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**MINUTES**

OF THE

**Eighty-Eighth Annual**

**Session**

OF THE

**Jasper Free Will**

**Baptist Association**

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Held With Cedrom Grove  
And Mt. Olive Churches  
Oct. 4 - 5, 1974

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**OFFICERS:**

Rev. James F. Walden  
William E. Atkinson

Moderator  
Clerk

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The Next Session of this Association will meet with Gum Springs Church on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1974 and with New Oak Grove Church on the following Saturday. Rev. B. C. Duncan to preach the introductory sermon.

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# JASPER FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Rev. B. C. Duncan-Moderator-Bankston, Ala. 35542  
 Rev. William E. Atkinson-Clerk-Winfield, Ala. 35594

## GENERAL BOARD

F. Cochran	1975	Bryan Silas	1975
Billy Robbins	1976	Bill Pitts	1976
Dewey Burleson	1975	Letus Atkinson	1976
Harvey Ivey	1976	Allen Brasseal	1975
Pearl P. Barnes	1975	Aaron Wright	1976
Terry Raper	1976	Junior Mote	1975
Donald Kivette	1975	Elbert Nelson	1975
Edward Holland	1976	Ross White	1975
Julious Box	1975	John Senkbell	1976
Wyman Holcomb	1976	Billy Gilbert	1975
Lowell Parker	1975	Clovis Tucker	1976
Donnie Gunnin	1975	Louis Lacey	1975
Ranzie Baty	1976	Floy Franks	1976

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

B. C. Duncan	Pearl P. Barnes
William E. Atkinson	Floy Franks
Allen Brasseal	Letus Atkinson
Lowell Parker	

## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

B. C. Duncan  
 Woodrow Matthews  
 Floyd Barber

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

William E. Atkinson	1975	Dennis Haygood	1979
Hubbard Estes	1976	Woodrow Matthews	1978
James F. Walden	1977		

## PROCEEDINGS

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

The body was called into session Friday morning October 4, 1974 by the moderator. Rev. Pearl P. Barnes, host pastor, welcomed us to Cedrom Grove Church; and also led in a period of devotion. The response to the welcome was given by Letus Atkinson.

A partial report was given by the Credential Committee approving letters from all churches except Poplar Log and Parrish. A request from Poplar Log that they be dropped from the association was also noted. A motion carried adopting each of the items. (See Reports) The moderator appointed Rev. Dennis Kizzire to assist the clerk in reading church letters. Letters were read and delegates seated.

Nominations were made to General Board for terms expiring in 1974 and other vacancies. A motion carried to elect by acclamation. An Executive Committee was elected by the General Board consisting of Allen Brasseal, Pearl P. Barnes, Lowell Parker, Floy Franks and Letus Atkinson along with moderator and clerk.

Because it was necessary for the moderator to be away in the afternoon, he named Rev. W. B. Hughes to preside over General Board Meeting; and Rev. N. A. Patterson to preside in the sanctuary.

The Woman's Auxiliary Report was read. A motion carried accepting the same. (See Reports)

Rev. James F. Walden brought the message in the worship service. An offering of \$85.83 was received for missions.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After song and prayer the moderator asked the General Board to assemble outside for their annual meeting.

A motion carried to accept the report of Quarterly Meeting as read. (See Reports)

The rest of the afternoon was given to messages by Rev. Donnie Gunnin and Rev. Billy Robbins.

Rev. Otis Parmer was recognized as a visiting brother from Vernon Association.

## SATURDAY MORNING

A period of devotion was conducted by Rev. Woodrow Matthews, host pastor. Brother Matthews welcomed us to Mt. Olive Church.

Rev. Kenneth Walker was recognized; and gave a brief report of the mission work in Mobile.

The clerk called the names of all delegates; and a motion carried to seat them. The roll of ministers was also called and most were present.

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

A motion carried accepting the Obituary Report. A period of silent prayer was observed in memory of those named. (See Reports)

A motion carried accepting the report of Board of Christian Education. (See Reports)

After the reading of the Finance Report, a motion carried accepting the same. (See Reports)

The moderator named delegates to other associations as follows; Vernon: O. Z. Johnson, Ella Markham, Lela Akers, Gurley Roberts; Mississippi State Line: Gurley Roberts; North Alabama: Ray Ritch. By general consent it was agreed that the moderator would name delegates to the State Association at the time of that session.

