

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



Held With Pocahontas And  
Hackleburg Churches  
Oct. 5 - 6, 1973



**Officers:**

Rev. Billy Ray Smith  
William E. Atkinson

Moderator  
Clerk



The Next Session of this Association will meet with  
Cedrom Grove Church on Friday before the first Sunday in  
October 1974 and with Mt. Olive Church on the following  
Saturday. Rev. James F. Walden to preach the introductory  
sermon.

## **JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Rev. James F. Walden - Moderator Guin, Ala. 35563

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

### **GENERAL BOARD**

F. Cochran	1975	Bill Pitts	1974
Kenneth Watts	1974	Letus Atkinson	1974
Dewey Burleson	1975	Allen Brasseal	1975
Harvey Ivey	1974	Aaron Wright	1974
Pearl P. Barnes	1975	Junior Mote	1975
Elmer Steward	1974	Henry Thompson	1974
Donald Kivette	1975	Elbert Nelson	1975
Edward Holland	1974	Jerrell Graben	1974
Julious Box	1975	Ross White	1975
Claburn White	1974	John Senkbeil	1974
Lowell Parker	1975	Billy Gilbert	1975
Donnie Gunnin	1975	O. D. Eads	1974
Chestine Barksdale	1974	Louis Lacy	1975
Bryan Silas	1975	Floy Franks	1974

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

James F. Walden	Lowell Parker
William E. Atkinson	Letus Atkinson
Allen Brasseal	Floy Franks
Donald Kivette	

### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

B. C. Duncan  
Woodrow Matthews  
N. A. Patterson

### **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

William E. Atkinson	1975
Hubbard Estes	1976
James Walden	1977
Dennis Haygood	1974
Woodrow Matthews	1978

## PROCEEDINGS

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

The body was called into session Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. by the moderator. A period of devotion was led by Rev. Calvin Bevins. The welcome address was given by Curt Griffin; and the response was given by Lowell Parker.

A partial report was given by the Credential Committee approving letters from all churches except Shady Grove and Mt. Pleasant. The moderator appointed Lowell Parker to assist the clerk in reading the letters.

A report was given by the Credential Committee approving letters from Mt. Pleasant and Shady Grove churches. Letters from all churches were read and delegates seated.

Nominations were made to General Board for terms expiring in 1973 and other vacancies. A motion carried to elect by acclamation. An Executive Committee was elected consisting of Lowell Parker, Letus Atkinson, Allen Brasseal, Donald Kivette, and Floy Franks along with the moderator and clerk.

Rev. Bill Smith brought the message in the worship service. An offering of \$80.86 was received for missions.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After song and prayer the moderator recognized Rev. Carlton Lambert who spoke for Free Will Baptist Children's Home. The General Board was excused from the assembly and asked to assemble for business session.

Visiting ministers recognized were Billy Robbins and Trellis Mayhall of Bear Creek Association.

A motion carried to accept the report of Quarterly Meetings.

A motion carried to accept the report of Woman's Auxiliary.

The rest of the afternoon was given to messages from Rev. Gurley Roberts and Rev. Dennis Hagood. Before adjourning, the moderator read some proposed additions to the constitution. A motion carried that these be tabled.

### SATURDAY MORNING

A period of devotion was led by the host pastor. Names of delegates were called and recognized. This was followed with roll call of ministers.

A motion carried accepting the Appreciation Committee Report. (See Report)

Following the reading of Obituary Report, a motion carried to accept the same. (See Report)

A motion carried accepting the Finance Committee Report. (See Report)

An offering of \$64.35 was received for retired ministers.

Delegates to other associations are as follows: VERNON - N. A. Patterson, Gurley Roberts, Bill Smith - MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE - Gurley Roberts, J. A. Godsey, Oleta Godsey.

