

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

Held With Shady Grove Church
October 1st And 2nd, 1954

Officers:

REV. G. C. LAWRENCE Moderator

BRANDON ESTES Clerk

The next session of this Association will convene with
Free Waters Church, Guin, Alabama,
on Friday before the First Sunday in
OCTOBER, 1955

Rev. A. G. Lacy to Preach the Introductory Sermon

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MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS

of the 68th. annual session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association held with Shady Grove Church, October 1 and 2, 1954.

FRIDAY A.M.

Singnig and prayer by congregation.

Welcome address by Rev. G. O. Parker.

Response by Dewey Burleson.

Rev. A. G. Lacy and Bro. Dewey Burleson were appointed to serve on the credentials committee.

Church letters were turned over to the credential committee

Devotional by N. A. Patterson, Acts 9: 23:29.

Several testimonies were given.

FRIDAY 11:00 A.M.

Message by Rev. G. C. Lawrence. Theme (A New Home for the Saints).

FRIDAY P.M.

Song and prayer by congregation.

Reading of the rules of order by Rev. G. C. Lawrence.

Report of credentials committee received and adopted.

By a move the Moderator appointed Annie Lou Shelnut and C. P. Carter as reading clerks.

Letters read and contents noted.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BETHLEHEM—Harold Tidwell, Felix Crow, Adell Linley.

BEAR CREEK—Guy Stancle, Lon Gunion, Truman Scott.

BRILLIANT-BOSTON—Burgess Threadgill, Eula White, Ruby Dickinson.

CARBON HILL—Bro. and Sis. Aldredge, Sis. Southerland.

FREE WATERS—James Phillips, Artis Pugh, Pearce Miller.

EDGARS CHAPEL—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Edgar, Delsie Faulkner.

FAYETTE—Given a letter of dismission.

GUIN—Bro. and Sis. Elec Pugh, H. W. Vaughn.

GOOD SPRINGS—Cleve Humphress, Roy Humphress, Sis. Warren

GUM SPRINGS—Joe Halcomb, Sis. Verla Sexton, Susie Halcomb.

HOLLY SPRINGS—E. A. Childers, Louie Burgette, Dan McCarley

LIBERTY—Earlie Dickinson, Sis. Lillian Dickinson, Lilly Akers.

LONE STAR—Bascum Chism, Charles Loden, Sis. Dorthie Chism.

MT. JOY—Orman Newell, Roy Hagan, Laura Jewell Cagle.

MT. OLIVE—Mirtie Atkinson, Virla Johnson, Fannie Silas.

MT. PLEASANT—Ida Lee Aldredge, Ilene Myres, B. Westbrook.

NEW LIBERTY—Clabe Lowery, Victor Smith, Estell Fowler.

NEW OAK GROVE—Carl Hill, and wife, Ida Mote.

PARRISH—George Shead, Margie Uptair, Sis. Thompson.

POCAHONTAS—Curt Hunter, Rich Jordan, John Bray.

POPLAR LOG—Harrison Gregg, L. Giddy, Charley Britnell.

PLEASANT HILL—Larkin Townley, Slim Henson, Ida Townley.

RED BAY—Mrs. T. M. Keeton, Sis. S. Gaddys, Sis. Ira Gow

SHADY GROVE—Clyde Freeman, Clyde Herring, Marlin Lawler

SPRING HILL—A. Barton, Mary Ann Thomas, Grady Downey

UNION CHAPEL—Jessie Eads, Lela Holliman, Annie Warren.

UNION HILL—Junior Raburn, Zell Lolly, Olen Carter.

WINFIELD—Ray, Carter, V. C. May, Sis. Arlee Carter

By a move all delegates were seated.

Call for petitionary letters received none.

Call for corresponding delegates.

MT. MORRIAH—O. L. Fields.

PROGRESSIVE—A. J. Lambert.

VERNON—Girley Roberts.

Roll call of Ministers—12 present.

By a move the Moderator appointed all committees

Order of business; N. A. Patterson, Harrison Gregg, Dewey

Burleson.

Deceased Members: Annie Lou Shelnut, Fannie Silas, Ilean
Myres.

Appreciation; J. W. Micthell, Wyman Halcomb, Joe Halcomb

Finance; Harvey May, Ray Carter, O. Z. Johnson.

Fayette Church, Rev. Louie Bates and Rev. I. D. Nix were
granted letters of recommendations.