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

Some time was spent discussing Article 6 Section 3 of the Constitution. A motion carried that this matter be referred to the General Board for consideration sometime before next annual session. Such meeting is to be open; and the General Board is expected to make recommendation at next annual session.

The Credential Committee Report was read; and motion carried to accept the same. Subsequent motions carried adopting each of the items.

Rev. Ray Ritch gave brief report of upcoming State Association to be held in Florence.

Visiting ministers recognized were; A. J. Lambert, Dwayne Taylor, Orbie Peirce, Wyman James and Wise Holcomb.

Rev. Jack Paramore representing Free Will Baptist Bible College brought the message in the wor-

ship hour. An offering of \$99.89 was received for Free Will Baptist Bible College and Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After song and prayer, Rev. A. J. Lambert gave brief report of the ministry of Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

In the ensuing election of officers for the coming year the following were elected; Rev. B. C. Duncan, Moderator; Rev. W. B. Hughes, Assistant Moderator; Rev. William E. Atkinson, Clerk; Dixie Atkinson, Assistant Clerk.

The moderator appointed committees as follows; Finance; Ambers Aldridge, Gurley Roberts, Q. Z. Johnson; Obituary; Virginia Duncan, Juanita Fowler Genine Fowler; Appreciation; Billy Robbins, Jay Sullins, Aaron Wright.

In the ordination service that followed William Norris and Richard Berryhill were ordained to preach the gospel.

An offering of \$57.10 was received for Retired Ministers.

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

#### APPRECIATION REPORT

In behalf of this body we say "Thank You" to Cedrom Grove Church and Mt. Olive Church for the splendid way you have entertained us during this session. Thanks for the fellowship; and especially the delicious meals. May the Lord bless you as you serve faithfully!

Respectfully submitted,  
Robbie Cutts  
Virginia Duncan  
Juanita Fowler

#### OBITUARY

We wish to report that the Lord has called from

our ranks the following: Percy Morris, Joe Nicholson and B.J. Humphrey of Carbon Hill; Junior Spencer of Good Springs; Mary Jones, Mark Todd and Paul Todd of Guin; Cebelle Prescott and Lander Townley of Gum Springs; Grover Smith, Oma Johnson, and Emerson Norris of Liberty; Rosa Burleson and John Edwards of Mt. Olive; J. L. Perkins and Maggie Stough of New Liberty; Audry Knight, Margaret Noles and Grady Montgomery of New Oak Grove; J. R. Yeilding of Red Bay; Wallace Freeman, Burleigh Jackson and William McDuffa of Shady Grove; Mae Warren and Willie Beasley of Union Chapel; Freeman Cochran and Nancy Jane Mitchell of Union Hill; Harley Loden, Brenda Franks and George Webster of Winfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Kizzire  
Floy Franks

#### FINANCE

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

Association Fund	\$ 623.00
Retired Ministers	224.50
State Association	307.01
	<u>\$ 1,154.51</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Gurlye Roberts  
Letus Atkinson  
Clovis Tucker

#### CREDENTIAL

We, your committee on credentials submit the following report:

1. We have examined letters from all churches except Poplar Log and Parrish; and find them in order. We recommend that letters be read and delegates seated.

2. At the request of Poplar Log, we recommend that this church be dropped from our roll.

3. We recommend that Rev. James Cutts and Rev.

Willard Mayhall be given letters of recommendation to join other associations as they desire.

4. We recommend that Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. Billy Robbins and Rev. Hugh Cavender be accepted into this association.

5. We recommend that Rev. Herdis Sullins and Rev. Ray Ritch be accepted into this association in good standing upon receipt of letters from their association.

6. We recommend that Rev. Richard Berryhill and Rev. William Norris be ordained to preach the gospel in this session.

7. We recommend that Rev. Wise Holcomb be accepted into this association in good standing upon receipt of letter from his association.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. Duncan

Woodrow Matthews

N. A. Patterson

Motions 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 Brilliant; the second to Union Hill; the third to New Liberty; and the fourth to Mt. Olive.

3. We recommend that the next session of this association be held with Gum Springs on Friday; and New Oak Grove on Saturday.

4. We recommend that Rev. Floyd Barber replace Rev. N. A. Patterson 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 Dennis Haygood be retained

on Board of Christian Education.

8. We recommend that each church select someone to serve on General Board who will be present on Friday for annual meeting.

9. We recommend that we omit the reading of church letters; and that certain facts be recognized by the clerk such as name of church, pastor, clerk and delegates.

