

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

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**Held With Union Hill Church**  
**October 2nd And 3rd, 1953**

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**Officers:**

**REV. LOUIE BATES** ..... **Moderator**  
**BRANDON ESTES** ..... **Clerk**

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The next session of this Association will convene with  
Shady Grove Church, Phil Campbell, Alabama,  
on Friday before the First Sunday in  
October, 1954

Rev. G. C. Lawrence to Preach the Introductory Sermon



## MINUTES

Minutes of the 67th Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association which convened with Union Hill Church, October 2nd and 3rd, 1953.

Song by choir. Prayer by Eld. J. S. Frederick. The moderator, Louie Bates, opened the session. Song by choir. Welcome address by Eld. I. D. Nix. Response by Bro. Dave Franks. Devotional by Bro. Wyman Halcomb. Report of program committee.

After song and prayer Eld. N. A. Patterson delivered a fine message. Text James 1 chp.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song by choir. Prayer by J. A. Underwood. Business called by Moderator Louie Bates.

The Moderator appointed Sis. Annie Shelnut and Rev. G. C. Lawrence as reading clerk.

Report of Credential Committee received. Letters from various churches read and contents noted in the Statistical Table.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BEAR CREEK—Truman Scott, Marvin Stewart Elmer Stewart.  
BETHLEHEM—Robert Hill Crowe, Felix Crowe, Sis. Adell Shirley.  
BRILLIANT-BOSTON—Vester Shirley, Riley Cooper, Sis. Riley Cooper.  
GUIN—Milton Miles, Alex Fugh, Walter Vaughn.  
CARBON HILL—Mrs. Robert Blackwell, Bro. and Sis. Joe Walker.  
FREE WATERS—Kelcy Pollard, Thomas Crow, Johnnie Pollard.  
GOOD SPRINGS—Hues Humphries, Delton Humphries, Roy Humphries.  
GUM SPRINGS—Joe Halcomb, Rufus Butler, Will Weeks.  
FAYETTE—Sis. H. E. Cobb, Bro. Kirby Black, Sis. S. C. Kennedy.  
HOLLY SPRINGS—Nellie Lay, Luna Baty, Irene Smith.  
LIBERTY—Rubin Warren, Marvin Akers, Willie McKinley.  
LONE STAR—Claud Russell, Charles Loden, J. B. Pitts.  
JASPER—Asks Letter of Dismission.  
MT. OLIVE—W. S. Flippo, Mintie Atkinson, Virla Johnson.  
MT. JOY—Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Godsey, Travis Frederick.  
MT. PLEASANT—Readus Huguley, Harvey Mobley, Buster Westbrooks.  
NEW LIBERTY—Clob Lowery, Shannon Fowler, Henry Flynn.  
EDGAR CHAPEL—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Edgar, Ethel Edgar.  
NEW OAK GROVE—Bill Montgomery and wife, Carl Hill.  
POCAHONTAS—Curt Hunter, Sis. Kathleen Hunter, Rich Johnson.  
PARRISH—Jim Moore, Sis. Mary Moore, Sis. Mary Farley.  
PLEASANT HILL—Slim Henson, Lester Raburn, Sis. Elna Dell Mitchell.  
POPLAR LOG—Douglas Gann, D. C. Markham, W. B. Wiginton.  
RED BAY—Mrs. T. M. Keeton, Mrs. Savannah Gaddis, Mrs. Oliver Mink.  
SHADY GROVE—Clyde Freeman, Otto Campbell, F. A. Rice.  
UNION CHAPEL—Lela Hallman, Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Goodwin.  
UNION HILL—Junior Rayburn, Zell Lolley, Louise Lacey.  
SPRING HILL—Sis. Ray Bevis, Guyton Beasley, Henry Mason.



WINFIELD—V. C. May, Sis. H. A. Pitts, Sis. Ione Weeks. ?

By a move all delegates were seated. Call for Petitionary Letters received—one from Guin and one from Edgar Chapel.

Both were received by a full vote. By a motion we granted Jasper a letter of dismissal.

Offering for Missions—Received \$35.92.

Call for Corresponding delegates:

STATE LINE—L. V. Collier.

VERNON—O. Z. Johnson.

