

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

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Held With New Oak Grove Church

October 5th and 6th, 1951

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**OFFICERS**

REV. I. D. NIX	.....	Moderator
BRANDON ESTES	.....	Clerk

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The next session of this Association will convene with Mt. Olive Church, Guin, Alabama, on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1952.





## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

the daughters of

Rev. G. W. Million

in his memory

## PROCEEDINGS

Of the Sixty-Fifth Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association, held with the New Oak Grove Church, Oct. 5 and 6, 1951.

### FRIDAY—MORNING SERVICE

Song service by Bro. Louie Bates. Prayer by Bro. A. L. Warren.

Annie Lou Shelnutt elected Assistant Clerk to serve in the absence of Bro. Brandon Estes.

Moderator read the Rules of the Association. Bro. A. L. Warren held a devotional. Several good talks and testimonies were given.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Wade Fowler and Bro. Louie Bates as reading clerks.

Letters from the several Churches read and contents noted in tables.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BEAR CREEK—Cleborn Gann, Henry Grisson, Zelmer McCarley.  
BETHLEHEM—Henry Cagle, Robert Crow, Rufus Evans.  
BRILLIANT-BOSTON—Mrs. J. R. Cooper, Vester Shirley, Jim Widemon.  
BROOKSIDE—Melba Griffin, Frank Tucker, Betty Nix.  
FREE WATERS—Kelly Pollard, Newton Martin, Artis Pugh.  
GOOD SPRINGS—Cleve Humphries, James White, Jr. Spencer.  
GUM SPRINGS—M. Gibbs, Trellis Moore, Lala Gay Benson.  
FAYETTE—Clint White, Mrs. Harvey Cobb, Lois Killingsworth.  
HOLLY SPRINGS—Dorothy Burgett, Bisk Tarwater, Irene Chamblee.  
HOPEWELL—Mrs. Calloway, Ruby Sisson, Paul Sisson.  
LIBERTY—Hill Bozeman, Austin Pugh, Betty Joe Akers.  
LONE STAR—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loden, Bill Pitts.  
JASPER—Stella Kennedy, John Taylor, W. M. Fowler.  
MT. JOY—Marshall Godsey, Martha Jones, Floyd McDonald.  
MT. OLIVE—Mrs. Edgar Atkinson, Mrs. Howard Franks, Mrs. Mirtie Atkinson.  
MT. PLEASANT—Harvey Mobley, Sam Flippo, Milbert Westbrook.  
NEW LIBERTY—Henry Flynn, Victor Smith, Sister Avey Atkins.  
NEW MT. JOY—Not Represented.  
NEW OAK GROVE—Robert Barnes, Levy Benson, Floyd Benson.  
OAKMAN—Not Represented.  
POCAHONTAS—Olive Pike, Curtis Hunter, W. M. Manasco.  
PARRISH—Sis. Pearl Dunn, John Hutto, Sis. Maybell Avery.  
PINEY RIDGE—Floyd Key, D. A. Farley, Sis. Mondelra Farley.  
POPLAR LOG—Sotter White, Clarence Webb, L. Giddy.  
PLEASANT HILL—Sis. Emdel Mitchell, Sis. C. Ingle, Sis. Lorene Pope.  
RED BAY—J. R. Yielding, Bro. and Sis. T. M. Keeton.  
SHADY GROVE—L. W. Cooper, E. R. McDuffie, Otto Campbell.  
SPRING HILL—Sis. Minnie Bevis, Sis. Farris, Sis. Mary A. Thomas.  
UNION CHAPEL—Not Represented.  
UNION HILL—Royce Lalley, John Cochran, Jr. Rayburn.  
UNION RIDGE—Not Represented.  
WINFIELD—Bro. Fletcher South, Sis. Fletcher South, Mrs. G. Holliman.  
By motion all delegates were seated. The vote was: For 44, Against 1.  
A discussion came up on Piney Ridge church letter. A motion and a second was made to table the Piney Ridge letter for further investigation. The motion was never voted on.  
Call for Petitionary Letters received. None.  
Call for Corresponding Delegates. Received as follows::  
BEAR CREEK—Ed Harvey Key.  
PROGRESSIVE—Rev. Grady Hudson.  
VERNON—Eld. A. L. Warren, O. Z. Johnson.



By a move, Eld. Grady Hudson was received to go before the Credentials committee and latter received as a member.

By motion we granted Harvey Key and Huston Reno a letter.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

ORDER OF BUSINESS—A. G. Lacy, J. O. Jones, Wm. J. Benson, with Moderator and Clerk.

