


MINUTES
of the
**Eighty-Ninth Annual
Session**
of the
**Jasper Free Will
Baptist Association**

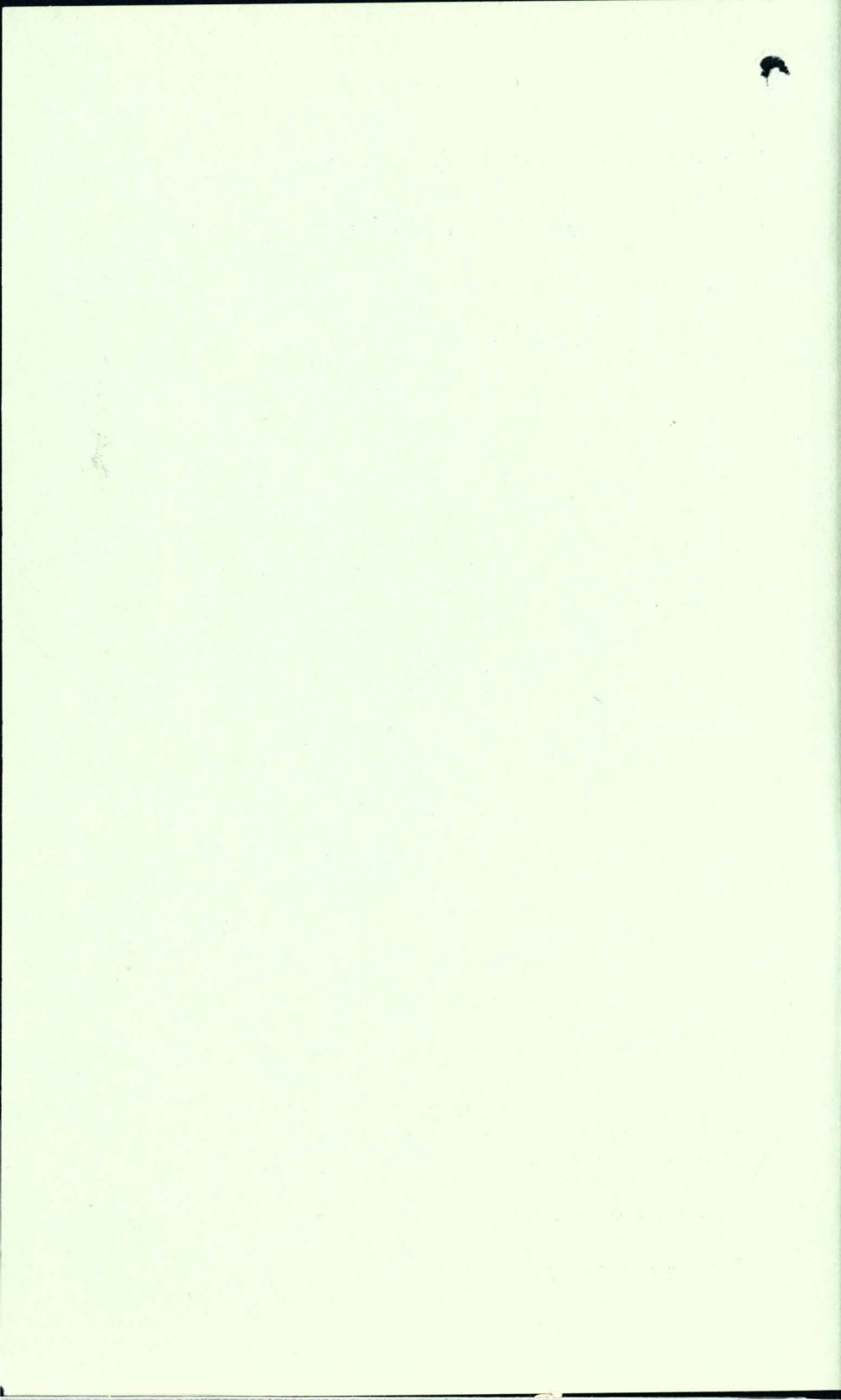
Held With Gum Springs and
New Oak Grove Churches
Oct. 3- 4, 1975


Officers

REV. BILL DUNCAN
W. B. HUGHES

MODERATOR
CLERK


THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL MEET WITH
CEDROM GROVE CHURCH ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN OCTOBER 1976 AND WITH BETHLEHEM CHURCH ON THE FOL-
LOWING SATURDAY. REV. O. Z. JOHNSON TO PREACH THE IN-
TRODUCTORY SERMON.



DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Moderator — Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rt. 1, Guin, Al. 35563

Assistant Moderator — Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rt. 2, Guin, Al. 35563

Clerk — Rev. W. B. Hughes, Rt. 1, Box 14, Hamilton, Al. 35570.

Assistant Clerk — Rev. Donnie Gunnin, Box 103, Hackleburg, Al. 35564.

BOARDS

General Board: Terms to expire in 1976: Billy Robbins, Donnie Gunnin, Terry Raper, Edward Holland, Wyman Holcomb, Ranzie Baty, Bill Pitts, Letus Atkinson, Aaron Light, John Senkbell, Clovis Tucker, Bill Overton.

Terms to expire in 1977: Dewey Burleson, Pearl Barnes, Donald Kivette, Jerry Filippo, Esther Gunnin, Lowell Parker, Bryan Silas, Allen Brasseal, Junior Mote, Elbert Nelson, Ross White, Billy Gilbert, L. D. Clemet.

Executive Committee of General Board: O. Z. Johnson, W. B. Hughes, Donnie Gunnin, Letus Atkinson, Esther Gunnin, Dewey Burleson, Lowell Parker.

Board Of Christian Education: Hubbard Estes (1976), W. B. Hughes (1977) Woodrow Matthews (1978) Dennis Haygood (1979) Danny Thompson (1980).

COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Gurley Roberts, Rev. Billy Robbins.

APPRECIATION: Mrs. Trellis Mayhall, Mrs. Juanita Fowler, Mrs. Oleta Godsey.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Ophelia Warren, Mrs. Woodrow Matthews, Mr. Aaron Wright.

FINANCE: Rev. Wyman Holcomb, Mr. Wayne Filippo, Rev. William Norris.

PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-ninth session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama convened at Gum Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Brilliant, Alabama, on Friday, October 3, and New Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama, Saturday, October 4, 1975, at 9:00 A.M.

The session opened with the congregation singing "Praise Him ! Praise Him !" led by Brother Foster Holcomb with Brother Holly Wayne Spiller at the Piano. Rev. Billy Robbins led the opening prayer.

The moderator introduced Rev. Ray Ritch, Pastor of the local Church, who led in a devotional service. He read from Psalms 100 and led in prayer.

Rev. Wyman Holcomb gave the welcome and Bro. Aaron Wright gave the response.

At the request of the moderator, Rev. Bill Duncan, a partial report of the Credentials Committee approving letter from all churches except Parrish. Motioned made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted and the letters read. The Moderator appointed Rev. Donnie Gunnin to assist the clerk in reading the letters. The letters were read and the delegates seated.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the nominations for the General Board for terms expiring in 1975 be elected by acclamation.

Information was given by Rev. Woodrow Matthews on the progress of the youth Camp.

The moderator introduced Rev. Harold Pitts, Pastor of Northport Free Will Baptist Church, who brought a message from Heb. 2: 5-9. He closed the service with prayer.

Rev. Bill Smith for the Vernon Association gave further information on the progress of the youth camp.

The moderator declared a recess. Rev. James Walden dismissed in prayer.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The worship service began with the congregation singing "Swing the Door of Your Heart Open Wide." Prayer by Rev. Pearl Barnes.

Rev. Bill Duncan brought the moderator's message. He read from Psalms 107:30 and spoke on the subject "The Voyage of Life." He pointed out that one must make the (1)

Right start, (2) Have the right companion, (3) Have the right job, (4) Have the right friends, and (5) Read the right literature. After an invitation had been given, Rev. Pearl Barnes dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" led by Brother W. L. Franks with Brother Holly Wayne Spiller at the Piano.

Rev. Gurley Roberts was appointed as moderator and Rev. Ray Ritch as clerk while the General Board met.

Sister Trellis Mayhall gave the report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

After Bro. W. L. Franks had led the congregation in singing "He Loves Me", Rev. N. A. Patterson brought the first afternoon message using Phil. 2:12 as his text.

Brother Gurley led in a short testimony which was followed by the second afternoon message brought by Rev. J. A. Godsey. He read Revelation 12:12 and Luke 23:27-29.

While waiting for the General Board to return, Brother Franks led the congregation in singing "I Never Shall Forget That Day."