BEAR CREEK—J. M. Pace.

Roll call of Ministers—13 present.

Appointment of Committees.

On Order of Business—G. C. Lawrence, Dewey Burleson, W. M. Benson, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Deceased Members—G. O. Parker, D. G. Markham, Wise Halcomb.

Appreciation—Mrs. Robert Blackwell, Verla Johnson, Dave Franks.

Finance—I. D. Nix, Pearl Barnett, Vester Shirley.

Call names of Churches and consigned delegates to places of stay for session.

On motion we adjourned until Saturday morning 9:00 o'clock.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Devotional by Elder J. S. Frederick. Message by Eld. Gilbert Lacy. Collection for Children's Home \$45.00.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Song by Choir. Prayer by Wilburn Beasley. Clerk's report accepted. Letter from J. L. Conner read. The body went into a devotional while the various committees prepared their reports.

#### SATURDAY 11:00 A. M.

The Rev. G. C. Lawrence preached a wonderful sermon on Fellowship with God.

Collection for Rev. G. W. Flippo \$52.76.

Saturday afternoon service—Song by choir and prayer by Bro. Blackwell. Business session called. Report of committees called for:

We, the Appreciation committee, report the following: We wish to express our sincere heartfelt thanks and appreciation to host church for the splendid way it has entertained this session of the Association. The hospitality has been wonderful and we commend the delegated body to give a unanimous standing vote expressing this appreciation. Signed,

MRS. ROBERT BLACKWELL,

MRS. VIRLA JONSON,

DAVE FRANKS.

Report received and committee discharged.

#### DECEASED MEMBERS

We your committee on Deceased members find the death angel has claimed 22 of our members:

MT. OLIVE—Sister Nancy E. Guthrie Franks, Bro. John S. Ledlow, Bro. R. M. Carter.

HOLLY SPRINGS—Bro. Jim Scott.

POPLAR LOG—Bro. G. G. Lee.

BRILLIANTBOSTON—Sis. Dave Dickinson, Bro. Morgan Mills.

BETHLEHEM—Sis. Mollie Underwood (died July 6, 1953. Age 72 years)

MT. PLEASANT—Bro. Henry McDaniel.

LIBERTY—Rev. W. D. Martin.

GUM SPRINGS—Bro. Nath White, Sis. Annie White, Bro. Leonard Walden.

SHADY GROVE—Sis. Easter Bankston age 66 years), Sis. Vonie Robinson age 64 years).

SPRING HILL—Sis. Bell Henson.

WINFIELD—Sis. Vera Webster, Bro. Thomas Barnes.

UNION CHAPEL—Sis. Martha Ervin.

NEW OAK GROVE—Bro. Jim Harvill (age 92, died Nov. 19, 1952), Sis. Sara Ann Harvill (died Dec. 22, 1952).

FREE WATERS—Bro. H. E. Franks.

FAYETTE—Sis. Bettie Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,

G. O. PARKER,

WISE HALCOMB,

D. G. MARKHAM

Report received and committee discharged.

The quarterly meetings of the Jasper Association have been enjoyed during the past year by all who have attended. It has met four times at the following churches: Gum Springs, Winfield, New Oak Grove and Brilliant-Boston. There has been an average of 13 churches represented at each meeting.

The offerings for the Children's home through the quarterly meetings totaled \$50.93.

The officers for the new year are: Rev. N. A. Patterson, Moderator, and Annie Lou Shinnutt, Clerk.

Program committee: Rev. H. A. Pitts, Delmus Miller, Ruby Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE LOU SHELNUTT.

We, the Credentials committee, beg to report as follows: The letters that we have examined are to the best of our knowledge worthy of acceptance by the body. We further recommend granting a letter of dismissal to the Jasper Free Will Baptist Church. We also recommend the acceptance of petitionary churches of Guin and Edgar Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,



J. O. JONES,  
WILBURN BEASLEY,  
HAROLD A. PITTS.

Report received. Jasper granted a letter and Guin and Edgar Chapel churches received and committee retained.

