

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

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Held With Pocahontas Church
October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1949

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OFFICERS

REV. J. W. BENSON Moderator

REV. H. A. PITTS Assistant Moderator

BRANDON ESTES, Clerk

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The next session of this Association will convene with
Brilliant-Boston Church, Brilliant, Alabama, on Saturday
before the first Sunday in October, 1950. The committee
on Order of Business to plan the program.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Wayne Martin

PROCEEDINGS

Of the 63rd Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association, held with Pocahontas Church, October 1, 2, and 3, 1949.

SATURDAY SESSION

Devotional by Eld. H. L. Key.

Singing by the Choir, "I'll Live On."

Prayer by Eld. A. L. Warren.

We enjoyed several good testimonies from the congregation.

Bro. Howard Thomas and Bro. Wade M. Fowler were appointed Reading Clerks.

Call for letters from the different churches and contents noted.

CHURCHES AND LETTERS

BETHLEHEM—Bro. J. H. Estes, Clovis Tidwell, Henry Cagle.

BEAR CREEK—Henry Grissom, Tom Gunnin, Roland Williams.

BRILLIANT-BOSTON—C. W. Franklin, Jim Wideman, Sis. Jim Wideman.

BROOKSIDE—Melba Griffin, Louise Trimm, E. P. Chetwood.

FREE WATERS—Richmond Pollard.

GOOD SPRINGS—Richard Hemphres, Delton Hemphres, Ray Humphres.

GUM SPRINGS—Bro. George Harbin, Bro. Will Weeks, Sis. Eunice Hallmark.

HOLLY SPRINGS—By Letter.

HOPEWELL—L. V. Borden, Etta Galloway, Edith Bell.

LONE STAR—Eloise Garden, Bill Pitts, Charles Garden.

LIBERTY—Early Dickinson, Ruben Warren, and wife.

MT. JOY—Inez Pounders, Rosa Etta Pounders, Martha Jones.

MT. OLIVE—W. S. Flippo, Robert Silas, Fletscher Williams.

MT. PLEASANT—John McDaniel, G. C. Lawrence, Sam Flippo.

NEW LIBERTY—Evelyn Lowrey, Joyce Atkins, Victor Smith.

NEW MT. JOY—Not represented.

OAKMAN—Minnie Martin, Rena Waldron, Vaudine Aldridge.

NEW OAK GROVE—Bealford Noles, Sen Benson, Lannie McDonald.

PLEASANT HILL—Booker Tice, M. D. Sullins Toy Gainer.

PINEY RIDGE—Sister Maudelia Forby, Sis. Elsie Harris, Bro. Samuel Key.

POCAHONTAS—Sis. Florene Hughes, Bro. Ollie Pike, Bro. Albert Pike.

POPLAR LOG—Edward Britnell, Douglas San, D. G. Markham.

RED BAY—By Letter.

SPRING HILL—Alomae Ingle, Minnie Bevins, Lillie Farris.

SHADY GROVE—Harvey Welborn, Fred Rice, Webster McMicken.

UNION CHAPEL—Not Represented.

UNION HILL—Louis Lacy, Orbin Langston, Red Frederick.

UNION RIDGE—Not Represented.

WINFIELD—Bennett Black, Sis. Etma Crowe, Anna Lou Shelnut.

Eld. I. D. Nix brought a wonderful message, subject: "In God there is liberty."

We dismissed one hour for refreshments.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After singing by choir and prayer by Rev. J. O. Jones, the body was ready for business.

1. Moderator's message, Eld. J. W. Benson.

2. Continued the reading of the letters from the different churches.

3. Called for Petitionary Letters, received two, Mt. Joy and Oakman.

4. Letters from Morning Star recommending Rev. Ben Atkins and Rev. Kelly Bridgeman. Committee to examine the credentials, W. D. Martin, J. O. Jones and J. A. Frederick.

