

Minutes
Of The
Eighty-Second Annual Session
Of The
Jasper Free Will Baptist
Association



Held With Union Chapel And
New Oak Grove Churches
Oct. 4 and 5, 1968



Officers:

REV JAMES WALDEN

MODERATOR

WILLIAM E. ATKINSON

CLERK



The Next Session of this Association will meet with Pocahontas Church on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1969 and with Gum Springs Church on the following Saturday. Rev. Billy R. Smith to preach the introductory sermon.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. M. L. Hollis

JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Rev. Billy R. Smith-Moderator Hamilton, Ala. 35570
Rev. William E. Atkinson-Clerk Winfield, Ala. 35594

GENERAL BOARD

Lon Gunnin	1969	J. O. Jones	1969
Kenneth Watts	1970	Lowell Franks	1970
W. L. Franks	1969	Allan Brasseal	1969
N. N. Jones	1970	Aaron Wright	1970
William Pate	1969	Bill Montgomery	1969
Ray Tidwell	1970	Edward Watson	1970
Richmond Pollard	1969	P. P. Barnes	1969
Leeman Humphres	1970	Fred Sullins	1970
Dock Lynn	1969	Ross White	1969
Ray Ritch	1970	O. V. Nix	1970
Lowell Parker	1969	Lloyd Hendrix	1969
Chestine Barksdale	1970	James Holliman	1970
Edward Lolly	1969	Johnny Fredrick	1969
Bill Pitts	1970	Floy Franks	1970

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Billy R. Smith-Chairman
William E. Atkinson-Clerk

Lowell Parker
P. P. Barnes
Fred Sullins
Edward Lolly
J. O. Jones

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

William E. Atkinson	1970
Orbie Peirce	1969
Hubbard Estes	1971
James Pittman	1973
Richmond Pollard	1972

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the eighty-second annual session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association.

The body was called into session at 9:30 A. M. on Friday Morning. After a song and prayer, scripture was read by Rev. James Walden. A welcome address was given by Raymond Miles and response by Fred Sullins.

The moderator then called our attention to some of the "Rules of Decorum."

A partial report was given by the Credential Committee. A MOTION CARRIED to accept that part of the report pertaining to Hamilton Church. Contents of Hamilton Church Letter were noted, and this church was received into the body. (See Report)

A MOTION CARRIED to receive Item I of Credential Committee Report and proceed to read the letters. (See Report)

Letters from twenty churches were read and names of all delegates were noted. A MOTION CARRIED to seat all delegates named.

The report of General Board from meeting of August 10, 1968 was read. A MOTION CARRIED to accept the report and consider item by item. (See Report) A MOTION CARRIED to adopt Item I. A period of discussion followed after which a MOTION CARRIED calling for "previous questions". By careful count of the voting body it was revealed that the MOTION WAS LOST.

A MOTION CARRIED to table Item II of General Board Report.

The moderator made necessary appointments to the General Board.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. James Walden from Matthew 23. An offering of \$76.78 was received for Home and Foreign Missions.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After song and prayer, letters from the other eight churches were read.

Rev. Billy Sharpston was recognized who spoke to us about the need of a State Promotional Secretary.

The report of Quarterly Meetings was read. A MOTION CARRIED to accept.

The Woman's Auxiliary Report was read by Dixie Atkinson. A MOTION CARRIED to accept.

Rev. W. O. Miller, Rev. James Pittman, Rev. Dewey Colley, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Rev. Ray Ritch, Rev. Louie Bates, and Rev. Billy Sharpston were seated as visiting ministers.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow brought the afternoon message. A report of the work in Decatur was also given by Mr. Ledlow.

SATURDAY MORNING

After song and prayer, scripture was read by Rev. Joe Martin. Names of all delegates were called and seats were assigned. A roll call of ministers also occurred.

Report of Obituary Committee was given. A MOTION CARRIED to accept the same. (See Report)

A report from Finance Committee was given. A MOTION CARRIED to accept the same. (See Report)

Rev. J. O. Jones, Rev. James Walden, Mrs. Lona Faye Franks were named delegates to the Mississippi State Line Association. Rev. James Walden and Mrs. Lona Faye Franks were named delegates to

the Vernon Association. A MOTION CARRIED permitting Rev. James Walden the privilege of naming delegates to the State Association at time of such session.