We, the Credential Committee, beg to report as follows. After prayerful examination we recommend the following: The ordination of Dave Franks, Lewis W. Livingston, Robert Blackwell, Wyman Halcomb and W. M. McDaniel. We also recommend that C. M. Akers be given a one year extension on the license he now holds. We further recommend that O. Z. Johnson be received as an ordained minister from the Vernon Association on forthcoming of letter, and Wilburn Beasley be given letter of dismission.

J. O. JONES,  
WILBURN BEASLEY,  
HAROLD A. PITTS.

Report received and committee discharged.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After devotion Eld. G. O. Parker gave a fine message of the Lord's Supper and a great number enjoyed the communion and feet washing services.

#### ON ORDER OF BUSINESS—

1. We recommend that the Association meet on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1954.

2. We recommend that each church take an offering for Foreign mission.

3. We recommend that the Moderator be paid \$15.00, Clerk \$20.00, Asst. Moderator \$5.00, Asst. Clerk \$10.00 out of the Associational funds.

4. We recommend that the elected moderator preach the introductory and that the moderator appoint a committee of 3 at the next session to send with the host church to plan the rest of the program.

5. We recommend that the moderator have charge of the tent and those wanting to use it give his dates well in advance of his time, and first come be served first; that tent be used for Evangelistical purposes only.

6. Since part of the members of the committee on Ministerial character ask that this committee be discontinued, we recommend that this be done.

We also recommend that each church look after its minister members and recommend to the Association those who are worthy of certificates of standing.

7. Spring Hill, Pocahontas, Carbon Hill and Lone Star have asked for a session of the quarterly meeting. We recommend that this body decide which shall have the November 28 and 29 session and the quarterly meeting decide where the others shall be.

8. We recommend that Saturday night service of each session of the Association be a communion service.

Report received and adopted by sections. Committee discharged. By a full vote of the body the Nov. 28 and 29, 1953, session of the quarterly meeting will be held with Lone Star church.

By a full vote of the body the next session of this association will be held with Shady Grove on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1954.

By a move Wilburn Beasley was granted a letter of dismission.

The moderator appointed the corresponding delegates as follows:

State Line: G. O. Parker, S. D. Nix; Vernon: N. A. Patterson; State: Sis. N. A. Patterson, Bro. Richmond Pollard, Sis. Lee Johnson.

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

Moderator, G. C. Lawrence; Asst. Moderator, H. A. Pitts; Clerk, Brandon Estes; Asst. Clerk, Annie Lou Shelnett.

On motion we adjourned amid tears of joy to meet with Shady Grove church one year hence.

LOUIE BATES, Moderator.

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

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Left over from last year	\$ 34.39
Associational Fund	104.18
Minute Fund	102.25

Total on hand Oct. 2, 1953	\$240.82
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#### Paid out October 2, 1953—

Brandon Estes	\$ 20.00
Louie Bates	15.00
H. A. Pitts	5.00
Annie Lou Shelnett	10.00
State dues	30.00

Total paid out	80.00
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Left in my hands for printing minutes, etc.	\$160.82
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Respectfully submitted,

BRANDON ESTES, Secretary.

#### MINUTES OF AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Saturday, April 25, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Jasper Association convened with the Brilliant-Boston Church.

The program was opened with some songs, "I Love to Tell the Story," and "He Leadeth Me," led by Bro. W. L. Franks, followed by a prayer by Mrs. Claude Pridmore.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Ollie Webb, and the response by Mrs. G. C. Lawrence.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Audie Franks from Mk. 15:1-9.

A motion was made and seconded to enter into the business session.



The minutes were read by Miss Annie Lou Shelnutt and were accepted as read.

Mrs. Earl Smith, president, read reports from the local presidents and the following delegates were seated to transact the business:

Mrs. Jim Wideman, Mrs. Andrew Hunt and Mrs. J. D. Self were from Brilliant-Boston.

Mrs. N. A. Patterson, Mrs. Mertie Atkinson, and Mrs. Audie Franks from Mt. Olive.

Mrs. Ione Weeks, from Winfield.

The following committees were appointed by Mrs. Earl Smith:

Registration—Patricia Pridmore and Evelyn Pitts.

Nominating—Mrs. Audie Franks, Mrs. Andrew Hunt and Mrs. H. A. Pitts.

Finance—Miss Ruby Miller, Mrs. Jim Wideman and Mrs. G. C. Lawrence.

