until they could get a letter from the Progressive Association.

Call for Petitionary letters, received two, New Pleasant Hill and New Mt. Joy.

Call for Corresponding Delegates:

North East Miss.—Rev. M. L. Hollis.

Morning Star—J. M. Harbin.

State Line—Rev. Woodham, Clay Shotts, Rev. S. Home, M. R. Bishop.

Flint River—J. F. Guick.

Vernon—W. H. Clearman, Verde Alexander, S. F. Lee, Frank Collins, J. M. Randolph

Progressive—Rev. K. V. Shutes

Cahaba River—Rev. W. H. Ryland.

By a move we went into an election and elected the following officers:

Rev. H. A. Pitts, Moderator.

Rev. Vester Burkett, Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Brandon Estes, Clerk.

By a move the Moderator appointed all committees.

On Preaching—Burple Keeton, Welburn Beasley, D. E. Aldridge, with Deacons of Free Waters church.

On Documents and order of Business—Rev. Grady Hudson, Rev. G. O. Parker, Rev. B. M. Atkins, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Temperance—Rev. G. W. Flippo, Joe Holcomb, Hubbard Estes.

On Education—Rev. I. D. Nix, J. L. Stricklen, Cliff Frederick.

On Home Mission—Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. W. H. Ryland, Cecil Kilgore.

On Deceased Members—Rev. J. R. Benson, Rev. Will Alexander, Rev. H. L. Key.

On Resolutions—J. H. Reno, J. A. Godsey, O. S. Gardner.

On Literature—Rev. W. D. Martin, Lee Flippo, W. L. Franks.

On Finance—Dewey Burleson, L. M. Fowler, Ben Owen.

Examining Committee—Rev. B. M. Atkins, Rev. H. L. Key, Rev. J. O. Jones

Sabbath School—Anderson Patterson, Clanton Manasco, J. H. Moore.

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

Report of Committee on Preaching—Saturday night, Rev. G. O. Parker.

Sunday, 9:00 A. M., Rev. J. O. Jones.

Sunday, 10:15 A. M., School Lecture by Brandon Estes.

Sunday, 11:00 A. M., Rev. H. A. Pitts.

Sunday night, Rev. Grady Hudson.

Monday, 11:00 A. M., Rev. A. L. Warren.

Report received and committee discharged.

Adjournment until Monday 8:00 A. M.

Saturday Night Session

The Rev. R. M. Moncrief had charge of the devotional.

The Rev. G. O. Parker preached a fine sermon from the 11th chapter of Hebrews, subject: "Faith Hope and Charity."

Sunday, 9:00 A. M.

The Rev. J. O. Jones preached a fine sermon, text: 13th chapter and 13th verse of Cor.

Sunday 10:15 A. M.

Sunday School lecture by Brandon Estes, golden text: "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth."

Sunday 11:00 A. M.

The Rev. H. A. Pitts preached a fine sermon from Gen., 1st chapter and 2nd verse, "And the spirit of God moved."

Sunday 1:30 P. M.

The Ladies' Auxiliary gave a fine program, subject: "Where Art Thou." The following officers were elected:

AUXILLIARY OFFICERS

President, Mrs. A. P. Pollard.
Vice President, Mrs. Oma Hudson.
Secretary, Mrs. Lee Flippo.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. R. Pollard, Mr. Floyd Dickinson, Brandon Estes.

FIELD WORKERS

Rev. Grady Hudson, Sister W. L. Franks.

Sunday Night

After devotion, led by I. D. Nix, the Rev. Grady Hudson preached, text St. John 20th chapter, 31st verse. Subject: "The Lord's Supper."

Several enjoyed the footwashing service which followed.

Monday, 8:00 A. M.

After song by choir and prayer, the Moderator declared the body ready for business.

1. Roll call of delegates.
2. Minutes read and approved.
- Committees appointed to take the place of those absent.
4. Committees went to work while the rest of the body had devotional service, led by the Assistant Moderator.
5. Call for report of committees.