The General Board Report was read by the clerk. A motion carried to accept the report and adopt item by item. Subsequent motions carried adopting each of the items. (See Report)

A motion carried to accept the Report of Board of Christian Education. (See Report)

A motion carried removing items from table placed there on Friday for consideration by the body.

Each of the items were considered separately; and in compliance with a request, the moderator divided item one into two parts with the last sentence becoming part two and the remainder being part one. A motion carried adopting part one; but part two was lost. (See Report)

Subsequent motions carried adopting items two and three.

Rev. Paul Kettelman was guest speaker in the morning worship service. An offering of \$62.60 was received for Free Will Baptist Bible College and Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Final report from Credential Committee was read; and motion carried to accept the report. (See Report) Subsequent motions carried adopting each item of the report.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After song and prayer some discussion centered on idea of changing General Board from twenty-eight members to twelve members. No action was taken.

In the ensuing election of officers for the coming year the following were elected. Rev. James Walden, Moderator: Rev. Bill Duncan, Assistant Moderator: Rev. William E. Atkinson, Clerk: Dixie Atkinson, Assistant Clerk.

The moderator appointed committees as follows: FINANCE Letus Atkinson, Gurley Roberts, Clovis Tucker: APPRECIATION

Robbie Cutts, Juanita Fowler, Virginia Duncan: **OBITUARY:** Johnny Sexton, Dennis Kizzire, Floy Franks.

A motion carried granting power to moderator to appoint delegates to the State Association at the time of that session.

In the ordination service that followed, Jay Sullins, Charles Fowler, Junior Mote, Dennis Kizzire and Donnie Gunnin were ordained to preach the gospel.

A motion carried to adjourn which was followed by an old fashioned hand shake.

#### APPRECIATION REPORT

In behalf of the association we say "Thank You" to Pocahontas Church and Hackleburg Church for the splendid way you have entertained us. Thanks for Christian fellowship and especially the delicious meals. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him faithfully. Respectfully submitted,

Vina Walden  
Nellie Jackson

#### OBITUARY

We wish to report that the Lord has called from our ranks the following: Ted Sullins, of Bethlehem: Dowell Tidwell, Lucy Stanford, and Rev. A. L. Warren of Brilliant: Barney Pounders and Sidney Humphres of Good Springs: Walter Vaughn, Kenneth Dykes, and Josie Wilson of Guin: Ralph Barker of Holly Springs: Lillie Walker and Dosha Mauldin of Lone Star: Rev. J. O. Jones of Mt. Joy: Rev. J. S. Fredrick of Hackleburg: Dovie Berryhill, Redus Franks and L. M. McDaniel of Mt. Olive: Harvey Mobley of Mt. Pleasant Mrs. M. S. Wright and H. C. Lowery of New Liberty: Lizzie Bell and Rusha Bell of New Oak Grove: Margie Uptain of Parrish: Rev. C. A. Odom of Pocahontas: Artie Harris of Poplar Log: Lano Scott of Shady Grove: Nelson Warren of Union Chapel: Houston Kennedy, Dwayne Crowe, and Myrtle Tyra of Union Hill: C. L. Haggard of Winfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Duncan  
Ida Aldridge  
Clovis Childers

#### FINANCE

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

Association Funds	\$600.00
Retired Ministers	261.00
State Association	276.00
Children's Home	35.00
Foreign Missions	15.00
Home Missions	30.00
	\$1,217.00

Respectfully submitted;  
Floyd C. Barber  
Milton Rhudy  
Floyd Franks

#### CREDENTIAL

We, your committee on credentials submit the following report:

1. We have examined letters from all churches except Shady Grove and Mt. Pleasant; and find them in order. We recommend that letters be read and delegates seated.
2. We have examined letters from Mt. Pleasant and Shady Grove; and recommend that they be read and delegates seated.
3. We recommend that Rev. Trellis Mayhall and Rev. Dennis Hagood be accepted into this association; and given a card of good standing upon receipt of letter from their association.
4. We recommend that Rev. Reynolds Flipppo and Rev. Ivan Ryan be given letters of recommendation to join other associations as they desire.
5. We recommend that Donnie Gunnin, Charles Fowler, Dennis Kizzire, Junior Mote and Jay Sullins be ordained to preach the Gosepl in this session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ambers Aldridge Jr.  
B. C. Duncan  
James Walden

Motion carried adopting each of the items.