Appreciation—Mrs. N. A. Patterson, Mrs. Rosie Silas, and Mrs. Grady May.

Resolutions—Mrs. A. P. Leonard, Mrs. Mertie Atkinson and Mrs. Ione Weeks.

After each officer gave her report a motion was made and seconded to be adjourned from the business.

Song, "No, Not One" was sung by choir. Ann Pitts sang "It Pays to Serve Jesus." Prayer by Sis. Ruby Miller. Song, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" led by W. L. Franks.

Message—Bro. G. C. Lawrence, Matt. 16: "Keys to the Kingdom" was his text. Song "I Need Thee Every Hour." Benediction, Bro. H. A. Pitts. Refreshments.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song—"Wonderful Jesus," led by Bro. H. A. Pitts. Prayer, Sis. G. C. Lawrence. Song, "White Angel Band," led by W. L. Franks. Sis. Earl Smith introduced the program theme: "The Family of God."

Topic I: "Family Fellowship," Mrs. A. P. Leonard.

Topic II: "Family Obedience," Mrs. H. A. Pitts.

Topic III: "Family Must Not Serve the World," by Miss Ruby Miller.

Topic IV: "How the Family Shall Know Each Other," Mrs. Jim Wideman.

Topic V: "The Family of God Is Known by Love," Mrs. Lorene Conner.

Song: "I Want to Be a Worker," by W. L. Franks. Song: "What a Friend," W. L. Franks. Message: Bro. H. A. Pitts, "What the Auxiliary Means to the Church" was his subject. He pointed out that the Auxiliary helped in the following ways: (1) by prayer; (2) contributing many material needs; (3) Shared in the responsibility of teaching the Bible.

After a song a motion was made and seconded to reenter the business. The following reports were given, accepted and the committees discharged:

Registration Committee: Ministers 3, Delegates 13, Visitors 28.

Resolutions: 1, We urge each Auxiliary to order a Manual and study a course in it, in Missions, and in Stewardship each quarter.

2::: We recommend that the reports from each auxiliary be read separately.

3: We urge each church that doesn't have an auxiliary to make all efforts possible to organize one.

4: We recommend that our district convention meet with the Mt. Olive Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April 1954.

5: We recommend that the secretary have report blanks printed and sent out to the local presidents at least a month before the district convention and that the district officers meet in a conference a week preceding the convention and that the district officers meet in a conference a week preceding the convention in order to make plans and get reports ready.

6:: We recommend that each Auxiliary pay at least \$2.00 each month to the Children's Home at Eldridge, Ala.

7: We recommend that each church continue to send in coupons to the Children's Home; that they bring them to the Auxiliary quarterly, each kind counted and tied in bundles of 100 or less, with the number of coupons marked on each bundle.

8: We recommend the district award the Auxiliary a prize who sends the most coupons.

Nomnating: President, Mrs. Earl Smith, Brilliant, Ala.

Vice-President, Mrs. A. P. Leonard, Brilliant, Ala.

Membership Chairman: Mrs. Claude Pridmore, Brilliant, Ala.

Study Course Chairman: Miss Ruby Miller, Winfield, Ala.

Program-Publicity Chairman: Mrs. Jim Wideman, Brilliant, Ala.

Benevolence Chairman: Mrs. G. C. Lawrence, Brilliant, Ala.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Annie Lou Shelnutt, Rt. 3, Winfield, Ala.

Appreciation: We, your Appreciation committee, wish to express our appreciation to the host church for the wonderful hospitality that it has shown us during this session. We are asking the entire delegated body to show its appreciation by a rising vote.

Finance: We, the Finance committee, have checked the treasurer's report and found the following to be correct:

Amount left from last year \_\_\_\_\_ \$18.90

Amount of dues sent in this year \_\_\_\_\_ K 15.90

\$34.80

Paid out for State and National dues \_\_\_\_\_ 5.80

Amount on hand at present \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.00

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Ruby Miller, Mrs. G. C. Lawrence and Mrs. Jim Wideman.

After checking on how many coupons had been sent in from each Auxiliary, it was found that the Winfield Auxiliary had sent the most. A motion was made and seconded that money be taken from the district treasury to buy the Winfield Auxiliary a nice bouquet for the church.