The report of General Board was read. A MOTION CARRIED to receive and consider item by item. Subsequent MOTIONS CARRIED to adopt each of the items. (See Report)

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. M. L. Worthington, Rev. Joe Martin, Rev. W. L. Atkins were seated as visiting ministers.

A MOTION CARRIED to remove from table that part of General Board Report placed there the day before.

Discussion ensued after which an amendment was offered to insert the words "one person from each church", deleting the words "sixteen others from different churches." A MOTION CARRIED to adopt the amendment.

A MOTION CARRIED to adopt the main motion as thus amended.

The final report of Credential Committee was given. A MOTION CARRIED to accept the report and consider item by item. Subsequent MOTIONS CARRIED on each of the items of the Report. (See Report)

Those ministers coming to us from other associations along with other visiting ministers were welcomed by moderator and clerk.

Rev. Paul Kettelman gave report for Free Will Baptist Bible College and also brought the morning message during the worship hour. An offering of \$136.31 was received for Free Will Baptist Bible College and Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After song and prayer, Rev. Carlton Lambert gave report for Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

A MOTION CARRIED to accept the report of Board of Christian Education.

A MOTION CARRIED to accept report of Appreciation Committee. An offering of \$38.57 was received for retired ministers.

The election of all General Board Members needed to give representation to each church ensued. (See Minute)

Officers were elected for the coming year. Rev. Billy R. Smith was elected Moderator, and Rev. Louie Bates was elected Assistant Moderator. Rev. William E. Atkinson was elected Clerk and Dixie Atkinson was elected Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Smith then appointed Committees as follows: FINANCE: Orbie Peirce, W. H. May, Junior Aldridge; APPRECIATION: Wise Holcomb, Ida Aldridge, Vina Walden; OBITUARY: Irene Nix, Alice Barnes, Ray Ritch.

Ordination service for Ambers Aldridge Jr., Jimmy Reece, and William Pate was held. Rev. Billy R. Smith, Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. Jimmy Howell, Rev. James Walden, and Rev. W. L. Atkins formed the Presbytery.

After an old fashioned hand shake, a MOTION CARRIED to adjourn.

REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We wish to express our appreciation to Union Chapel Church and New Oak Grove Church for the splendid manner which they have entertained us during this session. We have enjoyed our visit with you and pray God's blessing upon you for what you have done.

Respectfully submitted,
Edgar Pollard
Lily Mae Bates
Martha Franks

OBITUARY REPORT

We wish to report that God has seen fit to call from our ranks the following: Howard Thomas and Ella Franks of Brilliant; Jim Nichols of Carbon Hill; Brandon Estes of Free Waters; Rev. and Mrs. Richard Humphres of Good Springs; Hollis Nix, Tommie Bozeman, George Odom of Guin; Earl Beasley and Austin Hawkins of Gum Springs; Olen Fowler, Della Fowler, David Aldridge, Effie Johnson, and Dollie Johnson of New Liberty; Mary Farley of Parrish; Jane Keeton, Ethel Davis, and Claude Noles of New Oak Grove; Nettie Gann of Poplar Log; Mattie Gann, Annie Nelson, Jeremiah Nix of Pocahontas; J. W. Bevis, Jim Lawson, and Lula Lawson of Spring Hill; Ruthie Lee Fredrick, Lizzie Langston of Union Hill; Lena Tidwell of Winfield.

Respectfully submitted,
Wise Holcomb
Noah Robertson

FINANCE REPORT

We, your committee on finance, wish to report the receipt of funds as follows:

Associational Funds	\$363.00
Retired Ministers	240.01
State Association	160.50
Children's Home	10.00
FWB Bible College	10.00
TOTAL	\$783.51

Respectfully submitted
Dewey Burleson
Clovis Tucker
Jim Hunter

CREDENTIAL REPORT

We, your Credential Committee, offer the following report.

ITEM NO. I

We have examined the letters from all churches and find them in good order with the exception of some failures to list names of deceased.