A partial report of the General Board was given. Motion made, seconded and carried to table the report.

An offering of \$84.60 was received to be divided between Home and Foreign missions.

Dismissed to meet at New Oak Grove at 9:00 A.M., October 4, 1975.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Session opened with the congregation singing "I Want To Know More About My Lord" led by Rev. Ray Ritch. Rev. Hugh Cavender gave the devotions.

The Clerk called the names of the delegates and they were seated. A roll call of the ministers showed that most of them present some time during the session.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the telephone number of each minister be placed in the minutes.

The report of the Appreciations Committee was read by Rev. Billy Robbins. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

The report of the Christian Education Board was read and a motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

The clerk read the report of the Finance Committee and a motion made seconded and carried to adopt the report.

Delegates to sister associations were appointed as follows: State Line — Rev. & Mrs. Gurley Roberts and Rev. and Mrs. O. Z. Johnson. Vernon — Rev. Richard Cordell and Rev. O. Z. Johnson.

The moderator declared a recess.

Following the recess the congregation sang, "Gettin' Ready to Leave This World" and the Fowler Family sang "On the Road to Glory Land."

The Obituary Committee report was read. A motion made, seconded and carried to stand in a moment of silent prayer.

Brother Holly Wayne Spiller sang "Without Him" and Brother Billy Robbins sang "Thanks to Calvary."

The Credentials Committee report was read by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report and adopt item by item. All items were adopted as read.

The report of the General Board was read by clerk. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report and adopt item by item. All items were adopted:

Motion made, seconded and carried to take from the table the recommendation of the called meeting of the General Board. Motion made, Seconded and carried to adopt the report. Sixty-four (64) voted for the adoption and 9 voted against adoption.

The report of the quarterly meeting was read by Rev. Roger Houston. A motion to receive the report was seconded and carried.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The moderator introduced Rev. Paul Kettelman from Free Will Baptist Bible College who was in charge of the morning worship service. After several remarks about the Bible College, Rev. Kettelman introduced a trio of girls from the college who sang several numbers and gave their testimonies for Christ. Rev. Kettelman read from 2 Thess. 1:1-12. Using verse 8 as his text he preached from the subject "Obedience is not Optional." Following the message an offering of \$157.25

was received to be divided between Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tn. and Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Eldridge, Ala.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "I Never Shall Forget That Day" and "Have A Little Talk With Jesus" led by Rev. Ray Ritch with Rev. Billy Robbins at the piano. Rev. Donnie Gunnin led in prayer.

The report of Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge, Ala. was given by Rev. A. J. Lambert and received as information.

After the College Trio had sung a few songs, a rising vote of thanks was given the churches that had entertained the association for the wonderful meals served.

Because of the absence of an assistant moderator and assistant clerk during this session, a motion was made, seconded and carried to divide the money ordinarily paid to these officers between the Children's Home at Eldridge and Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

An offering of \$41.71 was received for retired ministers.

The following men were elected to serve as officers of the association for next year: Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Moderator, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Assistant Moderator, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Clerk, and Rev. Donnie Gunnin, Assistant Clerk. A rising vote of appreciation for the work Brother Bill Duncan gave as moderator was given.

In the ordination service that followed Holly Wayne Spiller was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. Rev. Woodrow Matthews and Rev. Ray Ritch gave the charge. Rev. Bill Duncan prayed the dedicatory prayer.

The new moderator, Rev. O. Z. Johnson, appointed committees as follows: Appreciation Committee: Mrs. Trellis Mayhall, Mrs. Juanita Fowler and Mrs. Oleta Godsey. Obituary Committee: Mrs. Ophelia Warren, Mrs. Woodrow Matthews and Mr. Aaron Wright. Finance Committee: Rev. Wyman Holcomb, Mr. Wayne Flippo, Rev. William Norris.

Motion made seconded and carried to transfer the banking account of the Jasper Association to the Marion County Banking Company of Hamilton.

Motion made, seconded and carried to give Brother J. A.

Godsey a rising vote of appreciation for 50 years of service in the association.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

The closing prayer was prayed by Rev. Wayman James.

Rev. O. Z. John, Moderator

W. B. Hughes, Clerk.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

1. We recommend that the following men be placed on the Credentials Committee: Brother Gurley Roberts to fill the unexpired term of Brother Floyd Barber (2 Years) and Brother Billy Robbins for a three year term.