Call names of churches and consign delegates to places of stay
for the session. On motion we adjourned until Saturday 9:00 A.M.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Rev. A. G. Lacey gave the message.

Program by Children's Home.

Collection for the home \$73.00.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

After song and prayer, the following business was transacted.
Report of Clerk accepted. Minutes of Friday read and approved as
read. The body went into a devotional service while the committees
made ready their reports.

SATURDAY 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

Eld. H. A. Pitts preached a wonderful message on Stewardship.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

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

FREE WATERS: Bro. Jerry Bozeman, Sis. Ella Franks.

GUM SPRINGS: Sis. Mary Margaret Hawkins, Bro. Walter Taylor

LIBERTY: Bro. Marvin Akers.

MT. PLEASANT: Bro. W. N. Burleson, age 74.

NEW LIBERTY: Sis. M. E. Fowler, Sis. Sally McFarland Nichols.

Bro. Tom Poer, Rev. Vester Burkett.

NEW OAK GROVE: Sis. Betsy Mote.

PARRISH: Bro. Mack Newman, Bro. Ruffus Wiggins, Grannie
Anderson.

FOCAHONTA: Bro. Colie Gann, Sis. J. R. Benson.

POPULAR LOG: Sis. Iolan Mitchell Boyett.

SHADY GROVE: Sis. Rachel Clark, Bro. J. J. Graves.

UNION HILL: Bro. J. T. Tyra, Sis. Lue Tyra.

MT. JOY: Bro. Tommy Roberts, age 87.

Respectfully Submitted

Annie Lou Shelnut

Ilean Myers

Fannie Silas,

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Report of the Quarterly Meetings

There have been four quarterly meetings this past year at the following places; Lone Star, Spring Hill, Pocahontas, and Carbon Hill.

There has been a real good spirit shown in each of the meetings. There has been an average of eleven churches attending, and an average of eleven preachers, and five deacons.

The officers for the coming year are: Rev. N. A. Patterson, Moderator; Miss Annie Lou Shelnut, Clerk; Rev. H. A. Pitts, Bro. Delmus Miller, and S. R. Miller, Program Committee.

Each church is urged to attend every meeting in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annie Lou Shelnut, Clerk

We the Appreciation Committee report the following; We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to host church for its splendid way it has shown its love to this delegated body, and we also want to thank you good ladies for the good food you have prepared for us, we also appreciate the love and unity that we have seen thus for among this entire body.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wyman Holcomb

Bro. Mitchell

Joe Holcomb

We the Credential Committee make the following report; We endorse action of New Oak Grove Church in asking Virgil Benson surrender to the Association the license that were given him to preach the Gospel because of disorderly conduct, also that John Henry Glasgow from the Parrish Church be granted a license for one year.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. O. Jones

A. G. Lacy

Harold A. Pitts

We the Credential Committee beg to make the following report: The letters we have examined so far are in good order contain no inconsistencies. We therefore recommend that they be accepted by the association. We further recommend that Fayette Church be given a letter of Dismission and Recommendation, and that Brother Louie Bates be given a letter of Dismission and Recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted

J. O. Jones

A. G. Lacy

Harold A. Pitts

All reports received, adopted and committees discharged.

1. By a vote of the body the next session of this Association will meet on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1955.

2. We find that Poplar Log and Free Waters are asking for the next session of the Association. We recommend that the body decide.

3. Oak Grove asked for first quarterly meeting, Brilliant-Boston second, Union Hill third, and Gum Springs fourth. We recommend this be done.

4. We recommend that each church take an offering for Foreign Mission and Home Mission.

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

6. 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.

7. 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 Evangelist purposes only.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

H. Gregg

Dewey Burleson

N. A. Patterson

G. C. Lawrence

Brandon Estes

Committee

Report received and adopted by sections committee discharged.

CHURCHES AND DEACONS

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

BEAR CREEK—Ed Hill, Roland Williams, G. W. Stewart and Henry Grissom.

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

CARBON HILL—E. Southerland, and Jim Nichols.

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

EDGAR CHAPEL—J. D. Faulkner, and Marshal Raper.

GUIN—H. Guin, Alex Pugh, and E. J. Halcomb.

GOOD SPRINGS—J. D. Humphress, M. M. Warren, and L. L. Humphress.

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

HOLLY SPRINGS—P. E. Lay, J. M. Scott, E. A. Childers, Louis Burgett.