Item NO. II

We recommend that Hamilton Church be received into this body.

ITEM NO. III

We recommend that letters of commendation be given to Rev. Noah Robertson, Rev. Robert Franks, Rev. A. G. Lacy, and Rev. Doyle Aderholt who are leaving to join other associations.

ITEM NO. IV

We recommend that such a letter be granted Pleasant Hill Church who wishes to join another association.

ITEM NO. V

We recommend that Ambers Aldridge Jr., Jimmy Reese, and William Pate be ordained to preach the gospel at this session.

ITEM NO. VI

We recommend that Bear Creek Church and Edgar's Chapel Church extend the license of Mickey Crane and Ray Tidwell for another year.

ITEM NO. VII

We recommend that Rev. Johnnie Fredrick, Rev. James Pittman, Rev. Ray Ritch, Rev. Dewey Colley, and Rev. Louie Bates be received into this body from other associations.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

ITEM NO. I

We recommend that the next session of this association be held with Pocahontas Church on Friday and with Gum Springs Church on Saturday.

ITEM NO. II

We recommend that the clerk be paid \$50.00, the moderator \$20.00, the Assistant moderator \$10.00 and the assistant clerk \$15.00.

ITEM NO. III

We recommend that Rev. Clovis Tucker replace Rev. Billy R. Smith on Credential Committee.

ITEM NO. IV

We recommend that Quarterly Meetings for the coming year be given to these churches; first, Guin; second, New Liberty; third, Mt. Pleasant; fourth, Cedrum Grove.

ITEM NO. V

We recommend that each church bring an offering to each annual session for retired ministers; and that such an offering be received during the annual session.

ITEM NO. VI

We recommend that each church support regularly the cause of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Superannuation, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Free Will Baptist Bible College, and we also urge each church to consider support for State Promotional Secretary.

ITEM NO. VII

We recommend that money for retired ministers be given to Rev. J. O. Jones, Rev. G. O. Parker, Rev. J. S. Fredrick, Rev. J. A. Godsey, Rev. P. P. Barnes, and Rev. N. A. Patterson.

ITEM NO. VIII

We recommend that Rev. James Pittman replace Rev. O. Z. Johnson on Board of Christian Education.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Jasper District Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary convened with Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church on April 27, 1968.

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

Welcome was given by Mrs. Agnes White. Response to welcome by Mrs. Carolyn Flippo.

Letters were read from the following churches and delegates seated:
Free Waters-Imogene Pugh, Ruthie Mae Miller, Avie Pollard
Mt. Olive-Sharon Hardin, Louise Wilson, Autie Franks
Red Bay-Helen Holland, Mildred Purser, Emarine Keeton

Shady Grove-Irene Nix, Louise Walker, Elise Swinney
Guin-Betty Lynn, Carolyn Flippo, Lily Belle Roberts
Winfield-Jessie Kilgore, Norma Atkinson, Fannie Baccus
Appointment of Committees by the President, Mrs. Vina Walden
Nominating Committee-Irene Nix, Imogene Pugh, Helen Holland, Sharon Hardin, Carolyn Flippo, Fannie Baccus

Finance Committee-Dot Smith, Ruthie Mae Miller, Autie Franks
Appreciation Committee-Norma Atkinson, Berry Lynn, Elise Swinney
Registration Committee-Dot Smith, Louise Walker, Avie Pollard
Resolutions Committee-Louise Wilson, Lily Belle Roberts, Emarine Keeton, Jessie Kilgore.

Judges for the Achievement Charts-Clifford Holland, Jimmy Howell, Dixie Atkinson

Special Song-Free Waters Church and prayer by Bill Smith
Intermission:
Playlet-"The Woman's Auxiliary Clinic" by Shady Grove Auxiliary
Report of Nominating Committee:
President-Vina Walden
Vice President-Dot Smith, Mt. Olive
Sec. Treas.-Dixie Atkinson
Asst. Sec. Treas.-Sharon Hardin
Study Course Chairman-Betty Howell
Personal Service Chairman-Agnes White
Missions Chairman-Helen Holland
Stewardship Chairman-Imogene Pugh
Field Worker-Dot Smith, Guin
The officers were elected.

