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**MINUTES**  
**Of The**  
**SEVENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL**  
**SESSION**  
**Of The**  
**JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**



**Held With Brilliant Church**  
**October 4 and 5, 1963**



**Officers:**

REV. O. Z. JOHNSON ..... MODERATOR  
REV. WILLIAM ATKINSON ..... CLERK



**The Next Session Of This Association Will Convene With**  
**MT. PLEASANT CHURCH, BRILLIANT, ALABAMA**

**On Friday Before The First Sunday In**  
**October, 1964**

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



### JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Moderator      Guin, Ala., Route 1  
Rev. William E. Atkinson, Clerk      Winfield, Ala., Box 35

### GENERAL BOARD

1. Dewey Burleson	1965	Brilliant, Alabama
2. Herbert S. Atkinson	1964	Route 2, Quin, Ala.
3. Wise Holcomb	1965	Route 2, Quin, Ala.
4. L. D. Clement	1964	Route 2, Hackleburg, Ala.
5. H. E. Fields	1965	Winfield, Alabama
6. Amos Martin	1964	Nauvoo, Alabama
7. W. L. Franks	1965	Brilliant, Alabama
8. Junior Aldridge	1964	Brilliant, Alabama
9. E. R. McDuffa	1965	Rt. 3, Phil Campbell, Ala.
10. J. E. Tittle	1964	Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, Ala.
11. E. P. Cheatwood	1965	Carbon Hill, Alabama
12. Clovis Tucker	1964	Winfield, Alabama

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Dewey Burleson	Brilliant, Alabama
2. J. E. Tittle	Carbon Hill, Alabama
3. Amos Martin	Nauvoo, Alabama
4. Junior Aldridge	Brilliant, Alabama
5. Clovis Tucker	Winfield, Alabama



## PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the 77th Annual Session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association held with Brilliant Church, October 4-5 1963.

### FRIDAY MORNING

Services began at 9:30 A. M., with a song, a prayer, and devotion by Bro. Orbie Pierce. The welcome address was given by Dewey Burleson and the response was offered by J. E. Tittle.

The clerk gave a financial report, and then there was a partial report from the credential committee. The moderator made appointments to the General Board. He also named Bro. Billy Ray Smith and Bro. Clovis Tucker as reading clerks. Letters from 21 churches were read, contents noted, and delegates were seated.

### INTERMISSION

After a song and a prayer Bro. O. Z. Johnson brought an inspiring message. An offering of \$62.25 was received for Free Will Baptist College and for National Home Missions.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotion was offered by Bro. H. E. Fields. Letters from 5 other churches were read, contents noted, and delegates seated. There was a roll call of ministers. The moderator then appointed the following committees:

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

N. A. Patterson  
A. G. Lacy  
G. C. Lawrence

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Kermit Cagle  
V. C. May  
Robert Blackwell

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. J. M. Cobb  
Mrs. P. P. Barnes  
Mrs. W. L. Franks

The Credential Committee and the General Board were excused to meet. Bro. H. A. Pitts and Bro. J. B. Tittle were seated as visitors. The Quarterly Meeting Report was read and accepted. Mrs. Billy Ray Smith gave report for the Woman's Auxiliary which was accepted.

Bro. H. A. Pitts brought a very timely message from Hosea 8.

The letter from Pocahontas church was read, contents noted, and delegates seated. Two proposed amendments to the constitution from the credential committee were read and placed on the table until later.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Devotion was offered by Bro. Robert Franks after which Bro. James Walden brought a Communion message. Following the message, a large number of men and women took part in Communion and feet washing service.