Subsequent motions carried adopting each of the items except No. 9. In the case of No. 9 an amendment was offered requiring the recognition of church membership, the amount spent on local causes; and the amount spent on outside causes. A motion carried adopting the amendment. A subsequent motion carried adopting the item as amended.

#### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education promoted a very successful Youth Camp the week of June 24-28 at Camp Morganwood Tupelo, Miss. Seventy-nine campers and eleven staff members made up the encampment. Our plans are to go back there the week of June 9, 1975.

A successful Sunday School and CTS Convention was held at Mt. Olive April 21, 1974. We will make plans for this convention next year at about the same time. If some church would like to commit themselves as the place for this event; then it would be of benefit to us.

A financial statement follows:

Balance 9/28/73	\$ 391.87
Convention Fees	62.00
Camp Receipts	1,580.00
Concessions	86.84
Insurance Refund	2.75
	<u>\$ 2,123.46</u>

Champ Expense	\$ 1,576.52
State Fees	40.00
Postage Etc.	28.48
	<u>\$ 1,645.00</u>
Balance 9/28/74	\$ 478.46

### QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Assn. held 3 meetings during the associational year 1973-74. They were held with: New Oak Grove Church on January 5, 1974; Guin Church March 30, 1974; and Red Bay Church June 22, 1974.

The following churches represented at all 3 meetings: Bethlehem, Brilliant, Carbon Hill, Cedrom Grove, Free Waters, Guin, Gum Springs, Hamilton, Hackleburg, Holly Springs, Liberty, Lone Star Mt. Olive, New Liberty, Mt. Pleasant, New Oak Grove, Pocahontas, Poplar Log, Red Bay, Shady Grove, Spring Hill, Union Chapel, Union Hill and Winfield.

Good Springs represented at 2 meetings and Parrish, Edgars Chapel and Bear Creek represented at 1 meeting.

Ministers attending 3 meetings were: Floyd C. Barber, B. C. Duncan, Dennis F. Kizzire, W. B. Hughes, Ambers Aldridge, Trellis Mayhall, Wyman Holcomb, Gurley Roberts, William E. Atkinson, Pearl P. Barnes, Dennis Haygood and James Walden.

Ministers attending 2 meetings were: N. A. Patterson, Donnie Gunnin, Junior Mote, Dewey Colley, Roy Humphries, Woodrow Matthews, Calvin Bevins and Willard Mayhall.

Ministers attending 1 meeting were: Charles Fowler, James W. Cutts, W. M. Nairemore, Jay Sullins, J. A. Godsey, Billy Robbins and Harvey V. Ivey.

Visiting ministers were: Mike Mutchler, John Edwards, Hermon Hersey and A. J. Lambert.

Deacons attending all 3 meetings were: Don Collins and Clayton Burgett.

Deacons attending 2 meetings were: Olen Lee, Dewel Emerson, Ester Gunnin and Lonnie McDaniel.

Deacons attending 1 meeting were: Claude Russel, Charles Nix, L. E. Clement, Curtis Griffin, Dewey Burleson, John R. Knight, Luther Baccus, Vance Pollard, Fred Sullins, W. M. Warren, Larry White, Bill Smith, Aaron Wright, Milton Rhudy and James Hunter.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Amount on Hand 9/28/73	\$ 18.54
Receipts	258.00
	<u>\$ 276.54</u>

Clerk's Salary (3x \$20.00)	\$ 60.00
Paper, Postage, etc.	36.70
Missions	20.00
Given to Association	130.00
	<u>\$246.00</u>
Balance 9/28/74	\$ 29.84

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Jasper District Woman's Auxiliary met at the Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church April 20, 1974.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Woodrow Matthews. Welcome by Edith Creekmore and response by Dixie Atkinson. Reading of letters, seating of delegates and appointment of committees by president followed. Report of committees adopted as read. Installation of officers by Mt. Olive Church.

The program was a drama presented by Guin Auxiliary entitled, "The Challenge of the Cross" with four rededications.

The next District Meeting will be with Liberty Church north of Guin. The State Meeting will convene with Winfield Church in June.

The following officers will serve the District for the coming year:

President -Mrs. Trellis Mayhall Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563

Vice President -Mrs. Agnes White Red Bay, Ala.

