

**MINUTES**  
**Of The**  
**Eighty-Fifth Annual Session**  
**Of The**  
**Jasper Free Will Baptist**  
**Association**



**Held With Cedrum Grove And**  
**Mt. Olive Churches**  
**Oct. 1 and 2, 1971**



**Officers:**

**Rev. Billy R. Smith**  
**William E. Atkinson**

**Moderator**  
**Clerk**



**The Next Session of this Association will meet with**  
**Union Chapel Church on Friday before the first Sunday**  
**in October 1972 and with New Liberty Church on the**  
**following Saturday. Rev. N. A. Patterson to preach the**  
**introductory sermon.**



## JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Rev. N. A. Patterson-Moderator-Route 1, Guin, Ala. 35563

Rev. William E. Atkinson-Clerk-Winfield, Ala. 35594

### GENERAL BOARD

Mickey Crane	1973	Bill Pitts	1972
Kenneth Watts	1972	J. O. Jones	1973
Luther Franks	1973	Lowell Franks	1972
John Delvicchio	1972	Allen Brasseal	1973
Pearl P. Barnes	1973	Aaron Wright	1972
Elmer L. Steward	1972	Junior Mote	1973
Richmond Pollard	1973	Henry Thompson	1972
Edward Holland	1972	Elbert Nelson	1973
Dock Lynn	1973	Harvey McGuire	1972
Julious Box	1972	Ross White	1973
Lowell Parker	1973	O. V. Nix	1972
Chestine Barksdale	1972	Billy Gilbert	1973
Bryan Silas	1973	O. D. Eads	1972
Hasting Cantrell	1973	Louis Lacy	1973
		Floy Franks	1972

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

N. A. Patterson	Mickey Crane
William E. Atkinson	Lowell Parker
Harvey McGuire	Dock Lynn
Floy Franks	

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

James Walden	Ambers Aldridge
James Pittman	

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

William E. Atkinson	1975	James Pittman	1973
Billy R. Smith	1974	Richmond Pollard	1972
Hubbard Estes	1976		



## PROCEEDINGS

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

The body was called into session Friday morning at 9:00 A.M. A period of devotion was led by Rev. Larry Nix with prayer by Rev. Charles Dozier. The welcome was given by Charles Parr and the response by Howard Franks.

**A motion carried** that we enter into business. Due to the absence of the assistant moderator an election was called to replace him. Rev. O. Z. Johnson and Rev. N. A. Patterson were nominated. In the ensuing election Brother Patterson was elected.

A partial report was given by the Credential Committee. An amendment carried that the word minister be dropped from that part of the report dealing with Union Chapel Church. **A motion carried** that the report be accepted.

Rev. Bill Duncan and Rev. Ray Ritch were named to assist clerk in reading letters. Letters from all churches were read and delegates were seated. A Petitionary letter was read from Hackleburg Church. This church was accepted into the body and delegates seated. A right hand of christian fellowship was given to pastor and delegates by moderator and clerk.

Nominations were made to General Board for terms expiring in 1971. **A motion carried** to elect by acclamation.

**A motion carried** to accept the report of the Executive Committee concerning Union Chaple Church.

Rev. Billy Ray Smith brought the message in the morning worship service. An offering of \$79.80 was received for missions. Visiting ministers were recognized as follows: J. B. Tice, George Page, J. B. Southerland, Otis Parmer, Frank Collins, Charles Dozier, Jonny Sexton, and C. C. Barnes.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After song and prayer the moderator named proxies to the General Board. This board assembled for its regular meeting. (See Reports)

**A motion carried** to accept report of Quarterly Meeting. (See Reports)

**A motion carried** to accept the report of Woman's Auxiliary Conveniton. (See Reports)

The rest of the afternoon was given to messages from Rev. Joe Box and Rev. Johnny Sexton.

## SATURDAY MORNING

A period of devotion was led by Rev. N. A. Patterson. The moderator assignde seats to voting body. Names of delegates were read, and also the roll of ministers.

**A motion carried** to accept the OBITUARY REPORT. (See Reports)

**A motion carried** to accept the APPRECIATION REPORT. (See Reports)

**A motion carried** to accept the report of Board of Christian Education. (See Reports)

**A motion carried** to accept the report of Finance Committee. (See Reports)

Nominations were offered for the Executive Committee. In the ensuing election Harvey McGuire, Floy Franks, Mickey Crane, Lowell Parker and Dock Lynn were elected.