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

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

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

MT. CL V—R. L. Johnson, H. S. Atkinson, A. G. May, H. L. Frank, and R. M. McNeese.

MT. PLEASANT—F. A. Aldridge, Olath Erwin, Claud Kimbrell, Sam Phipps, and W. Westbrooks.

NEW LIBERTY—O. Fowler, W. D. Smith, M. Narrimore, John Madison, A. Whitson, and J. B. Smith.

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

PARRISH—Oscar Uptain, J. Glassgow, N. Dunn, James Glassgow Joe Clark, V. V. Farley, H. Thompson, and H. Romine

POCAHONTAS—Frank Hinds, Toxie Ne Smith, Jim Hunter, E. Nelson, and Kirt Hunter,
 POPLAR LOG—W. H. May, B. H. Owens, and J. R. Frederick.
 PLEASANT HILL—H. Sullens, Jim Pope, B. D. Tice, and L. M. Townley.
 RED BAY—T. M. Keeton, H. L. Keeton, J. R. Yielding, Carl Tharp, and O. H. Mink.
 SHADY GROVE—L. A. Abston, W. F. Freeman, G. E. Nix, J. T. Mashburn, and H. M. Bankston.
 SPRING HILL—Ray Bevis, B. Barton, Jim Lawson, Loyd Hendrick, Henry Mason.
 UNION CHAPEL—Gus Eads, H. Loden, and Elbert Hendrick.
 UNION HILL—T. J. Langston, W. C. Lacy, D. C. Kennedy, L. Jackson, and Ester Gunnin.
 WINFIELD—Garlon Holliman and James D. Crowe.

CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES

BETHLEHEM—Harold Tidwell, Brilliant, Ala. Rt. 1.
 BEAR CREEK—Sis. Maudie Grisson, Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 1.
 BRILLIANT-BOSTON—Mrs. James Pugh, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 4.
 CARBON HILL—Mrs. Elsie Salter, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.
 FREE WATERS—Brandon Estes, Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.
 EDGARS CHAPEL—Myrtle Lee Raper, Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 3.
 GUIN—W. J. Underwood, Guin, Ala., Rt. 1.
 GOOD SPRINGS—Leeman Humphress, Vina, Ala., Rt. 1.
 GUM SPRINGS—John H. Moore, Brilliant, Ala.
 HOLLY SPRINGS—E. A. Childers, Atwood, Ala.
 LIBERTY—Hill Bozeman, Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.
 LONE STAR—Charles Loden, Tremont, Miss.
 MT. JOY—Mrs. Euna Hagan, Phil Campbell, Ala., Box 65.
 MT. OLIVE—W. E. Atkinson, Guin, Ala., Rt. 1.
 MT. PLEASANT—Herman Huguley, Brilliant, Ala.
 NEW LIBERTY—Victor Smith, Bankston, Ala., Rt. 1.
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 NEW OAK GROVE—J. M. Robins, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1.
 PARRISH—Audie Romine, Parrish, Ala.
 POCAHONTAS—Hattie Hunter, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.
 POPLAR LOG—J. E. Harris, Hamilton, Ala., Rt. 4.
 PLEASANT HILL—B. D. Tice, Hackleburg, Ala.
 RED BAY—Oliver H. Mink, Red Bay, Ala.
 SHADY GROVE—Clyde Freeman, Phil Campbell, Ala.
 SPRING HILL—Sis. Minnie Bevis, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 3.
 UNION CHAPEL—W. A. Holliman, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 4.
 UNION HILL—Ester Gunnin, Hackleburg, Ala., Box 25
 WINFIELD—Garlon Holliman, Winfield, Ala.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

After song and prayer the body went into a business session and transacted the following business.

Granted Rev. I. D. Nix a letter Dismission.

Rev. O. Z. Johnson was received in full fellowship.

Howard Thomas appointed to serve foreign mission board.

Bro. Wyman Halcomb was appointed to serve on home mission board.

Appointed corresponding delegates as follows:

VERNON—Rev. N. A. Patterson.

STATE LINE—Rev. A. G. Lacey, and G. O. Parker.

MT. MORRIAH—Bro. Fields.

STATE ASSOCIATION—Sis. N. A. Patterson, Bro. Dewey Burleson and wife.

By a vote of the body the next session of this association will meet with Free Waters church on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1955. Rev. A. G. Lacy to preach the introduction sermon.