Installation Service for new officers by Norma Atkinson.
The reports of all the committees were accepted.

There were 4 A-1 Auxiliaries-Guin, Shady Grove, Mt. Olive, and Wingfield. One B Auxiliary-Free Waters

Morning Message-Rev. Dave Franks, Scripture Matthew 28:19-20

Financial Report:

Balance Brought Forwards	\$137.40
State Dues (paid out)	98.00
Balance on hand	\$39.40

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association held 4 meetings during the Associational year 1967-69. They were held with:

Shady Grove Church-Oct. 28, 1967
New Oak Grove Church-Dec. 30, 1967
Poplar Log Church-March 30, 1968
Good Springs Church-June 29, 1968

18 churches represented at all 4 meetings:

Brilliant	Mt. Joy	Pocahontas
Carbon Hill	Mt. Olive	Poplar Log
Cedrum Grove	Mt. Pleasant	Spring Hill
Good Springs	New Liberty	Union Hill
Guin	New Oak Grove	Union Chapel
Liberty	Parrish	Winfield

7 churches represented at 3 meetings:

Bear Creek	Gum Springs	Red Bay
Bethlehem	Holly Springs	Shady Grove
Free Waters		

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

9 Ministers attended all 4 meetings:

P. P. Barnes	James T. O'Shea	Ambers Aldridge Jr.
N. A. Patterson	O. Z. Johnson	Billy R. Smith
James Walden	Clifford Holland	William E. Atkinson

4 Ministers attended 3 meetings:

Richard Humphries	Orbie Pierce
Wise Holcomb	Jimmy Howell

7 Ministers attended 2 meetings:

Doyle Aderholt	C. A. Odom	William F. Pate
Otho Thompson	Robert Franks	Jimmy Reese
J. O. Jones		

8 Ministers attended 1 meeting:

Dave R. Franks	W. A. Roberts	Gillie Parrish
A. G. Lacy	J. S. Frederick	Noah Robertson
J. W. Spencer	Clovis Tucker	

Visiting Ministers and number of meetings attended:

W. O. Miller-2 William L. Atkins-1
Joe Martin-1 Johnny Fredrick-1

Quarterly Meeting Financial Report:

Amount on hand Sept. 30, 1967		\$26.42
Received fees during year		186.00
Total		212.42
Clerk's Salary-Bill Smith (4 x \$5.00)	\$20.00	
Postage, envelopes, paper, etc	19.80	
Paid to Hamilton Mission	30.35	
Given to Jasper Association 9/28/68	117.27	
Balance on hand 9/28/68		\$25.00

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie Atkinson-Clerk

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
1967-68

Your Board of Christian Education has sponsored Youth Meetings during the year with the exception of the summer months. Only moderate interest has been shown in these meetings. Several films have been shown during the year. Most people seem to appreciate a good christian film.

A District Convention for CTS and Sunday School was held in April at Guin and Red Bay. Those who won first places in the Competitive Events also made a creditable showing in State Competition in Russellville In June. Guin's Bible Bowl Team won first place in the State and represented us in National Competition in July.

More could be accomplished if somehow we could get more interest and better cooperation from all our pastors and churches.

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Atkinson-Chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Balance 9/21/67	\$118.67
Youth Meetings Offerings	76.67
Convention Fees	71.00
TOTAL	\$266.34

Fees to State Convention	\$38.50
Prizes awarded	37.00
Postages Etc.	7.54
Film Rental	61.73
TOTAL	\$144.77

Balance 9/12/68	\$121.57
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CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Amount on hand 10/4/68	\$145.15
Received Associational Funds	363.00
Received for Retired Ministers	204.01
Received from Brilliant Bible Class	36.00
Received from Quarterly Meeting	117.27
Received for State Association	160.50
Received for Children's Home	10.00
Received from FWB Bible College	10.00
Offering for Missions	76.78
Offering for College and Children's Home	136.31
Offering for Retired Ministers	38.57
TOTAL	\$1297.59