Rev. Jim Howell, Rev. Billy Ray Smith, and Rev. W. O. Miller were named delegates to the Mississippi State Line Association. Rev. N. A. Patterson, Rev. and Mrs. O. Z. Johnson were named delegates to the Vernon Association. Those named delegated to the State Association are as follows; Foster Holcomb, Lillie Barnes, Dixie Atkinson, Leslie Johnson, Vina Walden, Lela Crowe, Mirtie Atkinson, Ida Aldridge, Hattie Hunter, Famie Bates, Betty Howell, Cleofes Bankston, Helen Tittle, Verla Wright, Bonnie Sprinkle, Ada Odom, John Senkbeil, and Helen Boshell. **A motion carried** granting the moderator power to make changes and additions needed at the State Meeting.

The clerk read the report of the General Board. Subsequent **motions carrid** adopting each of the items. (See Reports)

The final report of the Credential Committee was read. Subsequent **motions carried** adopting each of the items including an amendment to the last item requesting Spring Hill Church to report regarding their pastor at next Quarterly Meeting October 30, 1971. (See Reports)

Visiting ministers recognized were; Ken Walker, Jack Paramore, Otis Parmer, Charles Davis, C. C. Barnes, Orbie Peirce, and M. L. Hollis.

Rev. Jack Paramore brought the morning message. An offering of \$171.16 was received for Free Will Baptist Bible College and Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After song and prayer a report from Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by Rev. Carlton Lambert.

A report from Mobile Mission was given by Rev. Ken Walker.

The election of officers for the coming year took place.



Rev. N. A. Patterson was elected moderator and Rev. James Pittman was elected his assistant. Rev. William E. Atkinson was elected clerk and Dixie Atkinson was elected assistant clerk.

An offering of \$38.28 was received for retired ministers.

The moderator named committees for next year as follows; FINANCE; W. L. Franks, Bill Duncan, Johnny Moore; OBITUARY: Jo Ann Riggs, Ida Aldridge, Avie Polard; APPRECIATION: Autie Franks, Vina Walden, Dixie Atkinson.

An ordination service for preachers was held with Harvey V. Ivey and Joe A. Box being ordained. Rev. Clovis Tucker, Rev. James Walden and Rev. James Pittman formed the Presbytery.

A motion carried that we adjourn which was followed with an old fashioned hand shake.

### REPORTS APPRECIATION

We wish to express our appreciation to Cedrom Grove and Mt. Olive churches for the splendid manner which they have entertained us. We have enjoyed our visits and pray God's blessings upon you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Tittle  
G. M. Smith

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met with Union Chapel Church on June 6, 1971. As a result of this meeting the committee advised the church that written notices should be sent to Lonzo and Hester Goodwin and to Lela Holliman advising them that they were invited to come back to church with no restrictions demanded of them.

Copies of such letters from Union Chapel Church to above named persons are in the hands of the association clerk which proves compliance with the committee's request.

Respectfully submitted,  
William E. Atkinson

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We wish to report that God has called from our ranks the following: Rufus Evans, John Tesney and Elven Nelson of Bethlehem; Noah Wilson of Brilliant; Wilma Deavours and Pearl Southerland of Carbon Hill; Ella Bozeman of Free Waters; Callie O'Mary of Gum Springs; W. H. May of Hamilton; Nellie Lay of Holly Springs; Flo Wright of Lone Star; Mary May of Mt. Olive; S. N. Elliott, Sue Henson, Rosa

Vaughn, and Lilly Shirey of Mt. Pleasant; Beulah Fowler of New Liberty; Virgin Noles of New Oak Grove; Leck Edgil of Pocahontas; Dithular Fredrick of Poplar Log; Timothy Purser of Red Bay; J. T. Mashburn, Lee Nix, Grady Freeman, and Edward Smith of Shady Grove; Katie Colburn of Spring Hill; Mary Rayburn of Union Hill; Nora Beasley, Lillian May, Jimmy Shirey, Ida South, and Polly Ann Burleson of Winfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay Sullins  
Ida Rhudy  
Betty Lynn

### FINANCE

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

Associational Funds	\$ 505.50
Retired Ministers	443.00
State Association	256.50
Children's Home	31.50
	\$1,236.50

Respectfully submitted,  
N. A. Patterson  
Dewey Burleson

### CREDENTIAL

We, your committee on credentials, submit the following report:

No. I—We have examined the letters from all churches and find them in good order. We therefore recommend that letters be read and delegates seated. In the case of Union Chapel Church we have also examined material presented to us from the Executive Committee; and therefore recommend that probation be lifted from this church.