ON HOME MISSION

1. We, your committee on Home Mission, report as follows: We pray that each church member let his or her light so shine that the world might see Jesus through 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 upbuilding of sabbath school, prayer meeting and all church services. Visit the sick. Have prayer 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 study the Bible with a prayerful heart, asking God to help us understand it and do exactly as it says.

2. We recommend that the association appoint two evangelists.
Each church have two offerings a year for foreign mission and send to our National Treasurer.
3. We recommend that the Association appoint a field worker for our children's home at Eldridge. Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A.L. Warren, Rev. W. H. Ryland, Cecil Kilgore.
Report received and committee discharged.

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. We recommend that the association meet on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1947.
2. We recommend that the Moderator be paid \$15.00 and the Clerk \$15.00 and the assistant moderator \$2.50 out of the associational fund.
3. We find several churches asking for the next session of the Association. We recommend that the body decide.
4. We recommend that any of our preachers staying from the annual session of the association three years in succession without a lawful excuse presented in writing, be dropped from the minutes.
5. 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.
6. We recommend that item two and five of miscellaneous business be made item eight and nine of the constitution.
7. We recommend that the committee on Documents and Order of Business be retained to plan the program for the next session of the association and that matters of dispute and points of doctrine be presented to this committee and if necessary present it to the association.
8. We recommend that each minister make a written report to the annual session of the association.

Report received and adopted by sections, except section 6, which is tabled to be voted on at the next session of the association.

Committee retained.

ON EDUCATION

We your committee on Education report as follows:

We recommend the prayerful study of the Bible, for it is the Book of Books. We recommend as Christian workers of the Free Will Baptist church to teach our children God's Holy word and to abstain from all ungodly literature. We recommend the teaching of God's Word in our Sunday schools and church work and to all parts of our Christian work.

We recommend the support of our Bible School, College and education for the advancement of God's Kingdom on earth.

I. D. Nix, Jessie Stricklin, C. W. Franks.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance report as follows:

Strong drink is leading many souls to destruction. May God help our churches that they should talk, work and vote against strong drink. The churches should be temperate in all things. We do not need saloons. They cause too many things, such as road houses, etc. The devil sets up his dens too close to our churches, as the one mentioned in Rev. Church members be total abstainers. We should vote our present saloon system out and teach our children to be total abstainers from strong drink.

G. W. Flippo, Joe Holcomb, Hubberd Estes, Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

By a motion the Clerk was authorized to write a letter against our liquor law.

ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

We express our deep appreciation to the Free Waters Church and the fine people for their generosity and kindness while in their midst. We also express our thanks to all ministers for every message brought.

Be it resolved, that the ministers stay with the discipline of the Free Will Baptist, be it further

Resolved that no licensed minister of the Gospel shall be ordained unless he shall have preached one year as a Licensate. Be it

Resolved that ministers of this association shall not be eligible to the office of Moderator for more than one year in 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.

J. H. Reno, Chairman, J. A. Godsey, O. S. Gardner.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

We find all our ministers in good standing as far as known. We urge that our ministers abstain from worldly things. We also urge each church to stand behind their pastor and assist him in our Lord's work.

W. H. May, J. A. Underwood, W. C. Lacy, Amos Martin.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON DECEASED MEMBERS

New Liberty—T. L. Fowler, age 77 years.

Red Bay—Bro. Jack Tharp.

Mt. Pleasant—Bro. W. D. Kimbrell, Sister Ila Maddy.

Union Hill—Bro. Eli Kennedy.

Bethlehem—Bro. John W. Roberson, W. N. Brown, J. M. Underwood, age 66

Lone Star—Bro. P. L. Pounders.

Brookside—Bro. John Gilbert, Bro. J. S. Richardson.

Union Ridge—Bro. H. R. Mink.

Oak Grove—J. R. Odom, Sister Pearley Fowler.

Free Waters—Bro. W. H. Franks.

Gum Springs—Etta Hawkins.

Liberty—C. T. Wilson, Frank Flur'a.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. Benson, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, the committee find 23 churches having Sunday school with a total membership of 2357.

We recommend to the churches that don't have a Sunday school, for the Deacons and delegates go back to their churches and put forth every effort to start a Sunday school.

We recommend that all our Sunday schools use our literature.