2. We recommend the following men to serve on the Board of Christian Education: W. B. Hughes and Danny Thompson.

3. We recommend that the clerk be paid one hundred thirty-five dollars, the moderator sixty-five dollars, the assistant moderator twenty dollars and the assistant clerk fifty dollars.

4. We recommend that the first quarterly meeting (Nov. 29, 1975) be given to New Liberty, the second (Feb. 28, 1976) to Mt. Pleasant, the third (May 29, 1976) to Free Water, and the fourth (Aug. 28, 1976) to Pocahontas. We recommend that the first session of the Jasper Association (Oct. 1, 1976) meet with Cedrom Grove Church and the second (Oct. 2, 1976) meet with Bethlehem.

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 Rev. N. A. Patterson and Rev. J. A. Godsey.

7. We recommend that each church select someone to serve on the General Board who will be present on Friday for annual meeting. Motion made, seconded and carried that the General Board meet about a week before each annual session.

8. The General Board recommends that November 2 be named YOUTH CAMP DAY for the churches of the Jasper

Association. We further recommend that each church set a goal of \$1,000 (or whatever amount they can give) to be received in a special offering on that day. Send all money for the Youth Camp to: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Route 2, Guin, Al. 35563.

9. We recommend that Article 6 Section 3 of the Constitution be changed to read as follows: "The pastor, who preaches the word of God, ministers to the needs of the members, and exercises general leadership within the congregation. It is expected that he will unite with the local church if he is not a member when called. When the minister becomes pastor of a given local church, it is his responsibility to obtain good standing in the association of which that church is a member if he is not already in good standing therein. The association may, for example, refuse to seat delegates from a local church if there is a breach of fellowship being dealt with." (National Treatise, 1969, Page 50A. Page 59B. Page 63B.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

The board sponsored a very successful youth camp session this year the week of June 9, at Camp Morganwood. Including the camp staff there were 70 enrolled. It is hoped that our own camp will be developed for use for the camp session in 1976.

The Sunday School and CTS Convention was held at the Cedrum Grove Church last spring..

Financial Statement:

Balance brought forward	\$ 478.46
Total amount received	1,399.00
Total	\$1,877.46

Expense:

Total expenses (Camp expense, CTS awards, State fees, & Ect.)	\$1,516.41
Present Balance shown on check Bk.	\$ 361.05

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
NORTHWEST ALABAMA FREE WILL
BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP**

FINANCIAL REPORT — August 8 - October 2, 1975

Transfer of funds from Rev. William E. Atkinson, August 8, 1975

Amount in First Federal Savings & Loan	\$10,000.00	
Interest Posted August 8, 1975	9.54	
Amount in Checking Account	8,161.14	
Total Transferred in all accounts		\$18,170.68

RECEIPTS — August 8 - October 2, 1975 (Listed by Churches)

Russellville	\$ 439.25	
Mt. Olive	200.00	
Free Waters	177.00	
Hamilton	750.00	
Mt. Pleasant	240.00	
Belk	1,415.00	
Guin	137.00	
Mt. Harmony	1,000.00	
Total		\$ 4,358.25
Total to be accounted for		\$22,528.93

Expenditures:

Tobigbee Electric Co. (Dp on Meter)	\$ 16.50	
Newman Lumber Co. (Bulldozing)	787.00	
Office & Supplies	17.61	
City Lumber & Supply (Concrete & Steel)	1,447.18	
W. L. Franks (4.9 Acres of Land)	970.00	
Barnes Masonary Company (Labor)	706.00	
Trull Building & Supply (Materials)	1,794.70	
Wyman Wilson (Back hoe Work & Hauling)	607.50	
Bill R. Smith (Milage & Phone)	120.00	
Smith Brother's Hardware (Nails & Bolts)	68.50	
Dan Boyette (Plumbing Contractor)	142.50	
Total Expenditures		\$ 6,677.49
Balance		\$15,851.44

Balance of Funds:

Total Amount Transferred	\$18,170.68	
Total Amount of Receipts	4,358.25	
	22,528.93	
less Expenses	6,677.49	\$15,851.44

Woodrow Matthews, Secretary
Route 2, Guin, Alabama 35563

COMMITTEE REPORTS CREDENTIALS

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

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

2. We recommended that Rev. Herdis Sullins be given letter of recommendation to join other associations as he desires.

3. We recommend that Rev. Richard Cordell be accepted into this association in good standing upon receipt of letter from his association.

