

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

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**Held With Free Waters Church**  
**Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st, 1955**

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**Officers:**

**REV. A. G. LACY** ..... **Moderator**  
**BRANDON ESTES** ..... **Clerk**

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The next session of this Association will convene with  
Poplar Log Church, Hamilton, Alabama,  
on Friday before the First Sunday in  
October, 1956

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





## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. Wilburn Beasley

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### PROCEEDINGS

of the 69th. annual session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association held with Free Waters Church, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1st, 1955.

Song by Rev. J. O. Jones; Prayer by Bro. Key

Welcome Address by Bro. Wise Halcomb

Letters handed in from the churches

Rev. G. C. Lawence was appointed in the place of A. G. Lacy on the Credentials committee

Rev. J. S. Frederick, Calvin Warren, Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. A. G. Lacy with the deacons of Free Waters Church were appointed as program committee

A united prayer by G. O. Parker for those sick and shut in.

### FRIDAY 11 o'clock

Message by A. G. Lacy. Text, "What do you think about Jesus?"

We were dismissed 1 hour for refreshments.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. I. C. Gow and Mary Frances Gunnin was appointed as reading clerk.

Letters read and contents noted in the statistical table.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethlehem — Rufus Evans, Felix Crowe, Bro. James Crowe

Bear Creek — Lon Gunnin, Zellmer McCarley, Trumen Scott.

Brilliant Boston — Sis. Jimmie Miles, Sis. Eula White, Bro. Riley Cooper.

Carbon Hill — Sis. Grace McGough, Sis. Loraine Livingston, Sis. J. A. Hobson

Free Waters — Artis Pugh, Thomas Crowe, J. P. Franks.

Edgar's Chapel — J. J. Edgar, Mrs. J. J. Edgar, Dessie Faulkner.

Guin — Sis. O. Z. Johnson, Liley Nix, Sis. Freda Franks.

Good Springs — Guey Humphress, Delton Humphress, Clove Humphress.

Gum Springs — Foyster Holcomb, Verla Sexton, Mattie Florence Holcomb.

Holley Springs — Louis Burgett, Sis. Barbor Chamble, and Lona Baty.

Liberty — Litlian Dickinson, Mrs. W. D. Martin, Betty Lou Lolly.

Lone Star — Mr. and Mrs. Claud Russel, and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Pitts.

Mt. Joy — W. N. Newell, Martha Jones, Flora Mae Jones.

Mt. Olive — W. S. Flippo, Sis. Verda Johnson, Sis. Lorene Conner

Mt. Pleasant — Annie Lawrence, Readus Huguley, Sue Shirey.

New Liberty — Clob Lowery, Sis. Margaret Lowery, Sis. Pearl Fowler.

Parish — G. Thompson, Margie Uptain, Annie Shead.

New Oak Grove — Clanton Manasco, Robert Barns and wife.

Pocahontas — Gurty Hunter, Melba Grffon, Thomas Page.

Poplar Log — Jim Parker, R. L. Giddy, D. G. Markham.

Pleasant Hill — Ask for a letter. It was granted.

Red Bay — Joseph Presley, Sis. Delmar Presley, Sis. Pauline Gow.

Shady Grove — Clyde Herring, E. R. McDuffie, B. F. Jeffreys.

Spring Hill — Sis. Nancy Mason, Henry Mason, Gurten Beasley.

Union Chapel — Lango Goddman, Annie Warren, Jessie Eads.

Union Hill — Junior Robins, Olan Carter, Zell Lolley.

Winfield — Travis Ray Carter, Dorothy Smith, Miss Vina Walden.

By a move the letters were recieved and delegates seated and Pleasant Hill was granted a letter of Dismission-corresponding Delegates.

Bear Creek — H. L. Key.

By a move the moderator and clerk appoint the following Committees



On order of Business — Elder J. A. Godsey, Elder J. W. Mitchell, Elder Wise Halcomb with Moderator and Clerk.

Deceased Members — D. G. Markham, Travis Ray Carter, Ester Guinnin.

Appreciation — Wyman Halcomb, Clovis Tucker, Clanton Manasco.

Finance — Hubbard Estes, Harvey May, Jim Parker.

Call names of churches and consign Delegates to places of stay. By move we adjourned Until Saturday Morning at 9 o'clock.