No. II—We have examined petitionary letter from Hackleburg Church and recommend that this church be accepted into this association.

No. III—We recommend that Rev. A. L. Waren, Rev. Charles Dozier, Rev. Eustace Riggs, and Rev. Johnny Sexton be accepted into this body and cards of good standing be granted them.

No. IV—We recommend that Harvey V. Ivey and Joe A. Box be ordained to preach the gospel in this session.

No. V—We recommend that Spring Hill investigate the credentials of their pastor and report to us in Quarterly



Meeting October 30, 1971.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clovis Tucker  
James Walden  
James Pittman

#### GENERAL BOARD

No. I—We recommend that the clerk be paid one hundred dollars, the moderator forty-five dollars, the assistant clerk twenty-five dollars and the assistant moderator twenty dollars.

No. II—We recommend that the next session of this association be held with Union Chapel Church on Friday and with New Liberty Church on Saturday.

No. III—We recommend that the first Quarterly Meeting be given to Gum Springs; second, New Oak Grove; third, Carbon Hill; fourth, Bethlehem.

No. IV—We recommend that Ambers Aldridge replace Clovis Tucker on Credential Committee.

No. V—We recommend that each church send an offering to each annual session of the association for retired ministers; and that each church support this cause regularly. We also recommend that each church support regularly the cause of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Children's Home, and Bible College.

No. VI—We recommend that money for retired ministers this year be given to J. O. Jones, J. A. Godsey, J. S. Fredrick, and N. A. Patterson. **Motion Carried** to amend to include also A. L. Warren.

No. VII—We recommend that Hubbard Estes be retained on Board of Christian Education.

No. VIII—We recommend that Church Covenant be dropped from minute and the one from National Treatise inserted.

#### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

For the first time ever the board sponsored a youth camp this past July. The attendance was good; and the camp was considered a great success. We are already making plans for another such camp next summer, perhaps at Camp Morganwood again. Please keep this in mind and encourage your boys and girls to attend.

Because of lack of interest in youth meetings, the board has decided to hold such meetings one a quarter instead of monthly. Not many have shown interest in such meetings. We wonder whether we should continue to promote these.

In the near future we plan to promote some teacher training courses and perhaps something also for Choir Di-

rectors and Church Musicians. Your response to such ideas will help us greatly in making our plans.

The Sunday School and CTS Convention was held this year at Guin April 16-17. Twelve churches sent letters and delegates. Winners were chosen in Sword Drill and Tic Tac Toe.

A financial statement follows:

Balance 9-28-70 .....	\$ 276.85
Youth Meeting Offerings .....	117.83
Convention fees .....	78.00
Camp Receipts .....	762.00
	\$1,234.68

Fees to State Convention .....	\$ 46.00
Camp Expense .....	630.50
Prizes Awarded .....	25.00
Honorarium .....	24.50
Film Rental .....	42.90
Poostage ect. ....	14.36
	\$783.30

Balance 9-28-71 .....	\$ 451.38
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Respectfully submitted,  
William E. Atkinson

#### QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association held 4 meetings during the Associational year 1970-71. They were held with: New Librty Church Nov. 28, 1970; Poplar Log Church Jan. 30, 1971; New Oak Grove Church May 29, 1971; Edgars Chapel Church Aug. 28, 1971.

The following churches represented at all 4 meetings; Bear Creek, Bethlehem, Brilliant, Carbon Hill, Cedrum Grove, Edgars Chapel, Free Waters, Good Springs, Guin, Gum Springs, Holly Springs, Liberty, Hamilton, Mt. Olive, New Liberty, New Oak Grove, Pocahontas, Poplar Log, Red Bay, Shady Grove, Spring Hill, Winfield.

Representing at 3 meetings were: Parrish, Union Chapel, Union Hill, and Mt. Pleasant.

Mt. Joy represented at 2 meetings, and Lone Star did not represent.

Ministers attending all 4 meetings were: Ambers Aldridge, William E. Atkinson, Benjamin Duncan, O. Z. Johnson, C. A. Odum, Clovis Tucker, James F. Walden.

