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

—O—
Held With Brilliant-Boston Church
Sept. 30 and Oct. 1st and 2nd, 1950

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OFFICERS

REV. N. A. PATTERSON Moderator
REV. H. A. PITTS Assistana Moderator
BRANDON ESTES, Clerk

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The next session of this Association will convene with
New Oak Grove Church, Nauvoo, Alabama, on Friday
before the first Sunday in October, 1951.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

the daughters of

Rev. G. W. Million

in his memory

PROCEEDINGS

Of the 64th session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association, held with Brilliant-Boston Church, September 30 and October 1st and 2nd, 1950.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Devotional, Saturday, September 30.

The Association opened with singing by the choir. The devotional was read by H. A. Pitts.

Saturday, September 30, 11:00 A. M.

Singing by choir and prayer by Rev. W. B. Hughes.

Message by Rev. Vergil Collier. 13th chapter of Matthew: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed." We then held a greeting of hand shaking. We were dismissed one hour for refreshments.

Saturday Night

Children's Home program, conducted by Rev. W. H. Ryland, collection for home \$125.66.

Message by Rev. J. H. Reno.

SUNDAY MORNING

Singing, led by W. L. Franks.

Sunday School lecture, A. J. Lambert.

Message, A. J. Lambert. Text: Prov. 29:18.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Ladie's Auxiliary Program.

Women's Auxiliary Program:

The Women's Auxiliary of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association met at Brilliant-Boston Church, October 1, 1950. Presiding was the President, Mrs. H. A. Pitts.

Song: "Oh, I Want to See Him" and "Glory to His Name" were sung by the choir.

A scripture reading from Psalms 145, was given by Mrs. H. A. Pitts, then a prayer by Eld. A. J. Lambert.

A special song, "I'm Glad, So Glad" was sung by the Mt. Olive duet.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Ollie Webb, followed with a special song by Adell and Lorene Pollard.

All the Auxiliary members were asked to stand for recognition.

A very inspiring program was given, following the theme "Glorifying the King."

Topic 1: "Glorifying the King Through Enlistment"—Mrs. James Pugh, First Vice President.

Topic 2: "Glorifying the King Through Youth"—by Mrs. Bob Early, 2nd Vice President.

Topic 3. "Glorifying the King Through Study"—by Miss Dorothy Williams, 3rd Vice President.

Topic 4: "Glorifying the King Through Our Literature"—by Mrs. Jim Wideman, 4th Vice President.

Topic 5: "Glorifying the King Through Our Offering,"—by Mrs. Earl Smith, 5th Vice President.

The following committees were appointed on Saturday, September 30 and reported on Sunday, October 1, 1950:

Registration committee of Miss Catherine Smith and Miss Darlene Tacker reported: 16 delegates, 5 ministers, 109 visitors.

Resolutions committee: Mrs. William Beasley, Mrs. A. J. Lambert and Mrs. N. A. Patterson reported:

1. We, the resolutions committee recommend this convention to continue the project of furnishing the needed furniture for the lobby of the Children's Home, the money being raised as recommended by the last year's committee's 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 also that her expenses be paid by this convention.

4. We recommend that the secretary have blanks printed and send to each auxiliary for the president to fill out.

5. We recommend that each auxiliary pay at least \$1.00 to the children's home once a month.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Calvin Warren, Mrs. Clark Flippo and Mrs. Elbert Franks, submits the following as officers for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Bob Early; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Annie Lou Shelnut; First Vice President, Mrs. Wilburn Beasley; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. N. A. Patterson; 3rd Vice President, Mrs. A. J. Lambert; 4th Vice President Mrs. George Wilson; 5th Vice President, Mrs. Jack Linley.

Program Committee: Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. Jim Wideman and Mrs. Redford Noles.

Finance Committee: Mrs. A. P. Leonard, and Miss Annie Lou Shelnut reports:

Left over from last year	\$ 5.55
Collected for dues at the convention	16.50
To be sent as state and national dues	11.00
Spent for minute funds	5.00
Left in the treasury	6.05

Appreciation Committee: Mrs. Lonnie McDaniel, and Mrs. Thomas Crowe reports:

We, the appreciation committee, extend our heart felt thanks to the Women's Auxiliary, its fine pastor and the community for their fine hospitality and fellowship.

Representatives for the Statt Convention were appointed as follows: Mrs. A. J. Lambert and Mrs. A. P. Leonard.