Mrs. Lorene Conner, Mrs. Clyde Warren, and Mrs. Ione Weeks were



appointed to go to the State Convention as delegates.

A motion was moved and seconded to adjourn the business until the convention meets with Mt. Olive Church.

Song: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Benediction by Bro. N. A. Patterson.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Lou Shelnett, Secretary.

#### CHURCHES AND DEACONS

BETHLEHEM—J. H. Estes, C. A. Tidwell, W. Franks.

BEAR CREEK—Edd Hill, Roland Williams, Gerom Stewart, Henry Grisom.

BRILLIANT-BOSTON—J. A. Underwood, Dewey Burleson, J. Pugh, L. Fraks, V. Hawkins, H. L. Thomas, J. D. Self.

CARBON HILL—J. J. Hopson, J. H. Williams, J. Nicholson, J. C. Nichols, B. Sutherland, L. Livingston, I. Langston.

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

EDGAR CHAPEL—Edsie Bankston, J. D. Falkner.

FAYETTE—A. M. Wallace, C. Black, J. P. Kelley, C. White, E. Taylor, J. Williams.

GUIN—H. Guin, E. J. alcomb, Alex Pugh.

GOOD SPRINGS—J. D. Humphries, M. M. Warren, L. L. Humphries.

GUM SPRINGS—W. Halcomb, G. Benson, John Moore.

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

LIBERTY—H. Bozeman, E. Dickinson, A. Pugh, G. Smith, W. Wisham.

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

MT. JOY—W. N. Newell, G. Pounders, B. Bates, M. Godsey.

MT. OLIVE—R. L. Johnson, H. S. Atkinson, A. G. May, H. L. Franks, R. M. McNeese.

MT. PLEASANT—F. A. Aldridge, Olas Erwin, W. M. Burleson, Claud Kimbrell, Sam Flippo, W. Westbrooks. **Z**

NEW LIBERTY—O. Fowler, W. D. Smith, M. Narrimore, W. C. Fowler, A. Whitson, T. Madison, T. B. Smith.

NEW OAK GROVE—A. Martin, A. Early, L. Nix, J. Knight W. Martin, S. McDaniel.

PARRISH—Oscar Uptain, V. V. Forley, Thompson, H. Romine.

POCAONTAS—C. Griffin, C. Gann, E. Nelson, Jim Hunter, Frank Henders.

POPLAR SPRINGS—W. H. May, B. H. Owens, J. R. Frederick.

PLEASANT HILL—H. Sullens, Jim Pope, B. D. Tice, L. M. Townley.

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

SHADY GROVE—L. A. Abston, W. F. Freeman, M. M. Bankston, J. J. Graves, G. E. Nix, T. J. Mashburn.

SPRING HILL—Ray Bevis, Henry Mason, Lord Hendrick, B. Barton, Jim Lawson.

UNION CHAPEL—Gus Eads, Holly Loden, Elbert Hendrick.

UNION HILL—Ester Gunnin, T. J. Livingston, W. C. Loy, D. C. Kennedy, LeBurn Jackson.

WINFIELD—Garlon Holliman, Winfield.

#### CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES

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

BEAR CREEK—Maudie Grissom, Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 1

BRILLIANT-BOSTON—Mrs. James Pugh, Wilfield, Ala., Rt. 4

CARBON HILL—Elsie Salter, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2

EDGAR CHAPEL—Delsie Faulkner, Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 3

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

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

GUIN—W. J. Underwood, Guin, Ala., Rt. 1

GOOD SPRINGS—L. L. Humphress, Vina, Ala., Rt. 1.

GUM SPRINGS—John H. Moore.

HOLLY SPRINGS—Evelyn Taylor, Hodges, Ala., Rt. 1

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

LONE STAR—Charles Loden, Tremont, Miss., Rt. 1.

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

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

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

NEW LIBERTY—Victor Smith, Bankston, Ala., Rt. 1

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

PARRISH—Sis. Audie Romine, Parrish, Ala.

POCAHONTAS—Hattie Hunter, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2

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

PLEASANT HILL—B. D. Tice, Hackleburg, Ala.