#### AUXILIARY REPORT FOR MINUTES

The woman's Auxiliary of the Jasper District convened with the Winfield Church April 22, 1955.

The meeting opened with two songs led by Rev. H. A. Pitts, "What a Friend" and "Stand up for Jesus." Mrs. H. A. Pitts gave the welcome address and Mrs. Claude Pridmore the response to the welcome. The devotional was given by Mrs. Mary Frances Gunnin.

Letters were read from the following Auxiliaries with the delegates: **Carbon Hill**, Sis. Loraine Livingston, Sis. Grace McGough; **Brilliant-Boston**, Sis. Earl Smith, Sis. D. Self, Sis. Jane Downey; **Free Waters**, Sis. Ida Wilson, Sis. Allie Green, Sis. Annie Pollard; **Mt. Olive**, Sis. Lorene Conner, Sis. Rosa Silas, Sis. Mirtie Atkinson; **New Oak Grove**, Sis. J. M. Robins, Sis. Chester Hill, Sis. A. T. Earley; **Red Bay**, represented by letter; **Union Hill**, Sis. Betty Lolley, Sis. Mary Frances Gunnin; **Winfield**, Sis. Jessie Kilgore, Sis. Icie Franks, Sis. Juanita Whitson.

After the committees were appointed and two songs, Rev. Luther Gibson brought the morning message. Refreshments were served and the afternoon session was opened with a song led by Sis. Pitts. Sis. A. P. Leonard gave an introduction to the program entitled, "Mothers of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Sis. I. C. Gow presented the first topic, "Mothers of Yesterday" followed by a poem by Sis. Pitts. Topic II, "Mothers of Today" was given by Sis. Willis McKay. Topic III, "Mothers of Tomorrow" was given by Sis. Bob Earley followed with a conclusive poem by Sis. Lorene Conner.

The following delegates were appointed to the State convention: Sis. Annie Lou Shelnutt, Sis. Earl Smith and Sis. N. A. Patterson.

The body agreed to convene with the Union Hill Church for the next session which will be Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1956.

Committees reported the following:

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Frances Gunnin,  
Pauline Gow, and Icie Franks

#### Registration:

The registration committee finds 4 preachers, 16 delegates and 20 visiting members present.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vina Walden

#### Nominating:

President — Sis Mary Frances Gunnin  
Enlistment Chairman — Sis. Ruby Miller.  
Youth Chairman — Sis. I. C. Gow.

Recording secretary — Sis. Bob Earley.

Study Course Chairman — Sis. James Pugh.

Program and Prayer Chairman — Sis. H. A. Pitts.

Personal Service — Sis. N. A. Patterson.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. Earl Smith and Mrs. Rosa Silas.

#### Resolution:

1. We urge each Auxiliary to order a manual and study a course in it, in Missions, and Stewardsnip each quarter.
2. We recommend that the reports from each Aux. be read separately.
3. We urge each church that doesn't have an Aux. to make all efforts possible to organize one.
4. We recommend that the Aux. meet with the league and Sunday School convention, at the stated time.
5. We recommend that the District secretary have report blanks printed and sent to the local Secretaries, and that the local secretary 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.
6. We recommend that each Aux. pay at least \$2.00 each month to the childrens Home.
7. We recommend that each Aux. continues to send in coupons to the Childrens Home.
8. We recommend that the treasure get a gift for the winner of the coupon drive.
9. We recommend that each local Aux. to the Co-Laborer-Band.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. Claude Pridmore  
Mrs. H. A. Pitts  
Mrs. J. M. Robins

#### Finance:

We the finance committee submit the following report:

\$15.00	brought over from last year
23.00	dues collected this year
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\$38.00	total
15.45	paid out for State and National dues
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\$22.55	total in treasury at present

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. A. T. Earley  
Mrs. Earl Smith  
Mrs. D. Self

Brilliant-Boston Auxiliary was coupon drive winner and also they claimed the Declamation Contest winner, namely, Miss Dorothy Elliot.

The Sunday School and League convention followed the auxiliary convention which was not very successful numerically speaking. Only two leagues were represented and five Sunday Schools. Each church is sincerely urged to begin now, planning to send a complete report of the work done along with delegates Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April at Union Hill church who has agreed to be host to the Auxiliary, Sunday School, and League Convention.

Officers of the Sunday School and League Convention are: Dewey Burleson, Modera-



tor and Annie Lou Shelnutt, Clerk.