SECRETARY & TREASURER REPORT

On hand from 1953	\$ 39.82
Minute fund	97.75
Association fund	114.19
TOTAL OCT. 2, 1954	\$251.76
Paid out Oct. 2, 1954.	
Brandon Estes	\$ 20.00
G. C. Lawrence	15.00
H. A. Pitts	5.00
Annie Lou Shelnut	10.00
TOTAL PAID OUT OCT. 2, 1954	\$ 50.00
Left in my hand, Oct. 2, 1954	\$201.76

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

A. G. LACEY—Moderator, Hackleburg, Ala.

G. O. PARKER—Assistant Moderator.

BRANDON ESTES—Clerk, Rt. 2, Guin, Ala.

ANNIE LOU SHELNUIT—Assistant Clerk.

On motion we adjourned to meet one year hence with Free Waters Church. The parting hand was taken amid tears of joy.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The service was communion and feet washing service. It was enjoyed by all who took part.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE MINUTES

Proceedings of the Second Sunday School and League Convention which convened with Mt. Olive Church, April 24, 1954. Song "What A Friend", Prayer by Rev. O. Z. Johnson; Devotional, Rev. O. Z. Johnson; Prayer by Rev. N. A. Patterson; Welcome address by Mrs. Autie Franks; Response by Rev. H. A. Pitts. Evelyn Pitts and Mary Phillips read letters from the following S. S.: Brilliant-Boston, Free Waters, Fayette, Mt. Olive, New Oak Grove, Red Bay, and Winfield. A motion was made to accept letters and seat the delegates.

"Qualifications of a S. S. Teacher," was given by Brandon Estes. "How to Study the S. S. Lesson" by Howard Thomas. "How to be an Effective Teacher," by Garion Holliman. A message, by Rev. Ira C. Gow, His text being, "The Pastor Leading the S. S." Benediction by Dewey Burleson. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Afternoon session was opened with a song. Letters were read from the following leagues:

Brilliant-Boston, Fayette, Free Waters, Mt. Olive, New Oak Grove, and Winfield.

Moderator's address by Bro. W. L. Franks

Election of officers: The results were as the following: Rev. Ira C. Gow, President; Dewey Burleson, Vice-President; and Annie Lou Shelnut, Clerk, Fay Atkins, Assistant Clerk.

A motion was made and seconded for the officers to arrange the programs.

Rev. H. A. Pitts made a move to combine the Minutes with those of the Associational Minutes and Rev. O. L. Fields seconded it.

A motion was made and seconded for each S. S. and League to send \$2.00 with each letter to the next convention.

"A Well Organized League" was given by Mrs. Minnie Fields; "Getting the Work Done Through the League" by Miss Wilma Aldridge; "Why Have a League" by Rev. O. L. Fields.

A Sword Drill was won by Wilma Aldridge. Benediction by Rev. H. A. Pitts.

MINUTES OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

April 23, 1954 the Women's Auxiliary of the Jasper District met with the Mt. Olive church.

The program opened with the songs, "Rescue the Perishing", and "When I See the Blood," led by Annie Lou Shelnut. Prayer by Rev. G. C. Lawrence. Devotional was conducted by Mrs. Lucille Estes, followed with a prayer by Rev. N. A. Patterson. Welcome address was given by Mrs. Rosa Silas and the response by Mrs. Bob Early.

Letters were read from the following Auxiliaries with the names of the delegates:

BRILLIANT-BOSTON—Mrs. Riley Cooper, Mrs. Jane Downey, and Mrs. N. A. Patterson.

FAYETTE—Mrs. Addie White and Mrs. O. L. Fields.

FREE WATERS—Rube Sue Pollard, Imogene Pugh, Lucille Estes.

MT. OLIVE—Autie Franks, Rosa Silas, Myrtie Atkinson.

NEW OAK GROVE—Minnie Knight, Naomi Earley, Maggie Robins.

WINFIELD—Verna Lee Benton, Juanita Whitson.

A motion was made and seconded to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates.

The following committees were appointed by the president. Mrs. Earl Smith:

Registration: Verna Lee Benton and Wilma Aldridge.

Nominating: Lucille Estes, Autie Franks, Minnie Knight.

Finance: Mrs. A. P. Leosard, Mrs. G. C. Lawrence, Annie Lou Shelnut.

Appreciation: Ruth Pollard, Mrs. Claude Pridmore, Nora Belle McDaniel.

Resolution: Mrs. N. A. Patterson, Ruth Pugh, Wilma Aldridge.

