

Minutes
of the
Ninetieth Annual Session
of the
Jasper Free Will Baptist
Association

**Held with Cedrom Grove
and Bethlehem Churches
October 1-2, 1976**

OFFICERS

Rev. O. Z. Johnson
Rev. W. B. Hughes

Moderator
Clerk

The ninety first session of this association will meet at North West Alabama Youth Camp Friday before the first Sunday in October 1977 and at Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church on the following day. Rev. O. Z. Johnson to preach the introductory sermon.

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Donnie Gunnin, Box 103 Hackleburg, AL. 35564

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

Assistant Clerk—Rev. Danny Thompson, Box 457, Red Bay, AL. 35582

BOARDS

General Board: Terms to expire in 1977: Dewey Burleson, Brilliant, Pearl Barnes, Cedrom Grove, Donald Kivette, Free Water, Jerry Flippo, Guin, Ester Gunnin, Hackleburg, Lowell Parker, Hamilton, Bryan Silas, Liberty, Allen Brasseal, Mt. Pleasant, Hugh Cavender, New Oak Grove, Elbert Nelson, Pocahontas, Ross White, Red Bay, Billy Gilbert, Spring Hill, L. D. Clemet, Union Hill.

Terms to expire in 1978: Lee Fry, Bethlehem, Aaron Wright, New Liberty, Edward Holland, Good Springs, Donnie Gunnin, Carbon Hill, Thomas Booth, Parrish, Clayton Burgett, Holly Springs, Letus Atkinson, Mt. Olive, Wymon Holcomb, Gum Springs, Clovis Tucker, Union Chapel, Edward Rice, Shady Grove, Jerry Stevenson, Winfield, Ray Edgar, Edgar's Chapel, William F. Pate, Calvary John Barrett Lone Star.

State General Board Member: Rev. Donnie Gunnin

Children's Home Board of Trustees: Rev. A. J. Looper

Board of Christian Education: W. B. Hughes, (1977) Woodrow Matthews (1978), Richard Cordell, (1979), Danny Thompson (1980), Donnie Gunnin (1981).

Youth Camp Board of Directors: Letus Atkinson, Woodrow Matthews, W. B. Hughes.

COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS: Rev. Gurley Roberts, Rev. Billy Robbins, Rev. A. J. Looper

STUDY COMMITTEE: Woodrow Matthews, Bill Duncan, Gurley Roberts, Richard Cordell, W. B. Hughes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL BOARD: Moderator, Clerk, Rev. Hugh Cavender, Brother Letus Atkinson, Brother Edward Rice, Brother Lowell Parker, Brother Allen Brasseal.

PROCEEDINGS

The ninetieth session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama convened at Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Carbon Hill, Alabama Friday, October 1, 1976 at 9:00 A.M.

The session opened with the congregation singing "I Never Shall Forget That Day" led by Rev. Ray Ritch. Rev. Danny Thompson prayed the opening prayer.

The moderator introduced Rev. Pearl P. Barnes, pastor of the local church, who led in a devotional service. He read from 1 John 3:1-3 and after some comments led in prayer.

The welcome address was given by Walter Lewellen and the response by Brother Bill Nicholson.

The moderator, Rev. O. Z. Johnson, called the session to order for business. A partial report of the Credentials Committee was read and a motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report and adopt item by item. Item number one was read and adopted. (See report elsewhere in the minutes.) The moderator called for the reading of the letters. Motion made, seconded and carried that the letters be received and the delegates seated.

The second item of the Credentials Committee was read along with a petitionary letter from Calvary Free Will Baptist Church. A move was made, seconded and carried that the church be received into the association and its delegates seated. The third item of the Credentials Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the General Board was read and a motion made, seconded and carried that the report be received and adopted item by item. Items one through twelve were adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that item thirteen be tabled.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that a committee be appointed to study the Constitution and Articles of Faith and to make corrections and recommendation of change where necessary. The moderator appointed the following on the committee: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Bill Duncan, Rev. Gurley Roberts, Rev. Richard Cordell and Rev. W. B. Hughes.

After some congregational singing, the moderator declared a recess.

The 11:00 A.M. service began with the congregation singing "I'm In The Glory Land Way" and "Be Ready To Go" led by Rev. Ray Ritch with Rev. Roger Houston at the piano. Special music was by Rev. Roger Houston and Mrs. Margie Bardbury. They sang "This Is What Heaven Means To Me." After the congregation had sung, "Some Day," Rev. Holley Wayne Spiller sang "The Only Thing There Made By Man Are The Sears In The Hands Of Jesus."