We urge each pastor to encourage the church to organize a Sunday School and league if it doesn't have one at the present.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Annie Lou Shelnutt

#### Friday Night Service

After a good devotional service Rev. O. Z. Johnson preached a wonderful message to a well-behaved audience.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Minutes of Friday read and approved as read.

Annual report of clerk made and accepted as made.

Devotional — Rev. Spencer (including a prayer by Rev. J. O. Jones, Many testimonies. Report of Deceased members was given and accepted. The committee was discharged. Report of Quarterly Meetings was given and accepted.

Rev. I. C. Gow announced that he would not be available to act as Sunday School and league moderator since he was leaving the Association. Bro. Ray Carter nominated Rev. O. Z. Johnson for new moderator. This nomination was ceased and left to the Sunday School and league Convention.

Report of Appreciation Committee given and accepted and committee was discharged.

Rev. N. A. Patterson made a move for Rev. T. H. Dixon and Rev. Wilburn Beasley would take the extra time until the 11 o'clock message and Bro. Hubbard Atkinson seconded the motion.

Rev. T. H. Dixon made many interesting remarks.

#### SATURDAY 11 O'CLOCK

After Song by Bro. Carter Bro. J. S. Frederick brought the message Text 12 chapter of Heb. "Have Faith In God".

#### Quarterly Meeting Report

The quarterly meeting has convened four times during the past year with the following churches: New Oak Grove, Brilliant-Boston, Union Hill, And Gum Springs.

There has been a wonderful spirit manifested among those present each time. There has been an average of 12 churches, 12 ministers, and 9 deacons at these meetings.

The officers for the in coming year are: Rev. Dave Franks Moderator; Rev. Richard Humphres, Assistant Moderator; Annie Lou Shelnutt, Clerk; and Rev. N. A. Patterson, Rev. Wyman Holcomb, and Rev. O. Z. Johnson, program committee.

Each Church is urged to be represented at all the meetings this coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Annie Lou Shelnutt, Clerk

We, your Committee on deceased members find that the death angel has call (Sixteen) members on to their reward in the association year that has just ended.

The following are the churches that have members who have passed on.

Mt. Olive	(1)	Bro. T. A. May Age 88-8
Boston	(3)	Bro. Dowell Hawkins
Boston		Bro. John Franks
Boston		Sis. Ross Kindrell
Gum Springs	(1)	Sis. America Beasly
Bear Creek	(1)	Sis. Florence Haitcock
Pocohantas	(2)	Bro. Joseph Atkins
Pocohantas		Spencer Cook
Poplar Log	(2)	Sis. T. A. Markham
Poplar Log		Bro. Hyce Gene Winsett
Red Bay	(1)	Bro. Rex Johnson

Shady Grove	(2)	Bro. T. M. Nix
Shady Grove		Bro. J. T. Lowler
Union Hill	(1)	Bro. Arlin Langston Age 46-9
Parish	(2)	Sis. May Belle Avery
Parish		Bro. Jum Moore
		Respectifely Submitted
		Committee of deceased members
		D. G. Markham
		Travis Ray Carter
		Ester Gunnin

We the appreciation Committee report the following:

We wish to express our appreciation for having the opportunity to be in another association. We want to thank Almighty God for the splendid way the business has been carried on so far and for the kindness and love host church has shown this entire body.

We also want to thank God and the kind Ladies for the delicious food we are having to eat.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wyman Holcomb  
Clovis Tucker

We, your Committee on Credentials, have examined all the letters which we received thus far and do hereby recommend that they be received by the association. We further recommend that Pleasant Hill church be given a letter of dismission.

We also recommend that Brother Charlie Kinard and Brother J. Henry Glasgow be ordained at this session of the association.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. O. Jones  
G. C. Lawrence  
H. A. Pitts

Accepted

#### Sec.-Trea. Report

On hand from last year	\$50.00
Associational fund	\$92.00
Minute fund	\$110.78

Total paid in and on hand \$252.78

#### Paid Out October 1, 1955

A. G. Lacy	\$15.00
G. O Parker	5.00
Brandon Estes	20.00
Annie Lou Shelnut	10.00

Total paid out October 1, 1955 \$50.00

Balance for minutes and other expenses \$202.78

Brandon Estes Sec.-Treas.

#### ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

We recommend that the next session of this Association will meet on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1956.