After the song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was sung, Rev. O. L. Field led in prayer, followed with a message by Rev. N. A. Patterson, using for his text, "What is My Task."

Song, "Wonderful Jesus" was led by Rev. O. L. Fields

Benediction by Mrs. Riley Cooper.

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Rec'd. by Letter	Rec'd. by Exp.	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	No. Members	Meeting Days	Papils in S. S.
Bethlehem	A. G. Lacey	0	0	5	0	6	125	3	50
Bear Creek	J. S. Frederick	0	1	3	0	0	58	2	0
Brilliant-Boston	N. A. Patterson	3	8	2	0	0	181	1-3	100
Carbon Hill	N. A. Patterson	0	0	3	1	0	80	1-3	90
Edgars Chapel	J. O. Jones	4	4	0	0	0	23	1	45
Free Waters	G. C. Lawrence	1	0	6	0	2	181	1-2	80
Guin	O. Z. Johnson	2	0	0	0	0	014	1-3	
Good Springs	O. S. Gardner	0	2	0	0	0	42	2	42
Gum Springs	O. Z. Johnson	1	3	1	0	2	60	2-4	56
Holly Sprngs	J. S. Frederick	2	10	0	0	0	104	1-3	75
Liberty	Hudson Burleson	0	0	0	0	1	84	2-4	45
Lone Star	G. O. Parker	2	2	0	0	0	140	3	60
Mt. Joy	J. O. Jones	3	0	1	0	1	36	3-4	40
Mt. Olive	G. C. Lawrence	1	3	6	0	0	303	3-4	96
Mt. Pleasant	Gurley Roberts	5	3	0	0	1	182	2	81
New Liberty	H. L. Key	0	11	1	0	4	139	2-4	69
New Oak Grove	W. H. Pearce	1	2	2	0	1	121	2-4	135
Parrish	Walter Colman	0	17	0	1	3	75	All	100
Pocohontas	H. L. Key	0	0	2	0	2	46	All	50
Poplar Log	W. H. Pearce	2	11	1	0	1	137	1-3	65
Pleasant Hill	O. S. Gardner	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	20
Red Bay	Ira C. Gow	2	1	5	0	0	155	All	54
Shady Grove	G. O. Parker	0	10	1	3	2	258	3	70
Spring Hill	Richard Humphress	0	2	0	0	0	41	2-4	58
Union Chapel	Richard Humphress	0	0	0	0	0	38	1-3	0
Union Hill	J. M. Pace	3	14	7	0	2	0	2	0
Winfield	H. A. Pitts	4	8	0	0	0	157	All	150
TOTAL		33	165	43	5	22	2801		2621

TABLE

Value Church Property	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Paid Helper	Paid Pastor	Pd. Home Mis.	Pd. College	Pd. Children's Home	Spent on S. S.
\$ 500.00	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.00	\$ 51.80	\$ 231.79	\$ 4.35	\$.00	\$ 15.68	\$ 25.00
900.00	1.75	2.60		71.59	.00	.00	.00	.00
15000.00	15.00	10.00	175.00	1250.00	150.49	100.00	.00	100.00
3000.00	3.00	5.00	50.00	567.85	13.50	.00	40.00	136.62
2600.00	3.00	2.00	16.00	96.82	.00	.00	7.25	23.60
4000.00	5.00	5.00	76.05	700.00	.00	.00	.00	25.00
4000.00	2.00	2.00		129.82	.00	.00	.00	.00
1000.00	2.00	3.00	30.00	165.25	.00	.00	.00	27.12
2000.00	3.00	3.00	235.19	243.00	25.00	.00	50.00	26.49
2000.00	6.20	5.00	55.00	235.75	.00	.00	.00	.00
1000.00	3.00	3.00		166.10	.00	.00	.00	53.00
600.00	3.00	3.00	40.00	112.00	.00	.00	15.00	43.23
1000.00	2.00	1.60	48.60	141.50	23.00	.00	40.00	16.64
20000.00	5.00	10.00	160.00	910.00	36.00	24.00	50.00	43.50
2000.00	4.00	4.00	50.18	270.38	.00	.00	.00	103.50
2000.00	8.00	2.00	50.00	452.70	20.00	.00	34.56	38.45
2000.00	3.15	5.00	100.00	1100.00	7.00	.00	41.43	66.55
20000.00	2.25	2.25	54.81	313.28	.00	.00	.00	101.21
2000.00	5.00	5.00	55.00	460.63	.00	.00	14.00	.00
2500.00	5.00	7.54	103.74	800.00	16.34	.00	.00	62.68
	2.00	4.50		87.25	.00	.00	.00	32.50
20000.00	3.00	2.00	135.00	2320.00	40.00	30.00	61.52	375.28
1800.00	5.00	5.00	60.00	290.00	.00	.00	33.00	30.00
2000.00	2.50	2.50	70.00	349.74	.00	.00	18.00	3000
2000.00	2.00	3.00		155.75	.00	.00	.00	.00
2000.00	6.45	4.25	67.57	240.00	31.60	.00	26.99	66.20
25000.00	3.00	1000	275.00	2780.00	35.00	172.00	120.00	591.10