Attending 3 meetings were: Pearl P. Barnes, Mickey Crane, Roy Humphres, W. O. Miller, Larry D. Nix, William F. Pate, N. A. Patterson, James A. Pittman, Ray W. Ritch, Billy R. Smith.



Those attending 2 meetings were: Reynold Flippo, J. O. Jones, Marion Nairemore, Hubert Peoples, Ted Pittman, Elmer L. Steward.

The following attended 1 meeting: J. A. Fredrick, J. A. Godsey, Clifford Holland, Harvey McGuire, Otho Thompson.

Deacons attending all 4 meetings were: Noah Crane and Aaron Wright.

Deacons attending 3 meetings were: Milton Rhudy, Lonnie McDaniel, Clayton Burgett, M. M. Warren.

Deacons attending 2 meetings were: Dewey Burleson, John B. Knight, J. R. Yeilding, Orbie A. Cook, Charles Parr, O. D. Eads, Grover Smith, Billy Gilbert.

Attending 1 meeting were: W. H. May, Aaron Whitson, Pearce Miller, F. A. Aldridge, Jerry Flippo, Henry Thompson, Ben H. Owen, Early Dickinson, Roy Crowe, John Moore, J. W. Purser, T. H. Scott, Amos Martin, Noah Kennedy, Roy Edgar, Marshal Raper.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand Nov. 18, 1970	\$ 18.81
Received fees during year	204.00
	\$222.81

Clerk's Salary (4x \$5.00)	\$20.00
Postage, Paper, etc.	30.44
Given to Jasper Assn. 9-16-71	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200.44</b>

Balance 9-16-71	\$ 22.37
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Respectfully submitted,  
Dixie Atkinson—Clerk-Treasurer

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held with Guin FWB Church on April 17, 1971.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Dixie Atkinson. Welcome Address was by Shirley White with response by Helen Holland. Devotion by Minnie Pittman.

Letters were read and delegates were seated as follows: Imogene Pugh, Etta Mae Flippo, Lola Otta of Free Waters; Melia Earnest, Hattie Baccus, Jessie Kilgore of Winfield; Helen Holland, Agnes White of Red Bay; Donna Pittman, Ann Silas, Sharon Hardin, Minnie Pittman of Mt. Olive; Rubel Collins, Rhea Childers, Dot Smith of Hamilton; Shirley White, Wilma Palmer, Lillie Belle Roberts, Vina Walden of Guin.

The president appointed the following committees:  
**Nominating:** Edgar Pollard, Wilma Palmer, Rubel Collins, Minnie Pittman. **Finance:** Dot Smith, Ann Silas, Lillie Belle

Roberts. **Appreciation:** Sharon Hardin, Allie Green, Jessie Kilgore. **Registration:** Karen Smith, Martha Walker. **Resolutions:** Shirley White, Donna Pittman, Imogene Pugh, Rhea Childers.

The president appointed the following delegates to the State Convention: Helen Holland, Dixie Atkinson, Donna Pittman, Vina Walden, Dot Smith.

A special program of music was given. Message by Rev. Sammy Wilkinson.

We, the **Finance Committee** wish to report the receipts of funds as follows:

Balance brought forward	\$ 78.20
Dues Collected	125.00
Offering taken for Rev. Sammy Wilkinson	72.07
	\$275.27

Paid out State Dues	\$100.00
Paid out Samy Wilkinson	72.07
Paid out Secretary's fee	5.00
Paid out printing minutes	10.00
	\$187.07

Total left in Treasury	\$ 88.20
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A motion carried to accept report.

We the **Appreciation Committee**, wish to express our appreciation to Guin Church for opening their doors to visit and pray God's richest blessing upon you. May God open the door's of our hearts as we minister to our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Hardin,  
Allie Green  
Jessie Kilgore

A motion carried to accept report.

We, the **Resolutions Committee**, submit the following:

1. We recommend that each auxiliary strive to have the suggested study courses.
2. We urge each auxiliary member to stimulate new interest in her own auxiliary and to aid the Field Worker in the organizing of new auxiliaries in other churches.
3. We recommend that our conventoin continue to be held with the Sunday School and CTS Convention.
4. That each auxiliary strive to please God with their work without the Standard of Achievement Chart.
5. We recommend that each auxiliary support the Children's Home by collecting coupons, and that each auxiliary accept some project for the home and that each auxiliary support the WNAC Co-Laborer Fund.