Field Worker -Mrs. Dixie Atkinson P.O. Box 724 Winfield, Ala. 35594

Program Prayer Chairman -Mrs. Barbara Lolly Guin, Ala. 35563

Mission Action Chairman -Mrs. Woodrow Matthews Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563

Mission Prayer Chairman -Mrs. Carol Kivette Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563

Secretary and Treasurer - Mrs. James F. Walden P.O. Box 553 Guin, Ala. 35563

TREASURERS REPORT

Brought forward \$ 101.70

Dues and State Project 182.67  
Refund from State 24.40PAID OUTState Dues and Project 173.17  
Secretary Work 7.50\$20.00 personal check sent separate  
from Winfield Aux. to State Project.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. James F. Walden, Sec.-Treas.CLERK'S FINANCE REPORT

Amount on Hand 9/24/74

Association Funds

Retired Ministers

Brilliant Bible Class

Quarterly Meeting

State Association

Offerings

Total

Retired Ministers	\$ 317.60
Association Officers	270.00
Bible College	49.94
Foreign Missions	42.92
Home Missions	42.91
Children's Home	49.95
State Fees	130.00
Florence Church	307.01
Postage	4.50
	<u>\$ 1,214.83</u>

Balance 10/15/74 \$ 677.36

BALANCE

\$ 308.87

\$ 128.20

\$ 328.86
623.00
224.50
36.00
130.00
307.01
242.82
<u>\$ 1,892.19</u>

DELEGATES

BEAR CREEK - Monell Gann, Susie McCarley, Madie Stancil

BETHLEHEM - Henry Cagle, Bill Haggard, Lee Fry

BRILLIANT - W. L. franks, James Tesney, Raymond Nipper

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

CEDROM GROVE - Nellie Jackson, Helen Tittle, Valerie Thomas

EDGAR CHAPEL - Brenda Watson, Florina Raper, Elizabeth Edgar

FREE WATERS - Imogene Pugh, Carol Kivette, Donald Kivette

GUIN - Carolyn Flipppo, Ella Markham, Robbie Boze-man

GOOD SPRINGS - Ophelia Warren, Bessie Spencer

GUM SPRINGS - Foster Holcomb, Virgil Box, Fammie Bates

HACKLEBURG - Frances Gunnin, Icie Gunnin, Bell Lacey

HAMILTON - Madie May, Jimmy May, Oleta Godsey

HOLLY SPRINGS - Lessie Burgett, Lena Burgett, Vernilla Tarwater

LIBERTY - Lily Cantrell, Eva Smith, Linda Silas

LONE STAR - Von Dora Pitts, Luna Bostick, Sylvia Sullins

MT. OLIVE - Letus Atkinson, Autie Franks, Sara Nell Flipppo

MT. PLEASANT - Annie Lawrence, Jess Vaughn, Annie Hugeley

NEW LIBERTY - Genine Fowler, Juanita Fowler, Verla Wright

NEW OAK GROVE - Nora Bell McDaniel, Annette Martin Minnie Knight

POCAHONTAS - Hattie Hunter, Melba Griffin, Nell Deason

RED BAY - None Present

SHADY GROVE - Ora Graves, Judy Haygood

SPRING HILL - None Present

UNION CHAPEL - Willie Mae Colley

UNION HILL - Lucille Anglin, Glenda Anglin, Geneva Fredrick

WINFIELD - Jessie Kilgore, Lillie Lee, Emma Orsborn