Paid Retired Ministers	\$278.58
Paid Association Officers	95.00
Paid FWB Foreign Missions	38.39
Paid Ala. Board of Missions	38.39
Paid FWB Bible College	78.16
Paid Children's Home	78.15
Paid State Fees	140.00
Paid State Food Fund	160.50
Paid Postage	3.60
TOTAL	\$910.77

Balance on hand 10/12/68	\$386.82
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DELEGATES

Bear Creek: None Present
Bethlehem: Virdie Warren, Shirley Crowe
Brilliant; Cliff Franklin, Veto Mays, W. L. Franks
Carbon Hill; Willie Petty, Inez Petty, Myrtle Evans
Cedrum Grove; Nellie Mae Jackson, Helen Boshell, Romania Griffin
Edgar's Chapel; Carylton Steward, Ethel Edgar, Cherry Nell Tidwell
Free Waters; Lizzie Tidwell, Ida Aldridge, Beth Hawkins
Good Springs; Ophelia Warren, Nellie Humphres
Guin; Dock Lynn, Betty Lynn, Denver Nichols
Gum Springs; Foster Holcomb, Joe Holcomb, Mattie Spaulding
Hamilton; Louise Norris, Madie May, Dorothy Smith
Holly Springs; Lena Burgett, Nellie Lay
Liberty; Lora Nell Green, Pat Reese, Nellie Green
Lone Star; None present
Mt. Joy; Beatrice Raburn, Louise Brown, Rosa Pounders
Mt. Olive; Donna Pittman, Mintie Evans, Mirtie Atkinson
Mt. Pleasant; Jesse Vaughn, Annie Lawrence, Ilean Myers
New Liberty; Verlia Wright, Celia Narramore, Pamela Brasher
New Oak Grove; Bill McDaniel, Hayes Harper, Bill Montgomery
Parrish; Gertrude Thompson, Audie Romine
Pocahontas; Lily Bates, Dora Roberts, Martha Yocum
Poplar Log; J. H. Sullins, D. G. Markham, Earnie Kerr
Red Bay; Helen Holland
Shady Grove; Dolan McMurray, Irene Nix, Louise Walker