## DELEGATES

1. Bear Creek—Truman Scott, Estell Scott, Dovie Fredrick
2. Bethlehem—Virdie Warren, Felix Crowe, Henry Cagle
3. Brilliant—Kermit Cagle, Cliff Franklin, W. L. Franks
4. Carbon Hill—N. N. Jones, Nell Jones, J. T. O'Shea
5. Cedrum Grove—Helen Tittle, Helen Boshell, Nellie Mae Jackson
6. Edgar's Chapel—Winofline Borden, Carolyn Steward, Alma Lee Steward
7. Free Waters—James Phillips, Kelsey Pollard, Alvin Morrow
8. Good Springs—Delton Humphries, S. S. Humphries, George Jackson
9. Guin—Lillie Roberts, Dot Smith, Robbie Bozeman
10. Gum Springs—Lucille Sexton, Lola Gay Prescott, Mrs. Riley Cooper
11. Holly Springs—P. E. Lay, Gene Barty, Vinellia Tarwater
12. Liberty—Anna Lolley, Lillian Dickinson, Dolly Roberts
13. Lone Star—Ethel Russell, Sarah Barnett, Von Dora Pitts
14. Mt. Joy—Martha Jones, Rosa Pounders
15. Mt. Olive—Essie May, Mirtie Atkinson, Sarah Flippo
16. Mt. Pleasant—Jesse Vaughan, Rosie Vaughan, Annie Lawrence
17. New Liberty—Henry Flynn, Earnie Flynn, Clabe Lowery
18. New Oak Grove—Nora Bell McDaniel, Naomia Early, Mrs. J. M. Robbins
19. Parrish—Margie Uptain, Gladys Goodwin, Gertrude Thompson
20. Pleasant Hill—Jennie Burleson, Vina Rayburn, Ellie Holcomb
21. Pocahontas—Marshel Yocum, Mrs. Marshel Yocum, Mrs. Albert Pike
22. Poplar Log—Bill Duncan, R. L. Giddy, J. H. Sullins
23. Red Bay—Clara Cobb, Mrs. Willard Purser, Ernest Dearcott
24. Shady Grove—Irene Nix, Dora Nix, Ora Graves
25. Spring Hill—Bernice Downey, Minnie Bevis, Kattie Barton
26. Union Chapel—Ray Goodwin, Wanda Goodwin, Hester Goodwin
27. Union Hill—Ludie Fredrick, Ivy Gunnin, Mary Francis Gunnin
28. Winfield—Olen Gann, V. C. May, Travis R. Carter



## QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association held 3 meetings during the Associational year 1962-63. They were held with Mt. Olive Church on January 5, New Liberty Church on March 30, and Cedrum Grove Church on June 29.

20 Churches represented at all 3 meetings. They were:

Union Chapel	Cedrum Grove
Mt. Pleasant	Red Bay
Pocahontas	Winfield
Union Hill	Union Hill
Mt. Olive	Free Waters
New Oak Grove	Brilliant
Spring Hill	Guin
Holly Springs	Gum Springs
New Liberty	Liberty
Poplar Log	Bethlehem

4 Churches represented at 2 meetings. They were:

Parrish, Carbon Hill, Mt. Joy, and Shady Grove.

1 Church represented at 1 meeting. It was Good Springs.

Bear Creek, Edgar's Chapel, Lone Star and Pleasant Hill did not represent.

Eight Ministers attended all three meetings:

O. Z. Johnson	Eustace Riggs
Orbie Pierce	William E. Atkinson
James F. Walden	Richard Humphries
Billy Ray Smith	Wise Holcomb

Three Ministers attended two meetings:

Robert Franks, J. O. Jones, and Pearl B. Barnes.

Ten Ministers attended one meeting:

N. A. Patterson	C. A. Odum
Robert Blackwell	J. B. Tittle
Clovis Tucker	Donald Hollingshead
Wyman James	Herman Fields
W. M. Narrimore	J. M. Cobb

Visiting Ministers were: E. B. Ledlow, and J. M. Cobb

19 Ministers did not attend any meetings.

26 Deacons attended the meetings.

## QUARTERLY MEETING FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand 1/5/63	\$ 8.06
Received as fees during year	\$66.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74.06</b>
Clerk's Salary—Dixie Atkinson (3 x \$5.00)	15.00
Postage and Envelopes and paper	13.29
Given to Jasper Association	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$68.29</b>
Balance on hand 10/4/63	\$ 5.77

## SATURDAY MORNING

Devotion was offered by Bro. Hershel Burkett. There was a roll call of delegates and they were assigned seats. There was also a roll call of ministers. The letter from Bear Creek was read, contents noted, and delegates were seated. Carlton Lambert, Jerry Ballard, and W. G. Smith were seated as visitors.

The moderator appointed delegates to the following associations: Mississippi State Line—J. S. Fredrick, G. W. Steward, B. B. Pounders; Vernon—O. Z. Johnson, J. F. Walden, Wise Holcomb; Alabama State—Mrs. James Walden, Mrs. Bill Smith, Mrs. J. M. Cobb, Mrs. J. S. Fredrick.

Billy Ray Smith gave a report for the Youth Camp Committee urging us to continue to support the Progressive Youth Camp. This report was accepted and committee was discharged. Orbie Pierce, J. O. Jones, and Otho Thompson were named delegates to the Bear Creek Ass'n.

The proposed constitutional changes were taken off the table and presented to the body. After a lengthy discussion the item to require a man to be called to pastor a church before he is ordained was defeated. The second one, requiring all ministers to make report yearly was adopted. The necessary report forms will be prepared and supplied by the clerk.

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We wish to express our appreciation to the host church for making our visit with them such an enjoyable one.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kermit Cagle,  
V. C. May,  
Robert Blackwell

Report was accepted and committee was discharged.