6. We urge each auxiliary to give at least two dollars each month to Missions.
7. We recommend that the secretary of this convention be paid \$5.00 per year.
8. We recommend the securing of yearly report sheets from WNAC so that all reports will be uniform.
9. We recommend that each auxiliary report to the District Sec-Treasurer and she compile that state report before the District. We recommend that only the state report be read instead of individual auxiliaries and that the delegates be recognized from each auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Pittman, Heleen Holland, Imogene Pugh, Rhea Childers, Melia Earnest

Subsequent motions carried adopting each.

We, the **Nominating Committee**, submit the following report; President-Minnie Pittman; Vice-President-Vina Walden; Sec.-Treasurer-Dot Smith; Field Worker-Dixie Atkinson; Mission Action Chairman-Donna Pittman; Mission Prayer Chairman-Ida Aldridge; Mission Study Chairman-Helen Holland.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar Pollard, Wilma Palmer,  
Ruble Collins, Minnie Pittman  
Melia Earnest

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATION CLERK

Amount on Hand 9-15-71	\$ 213.38
Association Funds	205.50
Retired Ministers	443.00
Brilliant Bible Class	36.00
Quarterly Meeting	150.00
Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Children's Home	31.50
State Association	256.50
Offering for Missions	79.80
Offering for College and Children's Home	171.16
Offering for Retired Ministers	38.28
	\$1,935.12
Paid Retired Ministers	\$ 517.28
Paid Officers of Association	190.00
Paid Foreign Missions	39.90
Paid Home Missions	39.90
Paid Children's Home	117.08
Paid State Fees	145.00
Given Pleasant Grove Church	256.50

Postage	3.20
	\$1,394.44
Balance 10-10-71	\$ 540.68

#### DELEGATES

BEAR CREEK—Monell Gann, Estell Scott, Leonor Engle  
BETHELEHEM—Lela Crowe, Willodean Cagle, Vertie Warren