We find that Popular Log and Brilliant are asking for the next session of the Association. We recommend that the body decide.



Brilliant-Boston asked for the first quarterly meeting, Parrish asked for the second. We recommend that they have these two.

We also recommend that we take nominations from the floor for the other two.

We recommend that the Moderator be paid \$15.00, Clerk \$20.00 Assistant Moderator \$5.00, Assistant Clerk \$10.00.

We further recommend that the clerk be paid 15 dollars for expenses.

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

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

Resp. Sub.

J. A. Godsey

J. W. Mitchell

Wise Halcomb

With Moderator and clerk

Accepted

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

After song by choir and prayer by Bro. Shotts, we transacted the following business: The four quarterly meetings will be held at the following places:

Brilliant-Boston 1st quarter, Parrish 2nd. quarter, Shady Grove 3rd quarter, Holly Springs 4th. quarter.

The next session of this association will meet with Poplar Log Church on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1956.

J. H. Glasgow and Charlie Kinard were ordained to preach the gospel.

The moderator appointed the following corresponding delegates:

State Association, Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Mrs. J. A. Godsey and Bro. Lee Johnson.

Vernon Association: N. A. Patterson, O. Z. Johnson.

State Line: Harvey May, J. A. Godsey, and wife.

By a move we paid \$20.00 State association dues.

By a move we elected the following officers for the coming year: G. C. Lawrence, Moderator; J. O. Jones, Assistant Moderator; Brandon Estes, Clerk; Annie Lou Shelnett, Assistant Clerk.

After song and a good old time handshake we adjourned to meet 1 year hence with Poplar Log Church.

Rev. A. G. Lacey, Moderator

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

### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After a good devotional Rev. J. O. Jones preached a wonderful message on communion, after which several people enjoyed the humble service of feet washing.

### CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

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 — Ray Fowler, Carbon Hill Post office box 61

Free Waters — Brandon Estes, Guin Ala. Rt. 2

Edgars Chapel — Myrtle Lee Raper, Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 3.

Guin — Mrs. Ann Webb, Guin Ala., Post office box 311

Good Springs — Leeman L. Humphress, Vina, Ala., Rt. 1.

Gum Springs — Max Sexton, Winfield Ala.,

Holly Springs — E. A. Childers, Hodges Ala. Rt. 1

Liberty — Grover Smith, Guin, Ala., Rt. 2

Lone Star — Billy R. Pitts, Tremont Miss.,

Mt. Joy — Mrs. Martha Jones, Phil Campbell Rt. 2

Mt. Olive — William E. Atkinson, Route 1, Guin Ala.

Mt. Pleasant — Herman Huguley, Brilliant, Ala.

New Liberty — Cordy Madison, Rt. 3, Fayette, Ala.

New Oak Grove — J. Mann Robins, Nauvoo, Ala., Rt. 1.

Parrish — Audie Romine, Parrish, Ala.

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

Poplar Log — D. G. Markham Rt. 3, Hamilton, Ala.

Red Bay — Oliver H. Mink, Red Bay, Ala., Post office box 335

Shady Grove — Otto Cambell, Spruce Pine, Ala.

Spring Hill — Mary Ann Thomas, Rt. 3, Nauvoo, Ala.

Union Chapel — W. A. Holliman, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 4

Union Hill — Ester Gunnin, Hackleburg, Ala., Box 25

Winfield — Garlon Holliman, Winfield, Ala.

### CHURCHES AND DEACONS

Bethlehem — C. A. Tidwell, J. A. Estes, Woodroe Franks.

Bear Creek — Ed Hill, G. W. Steward, Roland Williams, Henry Grisson.

Brilliant-Boston — J. A. Underwood, H. L. Thomas, James Pugh, Vester Hawkins, J.

D. Self, Luthor Franks, Dewey Burleson.

Carbon Hill — B. Southerland, and James Nichols.

Free Waters — W. M. Wilson, G. E. Pollard, Hubbard Estes.

Edgar Chapel — J. D. Faulkner, and Marshal Raper.

Guin — Claud Nix, Elic Pugh.

Good Springs — L. L. Humphress, T. D. Humphress, M. M. Warren.

Gum Springs — John H. Moore, and George Benson.

Holley Springs — J. M. Scott, E. A. Childers, P. E. Lay, L. T. Burgett.

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

Lone Star — B. B. Pounders Burble Keeton.