5. By a move we received Bro. Sam Howell as an ordained minister.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Order of Business

I. D. Nix, J. S. Frederick, A. G. Lacy.

Deceased Members

Elsie Harris, Hattie Hunter, Sister J. O. Jones.

Resolutions

Colie Gann, Jim Hunter, Curt Griffin.

Ordaing Committee.

H. A. Pitts, N. A. Patterson, I. D. Nix.

Finance

Richmond Pollard, Elbert Nelson, Ollie Pike.

Report of Temperance by Rev. G. W. Flippo.

Call for Corresponding Delegates.

VERNON—Rev. A. L. Warren, Bro. Quick.

Morning Star

Progressive.

Bro. Mapes, Bro. Grady Hudson.

Report of Credential Committee:

We recommend that Bro. Ben Adkins be accepted into full fellowship.

By a move we accepted Bro. J. K. Bridgeman into full fellowship.

Report on Christian Education by Rev. B. W. Hughes. This report was enjoyed by all.

Collection for College \$52.00.

Report of Ordaining Committee.

We, your committee have carefully examined the following named Brthren: Wilburn Beasley, W. B. Hughes, Louie Bates, Pearl Barnes and L. O. Newell, who have answered satisfactorily the questions placed before them. We feel that their salvation, Divine Call and knowledge of the Holy Scriptures merits their ordination. We therefore, recommend them to this body as worthy subjects of ordination.

H. A. Pitts, I. D. Nix, N. A. Patterson, Committee.

The report received. The above ministers ordained and Committee discharged.

Consignment of Delegates to places to stay for the session.

By a motion, we adjourned until Monday morning at 8:30.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Bro. Ryland made a talk and took an offering for the Children's Home at Eldridge, \$75.00

Bro. Cobb brought a fine message, Text: "Let Brotherly Love continue."

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

9:00 Message by Elder Wilburn Beasley, Text—
Intermission.

10:00 Lecture on Sunday School Lesson, Bro. Howard Thomas.

11:00 Message by the Moderator, Eld. J. W. Benson. "Let not sin reign in your mortal bodies."

Refreshments.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, LADIE'S AUXILIARY HOUR

The Women's Auxiliary of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association met at Pocahontas church, Oct., 2, 1949. Presiding was the president, Mrs. Harold Pitts.

After a song by the choir, we had prayer by Mrs. Howard Thomas. Then we had a special song by Jewel and Charlene Stricklin. Our devotional was conducted by Mrs. Earl Smith, from James 1st chapter 21-25 verses, and prayer by Mrs. J. O. Jones. The welcome address was given by Mrs. Prescott and the response by Mrs. J. O. Jones.

The Brilliant Quartet then gave us two special numbers.

The Auxiliary went into its business and letters from the following churches were read by Mrs. Hubbard Estes: Mt. Olive, Free Waters, Winfield, Brilliant-Boston and New Oak Grove.

The following committees were appointed on Saturday, Oct. 1:

RESOLUTIONS—Mrs. Namoni Early, Mrs. Grady May and Mrs. James Pugh, reported.

1. We recommend this convention to continue the project of furnishing the needed furniture for the lobby of our Children's Home, the money being raised as recommended by last year's committee report.

2. We urge that each auxiliary study at least one course in mission stewardship, also one in our Manual.

3. We recommend that this convention elect a young lady to represent our State, also that her expenses be paid by this convention.

4. We recommend that each auxiliary set a goal and work toward it for the next year.

5. That each auxiliary send \$5.00 to the State Treasurer to be spent for expansion of foreign Missions.

Registration Committee of Mrs. Wilburn Beasley, Mrs. Jim Wideman, and Mrs. Eunice Martin reported.

Ministers 8, Delegates 37, visitors 150.

Appreciation committee of Mrs. Myrtle Noles, Mrs. Elbert Franks, Mrs. N. A. Patterson reports:

We wish to thank the Pocahontas church and neighboring churches for their wonderful hospitality and planning, which has made this meeting of the State Association such a wonderful success. Especially to the ladies for their untiring work and effort, we recommend the body give a standing vote of thanks to the church.