Church	Pastors	Members Received By Baptism				Members Added (By Letter Professions, Statement, etc.)	Members Lost (By Letter, Death, Revision of Roll, etc.)	Total Present Membership	Total Offerings	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	F.W.B. Bible College	Home Missions	Children's Home	Associational Funds	Current Value of Church Property	Current Value of Pastor's Home
Bear Creek	Elmer Lee Steward	1	4	0	58				\$ 1,972.64	\$1,550.00	0	0	0	0	\$15.00	\$ 4,000.00	0
Bethlehem	Billy Robbins	2	7	2	93				9,468.07	3,800.00	0	0	0	0	0	15,000.00	0
Brilliant	Gurley Roberts	7	13	2	172				14,308.57	6,175.00	90.00	90.00	210.00	472.21	18.00	25,000.00	0
Carbon Hill	Harvey Ivey	2	8	5	54				4,405.04	1,531.00	105.00	0	111.00	224.51	10.00	22,000.00	0
Cedrom Grove	Pearl P. Barnes	2	1	0	84				5,214.00	1,225.00	196.00	120.00	199.00	77.00	35.00	15,000.00	0
Edgar Chapel	Roy Humphries	1	2	0	83				2,523.85	2,285.50	0	0	0	23.35	20.00	4,000.00	25,000.00
Free Waters	Trellis Mayhall	5	13	3	112				11,248.00	6,575.30	0	0	103.35	36.00	10.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
Guin	James F. Walden	32	7	3	368				42,515.09	8,540.00	970.00	998.23	797.67	797.27	30.00	175,000.00	0
Good Springs	Donnie Gunnin	0	0	2	70				2,085.52	1,175.00	0	0	0	260.00	20.00	15,000.00	0
Gum Springs	Ray Ritch	2	2	3	90				7,442.00	3,285.00	218.77	0	218.77	218.77	25.00	30,000.00	0
Hackleburg	O.Z. Johnson	3	5	14	30				3,243.00	1,795.00	0	0	0	0	0	25,000.00	0
Hamilton	W.B. Hughes	8	13	8	107				15,045.00	5,995.00	561.00	580.00	262.00	262.00	30.00	40,000.00	0
Holly Springs	Jimmy Howell	4	3	1	100				1,020.00	1,020.00	0	0	0	0	20.00	7,000.00	0
Liberty	Herdis Sullins	2	6	4	120				9,930.64	4,805.20	20.00	0	20.00	25.00	20.00	15,000.00	0
Lone Star	Jay Sullins	0	2	2	90				4,220.00	2,250.00	0	0	0	0	20.00	20,000.00	0
Mt. Olive	Woodrow Matthews	8	10	3	349				25,760.48	8,500.00	807.11	371.74	484.57	478.33	45.00	75,000.00	20,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	Richard Berryhill	1	4	2	143				14,462.00	3,460.00	0	0	0	0	12.00	20,000.00	8,000.00
New Liberty	Bill Duncan	7	12	5	197				14,538.24	7,800.00	308.00	0	120.00	180.00	25.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
New Oak Grove	Hugh Cavender	5	4	9	127				9,086.71	5,065.00	60.00	100.00	280.00	180.00	27.00	32,500.00	0
Pocahontas	Calvin Bevans	2	0	0	58				12,199.68	4,375.00	0	0	0	0	50.00	20,000.00	30,000.00
Red Bay	Floyd C. Barber	4	9	3	194				17,891.00	7,120.00	354.00	322.00	468.00	373.00	33.00	25,000.00	12,000.00
Shady Grove	Dennis Haygood	4	8	36	288				16,347.00	9,100.00	309.00	360.00	349.00	308.00	35.00	68,000.00	0
Spring Hill	Hodo Lockhart	3	0	3	40				140.00	139.00	0	0	0	0	3.00	5,000.00	0
Union Chapel	Dewey Colley	2	7	2	92				8,516.24	1,443.47	0	0	0	20.00	15.00	15,000.00	0
Union Hill	Mickey Crane	2	6	2	65				3,605.16	2,230.00	60.00	0	0	110.06	20.00	20,000.00	0
Winfield	William E. Atkinson	9	9	8	464				37,841.36	8,580.00	896.18	2,063.15	569.93	300.00	30.00	185,000.00	15,000.00