ON DECEASED MEMBERS—Floyd Benson, Olive Pike, W. M. Fowler.

RESOLUTIONS—H. A. Pitts, N. A. Patterson, Ray Sexton.

FINANCE—Curtis Hunter, Robert Barnes, John Taylor.

ORDAINING COMMITTEE—B. M. Adkins, A. J. Lambert, T. M. Keeton, A. G. Lacy.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Mrs. Bob Early, president, appointed the following committees:

Registration: Miss Ilene Myers and Miss Mary Frances Wilemon; Resolutions: Miss Faye Kilgore, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. N. A. Patterson; Nominating: Mrs. Jim Wideman, Mrs. Bedford Noles, Mrs. Lonnie McDaniel; Finance: Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Mrs. A. P. Leonard, Miss Annie Lou Shelnutt; Program: Ms. Riley Cooper, Mrs. James Pugh, Mrs. Carl Smith; Appreciation: Mrs. Elbert Franks and Miss Ruby Miller.

The ladies of Winfield Church presented a playlet entitled "Wake Up," of which Rev. H. A. Pitts gave the introduction.

While the New Oak Grove Trio sang two songs, an offering of \$50.25 was received for Foreign Missions.

A business session was conducted by Mrs. Bob Early.

The following Auxiliaries were represented with delegates: Winfield, Brilliant-Boston, Mt. Olive and New Oak Grove, and Free Waters was represented by letter.

The committees submitted the following reports and each was adopted: Registration committee: 106 visitors, 19 ministers, 49 delegates.

Resolutions Committee: 1. We urge that each Auxiliary study a course in Mission, Stewardship. Also one in our Manual each quarter.

2. We, the Resolutions committee, wish to recommend that this body set a date separate from the Association for the Auxiliary day.

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 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 \$2.00 to the Children's Home once a month.

Nominating Committee: President, Mrs. A. P. Leonard; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. H. A. Pitts; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Mamie Noles; 3rd Vice-President; Mrs. A. J. Lambert; 4th Vice-President, Mrs. N. A. Patterson; 5th Vice-President, Mrs. Richmond Pollard; Sec. & Treas., Miss Annie Lou Shelnutt.

Appreciation Committee: We, the Appreciation Committee: wish to express our heart-felt thanks and appreciation to the good ladies and humble pastor of New Oak Grove Church for the fine hospitality that has been shown us.

Finance committee reports that the following report of the secretary is correct:

Left over from last year	\$ 6.05
Collected for Convention Dues	18.30
To be sent as State Dues	3.66
To be sent as Minute Funds	5.49
To be sent as Minute Fund	5.00
Total left in Treasure	\$10.20

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene with the Winfield Church next year on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in May.

Miss Faye Kilgore was elected to represent our District at the State meeting.

Mrs. Earl Smith, Mrs. H. A. Pitts and Mrs. N. C. Patterson were appointed as delegates to the State convention.

Reports were read from each Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary session adjourned and Rev. I. D. Nix, Moderator, took charge to continue the Association procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE LOU SHELNUTT, Secretary.

FRIDAY 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE—Message, J. O. Jones. Text: Matt. 22 Chapt., 24 to 46 verses: "What Think Ye of Christ?"

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Bro. H. A. Pitts brought a fine message which was followed by the humble service of feet washing.

Bro. Ryland, of the Children's Home, gave a good program. A collection of \$50.06 was given them.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8

Song service by Eld. Ray Sexton. Prayer by Bro. Jake Benson.

By a move the minutes of Friday were read and approved.

By a move and a second the Finance report of the Clerk was received.

By a move the report of Quarterly minutes be printed in the minutes.

The Assistant Moderator held a devotional of singing, prayer and testimonies while the committees made ready their report. Song by Bro. Ray Sexton. Song by Ann Pitts, "What Will You Do With Jesus?"

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ON RESOLUTIONS: We your committee on Resolutions beg to report as follows:

Be it resolved that the name of this committee be changed to Appreciation committee, since that is the purpose for which the committee is intended.

Be it further resolved, That we express our heartfelt thanks to New Oak Grove Church, their pastor and the community as a whole, for the hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Be it further resolved, That we express to the officers of the Association our thanks for the services they have rendered.

Be it also resolved that we pledge ourselves anew to the entire program of the Free Will Baptist Church. Respectfully submitted,

H. A. PITTS, Chm.; N. A. PATTERSON, RAY SEXTON.

Report received and committee discharged.