\$2517.67 \$532.43 \$326.00 \$399.78 \$11951.20 \$1958.94

\$124900.00

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song, "There is Power in the Blood", led by Rev. O. L. Field, followed with a prayer by Mrs. O. L. Fields.

An introduction of the program then, "His Command, My Task" by Mrs. Earl Smith. A special song "More Like the Master" was sung by Rev. O. L. Fields, Rev. G. C. Lawrence, Mrs. Juanita Whitson and Annie Lou Shelnut.

Topic I: "His Command, My Task To Enlist", was given by Mrs. A. P. Leonard.

Topic II: "His Command, My Task To Study", was by Mrs. Claude Pridmore.

Topic III: "His Command, My Task With The Youth", by Miss Ruby Miller.

Topic IV: "His Command, My Task To Witness Through Programs and Publicity," by Mrs. N. A. Patterson.

Topic V: "His Command, My Task of Personal Service", by Mrs. G. C. Lawrence.

Song, "We'll Work Til Jesus Comes", Rev. O. L. Fields.

Reports from each Auxiliary were read by Annie Lou Shelnut.

The following committees' reports were read and accepted:

REGISTRATION: We, the registration committee wishes to submit the following report: 18 delegates; 4 officers; 3 ministers; 6 visitors, making a total of 31 present.

NOMINATING: President—Mrs. A. P. Leonard; Enlistment Chairman—Mrs. Claude Pridmore; Youth—Miss Ruby Miller; Study Course—Mrs. Naomi Early; Program Chairman—Mrs. G. C. Lawrence; Beno.—Mrs. Imogene Pugh; Secretary and Treasurer—Annie Lou Shelnut.

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

Left in treasure when checked last year	\$29.00
Convention dues collected this year	19.60

TOTAL	\$48.60
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Disbursements:

Paid out as State and National dues	\$10.60
Paid Winfield Auxiliary for a bouquet	3.00

TOTAL PAID OUT	\$13.60
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Amount left in Treasure	\$35.00
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APPRECIATION: We, your appreciation committee, wishes to express our appreciation to the host church for the wonderful hospitality that is has shown us during this session, especially the good dinner and all the beautiful flowers.

RESOLUTION: 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 Layette church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1955.

We recommend that the District secretary have report blanks printed and sent to the local secretaries, and that the local secretaries compile a complete report of the work done and send it to the District secretary at least 5 days before the district convention. We also, urge that the district officers meet in a conference a week preceding the convention in order to make plans and get well organized.

5- We recommend that each Auxiliary pay at least \$2.00 each month to the Children's Home.

7- We recommend that each Auxiliary 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 that the treasurer get a banneer for the winner of the coupon drive, and that it goes to the winner each year as a prize.

9- We recommend that each local Auxiliary tithe to the Co-Laborer Band.

The minutes were read and accepted. Mrs. O. L. Fields was appointed as a field worker.

A motion was made and seconded that the business be adjourned. Bro. Riley Cooper prayed the benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Songs, "Where the Soul Never Dies" and "Ready" were led by Rev. O. L. Fields. A prayer by Rev. H. A. Pitts was followed by a special song, "I'm Bound for the Kingdom" by Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Lawrence and Mrs. Edgar Pollard, accompanied at the piano by Pat Pollard.

The following program committee was appointed: Mrs. G. C. Lawrence, Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Mrs. Lucille Estes, and Mrs. Autie Franks. Th following contestants competed in a Declaration Contest: Mrs. Jewel Estes from Brilliant-Boston; Miss Pat Pollard from Free Waters; Miss Fay Atkinson from Mt. Olive; Miss Maylene Smith from Winfield.

Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Fields served as judges. While they made their decision as to who the winner was, Rev. H. A. Pitts led the choir in singing, "I Love Me Saviour, Too."

The judges announced that Miss Fay Atkinson had won.

A devotional was conducted by Mrs. O. L. Fields followed with a special altar prayer for a number of sick members at the request of Rev. G. C. Lawrence.

An inspiring message was preached by Rev. O. L. Fields, using "Appointment With the Lord" for his subject. Rev. H. A. Pitts and Sis. Ruby Miller led in prayer and Rev. N. A. Patterson prayed the benediction.

NAMES OF MINISTERS

Alexander, Will

Adkins, Eld. B. M., Townley

Barnes, Elmd. Pearl, Alden, Ala.

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

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

Braseale, Eld. Luther, Winfield, Ala. Rt. 4

Brooks, Eld. R. S., Hackleburg, Ala.
 Chism, Eld. B. C., Tremont, Miss.
 Conner, Eld. J. L., 321¼ N. Florence, Monterey Park, Calif.
 Cobb, Eld. Harvey, Fayette, Ala., Rt. 5.
 Flippo, Eld. G. W., Guin, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Frederick, Eld. J. S., 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.
 Humphress, Eld. Richard.
 Jones, Eld. J. A., Phil Campbell, Ala.
 Johnson, Eld. O. Z., Guin, Ala. Rt. 1.
 Keeton, Eld. P. T., Belmont, Miss, Rt. 2.
 Lacy, Eld. A. C., Hackleburg, Ala.
 Lowery, Eld. Lee Roy, Bankston, Ala.
 Lawrence, Eld. G. C., Brilliant, Ala.
 McMikin, Les Weston, Russellville, Ala., Rt. 5.
 Mitchell Eld. J. W., Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Newell, Eld. Hugh B., Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Newell, Eld. L. O., Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 3.
 Odom, Eld. Chess, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.
 Franks, Dave, Guin, Ala.
 Langston, Lewis, Carbon Hill, Ala.
 Paden, Eld. C. D., Red Bay, 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.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Benson, W. B.	Owen, T. A.
Briaderlick, J. F.	Parks, E. G.
Black, T. F.	Perkins, S. M.
Boughs, G. P.	Reese, F. C.
Bagbee, R. W.	Phillips, C.
Bradshaw, J.	Ramsey, S. B.
Burket Vester	Springfield, T. J.
Cochran, J. E.	Smith, John
Collier, J.	Wesley, J. J.
Camp, T. M.	Tomlin, R. H.
Cook, J.	Tingle, W. S.
Crubie, P. W. A.	Hulsey, J. R.
Dickson, F. M.	Haney, G. B.
Labois, Porter	Holiday, J. R.

Elliott, G. C.
 Forl, J. R.
 Flippo, G. C.
 Grace, J. C.
 Fowler, H. B.
 Gilbert, T. T.
 Miller, Carl
 Martin, M. R.
 McMickens, Webster
 McCombs, W. C.
 McHaffery, E. M.
 McVey, J. P.
 Nix, R. A.
 Nichols, L. L.
 Nelson, W. A.
 Newma, W. R.

Ingram, W. H.
 Jeffreys, J.
 Key, A. L.
 Johnson, J. A.
 Lawler, A. R.
 Turner, G. W.
 Thomas, E. C.
 Nsey, James
 Swindle, T. P.
 Vickery, P. V.
 Vinson, W. G.
 White, J. B.
 Walker, T. L.
 Williams, J. R.
 Martin, W. L.

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 the habit 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 heads of families will strive to decide our household to the service of God, only hopes 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.

Art. 2. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and that its teachings construe the 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 unto 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 Redemmer 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.

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 do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.—Matt. 7:19-20.

Art. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is in the emersion of the 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 commendable ordinance; that it was instituted by Christians and that all Christians unite in observing the sacred service, regardless of name or denominational distinction.—1 Cor. 11:18-20.

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 immortal parts of the human being.—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

1. This Association shall be known as the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, and being composed of ministers and delegates from the different churches forming the same, each church being entitled to three (3) delegates.

2. This body shall be considered as 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 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 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 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

1. We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ at _____, met after divine service by Rev. _____, in conference. Opened doors of church for Reception of Members.

2. We invite visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

3. Call for reading of minutes of last Conference. Minutes read and _____.

4. Call for Peace and Fellowship of the Church. Church _____.

5. 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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