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We find that death has called from our ranks the past year the following: GUIN—Annie Webb, E. R. Franks; MT. PLEASANT—Walter Kimbrell; MT. OLIVE—Mary Burleson, Houston Burleson, Greely Silas; EDGAR'S CHAPEL—Myrtle Raper; LONE STAR—Ruth Gregory, Flora Bosticks; FREE WATERS—Lola Mae Hamilton, Dora Pollard; HOLLY SPRINGS—Eula Mae Emerson, Albert Scott; POCAHONTAS—Frank Hines; NEW LIBERTY—Hayes Garrison, Mrs. K. D. Phillips; BRILLIANT—Jim Strickland, Ida Pratt; SHADY GROVE—L. R. Pounders; CARBON HILL—Mattie Blackwell, J. H. Williams; NEW OAK GROVE—Sarah Kilgore, Nelda Manasca; SPRING HILL—Henry Mason, Mary Ann Thomas; RED BAY—P. T. Keeton, Melvin Blanton, Edison Keeton, Lee Garrett, and also two others from Liberty Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. J. M. Cobb,  
Mrs. P. P. Barnes,  
Mrs. W. L. Franks

Report was accepted and the committee was discharged.



## LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

The Jasper District Woman's Auxiliary convened with the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church on April 27, 1963.

The meeting was opened with song, followed by prayer by Rev. James Walden.

Welcome Address by Mrs. Louise Wilson. Response to Welcome by Mrs. Willie Pugh.

Letters were read from the following churches:

Free Waters: Mrs. Imogene Pugh, Mrs. Allie Green, Mrs. Mary Pollard.

Mt. Olive: Mrs. Lorene Conner, Mrs. Mirtie Atkinson, Mrs. Sara Nell Flippo.

Red Bay: Mrs. Ross White, Mrs. Willard Purser, Mrs. J. M. Cobb.

Brilliant: Mrs. Willie Pugh, Mrs. Selma Whitman, Mrs. Arvena Webb.

Winfield: Mrs. Hilton Berryhill, Mrs. Ola Carter, Mrs. Minnie Trimm, Alternate, Mrs. Dora Atkinson.

Guin: Mrs. Lynda Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mrs. E. R. Franks.

Mt. Pleasant: Mrs. Maggie Huguley, Mrs. Annie Lawrence, Mrs. Ida Lee Aldridge, Alternate-Mrs. Cutie Myers.

Delegates were seated.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Appointment of Committees by Mrs. William Atkinson.

NOMINATING: Mrs. Imogene Pugh, Mrs. Lorene Conner, Mrs. Ross White, Mrs. James Pugh, Mrs. Dora Atkinson, Mrs. Dot Smith, Mrs. Annie Lawrence.

FINANCE: Mrs. Billy Ray Smith, Mrs. Arvella Webb, Mrs. Willard Purser.

RESOLUTIONS: Mrs. Clara Cobb, Mrs. Lynda Johnson, Mrs. Ida Aldridge.

APPRECIATION: Mrs. Mary Pollard, Mrs. Hilton Berryhill, Mrs. Maggie Huguley.

REGISTRATION: Miss Diane Smith, Miss Kay Walden.

Judging of Achievement Charts by Mrs. Clara Cobb, Mrs. Selma Whitman, Mrs. James Walden. The Winfield Auxiliary was winner of Achievement Chart.

Program: Playlet by Winfield Auxiliary.

Song, followed by prayer by Rev. N. A. Patterson.

Appointment of Delegates to State Convention by President: Mrs. Malone Cobb, Mrs. James Walden, Mrs. Billy Smith, Mrs. Selma Whitman, Mrs. E. R. Franks.

Morning Message by Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

## REGISTRATION

The following Reports were read and adopted:

We, of the Registration Committee submit the following report:

Delegates present .....	28
Ministers .....	7
Deacons .....	6
Visitors .....	52
Total .....	93

Respectfully submitted,  
Miss Diane Smith,  
Miss Kay Walden

## APPRECIATION

We the Appreciation Committee wish to express our gratitude to the Host Church for the way it has shown its love to the Delegated Body: For the Christian spirit and for the good food prepared at the lunch hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Mary Pollard,  
Mrs. Hilton Berryhill  
Mrs. Maggie Huguley

## NOMINATING

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following officers: President: Mrs. William Atkinson; Vice-President: Mrs. G. C. Lawrence; Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Bill Smith; Study Course Chairman: Mrs. Malone Cobb; Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. James Walden; Field Worker: Mrs. Malone Cobb.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Imogene Pugh,  
Mrs. Lorene Conner,  
Mrs. Ross White,  
Mrs. James Pugh,  
Mrs. Dora Atkinson  
Mrs. Dot Smith,  
Mrs. Annie Lawrence