### GENERAL BOARD

1. We recommend that the clerk be paid one hundred, thirty-five dollars, the moderator sixty-five dollars, the assistant clerk fifty dollars, and the assistant moderator twenty dollars.
  2. We recommend that the first Quarterly Meeting be given to New Oak Grove, the second to Guin, and the third to Red Bay.
  3. We recommend that the next session of this association be held with Cedrom Grove Church on Friday, with Mt. Olive on Saturday.
  4. We recommend that Woodrow Matthews replace James Pittman on Credential Committee.
  5. We recommend that each church send an offering to each annual session 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.
  6. We recommend that money for retired ministers be given this year to N. A. Patterson and J. A. Godsey.
  7. We recommend that Woodrow Matthews and Dennis Hagood replace James Pittman and Bill Smith respectively on the Board of Christian Education.
  8. We recommend that each church select someone to represent them on General Board who will be present Friday afternoon for the annual meeting.
  9. We recommend that Floyd C. Barber replace Billy R. Smith as trustee of Children's Home.
  10. We recommend that N. A. Patterson replace Ambers Aldridge Jr. on Credential Committee.
- Motion carried adopting each of the items.

### BOARD OF CHRISITAN EDUCATION

Your Board of Christian Education promoted the most successful Youth Camp this past summer we have ever had. During the month of June we spent one week at Camp Morganwood Tupelo, Mississippi. Several churches had boys and girls in camp. Plans are to go back there next year.

The Sunday School and CTS Convention was held at Hamilton in April. Attendance was as usual with contestants in several competitive events, Winners were chosen in Sword Drill, Tic Tac Toe, and Bible Bowl. These represented us well in State Competition in June.

### A Financial statement follows:

Balance 9, 28, 73	\$260.28
Insurance Refund	18.00
Convention Fees	73.00
Camp Receipts	940.00
Concessions Profit	70.00
	\$1,361.28

Camp Expense	\$884.39
Fees to State Convention	46.00
Prizes Awarded	28.60
Postage, etc.	10.42
	\$969.41

Balance 9, 28, 73	\$391.87
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Respectfully submitted  
William E. Atkinson-Chm.

### QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper FWB Assn. held 4 meetings during the Associational year 1972-73. They were held with: New Oak Grove Church October 28, 1972; Cedrom Grove Church December 30, 1972; Holly Springs Church April 28, 1973; Free Waters Church July 28, 1973.

The following churches represented at all 4 meetings: Bethlehem, Brilliant, Carbon Hill, Cedrum Grove, Edgar Chapel, Free Waters, Guin, Gum Springs, Hamilton, Holly Springs, Liberty, Mt. Olive, New Liberty, Mt. Pleasant, New Oak Grove, Parrish, Pocahontas, Poplar Log, Red Bay, Spring Hill, Winfield.

The following churches represented at 3 meetings; Good Springs, Hackleburg, Mt. Joy, Shady Grove, Union Chapel, and Union Hill. Bear Creek represented at one meeting.

Ministers attending all 4 meetings were: Ambers Aldridge Jr., William E. Atkinson, Floyd C. Barber, Pearl P. Barnes, Calvin Bevans, Charles Dozier, O. Z. Johnson, Johnny Sexton, Billy Ray Smith, James F. Walden.

Ministers attending 3 meetings were: B. C. Duncan and Willard Mayhall.

Those attending 2 meetings were: Dennis Borden, J. M. Cobb, Dewey Colley, Roy Humphres, Harvey V. Ivy, Woodrow Matthews, N. A. Patterson, and Clovis Tucker.