4. We recommend that Rev. Hollie Wayne Spiller be ordained to preach the Gospel in this session.

5. We recommend that Edgar Chapel Church extend the license of Rev. Ray Edgar for a year.

6. We have examined the reports of ministers and recommend that those reporting be given cards of good standing.

B. C. Duncan

Woodrow Matthews

Ray Ritch

APPRECIATION

In behalf of this body we say "Thank You" to Gum Springs Church and New Oak Grove 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 Him faithfully !

Billy Robbins

Jay Sullins

Aaron Wright

OBITUARY

We wish to report that God has seen fit to call from our ranks the following: Bro. J. A. Tittle, Cedrom Grove; Gra Aldridge, Leech Doss, Gum Springs; Louis Burgett, Holly Springs; Clanton Manasco, Mary Manasco, New Oak Grove; Leona Rubley, Pocahontas; Carl Tharp, Red Bay; Terry

Wilson, Lois Nix, Lillie McMurray, Berleigh Jackson, Shaŭ,
Grove.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenine Fowler
Juanita Fowler
Virginia Duncan

FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, wish to make the following
report:

Associational Funds	\$ 605.00
Children's Home	20.00
Foreign Missions	35.82
Home Missions	35.82
Retired Ministers	410.00
State Association	332.50
Total	\$1,439.46

Ambers Aldridge
Gurlie Roberts
O. Z. Johnson

OTHER REPORTS

REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association held four meetings during the associational year 1974-75. They were held with: Brilliant Church on January 4, 1975; Union Hill Church on March 29, 1975; New Liberty Church on June 28, 1975; and Mt. Olive Church on August 23, 1975.

The following churches were represented at all these meetings: Bear Creek, Bethlehem, Brilliant, Carbon Hill, Cedrom Grove, Edgar's Chapel, Good Springs, Guin, Gum Springs, Hackleburg, Hamilton, Liberty, Mt. Olive, Mt. Pleasant, New Liberty, New Oak Grove, Pocahontas, Red Bay, Shady Grove, Union Chapel, Union Hill and Winfield.

Free Water, Holly Springs and Lone Star represented at three meetings and Spring Hill Church represented at two meetings.

There were 27 ministers and 10 deacons present at the first meeting; 26 ministers and 5 deacons at the second meeting;

29 ministers, 4 visiting ministers and 10 deacons at the third meeting; and 24 ministers, 3 visiting ministers and 14 deacons present at the fourth meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Receipts (church fees from 4 meetings)	\$218.00
Clerk's Salary	\$ 60.00
Paper, postage, etc.	68.23
Missions	20.00
To Jasper Association	130.00
Balance on hand Sept. 11, 1975	\$ 209.03

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Jasper District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Liberty Church April 5, 1975. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Mayhall. Kay Thompson led us in singing "Jesus Calls Us" and "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story". Bro. Trellis Mayhall led us in prayer.

The welcome address was given by Barbara Lolly with the response to welcome given by Carol Kivette. The ladies from the Red Bay Auxiliary presented a panel discussion on the home. Letters were read, and the delegates were seated from the six auxiliaries represented. The President then appointed the Nominating, Finance, Appreciation, and Resolution Committees. Each auxiliary was urged to receive a special offering for the money tree to be presented to Missionary Carol Smith at our state meeting. Delegates were then appointed to represent our District Convention at our state meeting.

After intermission, we began our service by singing "I Will Work". Mt. Olive Youth Choir gave a special in song. The appointed committees then gave their reports. These were voted on and adopted. Carolyn Flippo installed the new officers. We closed the installation service by singing "Beneath the Cross". Agnes White and Linda Blackburn sang a special entitled "His Eye Is On The Sparrow".