Anderson Patterson, Clinton Manasco and L. W. Gooden, Committee.
Report received and committee discharged.

Monday Afternoon Session

After song by choir, and prayer, the Moderator called the body together.

ON LITERATURE

We, the committee on literature present the following report of recommendations on literature: To read and study the Bible, the only rule and guide to our faith and practice. "Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy reveals his deeper truths to the eye of faith, denominational spirit seeking to know more of God and his will, are the most Blessed. Hence, it is necessary at the very beginning that the reader of the new life which alone can digest the heavenly food. The natural man receives not the things of the spirit of God. We need to have faith in the Bible from lid to lid. Read the Bible intelligently as you would read anything else. The Bible is written in the best language. The Bible contains history and prophecy and its fulfillment. By reading the Bible, we learn of some of the most beautiful stories that teach wonderful lessons that will enlighten the mind and the soul above any literature. First learn to be a good Bible student and if you have time read in connection, some good books and periodicals. Above all, reading, study the Bible and you will be sure of good literature. Search the scriptures for in them you will find that you have eternal life and they are they which testify of me St. 5-39.

We further recommend the use of the Bible in connection with our Sunday school literature.

W. D. Martin, W. L. Franks, R. L. Flippo, Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COMMITTEE

We, the ordaining committee find recommended from Mt. Pleasant church, Bro. Will Alexander to be ordained. From Mt. Olive church, Bro. N. A. Patterson to be licensed to preach; from Union Hill church, Bro. Amon Frederick to be licensed to preach and Bro. Houston Reno, to be given ordination papers as he is an ordained minister from the Missionary Baptist church.

We recommend that Bro. Will Alexander be ordained; Bro. Houston Reno, be given credentials and that Bro. N. A. Patterson and Amon Frederick be granted licenses.

Rev. B. M. Atkins, Rev. J. O. Jones, Rev. H. L. Key, Committee,

Report received and committee discharged.

The association then carried out all the above recommendations of this report.

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Minute fund.....	\$87.83
Associational fund	74.05
Collection for tent	283.25
Collection for Orphanage	70.34
Collection for College	71.21
Balance in my hand Oct. 7, 1946	\$586.68
Paid out Oct. 7, 1946, To Jessie Stricklin for	