Attending 1 meeting were: Mickey Crane, Wymon Holcomb, J. O. Jones, Marion Nairemore, C. A. Odum, Gillie Parrish, W. A. Roberts, Ivan Ryan, James Pittman.

Visiting ministers were: Ken Walker - 1, Orbie Pierce - 1, J. B. Tice - 1, A. J. Lambert - 2, Joe Ange - 1, Danny Smith - 1, Dennis Hagood - 1, Larry Russell - 1.

Deacons attending all 4 meetings were: Lonnie McDaniel

Deacons attending 3 meetings were: Clayton Burgett, M. M. Warren, and Curt Griffin.

Deacons attending 2 meetings were: Aaron Wright, Randall Tice, Elbert Nelson, Noah Crane, Howard Romine, James Hunter, Milton Rhudy, Larry White, L. D. Clement, Olan Lee and Paul Wilson.

Deacons attending 1 meeting were: Tommy Williams, O. D. Eades, Amos Martin, John R. Knight, Noah Kennedy, Coy Aldridge, Bill Smith, Lowell Franks, J. E. Tittle Nolen Raburn, L. D. Beaty, E. A. Childers, J. O. Childers, Louis Lacy, J. R. Yielding, G. M. Smith, E. R. Dickinson, Dewey Burleson, Ester Gunnin, Wilburn Sexton, Pearce Miller, Artis Pugh, W. M. Wilson, Dewel Emerson, Homer Goodwin.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Amount on Hand 9, 28, 72	\$38.96
Receipts	234.00
	\$272.96
Clerks Salary (4x \$20.00)	\$80.00
Postage, Paper, etc.	33.72
Flowers	40.70
Given to Association	100.00
	\$254.42

Balance 9, 28, 73 \$18.54  
Respectfully submitted,  
Dixie Atkinson-Clerk

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Jasper District Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met at the Hamilton FWB Church Saturday, April 21, 1973.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dixie Atkinson. Song-Jesus Saves and Prayer by James Walden. Welcome Address by Martha Emerson and Response to welcome by Rachel Barber. Devotion by Leatrice Overton. Reading of letters and seating of delegates, and appointment of committees by Dixie Atkinson. Recess. Report of Committees-Adopted as read. Election of Officers. Special Song. Installation of officers by Shirley White. Special song by David Matthews and Message by Jo Ann Riggs.

Red Bay invites the Convention next year. Offering for Jo Ann Riggs \$26.54.

#### Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forward 4, 21, 73	\$ 86.70
Dues collected 4, 21, 73	125.00
Balance	\$211.70

Paid out for State Fees	\$100.00
Balance	\$101.70

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Emerson-Sec.

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATION CLERK

Amount on Hand 10, 1, 1973	\$ 339.45
Association Funds	600.00
Retired Ministers	261.00
Brilliant Bible Class	36.00
Quarterly Meeting	100.00
Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Children's Home	35.00
State Association	276.00
Home Missions	30.00
Foreign Missions	15.00
Offering for Missions	80.86
Offering for College and Children's Home	62.60
Offering for Retired Ministers	64.35
	\$1,910.26
Given Retired Ministers	\$361.35
Paid Association Officers	270.00
Given Foreign Missions	55.43
Given Home Missions	70.73
Given Children's Home	68.80
Given Bible College	28.80
Paid State Fees	140.00
Given Eastside Church	276.00
Postage	2.48
	\$1,273.59
Balance 11, 1, 1973	\$636.67