The program climaxed with a wonderful message by Miss Ruby Miller, using the theme of the program for her text.

Mr. H. A. Pitts, President, turned the service over to Eld. N. A. Patterson, Moderator.

Special songs, "Go and Sin No More," and "I've Got a Mansion" were sung by the Miller trio.

Eld. H. A. Pitts, Assistant Moderator, expressed his appreciation to the Women's program and asked an interest in the prayers of all christians that his body might be healed. The benediction was a unified prayer in behalf of Bro. Pitt's physical body's needs.

Annie Lou Shtlnutt, Secretary.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Devotional, Rev. I. D. Nix.

Message: on church ordinances, by Rev. N. A. Patterson.

Many people then enjoyed the humble services of the Lord's Supper, and the services of Feet Washing.

MONDAY MORNING 11:00 A. M.

Message by O. S. Gardner, Text: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We dismissed one hour for refreshments.

Business Sessions Saturday, Sept. 30

The Moderator appointed Wade M. Fowler and Bro. Bedford Noles reading clerks.

Letters from the Churches read and contents noted.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BETHLEHEM—Sis. Vertie Warren, Adell Lindsey.

BEAR CREEK—Bro. Roland Williams, Lon Gunnin and Coburn Gann.

BRILLIANT-BOSTON—Clyde Warren, W. L. Franks, J. B. Hawkins.

BROOKSIDE—E. L. Parvin, E. P. Cheetwood, Melba Griffin.

FREE WATERS—Kelley Pollard, Albert Maddox, Clyde Watts.

GOOD SPRINGS—Vester Humphreys, Delton Hawkins, Jerome Spencer.

GUM SPRINGS—George Harbin, Mark Sexton, Sis. Susie Whirter.

HOLLY SPRINGS—Lucille Foy, Luna Baty, Bash Tirewater.

HOPEWELL—Alta Mae Prestridge, Sis. Etta Calloway, Sis. L. V. Borden.

LIBERTY—Rubin Warren.

LONE STAR—Claud Russell, Brice Pitts, Ray Parker.

MT. JOY—Wayman Oliver, Floyd McDonald, Rosa Pounders.

MT. OLIVE—Ardell Markham, Egar Atkinson, Clark Flippo.

MT. PLEASANT—John McDonald, Milbert Westbrooks, John Broyie.

NEW LIBERTY—Ellis Burkett, Harshes Burkett, Rayford Fowler.

NEW MT. JOY—

NEW OAK GROVE—Clanton Manasco, Byman Alexander, Bedford Noels.

OAKMAN—

POCAHONTAS—Ollie Pike, Curt Hunter, Sis. Della Roberts.

PINEY RIDGE—

POPLAR LOG—D. G. Markham, Sam Lacy, Athel Harris.

PLEASANT HILL—M. D. Sullins, Charley Hamby, Nease Linley.
 RED BAY—M. S. Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Keeton.
 SHADY GROVE—E. R. McDuffee, Fred Rice, T. M. Nix.
 SPRING HILL—Sis. Bernice Burns, Lucy Griffith, Minnis Bevis.
 UNION CHAPEL—Lonzo Goodwin, Dora Beauchamp, Jessie Eads.
 UNION HILL—Jimmie Clement, John Cochran, Louise Lacy.
 UNION RIDGE—
 WINFIELD—Bro. Lettis Weeks, Sis. Anna Lou Shelnutt, Bro. Glenn Kilgore.

By a move and second the letters were received and delegates seated.
 Call for petitionary letters, received as follows: Fayette: Mr. and Mrs. Clint White, A. M. Mallace.

Jasper—Raymond Innon, Sis. Bettie Innon, Sis. Walter Tate.
 Parrish—Archie Manasco, John Argent, John Hutto.

By a move, Fayette and Jasper was received and Parrish was received under the watch care of the association until we receive a letter and then into full fellowship.

Moderator's message: Love for our Association, by Eld. N. A. Patterson.

The Moderator Appointed the following committees:

Order of Business:

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Rev. S. D. Nix, with Moderator and Clerk.

Deceased Members

D. G. Markham, Clark Flippo, Melbert Westbrooks.

Finance

Ollie Pike, Lee Franks, J. H. Estes.

Resolutions

Collie Gann, Meba Griffin, J. H. Reno.

Ordaining Committee

Rev. H. L. Key, Rev. I. D. Nix, Rev. Wm. J. Benson.