RED BAY—Oliver H. Mink, Red Bay, Ala.

SHADY GROVE—W. F. Freeman, Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 3.

SPRING HILL—Minnie Bevis, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 3

UNION CHAPEL—W. A. Holliman, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 4.

UNION HILL—Ester Gunnin, Hackleburg, Ala., Box 25

WINFIELD—Gaorlon Holliman, Winfield, Ala.

#### NAMES OF MINISTERS

Alexander, Will

Adkins, Eld. B. M., Townley

Beasley, Eld. Wilburn, Winfield, Ala.

Hughes, Eld. W. B., Nashville, Tenn., Freewill Baptist College.

Barnes, Elmd. Pearl, Alden, Ala.

Bates, Elmd. 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., Rt. 4.  
 Brooks, Eld. R. S., Hackleburg, Ala.  
 Burkett, Eld. Vester, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2,  
 Conner, Eld. J. L., 321 1/4 N. Florence, Monterey Park, Calif.  
 Cobb, Eld. Harvey, Fayette, Ala., Rt. 5.  
 Flippo, Eld. G. W., Guin, Ala. Rt. 2.  
 Frederick, Eld. J. C., Hackleburg, Ala.  
 Flippo, Eld. J. A., Haleyville, Ala.  
 Franks, Eld. E. R. Guin, Ala., Rt. 2  
 Frederick, Eld. Amon,, Hackleburg, Ala.  
 Godsey, Eld. J. A. Hamilton, Ala.  
 Gardner, Eld. O. S., Hackleburg, Ala.  
 Howell, Eld. Sam, Hamilton, Ala.  
 Humphress, Eld. Richard,  
 Jones, Eld. J. O., Phil Campbell, Ia.  
 Johnson, Eld. O. Z., Guin, Ala. Rt. 1.  
 Keeton, Eld. P. T., Belmont, Miss., Rt. 2.  
 Lacy, Eld. A. C., Hackleburg.  
 Lowery, Eld. Lee Roy, Bankston.  
 Lawrence, Eld. G. C.  
 McMikin, Les Weston, Russellville, Ala., Rt. 5.  
 Mitchell, Eld. J. W., Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 1.  
 Newell, Eld. Hugh B., Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Hudson, Eld. Grady, Redm Bay, Ala.  
 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.  
 Franks, Dave, Guin, Ala.  
 Langston, Lewis Carbon Hill, Ala.  
 Paden, Eld. C. D., Vina, Ala., Rt. 1  
 Parker, Eld. G. O., Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 4.  
 Patterson, Eld. N. A., Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Pitts, Eld. H. A., Box 208, Winfield, Ala.  
 Roberts, Eld. William, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 McDonald, W. W., Carbon Hill, Ala.  
 Spencer, Eld. J. W.  
 Blackwell, Robt., Carbon Hill, Ala.  
 Spencer, Eld. R. J., Vina, Ala., Rt. 1.  
 Tucker, Eld. Clovis  
 Wise, Eld. Holcomb, Guin, Ala.  
 Halcomb, Wyman, Mont Eagle, Tenn.

### DECEASED MEMBERS

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

### 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 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 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 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 from so doing if they want 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 ofm 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 heads of families will strive to decide our household to the service of God, only hope for 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.

2. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and that its teachings construe he only infallible 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 into salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world for sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted, regenerated and saved.—Romans 10:12.

Art. 5. We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures; that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.—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.—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 5:6-8.

Ar. 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 nally lost.—Luke 9:62.

9. We believe that good works is the result of faith and that those who have 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 can not 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. 11:18-20.

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; that death is the separation of the SHR DCMF WYCMFWYP F immortal parts of human beings.—Genesis 2:7.

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 kwicked 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 Sessions.