Finance Committee of Mrs. Richmond Pollard, Mrs. Dewett Crowe, Mrs. Hubbard Estes reported.

\$9.75 in treasury; Dues \$17.40; Total \$27.15.

Bro. Harold Pitts brought the message. Bible reading was taken from the 25th chapter of Samuel. "A great Woman set forth in God's work."

Visitors were asked to sit with us and Mrs. Charles Moyers from Carbon Hill was seated.

Officers were nominated from the floor and the following were elected: President, Mrs. Harold Pitts; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Hubbard Estes. The following were appointed:

1st. Vice-President, Mrs. James Pugh; 2nd Vice-President, Namoni Early; 3rd Vice-President, Miss Dorothy Williams; 4th Vice-President, Mrs. Anne Mae Wideman; 5th Vice-President, Mrs. Earl Smith.

Program Committee: Mrs. Wilburn Beasley, Mrs. Richmond Pollard.

The ladies gave an inspiring program on "Personal Workers:"

Topic 1, "Its great importance," by Miss Dorothy Williams.

Topic 2, "Qualifications needed," by Mrs. Dewett Crowe.

Topic 3, "Where to find them," by Mrs. Richmond Pollard.

Delegates to State Association appointed were Mrs. Earl Smith, Mrs. Wilburn Beasley and Mrs. Richmond Pollard.

To National Association, Mrs. Eunice Martin.

Miss Dorothy Williams was appointed to enter State contest. We voted to pay \$10.00 minute funds.

Moved to adjourn.

MRS. HUBBARD ESTES, Secy.-Treas.

Message by Bro. Patterson, Text 11 chapter, 40th verse of St. John.

Collection for Bro. Patterson \$29.18. We dismissed one hour for refreshments.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Devotional by Chess Odion; message by Eld. Charles Moyers, "I have given you an example."

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

1. Talk, J. W. Benson, Moderator.
2. Song by choir.
- Prayer by B. T. Alexander.
4. Petitionary Letter from Oakman church read and returned on the forthcoming of a letter.
5. By a motion the delegates from Oakman were seated.
6. By a vote of the body, the next session of the Association will be held with Brilliant-Boston church.
7. Collection for Foreign Mission' \$43.40.

On Resolutions

We your committee submit the following report. Accepted.

1. We express our deep appreciation to the Pocahontas Church and community for their generosity and kindness while in their midst. We also express our thanks to all ministers for every message brought and pray God's blessings on each one.
 2. Be it resolved that Ministers of the Association shall not be eligible to the office of Moderator for more than one (1) year in succession.
 3. Be it resolved that no minister of another Association be received into this Association without a letter of recommendation, of which he is a member.
 4. Be it resolved that the officers of this Association be elected at the close of each session for the following year.
- Respectfully submitted, Colie Gann, James Hunter, Curtis Griffin.
Report received and committee discharged.

On Ministerial Character.

We find our ministers in good standing as far as we know, except the following who have been absent for more than 3 years:

Elders Quinton Bell, J. Jasper Donells, E. L. Page, E. B. Springfield.

We recommend these names be dropped from our minutes. We also ask that this body drop Bro. Bridgeman's letter for one year as he said he would withdraw for this period for further investigation.

We wish to state that Bro. I. D. Nix's case with Hopewell church has been settled. All rumors were found false. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. May, Amos Martin, W. C. Lacy, J. A. Underwood, committee
Report received and committee retained.
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Deceased Members.