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	NAMES OF DEACONS	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	Number of Members	Days of Meeting	Pupils in Sunday School	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Val. Church Property
Bethlehem	Sam Howell	Rufus Evans, Brilliant, Ala. Rt. 1	J. Estes, C. Tidwell, W. Franks	3	1	1		2	100	3	45	\$175.00	\$ 70.50	\$ 2.15	\$.25	
Bear Creek	J. O. Jones	Buton Frederick, Hackleburg, Ala. Rt. 1	S. M. Lindsey, J. Wooten						61	1		48.05	15.00	3.00		
Brilliant-Boston	H. A. Pitts	Vester Hawkins, Brilliant, Ala.	J. A. Underwood, D. Self, J. Franks, J. Pugh, V. Hawkins, D. Burleson	10	4				225	2-4	103	932.69	205.00	5.00	10.00	
Brookside	Vester Burkett	Melba Griffin, Carbon Hill, Ala.	C. M. Gann, John Gilbert	2	6			2	24	1	50	94.00	56.59	2.50	2.50	
Free Waters	Grady Hudson	Brandon Estes, Guin, Ala.	G. Pollard, H. Estes, W. M. Wilson	10	5		2	1	152	1-3	75	292.37	82.41	5.75	3.00	
Good Springs	I. D. Nix	E. C. Humphres	T. D. Humphress	4	1			1	49	2	56	133.00	25.00	2.00	3.00	
Gum Springs	H. A. Pitts	J. H. Moore, Winfield, Ala. Rt. 1	T. Hawkins, J. Beasley, J. H. Moore, G. Benson, W. Holcomb	2					75	1-3	88	349.00	60.00	4.00	3.00	
Holly Springs	I. K. Boyett	Lillie Mae Chamblee, Atwood, Ala.	R. E. Lay, Burgett	2					81			112.30	25.00	1.00		
Hopewell	I. D. Nix	Rosa Jackson, Nauvoo, Ala. Rt. 3		2	3				50			40.00	12.00	1.50	2.03	
Lone Star	G. O. Parker	H. B. Chism, Tremont, Miss.	R. C. Stone	7				1	143	2	56	50.00	30.00	1.50		
Liberty	L. V. Woodham	Marvin Bozeman, Guin, Ala. Rt. 2	Gover Smith, W. Wisham	1	1				77	3	52	92.75	24.40	3.75	2.00	
Mt. Olive	A. L. Warren	William E. Atkinson, Guin, Ala.	I. S. Atkinson, A. G. May, R. L. Johnson, M. J. Dupree, S. Kimbrell, W. M. Burleson, G. C. Lawrence	2				1		1-3	80	250.00	133.40	5.00	5.00	
Mt. Pleasant	Vester Burkett	Herman Huguley, Brilliant, Ala.	F. A. Aldredge, H. Hughley	7	5			3	145	2-4	144	382.72	66.37	8.50	2.50	
New Liberty	Vester Burkett	Pearl Fowler, Bankston, Ala. Rt. 1	T. Fowler, W. J. Warrent, O. Fowler, M. May, Moore, W. D. Smith, H. C. Fowler	3	8				180	3	53	250.00	40.00	8.50	2.00	
			A. Martin, Johnnie Knight, W. Martin			2			190	1	113	305.00	132.50	4.50	10.00	
New Oak Grove	G. O. Parker	J. M. Robins, Nauvoo, Ala. Rt. 1		7								190.00	35.00	2.40	4.60	
New Mt. Joy	W. R. Hulet	Lillie May Walker, Brilliant, Rt. 1	F. Hinds, E. Nelson, F. Nelson	2					60	2		227.00	50.00	3.00	7.00	
Pocahontas	H. L. Key	Zora Nelson	M. Key, F. C. Key, D. A. Farley	9	1				73	4	60	800.00	36.00	40.00	6.00	
Piney Ridge	J. A. Godsey	S. A. Key, Arley, Ala. Rt. 2	John Argent	1					50	1-3	90	177.56	38.50	4.00	3.05	
(1) Parrish	Roy Benson	John Argent, Parrish, Ala.	L. R. Frederick, E. M. Pratt, W. H. May, B. H. Owen	7	3	2	3		132	4	50	900.00	175.00	3.00	2.00	
Poplar Log	G. O. Parker	B. H. Owen, Hamilton, Ala. Rt. 3	R. Burleson, L. M. Townley, J. R. Pope					1	12			144.27	30.00	2.50	3.50	
Pleasant Hill	O. S. Gardner	T. H. Garner, Hamilton, Ala. Rt. 3	T. M. and H. L. Keeton, O. H. Mink	1				1	135	2-4	64	148.98	20.00	1.50	1.50	
Red Bay	M. L. Hollis	Oliver H. Mink, Red Bay, Ala.	L. Abston, W. Freeman, J. Mashburn, H. Pankston, G. Nix, D. Adams, J. Graves	1		1			252	3	65					
Shady Grove	J. O. Jones	Mattie Welborn, Philcampbell, Ala.	R. S. Henson, Bert Nuckels	1				1	41	4	40	142.50	13.00	2.00	2.00	
									108	3	75		75.00	5.50	.35	
Spring Hill	W. D. Glasgow	Minnie Bevis, Nauvoo, Ala. Rt. 3	T. L. Langston, W. C. Lacy, B. Pope	8	5	1		1	339	2				1.50	.50	
Union Chapel	N. A. Patterson	J. V. Beauchamp, Winfield, Ala.														
Union Hill	O. S. Gardner	D. C. Kennedy, Hackleburg, Rt. 2														
Union Ridge		By Contribution														

1. On Forthcoming of a Leter from the Progressive Association.

State dues	\$ 15.00
H. A. Pitt	15.00
Brandon Estes	15.00
Vester Burket	2.50
W. H. May	283.25
W. H. Ryland for Orphanage	70.34
K. V. Shutes, for College	71.21
TOTAL	\$472.30
Left in my hand Oct., 7, 1946,	\$114.38

Respectfully submitted,
Brandon Estes, Secy-Treas.