## RESOLUTIONS

1. We recommend that each Auxiliary endeavor to have the suggested study courses.
2. We recommend that each Auxiliary report be read separately.
3. We urge each church endeavor to organize an Auxiliary.
4. We recommend a field secretary be elected.
5. We recommend that the Auxiliary Convention meet with the Sunday School and League Convention.
6. We urge each Auxiliary pay \$2.00 a month to the Children's Home.
7. We recommend each Auxiliary support the W.N.A.C. Co-Laborer Fund.
8. We recommend each Auxiliary keep a Standard of Achievement Chart and present it at the Auxiliary Convention.
9. We recommend each Auxiliary continue to send in coupons to the Children's Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Clara Cobb,  
Mrs. Linda Johnson,  
Mrs. Ida Lee Aldridge



## FINANCE

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

Amount brought forward on April 27, 1963	\$ 1.30
Received for dues on April 27, 1963	26.40
Total	\$27.70
Amount paid for State Dues	17.60
Balance in Treasury	\$10.10

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Bill Smith,  
Mrs. Arvella Webb,  
Mrs. Willard Purser

The Declaration was held with the following declared winners:

GTA—Debbie Moore; YPA—Sharon Godsey.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Bill Smith, Sec.-Treas.  
Mrs. William Atkinson, Pres.,

## GENERAL BOARD REPORT

### ITEM NO. I

We recommend that the next session of this Association be given to Mt. Pleasant Church.

### ITEM NO. II

We recommend that Quarterly Meetings be given to Union Hill, Free Waters, Holly Springs, and to Brilliant in order named.

### ITEM NO. III

We recommend that Bro. James Walden replace Bro. Richard Humphries, and that Bro. Orbie Pierce replace Bro. Herdis Sullins, and that Bro. B. M. Atkins be retained as advisory member of Credential Committee.

### ITEM NO. IV

We recommend that the clerk be paid \$45.00, the moderator \$15.00, the assistant moderator \$5.00, the assistant clerk \$10.00.

### ITEM NO. V

We recommend that Friday night be a Communion Service.

### ITEM NO. VI

We urge each church to bring to this session a love offering for retired or disabled ministers. We also recommend that an offering be received in each annual session.

### ITEM NO. VII

We recommend that each of our churches give each year to the churches who entertain the State Association.

### ITEM NO. VIII

We urge each church who employs full-time pastor to call such pastor before school opens.

### ITEM NO. IX

We urge each to give systematically and regularly to Children's Home,

Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Free Will Baptist Bible College, and to State Superannuation.

### ITEM NO. X

We recommend that each church send youths to the Progressive Association Youth Camp.

### ITEM NO. XI

We recommend that the meeting days for each church be shown in the minutes.

### ITEM NO. XII

We recommend that this year's offering for retired and disabled preachers be given equally to B. M. Atkins, G. W. Flippo, Donald Hollingshead, and G. O. Parker.

This report was adopted item by item.

## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

### ITEM NO. I

We wish to report that these letters have been examined by us and found in good order.

### ITEM NO. II

We recommend that Bro. Herdis Sullins and Bro. Cralles Borden be given letters of recommendation.

### ITEM NO. III

We recommend that Bro. Herman Baker be accepted as a licensed preacher.

### ITEM NO. IV

We recommend that Robert Franks, Herman Fields, and Harchel Burkett be ordained to preach the gospel in this session.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Humphries,  
B. M. Atkins,  
J. O. Jones

This report was adopted item by item at different times during the session.

## INTERMISSION

Bro. Jerry Ballard, of Nashville, Tenn., brought a very timely message. An offering for Foreign Missions of \$48.80 was received.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Bro. Carlton Lambert gave a challenging report concerning the Children's Home. The offering received for the Children's Home was \$52.37.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We wish to report that there has been a total of \$578.43 received for Retired Ministers, for Sylacauga Churches, and for Associational Funds combined.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. Patterson,  
A. G. Lacy,  
G. C. Lawrence