We the committee on Deceased members find that the following Brothers and Sisters have passed away since our last Association:

1. Hopewell—Sister Susan Hopson, Age 63.
2. Pleasant Hill—Bro. O. M. Stidham, age 46.
3. Winfield—Sister May Watson, age 31.
4. Shady Grove—Sister Mary Mitchell and Bro. John Roper.
5. Pocahontas—Bro. A. R. Shedd, age 82.
- Union Hill—Bro. Corbett Tyra, age 51, Bro. W. H. Purser, Bro. Chester Kelley and Bro. Maudie Gardner.
7. New Liberty—Sister Lena Lowrey, age 60 and Bro. Fester Fomba, age 78.
8. Mt. Pleasant—Sister Dora Elliott, age 45, and Bro. W. W. Westbrook, age 63.
- Liberty—Sister Rosa Smith, age 48.
10. Holly Springs—Bro. Olen Baty.
11. Gum Springs—Sister Sally Harper, age 84 and Bro. John Wiley, age 36.
12. Free Waters—Sister Mary Pollard, age 92.
13. Brookside—Bro. James C. Tingle, age 61.
- Brilliant-Boston—Bro. Rudolph Dickinson.

Respectfully submitted,
Elsie Harris
Hattie Hunter,
J. O. Jones, Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing and prayer, the following business was transacted:

1. Report of committees.

1. We recommend that the Association on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1950.

We recommend that the Moderator appoint two evangelists for the ensuing year.

4. We recommend that we organize our quarterly meeting today by electing a Moderator, Clerk and Program Committee and that each church send 3 delegates with their report from the church to these meetings.

5. We recommend that the churches send monthly donations to the Free Will Baptist College and to our Children's Home at Eldridge.

6. We recommend that the Association adopt the plan of giving each minister a certificate of standing yearly, and that in order a minister to receive this certificate he must be recommended by the church to which he holds membership.

7. We recommend that all officers of the Association be elected at the end of each session.

8. We recommend that all ministers, deacons and members of every church in our Association handling in any form directly or indirectly, slanderous information about any one, or causing such to be circulated, be dealt with by the Association. Respectfully submitted

Bro. I. D. Nix,

J. H. Reno,

A. G. Lacy, with Moderator and Clerk.

Report received and committee retained.

Secretary-Treasurer Report

Minute fund	\$ 99.45
Associational fund	84.10
On hand October 3, 1949	183.55
paid out October 3, 1949.	
Brandon Estes	\$ 20.00
J. W. Benson	15.00
H. A. Pitts	5.00
State dues	20.00
Total paid out	\$60.00
Left in my hand October 3, 1949	\$123.55

BRANDON ESTES, Secy-Treas.

The quarterly meeting was organized by selecting the time of the first meeting Saturday before and the 5th Sunday in October 1950, the place Gum Springs church, and the electing the following officers: H. L. Key, Moderator, Anna Lou Shelnut, Clerk; Louie Bates, N. A. Patterson, and Wilburn Beasley, Program committee.

The Moderator appointed I. D. Nix and Louie Bates, Evangelists for the year.

By a move the Clerk was ordered to have printed cards for ministers in good standing with the Association.

Corresponding Delegates:

State Association—Bro. Richmond Pollard, Clanton Manasco, Ollie Pike

State Line—Bro. B. B. Pounders.

Vernon—Bro. Vester Burkett, H. L. Key, Ben Atkins.

Bear Creek—Bro. H. L. Key, John Nelson.

By a move Parrish church was granted a letter of dismission.

By unanimous vote, the next session of this association will convene

with Brilliant-Boston church on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1950
By motion the articles of faith and rules of decorum were ordered printed in our minutes.

By a move we paid \$20.00 dues to our state and national association.

By a move we went into the election of officers for the coming year.

We elected N. A. Patterson Moderator, Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.

Brandon Estes, Clerk, Box 106, Rt. 2, Guin, Ala.

By move the Association adjourned to meet at the above place, after there was singing by the choir and the parting hand was taken amid tears and joy.

ELD. J. W. BENSON, Moderator, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1.

BRANDON ESTES, Clerk, Guin, Ala., Rt. 2, Box 106.

CHURCHES AND DEACONS

BEEHLEHEM—J. H. Estes, C. A. Tidwell, Woodrow Franks.

BEAR CREEK—S. M. Lindsey, Bro. Hill, J. W. Wooten, Burton Frederick.