BRILLIANT—W. L. Franks, Annie Wideman, Willie Pugh

CARBON HILL—Willie Petty, Inez Petty, I. V. Farley

CEDROM GROVE—Helen Boshell, Helen Tittle, Linda Comer

EDGAR CHAPEL—Winofline Borden, Nancy Crane, Buford Estes

FREE WATERS—Fred Otts, Avie Pollard, Allie Green

GOOD SPRINGS—Wayne Ozbirn, Cleta Mae Ozbirn, Besie Spencer

GUIN—Shirley White, Elva Pugh, Ella Markham

GUM SPRINGS—Foster Holcomb, Fannie Bates, Julius Box

HAMILTON—Bobby Anglin, Madie May, Martha Emerson

HACKLEBURG—Glenda Cantrell, Icy Gunnin, Betty Howell

HOLLY SPRINGS—Luna Baty, Venila Tarwater, Lenar Burgett

LIBERTY—Billy Wisham, Linda Silas, Lillian Dickinson

LONE STAR—None Present

MT. JOY—Nolen Raburn, Patricia Tice, Randall Tice

MT. OLIVE—Letus Atkinson, Rdell Markham, Evelyn Butler

MT. PLEASANT—J. W. Vaughn, Clarence Myers

NEW LIBERTY—Melba Kuykendall, Ruby Flynn, Verla Wright

NEW OAK GROVE—Minnie Knight, Nora Bell McDaniel, J. M. Robbins

PARRISH—Lanette Uptain

POCAHONTAS—Bonnie Sprinkle, Ada Odom, Hattie Hunter

POPLAR LOG—J. H. Sullins, Dellie Wiginton, E. H. Harris

RED BAY—None Present

SHADY GROVE—Cleofes Bankston, William Cochran, John Senkbeil

SPRING HILL—Minnie Bevis

UNION CHAPEL—Betty Eads, Lela Holliman, Jessie Eads

UNION HILL—Flora Clement, Eula Rayburn, Nannie Hudson

WINFIELD—O. D. Mills, Lander Baccus, Chestine Franks



CHURCHES	PASTORS	Number Members	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Statement	Deceased	Dismissed by Letter	Total Offerings	Foreign Missions	F.W.B. Bible College	Children's Home	Superannulation	Pastor's Salary	Paid Evangelist	Associational Funds	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastorium	
BEAR CREEK	ELMER LEE STEWART	48	0	0	0	0	1	\$ 2,248.69	0	0	\$ 0	\$125.00	\$ 5.00	\$1,327.15	\$150.00	\$10.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0
BETHLEHEM	CLOVIS TUCKER	85	0	3	2	3	0	3,924.21	0	0	0	86.00	10.00	2,400.00	150.00	20.00	10,000.00	0
BRILLIANT	O. Z. JOHNSON	164	5	1	0	1	1	8,290.37	85.66	85.66	85.66	482.98	25.00	5,449.60	325.00	28.00	25,000.00	5,000.00
CARBON HILL	HARVEY IVEY	42	2	4	0	2	22	4,728.67	0	0	0	20.27	5.00	769.75	0	5.00	22,000.00	0
CEDROM GROVE	LARRY D. NIX	67	1	1	4	0	0	5,781.72	263.86	240.00	172.73	104.43	1,220.00	226.00	25.00	10,000.00	0	
EDGARS CHAPEL	HURTIS SULLINS	70	2	0	0	0	0	1,794.39	0	0	0	6.50	0	831.57	191.00	15.00	4,000.00	0
FREE WATERS	JOHNNY SEXTON	113	2	2	2	1	1	5,634.14	0	0	0	39.00	5.00	3,380.00	160.00	11.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
GOOD SPRINGS	MICKEY CRANE	59	2	0	0	0	3	1,161.93	10.00	0	0	50.00	5.00	664.60	170.21	15.00	6,250.00	0
GUIN	JAMES F. WALDEN	298	37	16	3	0	14	28,493.42	749.52	543.51	820.38	543.77	6,940.00	807.09	25.00	56,000.00	18,000.00	
GUM SPRINGS	JOE BOX	83	6	4	2	1	4	6,536.04	615.00	0	0	334.00	12.50	3,420.00	527.51	19.00	28,000.00	0
HACKLEBURG	JIM HOWELL	20	3	17	0	0	0	1,287.96	0	0	0	0	0	296.00	10.00	25,000.00	0	
HAMILTON	BILLY R. SMITH	72	12	1	2	1	7	11,725.84	317.01	211.36	307.87	116.02	4,510.00	384.00	15.00	35,000.00	0	
HOLLY SPRINGS	ROY HOMPHRIES	130	4	1	0	1	0	1,655.76	0	0	0	0	10.00	1,060.00	100.00	14.00	6,000.00	0
LIBERTY	HUBERT PEOPLES	113	10	2	3	0	2	5,804.09	35.00	0	25.00	10.00	4,026.00	400.00	15.00	8,500.00	0	
LONE STAR	GILLIE PARRISH	73	3	5	0	1	0	1,901.37	0	0	0	0	0	1,301.00	200.00	15.00	3,500.00	0
MT. JOY	BILLY ROBBINS	38	3	0	1	0	0	2,499.19	0	0	0	40.63	10.00	566.07	176.13	25.00	4,000.00	0
MT. OLIVE	JAMES A. PITTMAN	351	18	5	0	1	6	20,687.88	1,217.98	548.41	687.62	139.58	5,765.00	435.00	25.00	55,000.00	15,000.00	
MT. PLEASANT	JAMES M. WHITE	184	5	0	0	4	2	5,246.56	60.00	60.00	170.00	10.00	3,465.00	275.00	12.00	20,000.00	0	
NEW LIBERTY	BILL DUNCAN	174	8	0	4	1	3	11,008.00	239.50	239.50	243.05	239.50	2,475.00	250.00	21.00	25,000.00	0	
NEW OAK GROVE	ORBIE PIERCE	136	0	2	0	1	0	7,010.19	30.00	30.00	380.00	10.00	3,965.00	350.00	20.00	21,000.00	0	
PARRISH	MARVIN HARBIN	38	0	0	0	0	1	2,856.37	0	0	0	5.00	227.73	72.60	11.00	2,500.00	0	
POCAHONTAS	WILLIAM PATE	84	5	3	0	1	1	5,750.15	0	0	0	123.46	10.00	1,910.00	160.00	20.00	14,000.00	0
POPLAR LOG	J. B. TICE	253	2	2	0	1	4	11,500.39	0	0	0	721.78	5.00	5,021.00	307.52	20.00	20,000.00	0
RED BAY		174	10	3	5	1	1	10,034.10	23.10	105.00	170.94	10.00	5,225.00	946.55	20.00	25,000.00	10,000.00	
SHADY GROVE	REYNOLD FLIPPO	317	67	4	5	4	1	15,718.94	480.00	504.61	361.25	15.00	5,400.00	807.38	25.00	50,000.00	0	
SPRING HILL	RAYMOND BEVAN	40	2	0	2	1	5	1,629.00	0	0	50.00	0	0	225.00	15.00	450.00	0	
UNION CHAPEL	AMBERS ALDRIDGE	78	2	1	0	0	2	838.00	10.00	0	10.00	5.00	200.00	0	5.00	2,500.00	0	
UNION HILL	J. B. SOUTHERLAND	47	1	0	0	0	14	2,911.28	0	0	0	5.00	1,710.00	100.00	15.00	15,000.00	0	
WINFIELD	WILLIAM E. ATKINSON	379	40	10	2	5	4	29,132.12	400.70	665.74	334.00	133.43	6,650.00	683.92	30.00	140,000.00	12,000.00	