CHURCHES	PASTORS FOR NEW YEAR	Number Members	Received By Baptism	By Letter Or Statement	Deceased	Total Offering	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	F.W.B. College	Children's Home	Superannuation	Pastor's Salary	Paid Evangelists	Association & Minute Fund	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastorium
Bear Creek	J. S. Fredrick	58	3	0	0	\$ 442.14	0	0	0	0	0	382.14	60.00	8.60	1,500.00	0
Bethlehem	Richard Humphries	60	0	0	0	539.49	0	0	0	23.40	5.00	346.60	50.00	5.00	4,000.00	0
Brilliant	Orbie Pierce	185	0	3	2	5,309.98	30.83	30.84	30.33	155.65	7.41	2,600.00	270.00	15.00	25,000.00	3,000.00
Carbon Hill	N. A. Patterson	78	5	4	2	1,081.35	0	0	0	37.99	0	787.14	67.00	10.00	5,000.00	0
Cedrum Grove	William Roberts	65	8	0	0	851.90	12.00	0	0	87.35	11.00	262.47	50.00	5.00	6,500.00	0
Edgar's Chapel	Otho Thompson	46	1	1	1	163.48	0	0	0	0	0	125.49	37.99	7.00	2,500.00	0
Free Waters	Clovis Tucker	166	2	2	2	1,407.50	50.00	36.00	0	40.00	48.00	743.46	122.50	12.00	8,000.00	0
Good Springs	R. J. Spencer	52	0	0	0	394.94	0	0	0	0	0	161.81	54.32	7.00	3,000.00	0
Guin	James Walden	80	14	11	2	5,335.24	127.09	15.00	21.06	25.05	0	2,395.00	145.00	10.00	15,000.00	8,000.00
Gum Springs	G. C. Lawrence	67	1	1	0	1,924.74	0	0	12.00	120.00	0	820.00	130.00	8.00	8,000.00	0
Holly Springs	J. S. Fredrick	79	2	0	2	1,143.23	0	0	0	40.00	0	665.55	110.00	5.00	7,500.00	0
Liberty	Herdis Sullins	45	4	1	0	489.33	0	0	0	0	0	470.26	112.00	6.00	3,000.00	0
Lone Star	J. M. Cobb	59	1	0	2	518.00	0	0	0	0	0	115.00	253.00	5.50	2,500.00	0
Mt. Joy	C. E. Hood	34	0	1	0	168.70	0	0	0	32.25	12.00	122.54	0	6.00	3,000.00	0
Mt. Olive	Billy Ray Smith	284	19	6	3	5,266.81	396.28	61.64	102.32	102.08	54.08	2,100.00	235.00	14.00	21,000.00	10,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	Harchel Burkett	196	0	0	1	1,984.45	0	0	0	60.00	0	575.00	75.00	10.00	12,000.00	0
New Liberty	Wyman James	104	7	1	2	2,472.75	24.00	24.00	0	120.25	0	1,275.00	80.00	11.00	5,000.00	0
New Oak Grove	Eustace Riggs	83	3	0	2	3,066.30	75.00	60.00	72.40	160.73	10.00	1,655.00	375.00	15.00	16,000.00	0
Parrish		30	0	0	0	197.34	0	0	0	15.00	5.00	122.95	34.14	5.00	2,500.00	0
Pleasant Hill	J. O. Jones	59	1	4	0	277.91	0	0	0	0	0	154.62	0	12.25	2,000.00	0
Pocahontas	Herman Baker	60	12	1	2	1,708.20	0	0	0	84.38	0	1,204.00	95.00	10.00	5,000.00	0
Poplar Log	C. C. Kimbrough	157	10	2	0	2,172.05	0	0	0	156.65	0	1,084.42	85.00	6.00	3,500.00	0
Red Bay	J. M. Cobb	203	14	6	4	6,007.50	47.64	15.00	190.50	92.00	17.90	3,569.00	195.00	10.00	20,000.00	10,000.00
Shady Grove	Jimmy Howell	253	0	0	1	1,029.91	0	0	0	55.00	10.00	625.00	131.00	10.00	10,000.00	0
Spring Hill	Richard Humphries	20	0	0	1	146.00	0	0	0	0	0	131.80	5.00	4.20	2,000.00	0
Union Chapel	Marvin Winsett	48	0	1	0	161.45	0	0	0	0	5.00	112.45	25.00	7.00	2,000.00	0
Union Hill	O. Z. Johnson	100	14	2	0	1,298.36	0	0	0	133.28	0	712.50	165.00	10.00	15,000.00	0
Winfield	William E. Atkinson	256	11	3	0	8,503.11	385.16	190.26	303.79	345.00	78.74	4,002.47	325.00	15.00	26,000.00	10,000.00



This report was accepted and committee was discharged.

An Ordaining Council composed of B. M. Atkins, J. O. Jones, Richard Humphreys, James Walden, and O. Z. Johnson proceeded to ordain to preach the gospel the following: Robert Franks, Herman Fields, and Harchel Burkett.

An offering of \$28.31 was received for disabled preachers.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR ..... Rev. G. C. Lawrence  
 ASS'T. MODERATOR ..... Rev. Wyman James  
 CLERK ..... Brandon Estes  
 ASS'T. CLERK ..... Rev. J. M. Cobb

After an old fashioned hand-shaking, we adjourned to meet one year hence at Mt. Pleasant Church.