Mt. Joy — Grady Pounders, W. N. Newell, Bill Bates, Marshall Godsey.

Mt. Olive — H. S. Atkinson, R. L. Johnson, A. G. May, H. L. Franks, R. M. McNess.

Mt. Pleasant — Sam Flippo, O. Erwin, F. A. Aldredge, Claude Kimbrell, Willard

Westbrooks.

New Liberty — W. D. Smith, John Madison, J. B. Smith, Olen Fowler, A. Whitson, M. Narimore.

New Oak Grove — Amos Martin, Willie Martin, Seston Nix, Johnnie Knight, Alvin Early, S. McDaniel, A. Knight.

Parrish — Oscar Uptain, Howard Romine, H. Thompson, J. D. Glasgow, V. V. Farley, J. H. Glasgow.

Pocahontas — Curtis Griffin, Jim Hunter, Albert Nelson, W. T. NeSmith, Frank Hines.

Poplar Log — W. H. May, J. R. Fredrick, B. H. Owen.

Red Bay — T. M. Keeton, J. R. Yielding, Carl Tharp, H. L. Keeton, O. H. Mink.

Shady Grove — L. A. Abston, W. F. Freeman, G. E. Nis, J. T. Mashburn, and H. M. Bankston.

Spring Hill — Ray Bevis, B. Barton, Jim Lawson, Loyd Hendrick, Henery Mason.

Union Chapel — H. Lodern 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.



### 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.  
 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. 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.  
 Glasgow, Eld. J. H., Parrish, Ala.  
 Humphress, Eld. Richard, Vina, Ala.  
 Jones, Eld. J. O., Phil Campbell, Ala.  
 Johnson, Eld. O. Z., Guin, Ala. Rt. 1.  
 Keeton, Eld. P. T., Belmont, Miss., Rt. 2.  
 Kinard, Eld. Charlie, Phil Campbell, Ala.  
 Lacy, Eld. A. C., Hackleburg.  
 Lowery, Eld. Lee Roy, Bankston.  
 Lawrence, Eld. G. C., Brilliant, Ala.  
 McMikin, Les Weston, Russellville, Ala., Rt. 5.  
 Mitchell, Eld. J. W., Hackleburg, Ala., Rt. 1.  
 Newell, Eld. Hugh B., Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Newell Eld. L. O., Phil Campbell, Ala., Rt. 3.  
 Odom, Ed. Chess, Carbon Hill, Ala., Rt. 2.  
 Franks, Dave, Guin, Ala.  
 Livingston, 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., Vina, Ala.  
 Blackwell, Robt., Carbon Hill, Ala.  
 Spencer, Eld. R. J., Red Bay, Ala., Rt. 1.  
 Tucker, Eld. Clovis, Winfield, Ala.  
 Wise, Eld. Holcomb, Guin, Ala.  
 Halcomb, Wyman, Winfield, Ala.

### DECEASED MEMBERS

Benson, W. B.	Owen, T. A.
Broaderlick, J. F.	Parks, E. G.
Black, T. F.	Perkins, S. M.
Boughn, 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 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 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 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.

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 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 immortal parts of human beings.—Genesis 2:7.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. When the resurrection shall take place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being, that the righteous will be received in a state of everlasting happiness to reign with God forever and ever, but the wicked will be bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness. The wicked are driven away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death.—John 5:28-29.

### CONSTITUTION

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

2. This body shall be considered an advisory council.

3. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be decided by two-thirds vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be chosen by a majority vote at each session of the Association.

5. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by previous Annual Session, and shall not adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

6. Churches wishing to become members of this Association, must adopt its Articles of Faith, and conform to its usages.

7. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as Temperance Cause, Sunday School Missionary Work, etc.

8. Be it resolved that any minister of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association who desires to set forth the full functions of the Gospel, the same shall be made known to the Association by recommendation from the church or churches to which they belong. If upon examination they are found worthy, the Association may adorn them but all ordinations must be done at the Annual 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.



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**FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE**

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 seat with us.

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

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

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5. General Business .....