Helen Fields of Townley Church, our guest speaker, gave a very interesting and inspiring talk using Ecclesiastes 9:10 as her text. An offering was received for our speaker which amounted to \$32.85.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Resolution Committee submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the Resolution Committee's report be printed in the minutes.
2. We recommend that we continue to meet once a year for the District Convention.
3. We resolve to be more mission minded and support missions as much as possible.
4. We resolve to continue our benevolent work in supporting the children's home and any worthy neighborhood cause.
5. We recommend the secretary continue sending out the report slips with the program before the convention.
6. We recommend that each auxiliary send six delegates instead of three.
7. We recommend that the secretary be paid \$7.50 per year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Receipts	\$127.50
Balance brought forward	\$127.50
Dues Collected	132.00
State Project	70.00
Total	\$329.50
Debits	
State Project	\$ 70.00
Dues	110.00
Secretary	7.50
Total	\$187.50
Balance on hand	\$142.00

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand 10-15-74	\$ 677.36
Association funds	605.00
Retired ministers	374.32
Brilliant Bible Class	36.00
State Association	332.50
Children's Home	20.00
Foreign Missions (National)	35.82
Home Missions (State)	35.82
Offerings	284.57
	\$2,401.39

Disbursements

Davis Printing Co. (1974 minutes)	\$ 251.59	
Alabama State Association	332.50	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	113.62	
Free Will Baptist Children's Home	128.63	
Foreign Missions (Franks Account)	78.12	
Home Missions	78.12	
Rev. J. A. Godsey	226.01	
Rev. N. A. Patterson	226.01	
Rev. B. C. Duncan (moderator)	65.00	
National Ass'n (Letter forms)	6.88	
Cash (Postage)	6.00	
Alabama State Association (fees)	130.00	
		\$1,642.48
		\$758.91

Less Check for Home Missions sent directly	5.00
	\$753.91

Balance in Bank October 31, 1975 **\$753.91**

W. B. Hughes, Clerk-Treasu.

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Duncan, Benjamin C. - Route 3, Hamilton, Ala. 35570	921-4325
Fowler, Charles - Route 1, Bankston, Ala. 35542	932-6589
Franks, Dave - Brazil, S. A.	
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Halcomb, Wise - Route 2, Guin, Ala. 35563	468-3910
Holcomb, Wyman - Route 1, Brilliant, Ala. 35548	465-2330
Humphries, Roy - Route 1, Vina, Ala.	356-2185
James, Waymon - Route 7, Russellville, Ala.	332-0135
Johnson, O. Z. - Route 1, Guin, Ala. 35563	468-2730
Matthews, Woodrow - Route 2, Guin, Ala. 35563	468-2325
Mayhall, Trellis - Route 2, Guin, Ala. 35563	468-3445
Mote, Junior - Route 2, Nauvoo, Ala. 35578	
Norris, William - P. O. Box 256, Guin, Ala. 35563	
Patterson, N. A. - Route 2, Guin, Ala.	468-3944
Ritch, Ray W. - 717 W. Cedar Cone Circle, Birmingham, Ala. 35214	
Roberts, Gurley - Box 263, Brilliant, Ala. 35548	465-2877
Robbins, Billy - Route 1, Brilliant, Ala. 35548	468-3557
Spiller, Hollie Wayne - Route 1, Brilliant, Ala. 35548	456-2319
Steward, Elmer L. - Rt. 3, Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581	993-4296
Sullins, Jay - Route 1, Bankston, Ala. 35542	
Tucker, Clovis - Route 4, Winfield, Ala. 35594	487-2564
Whitson, Conrad - Route 3, Fayette, Ala. 35555	932-6077

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, Johnny Webb, David Sexton, R. D. Dickinson

CARBON HILL — Joe Hopson

CEDROM GROVE — Charles Parr, Angelo Boshell

DEAR'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 Tidwell, 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