### DEACONS

1. BEAR CREEK—Edd Hill, Roland Williams, G. W. Steward, Henry Grissom, Lon Gunnion
2. BETHLEHEM—Clovis Tidwell, Jim Estes, Woodrow Franks
3. BRILLIANT—Howard Thomas, James Pugh, Dewey Burleson, Earl Smith, Luther Franks, Vester Hawkins
4. CARBON HILL—Jim Nichols, Joe Hopson, Bert Southerland
5. CEDRUM GROVE—J. E. Tittle, Angelo Boshell, Carroll Stocks
6. EDGAR'S CHAPEL—Marshel Raper, J. D. Faulkner, F. T. Edgar
7. FREE WATERS—W. M. Wilson, G. E. Polland, Pearce Miller, Artis Pugh, William Sexton
8. GOOD SPRINGS—M. M. Warren, L. L. Humphries
9. GUIN—Willard Bannister, Hubbard Estes, Amos Roberts, Elic Pugh, Milton Miles, J. W. Garrison
10. GUM SPRINGS—J. H. Moore, Charley Ashmore, Maxwell Gibbs
11. HOLLY SPRINGS—P. E. Lay, L. T. Burgette, J. M. Scott
12. LIBERTY—Austin Pugh, Grover Smith, Walter Wisham, Earlie Dickinson
13. LONE STAR—B. B. Pounders, Claude Russell, Billie R. Pitts
14. MT. JOY—Bill Brown, W. N. Newell, Marshel Godsey
15. MT. OLIVE—H. S. Atkinson, A. G. May, H. L. Franks, R. L. Johnson, Paul Wilson, R. M. McNeise
16. MT. PLEASANT—Vester Lawrence, Lester Lawrence, Junior Aldridge, F. A. Aldridge, Sam Flippo, Claude Kimbell, Ray Weeks
17. NEW LIBERTY—John Madison, Aaron Whitson, Victor Smith, J. B. Smith, Dave Smith, Olen Fowler
18. NEW OAK GROVE—Amos Martin, Bob Early, Johnnie Knight, Audrie Knight, Lonnie McDaniel
19. PARRISH—Henry Thompson, John Hutto, Howard Romine, Wallace Watson, V. V. Farley, Homer Goodwin
20. PLEASANT HILL—Lester Rayburn, Roscoe Burleson
21. POCAHONTAS—Toxie NeSmith, Curt Griffin, Ellert Nelson, Joe

- Hunter, E. P. Cheatwood
22. POPLAR LOG—W. H. May, B. H. Owen, O. E. Cook, Olen Lee, Fred Sullins, J. R. Fredrick
  23. RED BAY—J. R. Yielding, H. L. Keeton, C. W. Tharp, Ross White, Willard Purser, Raymond Creekmore, O. H. Mink
  24. SHADY GROVE—Clyde Freeman, E. R. McDuffie, Fred Rice, W. F. Freeman, Henry Bankston, John Mashburn
  25. SPRING HILL—None
  26. UNION CHAPEL—R. W. Bean, Alonzo Goodwin, Marion Eads
  27. UNION HILL—D. C. Kennedy, Estes Gunnin, L. D. Clement, Louis Lacy, Loya Anglin
  28. WINFIELD—Garlon Holliman, Fletcher South, A. H. Ruppert, B. P. Atkinson, Jr.

### ROLL OF MINISTERS

Atkins, B. M. Townley, Alabama  
 Atkinson, William E. P. O. Box 35, Winfield, Alabama  
 Barnes, P. P. Alden, Alabama  
 Blackwell, Robert Route 1, Carbon Hill, Alabama  
 Brasseal, Luther Route 4, Winfield, Alabama  
 Burkett, Harchel Route 1, Bankston, Alabama  
 Feltman, Max Route 3, Hamilton, Alabama  
 Fields, Herman, Winfield, Alabama  
 Flippo, G. W. Route 2, Guin, Alabama  
 Franks, Dave R. Brazil, South America  
 Franks, Robert Brilliant, Alabama  
 Fredrick, J. S. Hackleburg, Alabama  
 Gilbert, Phillip Deshler High, Tuscumbia, Alabama  
 Godsey, J. A. Route 3, Hamilton, Alabama  
 Holcomb, Wise Route 2, Guin, Alabama  
 Hollingshead, Donald 87 McCrory St., Cordova, Alabama  
 Humphres, Richard Route 1, Vina, Alabama  
 James, Wyman 1008 Scott St., Russellville, Alabama  
 Johnson, O. Z. Route 1, Guin, Alabama  
 Jones, J. O. Route 2, Phil Campbell, Alabama  
 Kinard, Charley Phil Campbell, Alabama  
 Lacy, A. G. Hackleburg, Alabama  
 Lawrence, G. C. Brilliant, Alabama  
 Mitchell, William Route 2, Hackleburg, Alabama  
 Nairemore, Marion Route 1, Bankston, Alabama  
 Odom, C. A. Carbon Hill, Alabama  
 Parker, G. O. Hamilton, Alabama  
 Patterson, N. A. Route 2, Guin, Alabama  
 Pearce, Orbie Brilliant, Alabama  
 Riggs, Eustace Eldridge, Alabama  
 Roberts, W. A. Route 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama  
 Smith, Billy Ray Winfield, Alabama  
 Spencer, J. W. Route 1, Vina, Alabama  
 Spencer, R. J. Red Bay, Alabama  
 Tice, Booker Route 2, Hackleburg, Alabama  
 Tucker, Clovis Winfield, Alabama  
 Thompson, Otho Route 5, Russellville, Alabama  
 Walden, James Guin, Alabama