## DELEGATES

BEAR CREEK- Monell Gann, Ruby Nell Cochran, Mary Gann  
 BETHLEHEM- Lela Akers, Coy Guin, Eulice Guin  
 BRILLIANT - Nettie Beauchamp, Icie Burleson, Annie Caudle  
 CARBON HILL- Willie Petty, Inez Petty, I. V. Farley  
 CEDROM GROVE- Helen Tittle, Nellie Jackson, Helen Boshell  
 EDGAR'S CHAPEL - Henry Cleveland, Bobbie Edgar, Brenda Watson  
 FREE WATERS -- Donald Kivette, Carol Kivette, Imogene Pugh  
 GUIN - Vina Walden, Julious Box  
 GOOD SPRINGS - Opelia Warren  
 GUM SPRINGS - Lola Prescott, Christine Mayhall, Fammie Bates

HACKLEBURG - Gail Gunnin, Glenda Anglin, Icie Gunnin  
 HAMILTON - Bobby Anglin, J. M. May, Madie May  
 HOLLY SPRINGS - Luna Baty, Lena Burgett, Venila Tarwater  
 LIBERTY - Linda Silas, Lillian Dickinson, Nell Kelly  
 LONE STAR - None Present  
 MT. OLIVE - Letus Atkinson, Clark Flippo, Autie Franks  
 MT. PLEASANT - Annie Lawrence, Robbie Cutts, Buster Westbrook  
 NEW LIBERTY - Verla Wright, Nell Lowery, Melba Kuykendall  
 NEW OAK GROVE - Shelby Mote, Nora Belle McDaniel, Carol Mote  
 PARRISH - Mary Romine, Gertrude Thompson  
 POCAHONTAS - Pete Steward, Deborah Stewart, Andrew Pickens  
 POPLAR LOG - Jerrell Graben, Wanda Graben, Charles Harris  
 RED BAY - Rachel Barber, Mrs. H. L. Keeton  
 SHADY GROVE - Faye Clark, John Sinkbeil, Zollar Sinkbeil  
 SPRING HILL- Claire Wilson, Grace Elliott, Minnie Bevis  
 UNION CHAPEL - Willie Mae Colley, Betty Eads  
 UNION HILL- Pennie Herman, Lucille Anglin  
 WINFIELD - Lander Baccus, Fannie Baccus, Fletcher Williams

## DEACONS

BEAR CREEK - Clarence Ingle, Truman Scott, Henry Grissom, Roland Williams Troy Mason, Lon Gunnion  
 BETHLEHEM- Woodrow Franks, Kenneth Watts, Roy Crowe, Vance Pollard  
 BRILLIANT - Dewey Burleson, Vester Hawkins, Earl Smith, Rayburn Huguley  
 CARBON GROVE - J. E. Tittle, Charles Parr, Angelo Boshell  
 EDGAR'S CHAPEL - C. E. Bankston, Ray Edgar, J. D. Faulkner, F. T. Edgar, Noah Crane, Terry Raper, Marshall Raper  
 FREE WATERS - Artis Pugh, Pearce Miller, Wilburn Sexton, W. M. Wilson, Clovis Tidwell  
 GUIN - Frank Cutts, Bill Smith, Ronald McDonald, Larry White, Jerry Flippo, Austin Pugh  
 GOOD SPRINGS - M. M. Warren, Leman Humphres, Edward Holland  
 GUM SPRINGS - J. C. White, Alfred White, Lander Townley, Carroll Markham