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 some one 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 sitters 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.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Exp.	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	No. Members	Meeting Days	Pupils in S. S.	Spent on S. S.	Pd. Children's Home	Pd. College	Pd. Home Mis.	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Association Fund	Minute Fund	Value Church Property
Bethlehem	A. G. Lacy	0	0	4	0	1	126	-3	50	\$28.00	\$12.00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$318.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.30	\$1500
Bear Creek	J. O. Jones	0	3	0	0	0	58	-2	24		.00	.00	.00	78.70	15.00	3.68	3.00	100
Brilliant-Boston	N. A. Patterson	3	0	2	0	2	164	1-3	122	80.85	135.00	455.69	27.40	710.00	200.00	5.00	10.00	3500
Carbon Hill	O. Z. Johnston	2	3	2	0	0	80	1-3	90	107.58	55.00	.00	.00	1179.96	52.30	7.00	3.00	3000
Edgar Chapel	I. O. Jones			0	0	0	15	-1	0	.00	.00	.00	.00	25.00	.00	3.30	3.00	2600
Free Waters	G. C. Lawrence	5	18	0	0	1	188	1-2	90	32.60	82.00	.00	.00	679.37	75.00	5.00	5.00	5000
Fayette	O. L. Fields	8	37	0	0	1	89	All	80	240.00	200.50	.00	.00	932.38	329.95	1.00	2.00	2500
Guin	O. Z. Johnston	0	0	0	0	0	10	1-3	0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6.00	2.75	
Good Springs	O. S. Gardner	0	3	0	0	0	40	-2	54	25.00	.00	.00	.00	231.00	67.00	2.00	3.00	500
Gum Springs	G. O. Parker	1	2	3	0	3	50	1-2	56		9.00	.00	.00	830.44	26.95	3.00	2.00	
Holly Springs	S. Frederick	3	0	0	0	1	92	1-3	34	20.00	.00	.00	.00	936.40	79.39	3.00	2.00	2000
Liberty	Huds'n Burleson	0	0	1	1	1	125	1-4	45	56.00	.00	.00	2.00	90.00	65.00	3.00	3.00	1000
Lone Star	G. O. Parker	0	0	3	0	0	147	1-3	50	89.00	6.50	.00	.00		42.00	2.00	4.00	3000
Mt. Joy	W. H. Pearce	2	0	0	0	0	36	-4	30	17.30	45.00	.00	10.51	86.82		4.55	3.00	
Mt. Olive	G. C. Lawrence	0	6	1	0	3	305	3-4	96	35.00	60.00	.00	.00	855.00	210.60	10.00	5.00	20000
Mt. Pleasant	Pearl Barnes	1	0	1	0	1	177	2-4	87	187.72	.00	.00	7.50	378.59	90.00	4.00	4.00	2000
New Liberty	J. M. Spencer	0	0	1	0	0	141	2-4	69	50.00	45.00	.00	.00	339.00	55.00	2.00	8.00	2000
New Oak Grove	N. A. Patterson	0	7	0	0	2	120	2-4	135	176.35	45.89	.00	.00	1223.47	117.21	10.00	4.00	1000
Parrish	I. D. Nix	0	0	0	0	0	15	1-4	0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1.50	1.50	
Pocahontas	B. M. Adkins	0	2	0	0	0	44	All	40	.00	18.00	.00	.00	570.00	50.00	5.00	5.00	3000
Poplar Log	W. H. Pearce	2	3	0	0	1	148	1-3	65	121.90	.00	.00	.00	516.15	95.89	5.70	5.00	2500
Pleasant Hill	O. S. Gardner	0	6	1	0	0	80	-3	40	18.00	.00	.00	.00	85.00	.00	2.50	4.45	
Red Bay	Ira C. Gow	2	4	10	0	0	160	All	54	669.09	32.42	30.00	5.00	1725.00	85.00	2.00	3.00	20000
Shady Grove	G. O. Parker	2	0	6	0	2	225	-3	60	25.00	30.50	.00	.00	333.60	55.00	5.00	2.85	1500
Spring Hill	O. Z. Johnston	3	8	3	0	1	44	2-4	38	30.00	50.00	.00	4.53	252.89	44.03	2.50	2.50	3000
Union Chapel	J. M. Spencer	0	0	0	0	1	38	-2	0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2.00	2.00	2000
Union Hill	J. M. Pace	1	1	6	0	1		-2		77.67	35.14	.00	.00	200.00	96.05	4.00	4.40	
Winfield	H. A. Pitts	4	2	4	4	2	143	All	150	500.65	42.00	85.00	143.00	2600.00	250.00	5.00	5.00	15000