Report of christian education, by W. B. Hughes.

Call for corresponding delegates:

PROGRESSIVE—Rev. Grady Hudson.

STATE LINE—Vergil Collier, M. R. Bishop.

VERNON—A. L. Warren, Pascal Yerby, Arthur Wilson.

EAST MISS.—Rev. M. L. Hollis.

FLORIDA—M. A. Morta.

By a move the above corresponding delegates were seated.

Bro. Melvins gave a good report on the college at Nashville. Collection for college \$60.66.

By a move we ordained Walter Tate and C. E. Fowler as deacons of Jasper Church. Ordaining Council, Eld. A. L. Warren, Eld. I. D. Nix, Eld. Grady Hudson.

By a move the letter of Eld. J. L. Conner be printed in the minutes.

Consignment of delegates to their places of stay for the session.

By a move we adjourned to meet back Monday at 8:00 A. M.

MONDAY MORNING

The session opened with singing by the choir and prayer by Eld. J. O. Jones.

Devotion was conducted by Bro. Morton from the Children's Home.

The body went into a devotional, while the committees made ready their reports.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional by Rev. A. G. Lacy and the Union Hill Quartet.

Report of Committees

Order of Business

We your Business committee make the following report:

1. We recommend that the Association meet on Friday and Saturday, before the 1st Sunday in October, 1951.

2. We recommend that the Association send a committee of 3, appointed by the Moderator, who is able to defend our doctrine to Piney Ridge Church, to explain to them our doctrine and try to regain harmony and fellowship in the church.

3. Since no question has come from Piney Ridge church against Elds. Wm. J. Benson, H. L. Key and J. R. Benson, we recommend they be given certificates of standing.

4. Since no question has come against Virgel Benson from Piney Ridge church, we recommend that he be allowed to offer before the ordaining board and if found worthy, be ordained.

5. We recommend that Moderator appoint two evangelists for this Association.

6. We recommend that we elect a Moderator, clerk and program committee for our quarterly meeting.

7. We have met with a group of members from New Liberty church. They have asked us to meet with them Saturday night, Oct., 7th, to help bring unity in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Lambert, Chairman; I. D. Nix, Welborn Beasley.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

Resolutions

We your committee on resolutions submit this report:

1. Be it resolved that all resolutions and necessary business come before the body.

2. Be it resolved that ministers of the Association shall not be eligible for Moderator and assistant Moderator for more than one year.

3. Be it resolved that no member of other associations be received into this body without a letter of recommendation.

4. Be it resolved that we discard the program committee and we recommend that the deacons of the said church at which the Association shall meet, shall arrange the services for the session.

5. Be it resolved that we urge all churches to be careful in admitting any one to preach, who will not abide by the rules and regulations of our

association, and use the preachers of this association as much as possible.

6. Be it resolved that churches have a voice in receiving and dismissing members.

Be it resolved that the officers of the Association be elected at the close of each session.

8. Be it resolved that no one bring any business before the body that is in the hands of any committee to introduce.

9. We express our appreciation to Brilliant-Boston Church and community for their hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Signed,

Colie Gann,
Melba Griffin,
J. H. Reno.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

Ordaining Committee

We the ordaining committee recommend William Roberts, Virgil Benson Webb McMicken and L. V. Borden to be ordained to preach the gospel.

Eld. H. L. Key, Chairman.

J. W. Benson,
I. D. Nix.

By a move this report was received the above men, ordained and committee discharged.

LETTER FROM J. L. CONNER

Just 50 years ago in 1900, I became a member of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association. I am proud of this 50 years of membership in such an honorable body.

Just 70 years ago, I was connected with 28 others. So far, I know only two of this twenty-nine are now living. I am now 83 years old and happy. I would be glad to attend this session of the Association. My prayers and blessings be with you.

J. L. CONNER.

Deceased Members

We the committee on deceased members and ministers, report as follows: We find since our last session of this Association, God has called from the various churches of this association, Brethren and Sisters, who died in Faith of God.

Bear Creek—Bro. J. W. Gunnin, age 84.

Brilliant-Boston—Bros. M. F. Whituron, Floyd Dickinson, Bert Tyra.

Mt. Olive—Sister Dora Markhan, 73.

Gum Springs—Sister Mattie Beasley.

Spring Hill—Sister Tilda Lawson.

Poplar Log—Bro. Thomas Markham, age 84.