Churches	Pastors	Total Membership	Received By Baptism	Received By Letter	Received By Steward	Deceased	Dismissed	Total Offerings	Home Missions	F.W.B. Bible College	Children's Home	Superannuation	Pastor's Salary	Paid Evangelist	Associational Funds	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastorium
Bear Creek	Gillie Parrish	51	4	0	0	0	2	2,200.45	0	0	1345	5.00	1,827.00	360.00	15.00	2,000.00	0
Bethlehem	Billy Robbins	95	0	7	0	1	0	5,609.92	0	0	287.50	10.00	2,450.00	200.00	20.00	10,000.00	0
Brilliant	Gurley Roberts	172	1	1	0	1	3	9,348.53	270.41	231.16	505.00	42.00	5,449.60	495.00	18.00	25,000.00	4,500.00
Carbon Hill	Dennis Kizzire	53	0	0	0	0	0	2,633.08	3035.00	0	166.00	12.50	1,258.35	125.00	10.00	22,000.00	0
Cedron Grove	Pearl P. Barnes	89	2	0	0	0	1	4,782.68	180.00	150.00	102.00	75.00	1,200.00	375.00	30.00	15,000.00	0
Edgar's Chapel	Roy Humphries	84	3	2	4	0	0	4,661.74	0	0	0	10.00	1,607.00	0	20.00	4,000.00	0
Free Waters	Trellis Mayhall	100	4	0	0	4	16	14,045.41	20.00	50.00	86.08	0	4,450.00	200.00	25.00	12,000.00	15,000.00
Good Springs	Mickey Crane	72	2	1	1	2	0	3,438.35	0	0	0	5.00	840.00	150.00	20.00	15,000.00	0
Guin	James Walden	338	26	12	0	4	23	38,173.03	910.25	736.56	782.89	701.89	7,955.00	699.44	30.00	156,000.00	18,000.00
Gum Springs	Willard Mayhall	97	2	2	0	0	4	6,920.84	175.27	0	402.42	18.00	3,565.00	300.00	17.00	28,000.00	0
Hackleburg	Bobby Duncan	43	0	2	0	1	0	6,752.39	0	0	231.87	0	1,885.00	175.00	20.00	35,000.00	0
Hamilton	W.B. Hughes	85	6	1	3	0	1	16,491.41	499.27	562.31	341.49	126.27	5,210.00	450.00	25.00	40,000.00	0
Holly Springs	Elmer Lee Steward	92	0	2	0	1	0	1,267.71	0	0	53.71	10.00	1,004.00	200.00	20.00	7,000.00	0
Liberty	Herdie Sullins	117	1	3	0	0	2	8,215.43	370.00	0	25.00	40.00	4,559.25	540.00	15.00	10,000.00	0
Lone Star	Jay Sullins	91	1	13	0	2	0	3,790.00	0	0	0	0	2,280.00	125.00	15.00	20,000.00	0
Mt. Olive	Woodrow Matthews	341	12	3	1	3	17	28,053.32	1,812.48	389.09	416.74	149.76	5,875.00	150.00	35.00	65,000.00	15,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	James W. Cutts	182	0	0	0	1	0	9,466.56	40.00	40.00	60.00	16.00	8,875.00	175.00	16.00	20,000.00	0
New Liberty	Bill Duncan	183	7	1	0	2	3	21,395.39	100.00	0	180.00	0	7,800.00	150.00	20.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
New Oak Grove	Hugh Cavender	127	0	0	0	2	0	7,226.18	45.00	45.00	180.00	10.00	3,855.00	300.00	24.00	25,000.00	0
Parrish	A.J. Lambert	40	2	0	0	1	0	2,781.08	0	0	98.00	5.00	1,200.00	119.00	20.00	10,000.00	0
Pocahontas	Calvin Bevins	51	2	0	1	1	0	10,125.39	0	0	57.98	15.00	2,284.00	125.00	25.00	20,000.00	30,000.00
Poplar Log	J.B. Tice	263	5	4	2	1	6	18,017.43	0	0	1,032.03	10.00	8,447.02	366.23	30.00	25,000.00	15,000.00
Red Bay	Floyd C. Barber	184	5	0	2	0	6	13,005.97	255.00	255.00	85.00	15.00	6,800.00	275.00	30.00	25,000.00	15,000.00
Shady Grove	Dennis Haygood	318	2	5	2	2	27	13,416.18	81.00	297.90	148.95	20.00	6,412.00	1,102.72	25.00	65,000.00	0
Spring Hill	Hodo Lockart	22	2	0	2	1	0	2,252.53	10.00	0	15.00	5.00	400.00	200.00	15.00	5,000.00	0
Union Chapel	Dewey Colley	83	2	1	1	1	0	2,824.82	67.26	0	106.25	10.00	1,376.74	225.00	15.00	8,000.00	0
Union Hill	J.B. Southerland	80	9	0	0	3	0	3,332.36	0	0	0	10.00	2,090.00	150.00	15.00	15,000.00	0
Winfield	William E. Atkinson	454	33	19	7	1	0	38,800.00	609.00	1,960.50	300.00	203.00	7,800.00	1,005.00	30.00	175,000.00	12,000.00