CHURCHES	Pastors	Number of Members Received By		By Letter	Statement	Deceased	Dismissed By Letter	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	F.W.B. College	Children's Home	Superannuation	Pastor's Salary	Paid Evangelist	Association and Minute Funds	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastorium
Bear Creek	J.S. Frederick	62	1	0	0	2	1,397.8	0	0	0	31.50	5.00	1,219.04	75.00	12.00	2,000.00	0
Bethlehem	Clovis Tucker	50	0	0	0	2	1,138.1	0	15.00	0	0	2.50	576.99	50.00	10.00	0	0
Brilliant	Orbie Pierce	170	3	0	0	2	5,587.1	100.02	139.87	54.88	177.00	46.00	3,050.00	220.00	18.00	25,000.00	3,000.00
Carbon Hill	W.A. Roberts	52	0	3	2	1	2,012.1	0	0	0	113.62	5.00	1,484.00	100.00	15.00	5,000.00	0
Cedrum Grove	William Pate	62	6	0	0	1	2,543.8	82.40	22.91	19.40	156.56	49.52	813.51	100.00	15.00	7,500.00	0
Edgar's Chapel	Cecil Hood	71	6	0	6	0	981.1	0	0	0	0	0	716.36	85.00	15.00	2,500.00	0
Free Waters	Junior Aldridge	144	0	0	0	1	4,596.2	29.26	0	0	36.00	8.25	3,102.00	138.07	10.00	5,500.00	15,000.00
Good Springs	J.W. Spencer	54	0	0	0	1	1,633.1	0	0	0	54.66	10.00	512.00	140.75	10.00	5,560.00	0
Guin	James Walden	197	35	2	3	3	14,835.3	345.91	202.37	673.87	236.11	202.37	5,200.00	340.00	20.00	50,000.00	18,000.00
Gum Springs	Ray Ritch	78	0	4	1	2	2,465.1	139.00	41.55	0	120.00	10.00	1,040.00	236.55	8.00	25,000.00	0
Hamilton	Billy R. Smith	32	10	6	16	0	3,650.1	75.42	50.28	50.28	37.71	37.71	798.32	200.00	10.00	0	0
Holly Springs	Gillie Parrish	81	1	0	0	1	681.1	0	0	0	0	0	510.00	80.00	8.00	6,000.00	0
Liberty	Hubert Peoples	79	0	3	0	0	3,594.1	0	17.76	0	34.30	10.00	2,056.45	100.00	15.00	5,301.20	0
Lone Star	Claudis Mullins	94	0	1	0	1	1,144.1	0	0	0	0	0	400.00	125.00	6.00	3,000.00	0
Mt. Joy	Lester Hood	33	0	0	0	0	843.1	0	0	0	60.00	14.26	120.00	78.58	10.00	4,000.00	0
Mt. Olive	James Pittman	284	2	5	0	1	11,870.1	115.74	177.68	251.62	221.37	77.51	4,370.00	275.00	17.00	21,000.00	10,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	W.L. Atkins	184	19	1	0	3	7,479.1	85.00	85.00	60.00	110.00	10.00	1,560.00	425.00	12.00	20,000.00	0
New Liberty	N.A. Patterson	160	0	0	2	5	3,924.1	72.20	81.00	61.00	199.44	59.00	1,640.00	290.00	15.00	9,000.00	0
New Oak Grove	Joe Martin	148	3	0	3	3	3,734.1	30.00	50.00	0	180.00	0	2,005.00	225.00	15.00	21,000.00	0
Parrish	Vertus South	42	5	2	0	1	515.1	0	0	0	35.00	5.00	209.50	35.70	7.00	2,500.00	0
Pleasant Hill	Booker Tice	92	1	2	2	0	1,172.1	0	0	0	50.00	0	309.82	65.00	3.00	6,000.00	0
Pocahontas	Louie Bates	65	0	4	0	3	2,047.1	0	0	0	107.68	5.00	1,360.00	95.00	15.00	10,594.00	0
Poplar Log	W.O. Miller	218	25	9	0	1	9,209.1	0	40.00	0	594.19	5.00	4,715.86	289.03	20.00	15,000.00	0
Red Bay	Clifford Holland	139	8	3	0	1	6,424.1	70.00	78.70	85.00	55.00	5.00	4,355.00	221.00	15.00	20,000.00	10,000.00
Shady Grove	Jimmy Howell	255	6	0	1	0	7,115.1	35.00	0	10.00	70.00	20.00	4,465.80	190.00	15.00	20,000.00	0
Spring Hill	Hoda Lockhart	29	2	0	3	3	749.1	0	0	0	0	0	266.52	40.15	5.00	2,000.00	0
Union Chapel	James O'Shea	70	3	8	0	0	1,158.1	0	0	0	10.00	5.00	450.00	75.00	12.00	5,000.00	0
Union Hill	O.Z. Johnson	125	8	2	5	2	1,926.1	5.00	200.00	0	46.50	10.00	1,045.40	150.00	15.00	15,000.00	0
Winfield	William E. Atkinson	308	12	2	5	1	15,286.1	14.40	394.31	551.24	275.00	114.14	5,170.00	515.00	25.00	110,000.00	10,000.00

Spring Hill; John Johnson, Pearl Johnson, Minnie Bevis
 Union Chapel; Raymond Miles, O. D. Eads, Betty Eads
 Union Hill; Ludy Fredrick, Icy Gunnin, Regina Fredrick
 Winfield; J. B. Godsey; Dena Godsey, Chestine Franks