Red Bay—Bro. C. L. Wiginton.

Pocahontas—Bro. Tom Stafford, age 85.

Mt. Pleasant—Sister Icy Huggeley, age 42.

Good Springs—Sister Nettie Humphreys, Bro. Bob White.

Winfield—Sister Minnie Miller.

Shady Grove—Bro. Dock Adams, Sister Lizzie Estes, Sister McDuffa.
Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Flipppo,

Milbert Westbrooks

D. G. Markham, Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

By move we paid the Clerk \$20.00; Moderator, \$15.00; Assistant Moderator \$5.00.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Paid in October 2, 1950.	
Minute fund	\$106.95
Associational Fund	108.95
Foreign Missions	39.10
TOTAL	\$255.00
Paid out October 2, 1950:	
N. A. Patterson	\$15.00
Brandon Estes	20.00
H. A. Pitts	5.00
State Dues	20.00
Foreign Missions	39.10
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$99.10
Left in my hand October 2, 1950	\$155.90

BRANDON ESTES, Sec.-Treas.

Ministerial Character

On report of ministers, all in good standing, except Wilfred Frederick, name be dropped from the role and his credentials be called in, on account of misconduct. We urge our ministers to abstain from worldly things.

W. H. May, W. C. Lacy, J. A. Underwood, T. J. Langston, Amos Martin
Report adopted and committee retained.

Officers of quarterly meeting, Eld. Louie Bates, Moderator; Anna Lou Shelnutt, Clerk.

H. L. Nix, Wm. J. Benson and I. D. Nix, program committee.

The Moderator appointed Elds. A. J. Lambert, Wilburn Beasley and H. A. Pitts to help the Piney Ridge Church.

The Moderator appointed Elds. Welburn Beasley and W. A. Roberts, Evangelists.

Corresponding Delegates

State Line—Eld. O. S. Gardner, L. G. Lacy.

Vernon—A. J. Lambert, S. D. Nix, Ray Sexton.

State—Bro. J. B. Nelson, Sis. A. J. Lambert.

By unanimous vote, the next session of this Association will convene with New Oak Grove Church on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1951.

By motion the articles of faith and rules of decorum were ordered

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Rec'd by Experience	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	No. Members	Days of Meeting	Pupils in S. S.	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Minute Fund	Assn. Fund
Bethlehem	Sam Howell	1	2	0	0	0	116	3	50	\$ 185.40	\$ 65.40	\$5.50	\$ 2.50
Bear Creek	Houston Reno	3	0	3	0	1	80	2	63			2.00	1.00
Brilliant-Boston	A. J. Lambert	18	0	7	0	3	260	2-4	166	1250.00	275.91	5.00	10.00
Brookside	H. L. Key	0	0	0	0	0	22	1	34	97.75	14.50	2.60	5.00
Free Waters	Wilburn Beasley	2	0	1	0	0	175	1-3	90	483.68	70.00	5.00	5.00
Good Springs	A. G. Lacy	5	2	0	0	2	38	2	39	117.25	58.62	2.00	3.00
Fayette	H. A. Pitts												
Gum Springs	W. B. Hughes	1	0	0	0	1	106	1-3	48	400.23	53.80	2.00	3.00
Holly Springs	Vester Burkett						74	4	000	128.73	21.00	3.00	
Hopewell	Vester Burkett							1	50	126.00	39.00	2.00	1.00
Lone Star	I. K. Boyett	7	3				184	1	73	150.00	35.00	3.00	3.00
Liberty	V. L. Woodham	2					82	1	25	75.00	6.00	2.00	5.00
Jasper	A. J. Lambert						22						
Mt. Joy	J. O. Jones	6	9				26	1	70	62.37		2.00	1.60
Mt. Olive	A. J. Lambert	3	0	1	0	2	297	1-3	94	350.00	123.25	5.00	10.00
Mt. Pleasant	Virgil Collier			2		1	164	2-4	88	262.39	25.00	4.00	4.00
New Liberty	John Miller	7	8	3	0	0	204	2-3	90	166.00	108.00	8.00	2.00
New Mt. Joy	Not Represented												
New Oak Grove	N. A. Patterson	22	6				213	2-4	135	146.35	242.00	11.20	10.00
Oakman	Not Represented												
Pocahontas	Louie Bates	2	2	1		1	107	2-4	50	600.00	75.00	5.40	4.85
Parrish	Ray Sexton												
Piney Ridge	Not Represented												
Poplar Log		11				1	155	4	75	139.45	69.80	1.40	2.00
Pleasant Hill	Houston Reno	13	4	0	0	0	67	1-4	40	37.00	10.00	6.05	4.00
Red Bay	Ralph Staten	3	4	4		1	150	all	64	1610.00	210.00	3.00	3.00
Shady Grove	C. C. Kimbrough	5	2	10		3	243	3	60	203.75	67.00	3.25	3.25
Spring Hill	W. D. Glasgow	2				1	60	4	45	148	30.00	2.50	2.50
Union Chapel	Louie Bates						85	3	000			2.00	5.25
Union Hill	I. D. Nix	20	2		3		295	2	80	185.16	117.91	4.15	3.00
Union Ridge	Not Represented												
Winfield	H. A. Pitts	13	8	1	1	1	110	all	149	530.00	90.00	5.00	5.00