**HACKLEBURG** - Ester Gunnin, Sam Lacey, Burl Lolley, Charles Nix  
**HAMILTON** - Lowell Parker, Dewell Emerson, Don Collins  
**HOLLY SPRINGS** - Clayton Burgett, Louis Burgett, Ranzy Baty, O'Neal Childers, Ershell Childers  
**LIBERTY** - Morgan Bozeman, Earlie Dickinson, Walter Wisham, Grover Smith  
**LONE STAR** - Claude Russell, Bill Pitts, Kenneth Pounders, Bobby Bostick  
**MT. OLIVE** - Lowell Franks, Paul Wilson, A. G. May, H. L. Franks, Milton Rhudy  
**MT. PLEASANT** - Vester Lawrence, Ray Weeks, F. A. Aldridge, Larry Rayburn  
**NEW LIBERTY** - Victor Smith, Aaron Wright, Aaron Whitson, Coy Aldridge, Sid Moore, David Fowler, J. B. Smith  
**NEW OAK GROVE** - Amos Martin, Lonnie McDaniel, Johnny Knight, Bill Montgomery  
**PARRISH** - Hoard Romine, Henry Thompson, Homer Goodwin  
**POCAHONTAS** - Elbert Nelson, Curt Griffin, Jim Hunter, E. P. Cheatwood, Joe Hunter  
**POPLAR LOG** - J. R. Fredrick, Olen Lee, B. H. Owens, Orbie Cook, Fred Sullins,  
**RED BAY** - Willard Purser, Ross White, Raymond Creekmore, J. R. Yeilding, O. H. Mink, Carl Tharp  
**SHADY GROVE** - Charles Swinney, Clyde Freeman, Wayne Mayfield  
**SPRING HILL** -- Billy Gilbert, Cecil Kennedy  
**UNION CHAPEL** - O. D. Eads, Jimmy Eads, Tommy Williams, Marvin Eads, Arthur Hollinman, Lonzo Goodwin  
**UNION HILL** - L. D. Clement, Leburn Hudson, Louis Lacey  
**WINDFIELD** - Garlon Holliman, Lee Moore, B. P. Atkinson Jr., Ira Baccus, Bill Overton.

#### CLERKS

Maudie Grissom - Route 1 Hackleburg, Ala. 35564  
Kenneth Watts - Route 3 Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
Hilda Smith - Route 4 Winfield, Ala. 35594  
Margaret Ivey - P. O. Box 31 Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549  
Winoffline Borden - Route 3 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
J. Farrell Pollard - Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
Wilma Palmer - Guin, Ala. 35563  
Ann Spencer - Route 2 Red Bay, Ala. 35582  
Christine Mayhall - Route 4 Halleyville, Ala. 35565  
Bernice Nix - Route 3 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
Excell Parker - Route 4 Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
Jimmie Lou Nichols - Route 1 Hodges, Ala. 35571  
Betty Smith - P. O. Box 170 Guin, Ala. 35563  
Von Dora Pitts - Route 1 Tremont, Miss. 38876  
Clark Flippo - Route 1 Guin, Ala. 35563  
Annie L. Martin - Route 1 Brilliant, Ala. 35548  
Era Lee Aldridge - 531 3rd Avenue, N. W. Fayette, Ala. 35555  
Jo Ann Welch - Route 2 Nauvoo, Ala. 35578  
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Deborah Steward - Box 254 Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549  
Charles E. Harris - Route 3 Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
Mildred Purser - P. O. Box 283 Red Bay, Ala. 35582  
Shelia Mashburn - Route 3 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
Grace Elliott - Route 3, Nauvoo, Ala. 35578  
Willie Mae Williams - P. O. Box 2 Brilliant, Ala. 35548  
Lucille Anglin - Route 2 Hackleburg, Ala. 35564  
Carl Atkinson - Route 2 Winfield, Ala. 35594