## DEACONS

BEAR CREEK - Henry Grissom, Lowell Thomas, Truman Scott, Clarence Ingle, Lon Gunnion, Roland Williams  
 BETHLEHEM - Woodrow Franks, Kenneth Watts, Roy Crowe, Vance Pollard  
 BRILLIANT - Dewey Burleson, Vester Hawkins, Earl Smith, Rayburn Hugeley  
 CARBON HILL - Joe Hopson  
 CEDROM GROVE - J.E. Tittle, Charles Parr, Angelo Boshell  
 EDGAR'S CHAPEL - Marshall Raper, Terry Raper, J.D. Faulkner, C.E. Bankston, Noah Crane, Ray Edgar, F.T. Edgar  
 FREE WATERS - Wilburn Sexton, Hubbard Estes, W.M. Wilson, Artis Pugh, Clovis Tucker, Pearce Miller  
 GUIN - Frank Cutts, Larry White, Bill Smith, Jerry Flippo, Ronald McDonald  
 GOOD SPRINGS - M.M. Warren, Leeman Humphreys, Edward Holland  
 GUM SPRINGS - Alfred White, Carol Markham, J.C. White  
 HACKLEBURG - Ester Gunnin, Sam Lacey  
 HAMILTON - Lowell Parker, Dewell Emerson, Don Collins  
 HOLLY SPRINGS - Clayton Burgett, Lewis Burgett, O'Neal Childers, Ransy Baty, Ershell Childers  
 LIBERTY - Walter Wisham, Morgan Bozeman, Earlie Dickinson  
 LONE STAR - Bill Pitts, Claude Russell, Kenneth Pounders, Bobby Bostick  
 MT. OLIVE - Paul Wilson, Howard Franks, Milton Rhudy, Lowell Franks, Grady May  
 MT. PLEASANT - Vester Lawrence, Ray Weeks, F.A. Aldridge, Larry Rayburn  
 NEW LIBERTY - Aaron Whitson, Victor Smith, Aaron Wright, Bervil Smith, Coy Aldridge, Sid Moore David Fowler  
 NEW OAK GROVE - Amos Martin, Lonnie McDaniel, Johnny Knight, Bill Montgomery  
 POCAHONTAS - Curt Griffin, Joe Hunter, E.P. Cheatwood, Elbert Nelson, Jim Hunter, Hubert Gann, Pete Stewart  
 RED BAY - Willard Purser, Ross White, O.H. Mink, Carl Tharp, Raymond Creekmore, Ralph Purser,

Elmer Lee Self, Raymond Blackburn  
 SHADY GROVE - Clyde Freeman, Wayne Mayfield, Charles Swinney  
 SPRING HILL - Billy Gilbert  
 UNION CHAPEL - Lonzo Goodwin, Marvin Eads, O.D. Eads, Jimmy Eads, Tommy Williams  
 UNION HILL - Louis Lacey, Paul Jagers, L.D. c Clement, Leburn Hudson  
 WINFIELD - Lee Moore, Garlon Holliman, B.P. Atkinson Jr., Ira Baccus, Bill Overton

## CLERKS

Carolyn Brazell-Route 3 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
 Kenneth Watts-Route 3 Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
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 Betty Pate-Route 2 Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549  
 Shirley Lawler-Route 3 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
 Janie Miller-Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Helen Gann-Box 312 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Ann Spencer-Route 2 Red Bay, Ala. 35582  
 Hazel Markham-Route 1 Brilliant, Ala. 35548  
 Linda Johnson-Route 1 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Excell Parker-Route 4 Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
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 Judy Haygood-Box 202 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
 Grace Elliott-Route 1 Eldridge, Ala. 35554  
 Willie Mae Williams-P.O. Box 2 Brilliant, Ala. 35548  
 Judith Crews-Route 1 Hackleburg, Ala. 35564  
 Carl R. Atkinson-Route 2 Winfield, Ala. 35594

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 Bevens, Calvin-Route 2 Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549  
 Cavender, Hugh-Route 3 Haleyville, Ala. 35565  
 Chambless, B.D.-Route 6 Fayette, Ala. 35555  
 Colley, Dewey-Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Crane, Mickey-Route 3 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
 Duncan, Benjamin-Route 1 Bankston, Ala. 35542  
 Fowler, Charles-Route 1 Bankston, Ala. 35542  
 Franks, Dave-Brazil S.A.  
 Godsey, J.A.-Route 3 Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
 Gunnin, Dennis-Hackleburg, Ala. 35564  
 Haygood, Dennis-Box 202 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
 Hughes, W.B.-Route 1 Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
 Holcomb, Wise-Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Holcomb, Wyman-Route 3 Winfield, Ala. 35594  
 Humphries, Roy-Route 3 Winfield, Ala. 35594  
 Ivey, Harvey-Box 31 Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549  
 Johnson, O.Z.-Route 1 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Kizzire, Dennis-Kansas, Ala. 35573  
 Matthews, Woodrow-Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Mayhall, Trellis-Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35578  
 Mote, Junior-Route 2 Nauvoo, Ala. 35563  
 Norris, William-Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
 Patterson, N.A.-Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563  
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 Robbins, Billy-Route 1 Brilliant, Ala. 35548  
 Steward, Elmer L.-Route 3 Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
 Sullins, Jay-Hamilton, Ala. 35570  
 Sullins, Herdis-Hackleburg, Ala. 35564  
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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 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 wickeness, 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 after as is necessary.

4. The Moderator shall bot 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 droppped 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 Maptist Church at .....

.....do certify that Bro. ....

.....is a member of our Church in full  
fellowship, and is hereby given this letter of recommenda-  
tion.