#### REPORT ON QUARTERLY MEETING: The Free Will Baptists of the

Jasper Association have convened five times the past year. The sessions were held with following churches: Free Waters, Mt. Pleasant, Parrish, Pocahontas and New Liberty. There has been a good spirit shown in each meeting. All who have failed to attend these meetings have been missing a great spiritual blessing.

During the last session which convened with the New Liberty Church, new officers were elected for the coming year—Eld. P. P. Barnes, Moderator, and Miss Annie Lou Shelnutt.

The next session will convene with Gum Springs church.



We urge that each church be represented at each of the meetings this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Eld. N. A. Patterson, Eld. A. J. Lambert, and Bro. G. C. Lawrence, Com.  
Annie Lou Shelnuitt, Clerk.

**ON REPORT OF MINISTERS:** All in good standing, except we, the committee, recommended that ministers' names as follows, be dropped: Will Alexander, W. A. Aldridge, gone to Methodist; Roy Benson gone to Church of God; B. C. Chism, W. R. Hullett gone to State Line; H. L. Key lettered out; Nathan H. Yieding, Houston Reno lettered out. We also recommend that there be a Roll Call of all ministers each Associational year.

J. A. UNDERWOOD, W. C. LACY, AMOS MARTIN.

Report received and committee discharged.

**ON DECEASED MEMBERS:** We your committee on Deceased members beg leave to report the following members deceased:

From Bear Creek—Sister Lucy Wooten.

From Brookside—Sister Donnie Parvin.

From New Oak Grove—Bro. James Dudley, died Aug. 5, 1951, age 84 years.

From Mt. Joy—Bro. Waymon Oliver, 37 years, 9 months, 29 days.

From Gum Springs—Bro. W. T. Hawkins.

From Free Waters—Sister M. F. Pearce and Bro. Marion Wilson.

From Winfield—Bro. Newton Miller, died May 16, 1951.

From Union Hill—Bro. J. R. Ford.

From Mt. Olive—Sister Ellen Williams.

From New Liberty—Bro. W. R. Hamilton and Bro. Oliver Fowler and Sister Rita Jones and Sister Zora Fowler.

Floyd Benson Chm.; Wade M. Fowler, Ollie N. Pike.

Report received and committee discharged.

**ON ORDAINING—**We your Ordaining committee have examined the following men to be ordained to the ministry and found them sound in doctrine and purpose, and do hereby recommend their Ordination for the ministry: R. J. Spencer, L. W. McMickin, R. Keene, H. B. Newell, C. D. Paden, J. W. Mitchell. Deacon—S. F. Tucker.

B. M. Atkins, A. J. Lambert, A. G. Lacy, Com.

Report received, the above men were ordained. Committee discharged.

**ON ORDER OF BUSINESS—**We recommend that the Association meet on Friday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1952, and continue through Sunday, including the 11:00 A. M. service.

We recommend that the body nominate and elect by standing vote, two evangelists.

We recommend that we accept the resignation of Bro. Harvey May on the committee of ministerial character. We also recommend that Bro. J. H. Estes be appointed in his place.

We recommend that each church take an offering each month for Foreign missions.

We recommend that the Moderator appoint a standing council of three members to examine and pass upon the proficiency of candidates to be ordained.

We recommend that those to be ordained be permitted to select the Presbytery for the ordaining service.

We recommend that the body decide where the next session of the Association will meet.

We recommend the Moderator be paid \$15, the Clerk \$20, Asst. Moderator \$5, and the Asst. Clerk \$10, out of the Associational funds.

We recommend that Eld. P. T. Keeton preach the Introductory Sermon and that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to serve with the Host

church to plan the rest of the program.

Report received and adopted by sections committee discharged.

By a unanimous vote the next session of this Association will meet with Mt. Olive church on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1932.

Eld. A. J. Lambert and Eld. H. A. Pitts were elected Evangelists for the coming year.

The Moderator appointed Eld. H. A. Pitts, Eld. A. G. Lacy and Eld. J. O. Jones as a standing council to examine all candidates to be ordained.

Saturday 11:00 o'clock service—Message, Eld. Grady Hudson. Text, 3 chapter 10 verse of Phil.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song by Choir and Prayer by Eld. A. G. Lacy.

Eld. Bonny Hughes made a talk on the Free Will Baptist College at Nashville. A collection of \$35. was sent to the College.

Appointment of corresponding delegates to other associations:

Vernon—H. A. Pitts, A. J. Lambert, N. A. Patterson.