## MINISTERS

Aldridge, Ambers Jr. - Brilliant, Ala. 35548  
 Atkinson, William E. - P. O. Box 724 Winfield, Ala. 35594  
 Barber, Floyd C. - P. O. Box 475 Red Bay, Ala. 35582  
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 Bevans, Calvin - Route 2 Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549  
 Colley, Dewey - Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Crane, Mickey - Route 3 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
 Cuttis, James - Route 1 Detroit, Ala. 35552  
 Duncan, Benjamin - Route 1 Bankston, Ala. 35542  
 Franks, Dave - Brazil, S. A.  
 Fowler, Charles - Route 1 Bankston, Ala. 35542  
 Godsey, J. A. - Route 3 Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
 Gunnin, Donnie - Hackleburg, Ala. 35564  
 Haygood, Dennis - Box 202 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
 Howell, Jim - Hackleburg, Ala. 35564  
 Humphres, Roy - Route 2 Vina, Ala. 35593  
 Kizzire, Dennis - Kansas, Ala.  
 Matthews, Woodrow - Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Mayhall, Trellis - Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Mayhall, Willard - Route 4 Halleyville, Ala. 35565  
 McGuire, Harvey - Route 3 Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
 Mote, Junior - Nauvoo, Ala. 35578  
 Parrish, Gillie - Red Bay, Ala. 35582  
 Patterson, N. A. - Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Roberts, Gurley - Box 263 Brilliant, Ala. 35548  
 Roberts, W. A. - Route 2 Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549  
 Ryan, Ivan - Briley Pkwy. Gardens 5800 Maudina Ave. Apt. P7  
 Nashville, Tenn. 37209  
 Sexton, Johnny - Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Smith, Billy Ray - Box 669 Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
 Sullins, Jay - Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
 Steward, Elmer L. - Route 3 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
 Thompson, Otho - Route 5 Russellville, Ala. 35653  
 Tucker, Clovis - Route 4 Winfield, Ala. 35594  
 Walden, James F. - Box 553 Guin, Ala. 35563

## 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 observance 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 personaliyt 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 postrity in sin-- Gensis 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 effectural 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 perserver 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.

Act. 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 is was instituted by Christians and that all Christians units 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 separataion of the mortal and immortal; that death is the seperation 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 everlastin happiness to reign with God forever and ever, but the wicked will bound hand and foot and sast into outer darkness. The wicked are given away in their wickness, 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 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 or 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, and assistant clerk-treasurer who shall be elected annually.

Section II Other governing organs of this association shall be a General Board, and 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 minute. It shall be the responsibility of the 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 acceptances of such persons who have not yet received such letters. Any item of business pertaining to ministers of 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.

Section VII Candidates for ordination to the ministry shall present their request for ordination to the Credential Committee at least by the time of the last Quarterly Meeting before the Annual Session using forms prepared and approved by this body.

Section VIII Preachers coming to us from other association or from other denominations, shall present their requests to the Credential Committee at time of a Quarterly Meeting or Annual Session. Such requests shall be acted upon at time of following Quarterly Meeting or Annual Session.

### 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 the 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 to the annuyal session as long as such church is on probation. Exception; any minister who is a member of such church is 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.

Section III It is expected that all pastors of churches of this body will be members of this association. If a church of this association has a pastor who is not a member of this association after one year's time; such church es shall be placed on probation.

## ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Section I This constitution and rules of decorum may be amended at any annula 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

## 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 delegated 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 which 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 the 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 recommenda-  
tion.