CHURCH	PASTOR	Received by Baptism	By Letter, Prof, Statement	Members Lost	Present Membership	Total Offerings	Pastor's Salary
Bear Creek	Elmer Lee Steward	10	15	3	71	5,000.00	2,300.00
Bethlehem	Billy Robbins	5	5	3	77	27,000.00	3,900.00
Brilliant	Gurley Roberts	5	5	6	186	12,604.96	6,640.00
Carbon Hill	Donnie Gunnin	4	8	3	59		447.53
Cedrom Grove	Pearl P. Barnes	3	3	1	87	5,632.00	1,500.00
Edgar Chapel	Harvey McGuire	3		2	85		2,100.00
Free Water	Trellis Mayhall	14	12	1	126	11,785.83	6,912.97
Good Springs	Roy Humphries	0	4	4	72	1,240.00	1,975.00
Guin	Richard Cordell	15	22	6	389	47,541.26	
Gum Springs	Ray Ritch	10	15	10	89	12,707.00	5,875.00
Hackleburg	O. Z. Johnson		20		20	5,063.88	2,330.00
Hamilton	W. B. Hughes	4	13	2	116	19,700.42	6,912.00
Holly Springs	Jimmy Howell	4		2	97	1,560.00	
Liberty	Bill Duncan	2	5	3	120		4,112.51
Lone Star	George Page			1	89	4,260.00	2,750.00
Mt. Olive	Woodrow Matthews	3	6		338	35,656.00	9,415.00
Mt. Pleasant	Holley W. Spiller	4	3	3	150	13,839.00	6,825.00
New Liberty	Jay Sullins	2	1	1	199	13,529.42	7,800.00
New Oak Grove	Hugh Cavender	13	4	4	140	10,676.94	4,410.00
Pocahontas	Roger Houston	4	7	4	70	10,382.50	5,105.00
Red Bay	Danny Thompson	6	9	7	198	17,110.00	6,035.00
Shady Grove	Dennis Haygood	4	4	8	225	17,367.53	8,900.00
Spring Hill	Hodo Lockhart				40		100.00
Union Chapel	Dewey Colley	1	1		85		1,484.00
Union Hill	Mickey Crane		6	1		5,100.00	2,550.00
Winfield	A. J. Cooper	13	3	67	412	39,889.11	8,580.00

Foreign Missions	Free Will Baptist Bible College	Home Missions	Children's Home	Associational Funds	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastor's Home
			19.55	30.00	20,000.00	
			726.00	55.00	26,000.00	
266.05	266.05	386.05	262.35	25.00	75,000.00	25,000.00
81.25	550.00	87.07	549.74	10.00	22,000.00	
178.45	475.00	102.00	172.00	40.00	15,000.00	
				15.00	6,000.00	
84.69	51.50		50.00	30.00	45,000.00	25,000.00
			200.00	25.00		
1,133.54	1,071.96	1,345.38	744.68	30.00	50,000.00	30,000.00
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704.98	370.61	370.61	370.61	30.00	40,000.00	
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				30.00	20,000.00	
2,163.00	543.00	479.00	2,671.00	30.00	120,000.00	30,000.00
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55.00	55.00	83.00	212.00	30.00	32,500.00	
222.00	141.00	180.00	198.00	50.00	50,000.00	30,000.00
198.00	196.00	185.00	767.00	25.00	37,000.00	12,000.00
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				10.00	12,000.00	
				20.00	215,000.00	15,000.00
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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. Clement,
Leburn Hudson
WINFIELD — Lee Moore, Garlon Holman, B. P. Atkinson
Jr., Ira Baccus, Bill Overton

DELEGATES

BEAR CREEK: Clarence Engle, Lena Engle, Ruby Corkin
BETHLEHEM: Flex Crow, Fletcher A. Cunningham, Mrs.
Ethel Sullins.
BRILLIANT: W. L. Franks, Icie Burleson, Jessica Stricklin.
CARBON HILL: I. V. Farley, Inez Petty, Gail Gunnin.
CEDROM GROVE: Alice Barnes, Carolyn Parrin, Helen
Tittle.
EDGAR'S CHAPEL: Henry Cleveland, Brenda Watson,
Dianne Landers.
FREE WATER: Donald Kivette, Carol Kivette, Nancy
Mayhall.
GOOD SPRINGS: Faye Humphries, R. C. Humphries,
Ophelia Warren.
GUIN: Delbert Dobbs, G. L. Budy, Freida Jones.
GUM SPRINGS: Foster Holcomb, Susie Holcomb, Fanie
Bates.
HACKLEBURG: Icie Bunrin, Jennie Bell Lacey, Mary
Francis Gunnin.
HAMILTON: Martha Emerson, Chloe Emerson, Bobby
Anglin.
HOLLY SPRINGS: O'neal Childers, Elzie Childers, Myrtle
Massey.
LIBERTY: Billy Wisham, Jimmy Bozeman, Jim Markham.
LONE STAR: (None Present) Ethel Russell, Claudette
Pounders, Lisa Pounders.
MT. OLIVE: Mrs. Woodrow Matthews, Ida Rhudy, Geneva
Dykes.