Bear Creek—J. W. Benson, J. O. Jones, L. Goodwin.

State Line—I. D. Nix, A. G. Lacy, Sam Howell, H. A. Pitts.

State—Johnie Nelson, Robert Barnes, Floyd Benson.

By a move we received Parrish church into full fellowship.

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

Eld. A. J. Lambert, Moderator; Eld. Louie Bates, Asst. Moderator.

Brandon Estes, Clerk; Sis. Annie Lou Shelnuitt, Asst. Clerk.

The new Moderator appointed the Assistant Mod. Louie Bates, Clerk Brandon Estes and Asst. Clerk to serve with Mt. Olive church in planning the program for the next session.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Left over from 1951	\$ 5.55
Minute fund	94.52
Associational Fund	116.50

Total paid in Oct. 8, 1951	\$216.57
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### PAID OUT:—

I. D. Nix	\$ 15.00
Brandon Estes	20.00
Annie Lou Shelnuitt	10.00
Assistant Moderator	5.00
State Dues	20.00

Total Paid Out	\$ 70.00
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Left in my hand for printing minutes and other expenses	\$146.57
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Respectfully submitted,

BRANDON ESTES, Sec. Treas.

By a move we adjourned to meet with Mt. Olive church on Friday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1952. Amid tears and joy, we took the parting hand.

ELD. I. D. NIX, Moderator, Nauvoo, Ala.

BRANDON ESTES, Clerk, Rt. 2, Box 106, 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, Jame sPugh, 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. Humphreys.  
 GUM SPRINGS—J. H. Moore, George Benson, Wyman Holcomb.  
 HOLLY SPRINGS—P. E. Lay, Henry Baggett.  
 HOPEWELL—Roy Harper, Samuel Bell, A. B. Bell.  
 LONE STAR—B. B. Pounders, Burble Keeton.  
 LIBERTY—G. M. Smith, Walter Wishom, Austin Pugh, E. Dickinson, H. Bozeman.

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, Sam Flippo.  
 MT. JOY—J. H. Pounders, W. N. Newell, Bill Bates.  
 FAYETTE—A. M. Wallace, Willie Brown.  
 OAKMAN—  
 NEW LIBERTY—W. Smith, Grady Harbin, B. Smith, A. Whitson, Marion Larimore, Olen Fowler, C. Fowler.  
 NEW OAK GROVE—Johnnie Knight, Willice Hines, Liston Nix, John Martin B. Noles, W. Martin, L. McDonald.  
 NEW MT. JOY—Clyde Norris.  
 POCAHONTAS—Colie Gann, Frank Hies, Jim Hunter, Floyd Nelson, Elbert Nelson, L. NeSmith.  
 JASPER—Walter Tate, C. E. Fowler, John Argent.  
 INEY 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, Brice H. Sullens.  
 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. GGraves, Dock Adams.  
 SPRING HILL—Ray Bevis, Henry Mason.  
 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. Holingmore, Elbert Franks, D. Crowe.  
 PARRISH—V. V. Farley, Howard Romine, H. Z. Inlover, Henry Thompson, Oscar Upton.

#### NAMES OF MINISTERS

Adkins, Eld. B. M., Townley, Ala.  
 Beasley, Eld. Wilburn, Winfield, Ala.  
 Hughes, Eld. W. B., Nashville, Tenn, Freewill 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. Virgil, Adamsville, Ala.  
 Borden, Eld. L. C., Eldridge, Ala.  
 Braseale, Eld. Luther, Winfield, Ala.  
 Brooks, Eld. R. S., Hackleburg, Ala.