## CLERKS

BEAR CREEK—Maudie Grissom, Route 1, Hackleburg, Alabama  
 BETHLEHEM—J. H. Estes, Route 1, Brilliant, Alabama  
 BRILLIANT—Martha Franks, Brilliant, Alabama  
 CARBON HILL—Salma Wilson, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama  
 CEDRUM GROVE—Nellie Mae Jackson, Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama  
 EDGARS CHAPEL—Elizabeth Edgar, Rt. 1, Hackleburg, Alabama  
 FREE WATERS—Brandon Estes, Route 2, Guin, Alabama  
 GOOD SPRINGS—Lorice Humphries, Route 1, Vina, Alabama  
 GUIN—Christine Miles, Route 1, Guin, Alabama  
 GUM SPRINGS—Lorene Aldridge, Route 3, Winfield, Alabama  
 HOLLY SPRINGS—J. M. Scott, Route 1, Hodges, Alabama  
 LIBERTY—Austin Pugh, Route 2, Guin, Alabama  
 LONE STAR—Von Dora Pitts, Tremont, Mississippi  
 MT. JOY—Martha Jones, Route 2, Phil Campbell, Alabama  
 MT. OLIVE—Clark Flippo, Route 1, Guin, Alabama  
 MT. PLEASANT—Ida Lee Aldridge, Route 1, Brilliant, Alabama  
 NEW LIBERTY—Pearl Killingsworth, Route 1, Eldridge, Alabama  
 NEW OAK GROVE—J. M. Robbins, Route 1, Nauvoo, Alabama  
 PARRISH—Margie Uptain, Parrish, Alabama  
 PLEASANT HILL—Vena Rayburn, Route 2, Hackleburg, Alabama  
 POCAHONTAS—Mary Sue Cheatwood, Rt. 1, Carbon Hill, Alabama  
 POPLAR LOG—B. H. Owen, Route 3, Hamilton, Alabama  
 RED BAY—O. H. Mink, Box 326, Red Bay, Alabama  
 SHADY GROVE—Carl Nix, Phil Campbell, Alabama  
 SPRING HILL—Minnie Bevis, Route 3, Nauvoo, Alabama  
 UNION CHAPEL—Willie Mae Williams, Rt. 1, Brilliant, Alabama  
 UNION HILL—D. C. Kennedy, Hackleburg, Alabama  
 WINFIELD—Roy J. Baccus, Route 1, Winfield, Alabama

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand October 4, 1963	\$188.03
Received from Quarterly Meeting	40.00
Received as Association and Minute Funds	249.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$477.58</b>

Paid O. Z. Johnson (Moderator)	\$ 15.00
Paid Wyman James (Asst. Moderator)	5.00
Paid W. E. Atkinson (Clerk)	45.00
Paid Billy Ray Smith (Asst. Clerk)	10.00
Paid fees to Alabama State Assn. (28 x \$2.00)	56.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131.00</b>

<b>BALANCE ON HAND</b>	<b>\$346.58</b>
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## 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 state 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 power 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 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.

Art. 2. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and that its teachings construe the only infallible doctrine of the govern-



ment 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 of 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.—John 3:16.

Art. 6. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow 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 not faith can not 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 receive it.—Romans 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.—I Cor. 11:18-20.

Art. 12. We believe that man is a living soul; that the body will die; but the soul is immortal; 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

### ARTICLE I

This association shall be known as the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, and shall be composed of ordained ministers, deacons, and delegates from different churches forming the same. Each church shall be entitled to three (3) delegates. All ordained ministers and deacons shall be considered standing delegates provided they are members and in good standing with a local church that is part of this association and provided such church is in good standing with this association.

### ARTICLE II

This body shall be considered an advisory council, having no authority over the internal affairs of any local church unless said church depart from the Article of Faith and practice of Free Will Baptists. Whenever conditions warrant it, this association shall have power to reprimand or to exclude any local church.

### ARTICLE III

This association shall have power to deal with Ministers who may become guilty of deviating from Free Will Baptist Doctrine, whose character may become questionable; or who shall in any other way conduct himself so as to bring reproach upon the ministry.

### ARTICLE IV

All questions of doctrine and all matters pertaining to a local church or to an individual minister or group of ministers shall be decided by a two-thirds vote of the association. All other matters shall require only a majority. Exception: Any church desiring membership in this association must receive unanimous vote of delegated body when in Annual Session.