MT. PLEASANT: Alan Atkins, Linda Spillers.
 NEW LIBERTY: Verla Wright, Genine Fowler, Juanita Fowler.
 NEW OAK GROVE: Carl Hill, Nora Bella McDaniel, Annette Martin.
 POCAHONTAS: Melba Griffin, Esther Rubley, Nelda Dean Sparks.
 RED BAY: (No Delegates Listed)
 SHADY GROVE: John Senkbeil, Eugene Clark, Faye Clark.
 SPRING HILL: Clara Wilson, Ida Hopson, Robbie Gilbert.
 UNION CHAPEL: Willie Mae Colley, Esther Goodwin, Sadie Long.
 UNION HILL: Madge Barker, Pennie Mills, Elena Green.
 WINFIELD: Emma Orsborn, Lette Sexton, Roby Dukensen.

CLERKS

BEAR CREEK: Peggy Lawler, Rt. 3 Phil Campbell 35581
 BETHLEHEM: Kenneth Watts Rt. 3, Hamilton 35570
 BRILLIANT: R. D. Dickenson, Brilliant 35540
 CARBON HILL: Margaret Ivey, Carbon Hill 35549
 CEDROM GROVE: Betty Pate, Rt. 2 Box 107-B, Carbon Hill 35549
 EDGAR CHAPEL: Shirley Lawler, Rt. 3, Phil Campbell 35581
 FREE WATER: Janie Miller, Rt. 2, Guin, 35563
 GOOD SPRINGS: Wilma Faye Humphres, Route 1, Vina 35593
 GUIN: Helen Gann, Box 312, Guin 35563
 GUM SPRINGS: Hazel Markham, Rt. 1 Box 298, Brilliant 35548
 HACKLEBURG: Linda Johnson, Rt. 1 Box 313, Guin 35563
 HAMILTON: Rubel G. Collins, Rt. 1 Box 336, Hamilton 35570
 HOLLY SPRINGS: Jimmie Lou Nichols, Route 1, Hodges 35571
 LIBERTY: Mrs. Bryan Silas, Rt. 2, Guin 35563
 LONE STAR: Bobby Spearman, Tremont, Miss. 38876
 MOUNT OLIVE: Clark Flippo, Rt. 1, Guin 35563
 MT. PLEASANT: Annie L. Smith, Rt. 1, Brilliant 35548
 NEW LIBERTY: Era Lee Aldridge, 531 3rd. Ave. N.W. Fayette, Al. 35555

NEW OAK GROVE: Joann Welch, Rt. Box 157, Nauvoo 35577
POCAHONTAS: Deborah Stewart: P.O. Box 201, Carbon Hill
35549

RED BAY: Mildred Purser, P.O. Box 283, Red Bay 35582

SHADY GROVE: Judy Haygood, Box 202, Phil Campbell
35581

SPRING HILL: Robbie Gilbert, P.O. Box 43, Nauvoo 35578

UNION CHAPEL: Willie Mae Williams, P.O. Box 2, Brilliant
35548

UNION HILL: Lucille Anglin, Route 2, Hackleburg 35564

WINFIELD: Carl Atkinson, Rt. 2 Box 231, Winfield 35594

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 faithfull 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 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 postrity 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 repoves 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; the 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 constitutues Godly repentance and must be preceded by effectural conviction. — 2 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 a recommendable ordinance; that it was instituted by Christians and that all Christians unite in observing the sacred service, regardless of name or denominational distinction. — 1 Cor. 2:18-20.

Art. 12. We believe that man is a living soul; that the body will die; but the soul is immortal; death is the separation of the mortal and immortal; that death is the separation of the immortal parts of human beings. — Genesis 2:7.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. When the resurrection shall take place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being, that the righteous will be received in a state of everlasting happiness to reign with God forever and ever, but the wicked will be bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness. The wicked are 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 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, 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 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-officio member of all board 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 ap-

proved by this body.

SECTION VIII Preachers coming to us from other associations 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 annual 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 "The Pastor, who preaches, the Word of God, ministers to the needs of the members, and exercises general leadership within the congregation. It is expected that he will unite with the local church if he is not a member when called. When the minister becomes pastor of a given local church, it is his responsibility to obtain good standing in the association of which that church is a member if he is not already in good standing therein. The association may, for example, refuse to seat delegates from a local church if there is a breach of fellowship being dealt with." (National Treatise, 1969 Page 50A. Page 59B,. Page 63B.) Revised Oct. 4, 1975.

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.

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 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.

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.