## DEACONS

BEAR CREEK—Lon Gunnion, Roland Williams, Henry Grissom, Troy Mason, Truman Scott  
BETHLEHEM—Woodrow Franks, Roy Crowe, Vance Pollard, Kenneth Watts  
BRILLIANT—Dewey Burleson, Vester Hawkins, Earl Smith, Kermit Cagle, Dowell Tidwell, Rayburn Huguley  
CARBON HILL—Joe Hobson  
CEDROM GROVE—J. E. Tittle, Angelo Boshell, Charles Parr  
EDGAR CHAPEL—Terry Raper, Ray Edgar, Mashall Raper  
FREE WATERS—W. M. Wilson, Wilburn Sexton, Pearce Miller, Artis Pugh, Clovis Tidwell  
GOOD SPRINGS—Barney Pounders, M. M. Warren, Leman Humphres, Edward Holland  
GUIN—J. W. Garrison, Bill Smith, Frank Cutts, Jerry Flippo, Hubbard Estes, Austin Pugh, Willard Banister  
GUM SPRINGS—Maxwell Gibbs, Johnny Moore  
HACKLEBURG—Ester Gunnin  
HAMILTON—Lowell Parker, Dewell Emerson  
HOLLY SPRINGS—P. E. Lay, Lewis Burgett, Clayton Burgett  
LIBERTY—Walter Wisham, Earlie Dickinson, Grover Smith, Morgan Bozeman  
LONE STAR—Bill Pitts, Claude Russell  
MT. JOY—H. H. Raburn, Silas Roberts, Bill Brown  
MT. OLIVE—H. L. Franks, A. G. May, Milton Rhudy, Robert Silas, Lowell Franks, Paul Wilson  
MT. PLEASANT—F. A. Aldridge, Vester Lawrence, Sam Flippo, Claude Kimbrell, Ray Weeks  
NEW LIBERTY—David Fowler Victor Smith, Aaron Wright, Birvil Smith, Sid Moore, Aaron Whitson, Coy Aldridge  
NEW OAK GROVE—Amos Martin, Johnny Knight, Lonnie McDaniel  
PARRISH—Henry Thompson, Howard Romine  
POCAHONTAS—Curt Griffin, Jim Hunter, Joe Hunter, E. P. Cheatwood, Elbert Nelson, Toxie NeSmith  
POPLAR LOG—B. H. Owens, J. R. Fredrick, Orbie Cook, Fred Sullins, Olen Lee  
RED BAY—Willard Purser, Ross White, Raymond Creekmore, O. H. Mink, J. R. Yeilding, Carl Tharp  
SHADY GROVE—Clyde Freeman, O. V. Nix, Charles Swinney, Wallace Freeman, E. R. McDuffa, Fred Rice  
SPRING HILL—Noah Kennedy, Billy Gilbert

UNION CHAPEL—Jimmy Eads, O. D. Eads, Tommy Williams, Lonzo Goodwin, W. A. Holliman  
UNION HILL—L. D. Clement, Louis Lacey, Leburn Hudson  
WINFIELD—Lee Moore, Garlon Holliman, Ira Baccus, B. P. Atkinson Jr., Bill Overton

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#### **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity of the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the obser-

vance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, and the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

Art. 1. We believe there is but one and only one living true God, who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection.—1st Timothy 2:5.