6. On motion for adjournment, We .....

Rev. ...., 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	Number Of Members	Meeting Days	Pupils In Sunday School	Spent On Sunday School	Paid College	Paid Home Mission	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Association Fund	Minute Fund	Paid To Children Home	Value Of Church Property
Bethlehem	A. G. Lacy	0	1	4	0	0	124	3	40	\$ 28.48	0	\$ 3.20	\$1,250.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2.00	\$3.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,500.00
Bear Creek	Joe S. Frederick	0	1	2	0	1	58	1-3	0	0	0	0	112.50	68.00	5.03	4.00	0	1,000.00
Brilliant-Boston	Eustus Riggs	4	8	4	0	3	182	2-4	133	86.95	0	15.00	1,250.00	175.03	10.00	5.00	120.00	2,500.00
Carbon Hill	N. A. Patterson	3	0	9	0	0	71	1-3	50	92.95	0	13.50	771.50	50.00	6.00	4.00	0	3,000.00
Edgars Chapel	J. O. Jones	0	0	0	1	0	23	3	30	25.00	0	0	85.00	15.00	4.00	2.00	0	2,500.00
Free Waters	G. C. Lawrence	0	0	18	0	0	179	1-2	90	171.18	0	0	739.89	100.00	5.00	5.00		6,000.00
Guin	O. Z. Johnson	3	7	0	0	0	31	1-3	0	0	0	0	182.61	.00	2.50	2.50	0	10,000.00
Good Springs	L. D. Nix	0	0	0	0	0	42	2	42	15.00	0	0	102.31	23.00	3.00	2.00	0	1,000.00
Gum Springs	J. O. Jones	0	4	4	0	1	75	2-4	56	110.41	0	0	381.66	80.00	4.40	3.00	0	5,000.00
Holly Springs	Joe S. Fredrick	0	0	0	0	0	105	2-4	50	36.95	0	7.65	466.00	65.80	2.50	2.50	9.15	1,000.00
Liberty	Richard Humphress	0	1	1	0	0	125	1-3	45	33.89	0	0	98.56	50.00	1.50	2.00	6.00	1,000.00
Lone Star	C. D. Paden	0	0	1	0	0	155	2	49	82.00	0	11.26	125.00	25.00	2.50	2.50	9.25	600.00
Mt. Joy	J. O. Jones	0	2	2	0	0	37	3-4	30	19.52	0	8.00	70.69	34.42	2.00	3.00	42.06	
Mt. Oliver	G. C. Lawrence	2	2	3	0	1	303	3-4	96	66.95	24.00	51.00	935.00	297.75	10.00	5.00	60.00	20,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	Anderson Patterson	0	0	0	0	0	182	2-4	50	179.57	0	0	319.58	61.62	4.00	4.00	0	2,564.00
New Liberty	H. L. Key	0	2	0	0	0	141	1-3	62	41.61	0	4.82	405.60	50.00	4.00	4.00	33.51	2,000.00
New Oak Grove	Eustus Riggs	0	0	0	0	0	118		60	82.69	0	0	783.11	143.15	9.00	6.00	0	2,000.00
Parrish	Pearl Barnes	2	0	2	0	2	70	2-4	85	82.02	0	12.38	255.25	93.00	1.50	1.50	24.30	20,000.00
Pocohontas	H. L. Key	0	2	0	0	2	66	2-4	60	38.00	0	0	515.00	54.25	5.00	5.00	60.00	2,000.00
Poplar Log	W. H. Pearce	8	0	1	0	2	153	All	65	48.00	0	16.00	900.00	75.00	5.35	5.00	0	3,500.00
Red Bay	Ira C. Gow	0	8	3	0	1	160	All	64	647.92	125.00	20.00	2,300.00	125.00	3.00	3.00	0	20,000.00
Shady Grove	G. O. Parker	0	5	2	0	2	258	2-4	65	48.00	0	0	561.00	85.00	7.00	3.30	32.00	1,800.00
Spring Hill	Richard Humphress	0	0	0	0	0	40	2-4	55	20.00	0	0	334.47	27.75	3.00	2.00	20.00	3,000.00
Union Chapel	C. D. Paden	0	0	0	0	0	38	1-3	0	0	0	0	133.00	20.05	2.50	2.00	0	2,000.00
Union Hill	J. M. Pace	0	8	3	0	1	0	2-3	62	115.00	0	55.01	300.00	81.55	3.00	5.70	33.29	2,000.00
Winfield	Harold A. Pitts	2	5	1	0	0	164	All	150	571.74	0	78.49	3,120.00	300.00	5.00	3.00	150.00	25,000.00