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printed in the minutes.

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

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

We elected I. D. Nix, Moderator, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1.

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

CHURCHES AND DEACONS

BETHLEHEM—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. Humphreys, 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 E Erwin, W. M. Burleson, Claud Kimbrell.

MT. JOY—G. H. Pounders, W. N. Newell.

FAYETTE—

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 Hines, Jim Hunter, Floyd Nelson, Al-
bert Nelson.

JASPER—Walter Tate, C. E. Fowler.

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. E. 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.

PARRISH—V. V. Farley, Howard Romine, H. Z. Inlover, Henry Thompson,
Oscar Uptin.

NAMES OF MINISTERS

Alexander, Eld. Will, Winfield, Ala.

Aldridge, 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, Eld. Pearl, Alden, Ala.

Bates, Eld. Louie, Alden, Ala.

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

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

Benson, Eld. Virgel, Adamsville, Ala.

Borden, Eld. L. V., Eldridge, Ala.

Braseale, Eld. Luther, Winfield, Ala.

Benson, Eld. Roy, Brilliant, Ala.

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

Burkett, Eld. Vester, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.

Chism, Eld. B. C., Tremont, Miss., 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.

Franks, Eld. E. 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.

Lambert, Eld. A. J., Brilliant, Ala.

Lowrey, Eld. Lee Roy, Bankston, Ala.

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

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

McMikens, Eld. Webb, Phil Campbell, Ala.

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

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

Morton, Eld. W. A.

Newell, Eld. L. O., PhilCampbell, 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.

Roberts, Eld. William, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.

Sexton, Eld. Ray, Parrish, Ala.

Staten, Eld. Ralph, Red Bay, Ala.

Yielding, Eld. Nathan, Hackleburg, Ala.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Benson, W. B.	Martin, M. R.
Broaderiick, J. F.	McCombs, W. C.
Black, T. F.	McHaffey, E. M.
Boughn, G. P.	McVey, J. P.
Bagbee, R. W.	Nix, R. A.
Bradshaw, J.	Nichols, L. L.
Cochran, J. E.	Nelson, W. A.
Collier, J.	Newman, W. R.
Camp, T. M.	Owen, T. A.
Cook, J.	Parks, E. G.
Crubie, P. W. A.	Perkins, S. M.
Dickson, F. M.	Phillips, C.
Cochran, J. E.	Reese, F. C.
Dudois, Porter	Ramsey, S. B.
Elliott, G. C.	Springfield, T. J.
Fowler, H. B.	Smith, John
Flippo, R. C.	Wesley, J. J.
Grace, J. A.	Tingle, W. S.
Gilbert, John	Tomlin, R. H.
Griffin T. T.	Turner, G. W.
Hulsey, J. R.	Thomas, C. C.
Haney, G. B.	Ursey, James
Holliday, J. R.	Swindle, T. P.
Ingram, W. H.	Vickery, P. V.
Jeffreys J.	Vinson, W. G.
Key, A. L.	White, J. B.
Johnson, J. A.	Walker, T. L.
Lawler, A. R.	Williams, J. R.
Miller, Carl	

—Listed by Eld. W. D. Martin.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, 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 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 providentially hindered, or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And contribute 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 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 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 comprehend all spiritual blessings; that the Gospel is the power unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world for 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. 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 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.

We believe the Supper instituted by our Saviour is recommemorable 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 outerdarkness. 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.

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 _____

6. On motion for adjournment, We _____

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.

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