Art. 2. We believe that God is the Author of the Holy Bible, and that its teachings construe the only infallible doctrine of the government of His Church, 2nd Timothy 3:16.

Art. 3. We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin—Genesis 3:6.

Art. 4. We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings! that the Gospel is the power unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world 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 as 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.—I Cor. II: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 bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness. The wicked are given away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death.—John 5:28-29.

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

**Section I** This association shall be known as the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama; and shall be composed of ordained ministers, deacons, members of the General Board, and delegates from the several churches forming the same. All ordained ministers, deacons and members of the General Board 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

body.

**Section II** Churches wishing to become a member of this association must adopt its articles of Faith, the National Treaties and make formal written request. Each church shall be entitled to three (3) delegates.

### ARTICLE II AUTHORITY

**Section I** 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 Articles of Faith and from the National Treatise. Whenever conditions warrant it, this association shall have power to reprimand or exclude any local church.

**Section II** 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.

**Section III** All questions of doctrine and all matters pertaining to a local church, or to an individual minister of group of ministers, shall be decided by a two-thirds vote of this association. All other matters shall require only a majority. Exception; any church desiring membership in this body must obtain unanimous vote of delegated body when in annual session.

**Section IV** Each church of this association shall be urged to promote and support all State and National Projects of the denomination.

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

### ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

**Section I** The officers of this association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk-treasurer, and an assistant clerk-treasurer who shall be elected annually.

**Section II** Other governing organs of this association shall be a General Board, an Executive Committee, a Credential Committee, and as many other committees as deemed necessary by the moderator.

**Section III** The General Board shall consist of the moderator and clerk along with one person from each church that is a part of this body. Each person from the local churches shall serve for two years with one half being elected each year as so specified in the printed minutes. 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 the body; but such action must be approved by the association.

**Section IV** The Executive Committee shall consist of the moderator and clerk along with five (5) others from the General Board. These five shall be elected each year by the General Board. This committee shall function as or instead of the General Board, when directed to do so by the moderator, the General Board or the Association.

**Section V** The Credential Committee shall consist of three (3) persons with the senior member in point of service replaced each year. Recommendations for replacement shall come from the General Board. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to examine all letters coming to this body from churches, ministers, and other associations. This committee shall also examine all ministers who become a part of this body either by ordination or by letter. It is expected that all ministers coming from other associations will present letters of recommendation; however in some cases the committee may see fit to recommend the acceptance of such persons who have not yet received such letters. Any item of business pertaining to ministers or conduct of ministers must originate with this committee. Business matters handled by this committee may be referred to the association or to the General Board.

**Section VI.** The moderator of this association shall be regarded as an ex-official member of all boards and committees.

#### ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

**Section I** This association shall meet annually on Friday before the first Sunday in October at a place determined at the previous session; and shall not adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

**Section II.** The associational year shall end August 31 each year and all letters to the association should be mailed to the clerk no later than the first Sunday in September of each year.

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

**Section IV.** The officers of the Quarterly Meeting shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk-treasurer, and an assistant Clerk-treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

#### ARTICLE V ORDINATIONS

**Section I** Each church shall have the right to select and ordain all deacons who serve in such church. The ordaining council shall consist of two ministers and at least one deacon; or of one minister and at least two deacons.

**Section II** Any man who becomes convinced that the Lord has called him to preach the gospel shall be licensed by the 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 formal 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 association. All ordinations to the ministry must be done at the annual session.

**Section III** All ministers 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 current year. Any minister who fails to comply shall be dropped from roll of ministers.

#### ARTICLE VI DISCIPLINE

**Section I** Any church placed on probation by this association shall represent to Quarterly Meetings and to the annual session by letter and fees; but shall not have the right to vote by delegates, standing or otherwise, 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 II** 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 VII AMENDMENTS

**Section I** This constitution and rules of decorum may be amended at any annual session of this association by a two-thirds vote of delegates present; provided proposed amendment is presented in writing, read one day, placed on the table, and adopted the next 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.

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.

Call of reading of minutes of last conference. Minutes read and .....

4. Call for Peace and fellowship of the church. Church .....

5. General Business .....

6. On motion of adjournment, We.....

Rev. ...., Moderator

Rev. ...., Moderator

Bro. ...., Clerk

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.