By a move the Moderator appointed all corresponding delegates.

1. State Association—A. P. Leonard, Jessie Stricklin.
2. State Line—Grady Hudson, J. A. Godsey.
- Vernon—A. L. Warren, Dewey Burleson, Joe Nelson..

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. By a unanimous vote the next session of this Association will convene with Mt. Pleasant church on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1947.

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 a motion Rev. H. A. Pitts and Rev. Grady Hudson were made evangelists for the next year.

7. By a motion Rev. A. L. Warren was made the Home Mission Field Worker.

8. By a motion the Clerk was authorized to pay W. H. May \$24.75 out of the surplus of the associational fund, balance due on the tent.

9. 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.

Brandon Estes, Clerk, Guin, Alabama.
Rev. H. A. Pitts Moderator, Brilliant, Ala.

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 Free Will Baptist Church at..... agree:

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

of peace.

2. We will not speak evil of 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 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 of 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 decide 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

Alexander, Will.
Atkins, B. M. Rt. 3, Winfield, Ala.
Bell, Quinton.
Benson, J. R., Nauvoo, Ala.
Benson, J. W., Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1.
Benson, Roy, Brilliant, Alabama.
Brasseal, J. L., Winfield, Ala., Route 3.
Brooks, R. S., Hackleburg, Alabama.
Burkett, Vester, Townley, 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.
 Hullett, W. R., Brilliant, Alabama.
 Hudson, Grady, Rt. 4, Hamilton, Alabama.
 Jones, J. O., Phil Campbell, Alabama.
 Lowrey, LeeRoy, Bankston, Alabama.
 Keeton, P. T., Belmont, Mississippi, Rt. 3.
 Key, H. L., Arley, Alabama.
 Monterief, R. M., Empire, Alabama.
 Martin, W. D., Rt. 2, Guin, Alabama.
 Nix, I. D., Rt. 1, Nauvoo, Alabama.
 Parker, G. O., Rt. 3, Fulton, Mississippi.
 Page, E. L., Pocahontas, Alabama.
 Potts, H. A., Brilliant, Alabama.
 Potts, J. H., Pell City, Ala.
 Reno, Houston.
 Smith, John, Bankston, Alabama.
 Springfield, E. B., Townley, Alabama.
 Warren, A. L., Brilliant, Alabama.
 Yielding, Nathan, Hackleburg, Alabama.
 Chism, B. C., Tremont, Miss., Rt. 1.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

Broaderick, J. F.	Ingram, W. H.
Benson, W. B.	Jeffreys, J.
Black, T. F.	Key, A. L.
Boughn, G. P.	Johnson, J. A.
Bagbee, R. W.	Lawler, A. R.
Bradshaw, J. H.	Miller Carl.
Cochran, J. E.	Martin, M. R.
Collier, J.	McCombs, W. C.
Camp, T. M.	McHaffey, E. M.
Cook, J.	McVey, J. P.
Crumbia, P. W. A.	Nix, R. A.
Dickson, F. M.	Nicols, L. L.
Dubois, Porter.	Newman, W. R.
Elliott, G. C.	Nelson, W. A.
Fowler, H. B.	Owen, T. A.
Flippo, R. C.	Parks, E. G.
Grace, J. A.	Perkins, S. M.
Griffin, T. T.	Phillips, C.
Hulsey, J. R.	Reese, F. C.
Haney, G. B.	Ramsey, S. B.
Holliday, J. R.	Springfield, T. J.

Swindle, T. P.
 Vickery, P. V.
 Venson, W. G.
 White, J. B.
 Walker, T. L.
 Williams, J. R.

Wesley, J. J.
 Tingle, W. S.
 Tomlin, R. H.
 Turner, G. W.
 Thomas, C. C.
 Ursy, James.

These men are gone to be with God. Listed by W. D. Martin.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Art. 1. We believe there is one and but only 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 infalible 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 emersion 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 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 outerdarkness. 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 the 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 a 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 a 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 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 LETTER

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