### ARTICLE V

#### SECTION 1

The officers of this association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk-treasurer and an assistant clerk-treasurer who shall be chosen by a majority vote at each session.

#### SECTION 2

Other governing organs of this association shall be these: A twelve (12) man General Board, a five (5) man Executive Committee, a three (3) man Credential Committee, and as many other committees as deemed necessary by the moderator.

#### SECTION 3

The General Board shall be composed of those from different churches. These shall be appointed by the moderator with each man serving two (2) years; but with one-half being appointed each year. It shall be the responsibility of this board to formulate all items of general business during the Annual Session of this Association as well as any other responsibility so relegated by the moderator or the body. When this Association is not in session, this board shall have power to act as body; but must make a report to body of such action.

#### SECTION 4

The Executive Committee shall be composed of five (5) men from the General Board and shall be appointed by the Moderator. This commit-



tee shall function as/or instead of/the General Board when directed to do so by the General Board, the Associational Body, or the Moderator.

#### SECTION 5

Each man on the Credential Committee shall serve three (3) years. Then senior member in point of service shall be replaced each year by the General Board. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to examine all letters to this Associational Body from churches, ministers, and other associations. They shall also examine all ministers who become a part of this body either by ordination or by letter. Any item of business pertaining to ministers or conduct of ministers shall originate with this committee. Any item of business handled by this committee may be referred to the General Board or to the Associational Body.

#### SECTION 6

The Moderator of this association shall be regarded as an ex-official member of all boards and committees.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### SECTION 1

This Association shall meet annually on Friday before the first Sunday in October at a place determined at the previous session, and shall adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

##### SECTION 2

There shall also be as many Quarterly Meetings as shall be deemed necessary during each year.

##### SECTION 3

The officers of the Quarterly meeting shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk-Treasurer, and an Assistant Clerk-Treasurer. They shall be elected each year.

#### ARTICLE VII

Churches wishing to become a member of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith, conform to its usages, and make formal request.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Each church of this Association shall be urged to promote and support all State and National Projects of the Denomination.

#### ARTICLE IX

Each local church shall have power to select and ordain all deacons who serve in such church. The ordaining council shall be composed of two (2) ministers, or of one minister and two (2) deacons.

#### ARTICLE X

##### SECTION 1

Any man who becomes convinced that the Lord has called him to preach the gospel shall be licensed by church of which he is a member. After he has been licensed for a period of time and has proved his worth, the local church shall then make request to this association that he be ordained. This local church, of which he is a member, and which licensed him, must be able to show proof of his worthiness as to his ability, sincerity, and desire. If after he has been examined by the responsible ones of this body, he then be found worthy; he shall be ordained by this Associational Body. All ordinations for the ministry must be done at the Annual Session.

##### SECTION 2

All preachers are required to report yearly to the Credential Com-

mittee of this body. Such report shall be for year beginning September 1 and ending August 31; and shall be due September 1 of the current year. Any preacher who fails to comply shall be dropped from our roll of ministers.

#### ARTICLE XI

No church shall have the right to accept as members those who have not been baptized by an ordained minister.

#### ARTICLE XII

##### SECTION 1

Any church placed on probation by this Association shall represent to Quarterly Meetings and to the Annual Session by letter and fees; but no delegates, standing or otherwise, of such church shall have the right to vote in either Quarterly Meetings or the Annual Session as long as such church is on probation. Exception: Any minister who is a member of such church but in good standing with this Association and pastoring another church shall not be so penalized.

##### SECTION 2

No minister having been put on probation by this Association shall have the right to vote in either Quarterly Meetings or the Annual Session.

#### ARTICLE XIII

This Constitution and Rules of Decorum may be amended at any Annual Session of this Association by a two-thirds majority vote of delegates present; provided proposed amendment is read one day, place on the table, and then is voted on the second day.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be called to order and presided over by officers elected at the last session.

2. The Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

3. The names of delegates shall be noted and referred to as often as is necessary.

4. 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 subject after others have spoken, provided someone else serves as Moderator while he speaks.

5. 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.

6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking unless he shall depart from the subject under discussion or use words of personal reflection.

7. No person will be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association — nor more than fifteen minutes at a time.

8. No person shall laugh or talk while discussion is going on.

9. No delegate shall absent himself from the Association without leave of Moderator.

10. Any minister absent from the Annual Session of this Association for two years in succession without legal excuse shall be dropped from roll of ministers.



### FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. 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 brethren and sisters to seat with us.
3. Call of reading of minutes of last Conference. Minutes read and  
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4. Call for Peace and fellowship of the church. Church .....
5. General Business .....
6. On motion of 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.

Rev. ...., Moderator

Bro. ...., Clerk