BRILLIANT-BOSTON—J. A. Underwood, Dee Self, Howard Thomas, James

Pugh, Dewey Burleson, Vester Hawkins, Luther Franks.

BROOKSIDE—Curtis Griffin, Henry Mason, Hubert C. Gann.

FREE WATERS—W. M. Wilson, H. Estes, G. E. Pollard.

GOOD SPRINGS—T. D. Humphers, Mortie Warren, L. L. Humphers.

GUM SPRINGS—J. H. Moore, George Benson Wyman Holcomb.

HOLLY SPRINGS—P. E. Lay, Henry Burgett.

HOPEWELL—Roy Hopper, Samuel Bell, A. B. Bell.

LONE STAR—B. B. Pounders, Burble Keeton.

LIBERTY—G. M. Smith, Walter Wishom.

MT. OLIVE—H. S. Atkinson, A. G. May, R. L. Johnson, M J Dupree

MT. PLEASANT—H. McDonald, W. Westbrook, B. Myers, F. A. Aldridge,

Olas Erwin, W. M. Burleson, Claud Kimbrell.

MT. JOY—G. H. Pounders, W. N. Newell.

OAKMAN—

NEW LIBERTY—W. Smith, Marion Larimore, Olen Fowler, C. Fowler.

NEW OAK GROVE—Johnnie Knight, Willie Martin, Amos Martin.

NEW MT. JOY—Clyde Norris.

POCAHONTAS—Colie Gann, Frank H. nes, Jim Hunter, Floyd Nelson, Albert Nelson.

PINEY RIDGE—Floyd C. Key, S. M. Key, D. A. Farley.

POPLAR LOG—W. H. May, J. R. Frederick, E. M. Pratt, B. H. Owen

PLEASANT HILL—Roscoe Burleson, Jim Pope, L. N. Townley.

RED BAY—T. M. Keeton, H. L. Keeton, O. H. Mink, J. R. Yielding, Carl

Tharp

SHADY GROVE—W F. Freeman, L. A. Abston, G. EE. Nix, J. T. Mashburn,

H. M. Bankston, J. J. Graves, Dock Adams.

SPRING HILL—Ray Bevis.

UNION CHAPEL—V. J. Beauchamp, Elbert Hendrix, Harley Goodwin.

UNION HILL—J. T. Langston, W. C. Lacy, Ben Pope, D. C. Kennedy, Ester

Gunnin, Leborn Jackson.

UNION RIDGE—Leborn Jackson, D. C. Kennedy.

WINFIELD—G. Hollingmore, Elbert Franks, D. Crowe.

NAMEES OF MINISTERS

Alexander, Eld. Will, Winfield, Ala.

Aldredge, Eld. W. A., Brilliant, Ala.

Adkins, Eld. B. M., Townley, Ala.

Beasley, Eld. Wilburn, Winfield, Ala.

Hughes, Eld. W. B., Nashville, Tenn. Free Will Baptist College.

Barnes, Pearl, Alden, Ala.

Bates, Louie, Alden, Ala.

Benson, Eld. J. R., Nauvoo, Ala.

Benson, Eld. J. W. Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1.

Benson, Eld. Roy, Brilliant, Ala.

Brooks, Eld. R. S., Hackleburg, Ala.

Burkett, Eld. Vester, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 1.

Chism, Eld. B. C., Tremont, M.ss., Rt. 1.

Conner, Eld. J. L., 431 1/2 North Florence, Monterey Park, Calif.

Cobb, Eld. Harvey, Fayette, Ala., Rt. 5.

Flippo, Eld. G. W., Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.

Frederick, Eld. Amon, Hackleburg, Ala.

Frederick, Eld. ———, Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 2.

Franks, Eld. C. R., Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.

Flippo, Eld. J. A., Haleyville, Ala.

Godsey, Eld. J. A., Hamilton, Ala.

Goodwin, Eld. L. W., Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 3.

Gardner, Eld. O. S., Hackleburg, Ala.

Hullett, Eld. W. R., Brilliant, Ala.