Burkett, Eld. Vester, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Conner, Eld. J. L., 431 1/2 N. Florence Monterey, Park, Calif.  
 Cobb, Eld. Harvey, Fayette, Ala., Rt. 5.  
 Flippo, Eld. G. W., Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Flippo, Eld. E. R., Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Flippo, Ed. J. A., Haleyville, Ala.  
 Franks, Eld. E. R., Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Frederick, Eld. Amon,, Hackleburg, Ala.  
 Godsey, Eld. J. A., Hamilton, Aa.  
 Goodwin, Eld. L. W., Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 3.  
 Gardner, Eld. O. S., Hackleburg, Ala.  
 Howell, Eld. Sam, Hamilton, Ala.  
 Jones, Eld. J. O., Phil Campbell, Ala.  
 Keene, Eld. Ralph E., Carbon Hill, Ala.  
 Keeton, Eld. P. T., Belmont, Miss., Rt. 2.  
 Lacy, Eld. A. G., Hackleburg, Ala.  
 Lowrey, Eld. Lee Roy, Bankston, Ala.  
 Lambert, Eld. A. J., Brilliant, Ala.  
 McMickin, Les Weston, Russellville, Ala., Rt. 5.  
 McMakin, Eld. Webb, Phil Campbell, Ala.  
 Mitchell, Eld. J. W., Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 1.  
 Martin, Eld. W. D., Guin, Ala., R. 2.  
 Newell, Eld. Hugh B., Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Newell, Eld. L. O., Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 3.  
 Nix, Eld. I. D., Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1.  
 Odom, Ed. Chess, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Paden, Eld. C. D., Vina, Ala., Rt. 1.  
 Parker, Eld. G. O., Red Bay, Ala.  
 Patterson, Eld. N. A., Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Pitts, Eld. H. A., Brilliant, Ala.  
 Roberts, Eld. William, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Sexton, Eld. Ray, Parrish, Ala.  
 Spencer, Eld. R. J., Vina, Aa., Rt. 1.

#### DECEASED MINISTERS

Benson, W. B.	Miller, Carl
Broaderlick, J. F.	Martin, M. R.
Black, T. F.	McCombs, W. C.
Boughn, G. P.	McHaffey, E. M.
Bagbee, R. W.	McVey, J. PP.
Bradshaw, J.	Nix, R. A.
Cochran, J. E. ?	Nichols, L. L.
Collier, J.	Nelson, W. A.
Camp, T. M.	Newman, W. R.
Cook, J.	Owen, T. A.
Crubie, P. W. A.	Parks, E. GG.
Dickson, F. M.	Perkins, S. M.
Cochran, J. E.	Phillips, C.
Dubois, Porter	Reese, F. C.
Elliott, G. C.	Ramsey, S. B.
Ford, J. R.	Springfield, T. J.
Flippo, R. C.	Smith, ohn.
Grace, J. A.	Wesley, J. J.
Gilbert, John	Tomlin, R. H.
Griffin, T. T.	Tingle, W. S.



Hulsey, J. R.	Turner, G. W.
Haney, G. G. B.	Thomas, C. C.
Holliday, . R.	Ursey, James
Ingram, W. H.	Swindle, T. P.
Jeffreys, J.	Vickery, P. V.
Key, A. L.	Vinson, W. G.
Johnson, J. A.	White, J. B.
Lawler, A. R.	Walker, T. L.
Lawler, A. R.	Williams, J. R.
—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 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 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 instructions 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 services 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 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 and 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.—2nd 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 for sin but it is the means whereby sinners are converted, regenerated and saved.—Romans 10:12.

Article 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 3:16.

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.—2nd 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 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.

We believe the Supper instituted by our Savior is 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 Cori 11:18-20.

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 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 ordinations must be done at the Annual Session.

9. Be it resolved that we will 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

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.

#### CLERKS AND POSTOFFICEES

BETHLEHEM—Rufus Evans, Brilliant, Ala., Rt. 1.

BEAR CREEK—Roland Williams, Hackeburg, Ala., Rt. 1.

BRILLIANT-BOSTON—Mrs. James Pugh, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 1.

BROOKSIDE—Sis. Louise Trimm, Box 176, Carbon Hill, Ala.

FAYETTE—A. M. Wallace, Fayette, Ala., Rt. 5.

FREE WATERS—Brandon Estes, Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.

GOOD SPRINGS—Vester Humphries, Vina, Ala., Rt. 1.

GUM SPRINGS—Clovis Tucker, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 3.

HOLLY SPRINGS—Ella Jean Chamblee, Atwood, Ala.

HOPEWELL—Mrs. E. B. Calloway, Nauvoo, Rt. 3.

JASPER—Wade M. Fower, Rt. 3, Box 12, Jasper, Ala.

LONE STAR—Bruce Pitts, Tremont, Miss.

LIBERTY—Hill Bozeman, Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.

MT. JOY—Martha Jones, Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 2.

MT. OLIVE—William E. Atkinson, Guin, Ala., Rt. 1.

MT. PLEASANT—Herman Huguey, Brilliant, Ala., Rt. 1.

NEW LIBERTY—Aaron Whitson, Fayette, Ala., Rt. 3.

NEW OAK GROVE—J. M. Robins, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1.

NEW MT. JOY—Mrs. Susie Norris, Brilliant, Ala., Rt. 1.