DEACONS

Bear Creek; Edd Hill, G. W. Steward, Lon Gunnion, Roland Williams,
 Henry Grissom, Troy Mason, Truman Scott
 Bethlehem; Woodrow Franks
 Brilliant; Dewey Burleson, Luther Franks, Vester Hawkins, Earl
 Smith, Kermit Cagle, Dowel Tidwell, Rayburn Huguley
 Carbon Hill; Joe Hopson, N. N. Jones
 Cedrum Grove; J. E. Tittle, Angelo Boshell
 Edgar's Chapel; Marshall Raper, Terry Raper, J. D. Faulkner,
 Kenneth Faulkner, Ray Edgar, F. T. Edgar, Noan Crane
 Free Waters; C. A. Tidwell, Artis Pugh, Vance Pollard, Wilburn
 Sexton, Pearce Miller
 Good Springs; L. L. Humphres, M. M. Warren, Barney Pounders,
 Edward Holland, Ray Humphres
 Guin; Hubbard Estes, Bill Smith, Jerry Flippo, J. W. Garrison, Frank
 Cutts, Austin Pugh, Willard Bannister
 Gum Springs; Naxwell Gibbs, Johnnie Moore
 Hamilton; Lowell Parker, W. H. May, Dewel Emerson
 Holly Springs, P. E. Lay, L. T. Burgett
 Liberty; Edward Lolly, Reuben Norris, Grover Smith, Early Dickin-
 son, Walter Wisham, Morgan Bozeman, Troy Green
 Lone Star; Claude Russell, Bill Pitts
 Mt. Joy; Bill Brown, Houston Raburn
 Mt. Olive; A. G. May, H. L. Franks, Paul Wilson, Robert Silas,
 Gary Beatty, Lowell Franks
 Mt. Pleasant; F. A. Aldridge, Claude Kimbrell, Sam Flippo, Vester
 Lawrence, Lester Lawrence, Ray Weeks, William Huguley
 New Liberty; Victor Smith, Aaron Whitson, J. B. Smith, David Fowler,
 Sid Moore, Dave Smith
 New Oak Grove; Amos Martin, Lonnie McDaniel, Johnnie Knight
 Parrish; V. V. Farley, Howard Romine, Henry Thompson, Wallace
 Watson, Homer Goodwin
 Pocahontas; Elbert Nelson, Curt Griffin, Jim Hunter, Joe Hunter,
 E. P. Cheatwood, Toxie NeSmith
 Poplar Log; J. R. Fredrick, B. H. Owens, Orbie Cook, Fred Sullins,
 Olen Lee
 Red Bay; Oliver Mink, J. R. Yeilding, Carl Tharp, Ross White,
 Willard Purser, Raymond Creekmore
 Shady Grove; Clyde Freeman, E. R. McDuffa, Fred Rice, Wallace
 Freeman, Henry Bankston, John Mashburn
 Spring Hill; Lloyd Hendrix
 Union Chapel; Lonzo Goodwin, Marvin Eads, Arthur Holliman, Ray
 Goodwin, Tommy Williams
 Union Hill; L. D. Clement, Lewis Lacy, Ester Gunnin, D. C. Kennedy
 Winfield; Garlon Holliman, Lee Moore, B. P. Atkinson Jr., Bill Over-
 ton, Ira Baccus

CLERKS

Maudie Grissom; Route 1, Hackleburg, Alabama 35564
 Icie Lee Evans; Box 121, Brilliant, Ala. 35548
 Lucy Stanford; Route 1, Brilliant, Ala. 35548
 Salma Wilson; Box 453, Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549
 Helen Tittle; Route 2, Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549

Carylon Steward; Route 3, Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581
 Farrell Pollard; Route 2, Guin, Ala. 35563
 Nellie Humphres; Route 1, Vina, Ala. 35593
 Wilma Palmer; Route 2, Guin, Ala. 35563
 Erdeal Weeks; Route 3, Winfield, Ala. 35594
 Excell L. Parker; Route 4, Hamilton, Ala. 35570
 Marjorie Williams; Route 1, Hodges, Ala. 35571
 Troy Green; Route 2, Guin, Ala. 35563
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CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by divine grace, to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, 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 Christmas 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 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.

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 reprove 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 and must be preceded by effectual conviction.—II 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.—Micah 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 receives it.—Romans 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; 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, General Board 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 the 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

The 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

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 of 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

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

SECTION 5

Each man on the Credential Committee shall serve three (3) years. The 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 of October at a place determined at the previous session, and shall not adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

SECTION 1A

The associational year will end Aug. 31st each year and all letters to the association mailed to the clerk no later than 1st Sunday in September of each year.

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 Article 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 Committee 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 baptised 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, placed 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 (15) minutes at a time.

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.

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

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5. General Business

6. On motion of adjournment, We

Rev., Moderator

Bro., Clerk

FORM OF LETTERS 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