Howell, Eld. Sam, Hamilton, Ala.

Jones, Eld. J. O., Philcampbell, Ala.

Lowrey, Eld. Lee Roy, Bankston, Ala.

Keeton, Eld. P. T., Belmont, Miss, Rt. 2.

Key, Eld. H. L., Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.

Monterief, Eld. R. M., Empire, Ala.

Lacy, Eld. A. G., Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 2.

Martin, Eld. W. D., Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.

Newell, Eld. L. O., Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 3.

Nix, Eld. I. D., Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1.

Odam, Eld. Chess, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.

Parker, Eld. G. O., Red Bay, Ala.

Pitts, Eld. H. A., Brilliant, Ala.

Patterson, Eld. N. A., Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.

Reno, Eld. Houston, Hackleburg, Ala.

Yelding, Eld. Nathan, Hackleburg, Ala.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Broaderick, J. F.

Benson, W. B.

Black, T. F.

Boughn, G. P.

Bagbee, R. W.

Bradshaw, J.

Cochran, J. E.

Collier, J.

Camp T. M.

Cook, J.

Crumbia, P. W. A.

Dickson, F. M.

Cochran, J. E.

Dubois, Porter

Elliott, G. C.

Fowler, H. B.

Flippo, R. C.

Grace, J. A.

Gilbert, John

Griffin, T. T.

Hulsey, J. R.

Haney, G. B.

Holliday, J. R.

Ingram, W. H.

Jeffreys, J.

Key, A. L.

Johnson, J. A.

Lawler, A. R.

Miller, Carl

Martin, M. R.

McCombs, W. C.

McHaffey, E. M.

McVey, J. P.

Nix, R. A.

Nichols, L. L.

Nelson, W. A.

Newman, W. R.

Owen, T. A.

Parks, E. G.

Perkins, S. M.

Phillips, C.

Reese, F. C.

Ramsey, S. B.

Springfield, T. J.

Smith, John

Wesley, J. J.

Tingle, W. S.

Tomlin, R. H.

Turner, G. W.

Thomas, C. C.

Uresy, James

Swindle, T. P.

Vickery, P. V.

Vinson, W. G.

White, J. B.

Walker, T. L.

Williams, J. R.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

agree:

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

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 bond of peace.

2. We will not speak evil of one or 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 to all men, especially to those who are of the household of Faith. But we should remember that our relations 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 providently hindered, or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And 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: "For-sake 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 by teaching our children the great necessity of the Christian Religion as the are heads of families will strive to decide our household to the service of God 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."

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Art. 1. We believe there is but one and 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 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 comprehend all spiritual blessings; that the Gospel is the power unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but it 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. Jno. 3:16.

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 man has ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. Michael 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 impossible 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 recommendable 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 in 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

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.

8. 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 adorn them but all ordinations must be done at the Annual Association.

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

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 of 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; when 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 someone to the chair while he is speaking.
7. Only one person shall speak at a 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.

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CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES

Bethlehem—Rufus Evans, Brilliant, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Bear Creek—Burton Frederick, Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Brilliant-Boston—Vester Hawkins, Brilliant, Ala.
 Brookside—Nell Gann, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Free Waters—Brandon Estes, Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Good Springs—Leham Humphries, Vina, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Gum Spring—Ira McWhorter, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 3.
 Holly Springs—Lucille Lay, Atwood, Ala.
 Hopewell—Edith Bell, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 3.
 Lone Star—H. B. Chism, Tremont, Mss.
 Liberty—Hill Bozeman, Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Mt. Olive—William E. Atkinson, (Gen. Delivery) Carbon Hill, Ala.
 Mt. Pleasant—Herman Huguley, Brilliant, Ala., Rt. 1.
 New Liberty—Pearl Fowler, Bankston, Ala., Rt. 1.
 New Oak Grove—J. M. Robins, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1.
 New Mt. Joy—Mrs. Susie Norris, Brilliant, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Oakman—Shelma Beck, Oakman, Ala.
 Piney Ridge—D. A. Farley, Arley, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Pocahontas—Louise Prescott, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Pleasant Hill—Booker Tice, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Poplar Log—J. E. Harris, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 3.
 Red Bay—Oliver H. Mink, Red Bay, Ala.
 Shady Grove—Mrs. Mattie Melborn, Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Spring Hill—Dorothy Bevis, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 3.
 Union Chapel—J. V. Beauchamp, Winfield, Ala.
 Union Hill—D. C. Kennedy, Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Union Ridge—L. B. Thary, Red Bay, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Winfield—Sis. Elbert Franks, Winfield, Ala.
 Mt. Joy—Martha Jones, Philcampbell, Ala.