OAKMAN—Selma Beck, Oakman, Ala.

PINEY RIDGE—Samuel Key, Arley, Ala., Rt. 2.

PARRISH—Audie Romine, Parrish, Ala.

POCAHONTAS—Della Mae Roberts, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.

PLEASANT HILL—Lester Raburn, Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 3.

POPLAR LOG—J. E. Harris, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 3.

RED BAY—Oliiver H. Mink, Red Bay, Ala.

SHADY GROVE—Lillian Rich, Phil Campbell, Ala.

SPRING HILL—Mary Ann Thomas, 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—Garlon Holliman, Winfield, Ala.



STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	No. Members	Days Meeting	Pupils S. S.	Spent On Sunday School	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Association Fund	Minute Fund
Bethlehem	Sam Howell	6	11	0	0	0	133	3	60	\$ 28.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 63.80	\$ 2.50	\$ 5.00
Bear Creek	J. O. Jones	0	1	0	0	1	73	2	60	18.00	35.68		.85	1.00
Brilliant-Boston	A. J. Lambert	2	1	6	0	0	237	2-4	166	548.92	1230.00	125.00	10.00	5.00
Brookside	Ralph Keene	0	0	1	0	1	17	1	25	22.80	132.25	26.00	5.00	3.50
Freewaters	O. S. Gardner	0	3	7	1	2	167	1-3	80	68.14	481.42	100.00	5.00	5.00
Good Springs	A. G. Lacy	0	3	2	0	0	37	2	45	15.00	120.00	12.41	3.00	2.00
Fayette	A. L. Warren	0	0	0	0	0	33	1-3	32	10.20	226.90	149.43	2.00	3.00
Gum Springs	W. B. Hughes	0	16	2	0	1	120	All	65	40.49	888.26	268.60	3.00	2.00
Holly Springs	Vester Burkett	0	1	1	0	0	35	1-3	31		168.00		1.00	2.00
Hopewell	Leonard Goodin	0	0	4	0	0	59	1	30		460.00		1.00	2.00
Lone Star	I. K. Boyett	1	0	3	4	0	142	1	63		100.25	39.80	3.00	3.00
Liberty	Pearl Barnes	8	11	0	0	0	107	1-3	60	22.29	75.00	53.00	2.00	2.00
Jasper	L. A. Rosser	3	1	2	0	0	25		35	74.83	201.65	68.60	2.50	2.75
Mt. Joy	J. O. Jones	1	6	6	0	1	32	1	67	19.55	67.29	18.00	2.00	2.60
Mt. Olive	A. J. Lambert	2	3	0	0	1	301	1-3	94	40.00	862.01	73.20	10.00	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	L. V. Collier	2	14	0	0	0	179	2-4	87	171.04	444.62	100.00	4.00	4.00
New Liberty	Pearl Barnes	0	6	0	0	4	149	2-3			345.97	98.30	5.00	5.00
New Mt. Joy	Not Represent'd													
New Oak Grove	N. A. Patterson	9	20	6	0	1	75	2-4	135	289.25	830.55	242.40	7.00	4.00
Oakman	Not Represent'd													
Pocahontas	Lovie Bates	11	2	0	0	0	90		40		587.85	50.00	5.00	5.00
Parrish	Roy Sexton	5	22	14	1	0	53	All	106	152.92	466.87	70.00	3.00	5.00
Piney Ridge	W. D. Glasgow	0	0	0	6	0	68	2-4	60	20.00	20.00	42.50	2.50	2.50
Poplar Log	W. H. Pearce	0	3	0	0	0	136	1	60	29.74	204.91	93.20	4.75	4.00
Pleasant Hill	A. J. Lacy	4	1	0	0	0	75	3	35	30.00	32.01	39.18	4.00	4.85
Red Bay	Grady Hudson	6	7	2	0	0	161	All	80	450.00	1820.06	210.00	2.00	3.00
Shady Grove	G. O. Parker	0	8	1	0	0	250	3	65	24.66	199.10	69.00	6.00	5.00
Spring Hill	W. D. Glasgow	2	3	0	0	0	50	4	40	32.00	128.05	25.00	2.50	2.50
Union Chapel	Not Represent'd													
Union Hill	I. D. Nix	0	5	5	0	1	296	2	80	99.46	238.87	68.53	2.25	4.05
Union Ridge	Not Represent'd													
Winfield	H. A. Pitts	5	22	1	0	1	132	All	145	127.75	2435.00	115.00	5.00	5.00