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 sister 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, We _____
 Moderator. Bro. _____, Clerk.

FORM OF LETTER OF DISMISSION

STATE OF ALBAAMA.

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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors	Rec'd by Experience	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	No. of Members	Days of Meeting	Pupils in S. S.	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Minute Fund	Associational Fund
Eethlehem	Sam Howell	7	5	3			113	3	55	\$ 164.82	\$ 35.06	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.50
Dear Creek	J. O. Jones	13	4		1		80	2	63	78.00		2.00	2.50
Brilliant Boston	H. A. Pitts	16	7	1		1	250	2-4	75	1,300.00	215.00	5.00	10.00
Brookside	H. L. Key		3	5		1	22	1	35	231.75	61.75	2.75	5.00
Free Waters	Wilburn Beasley		3	1		1	174	1-3	60		75.00	5.00	4.00
Good Springs	A. G. Lacy						34	2	44	110.45	17.00	2.00	3.00
Gum Springs	N. A. Patterson	6	2	5		2	105	2-3	42	725.09	84.42	2.00	4.00
Holly Springs	M. L. Hollis	1				1	75	4			112.73		
Hopewell	Vester Burkett	4	1			1	56	1	60		26.83	1.50	2.25
Lone Star	L. K. Boyett	4	1	5	5		143	2	60	101.50	32.00	3.00	3.35
Liberty	V. L. Woodham	2				1	80	1	40	81.67	15.00	2.60	2.00
Mt. Joy	J. O. Jones						11	1	52	9.00	6.30	3.20	3.10
Mt. Olive	N. A. Patterson	6		1			296	1-3	75	340.40	100.00	4.50	120.00
Mt. Pleasant	Vergal Collour	10		1		2	168	2-4	98	329.25	37.00	6.00	4.60
New Liberty	Vester Burkett	1	2		2	2	188	2-3	80	252.70	75.00	8.00	2.00
New Mt. Joy	Not Rep.												
New Oak Grove	N. A. Patterson	2		1			185	2-3	100	333.45	216.34	4.50	5.60
Oakman												4.00	
Pocahontas	H. L. Key	6	1	4		1	103	2	50	295.11	54.00	5.00	3.00
Piney Ridge	L. Q. Larwood	6	2	2	1		81	1-3	84	359.50	82.00	3.00	3.00
Polar Log	Wilburn Beasley	1	2	2			127	4	55	161.25		4.00	2.40
Pleasant Hill	O. S. Gardner	1				1	52	4	40	39.48	25.66		
Red Bay	M. L. Hollice	1		2			141	2-4	50	900.00	225.00	3.00	2.00
Shady Grove	L. D. Nix	14	1		3	2	236	3	60	200.00	70.00	3.70	5.40
Spring Hill	W. D. Glasgow	5	3				46	4	35	129.60	28.54	3.00	2.00
Union Chapel	Not Rep.												
Union Hill	L. D. Nix	2				4	289	2	80	180.00	102.83	4.60	3.00
Union Ridge	Not Rep.												
Winfield	H. A. Pitts	17	12	1	3	1	85	1-2-3-4	75	294.96	234.00	5.00	5.00
TOTAL		125	40	34	15	21	3,542		1,568	\$5,206.98	\$1,944.90	\$ 89.45	\$ 84.10