Rev. O. Z. Johnson brought the moderator's message using as his subject "Free Will Baptist Doctrine." He read The Articles of Faith one through nine and expounded each one of them. After an invitation was given, Rev. Pearl Barnes, pastor of the church, made some announcements concerning the noon meal. Rev. J. A. Godsey prayed the benediction and asked God's blessings on the food.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "When Jesus Comes In The Clouds" and "Tell and Sing The News." Prayer was by Rev. Wymon Holcomb.

The moderator introduced Missionary Dave Franks for the missionary service. He read from Isaiah 6:1-13 and pointed out Isaiah's vision. He Saw God; He Saw Himself. Then he received his commission. He closed with prayer. A rising vote of appreciation was given Brother Franks for the good work he has done in Brazil.

The report of the Quarterly Meeting was read by Rev. Roger Houston. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report. The moderator called for a moment of silent prayer in memory of those who have gone to be with the Lord and then led in prayer.

Another partial report of the Credentials Committee was read and a motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report and adopt item by item. Items four through nine were adopted.

After Rev. Ray Ritch had sung "He Will Say Well Done" Rev. Richard Cordell brought the last message of the day. He read 1 Peter 1:13-19 and 2:9-11 and spoke on the subject, Being God's People. He pointed out the Marks of God's people, The Means of Becoming God's People and The Mission of God's People. He closed the service with prayer.

Following the announcements, a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn to meet at Bethlehem church on Saturday.

Rev. A. J. Looper prayed the closing prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday session of the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association met with Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church October 2, at 9:00 A.M.

The session opened with the congregation singing "Are You Washed In The Blood?" led by Rev. Bill Duncan with Roger Houston at the piano. Prayer was by Rev. Jay Sullins. Rev. Billy Robbins, retiring pastor of the local church, led in the devotions.

Moderator called for a roll call of delegates and ministers. Motion made, seconded and carried to seat the delegates.

The following were appointed as corresponding delegates to the State Line Association: Rev. Jay Sullins, Rev. Donnie Gunnin, Rev. J. A. Godsey, Rev. O. Z. Johnson and Rev. W. B. Hughes. Rev. O. Z. Johnson was designated to attend the Vernon Association.

Delegates to the Alabama State Association were appointed as follows: George Hendrix, Lee Frye, W. L. Franks, Gail Gunnin, Verla Wright, Zora Nelson, Neladene Sparks, Letus Atkinson, Clark Flippo, Alice Barnes, Vance Pollard, Kathy Houston, Glenda Anglin, Nancy Mayhall, Hattie Hunter, Nellie Jackson, Clayton Burgett, Oleta Godsey, Luther Akers, Emma Osborn, Elmyria York, Deborah Stewart, Audie Romine, Edward Rice, and Dorthy Rice.

The report of the Board of Christian Education was read and adopted. Rev. Woodrow Matthews read the report of the Youth Camp Board of Directors. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report and that it be placed in the minutes.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was read. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt item by item. Items ten and eleven were adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried to give Rev. Harvey McGuire a card of good standing.

The report of the Finance Committee was read. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt item by item. Items ten and eleven were adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried to give Rev. Harvey McGuire a card of good standing.

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

Nominations for the General Board from the local churches were read and a motion made, seconded and carried to elect by acclamation.

The moderator opened the floor for nominations for a state General Board member. Rev. Donnie Gunnin was nominated and elected by acclamation.

At the request of Rev. Carlton Lambert, Rev. Woodrow Matthews read the report of the Children's Home at Eldridge, Ala. When he had finished reading the report, Rev. Matthews resigned as trustee of the Children's Home giving as his reason that he was overloaded with duties. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the resignation and receive the report as information. The floor was opened for nominations for trustee for the Children's Home. Rev. A. J. Looper was elected.

After Rev. Ray Ritch had given information concerning the Alabama State Association the moderator declared a recess.

MORNING SERVICE

The morning service began with the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer was by Rev. William Atkinson. Special music was rendered by Brother Hugh Mack Winsett. He sang "Love is Why." In the absence of a representative from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Rev. Danny Thompson, pastor of Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church and a recent graduate of the Bible College, brought the message. He read 2 Tim. 2:1-2 and pointed out the Purpose of the Bible College, People of the Bible College, Price of the Bible College and the Product of the Bible College. Following the message an offering of \$157.12 was received to be divided between Free Will Baptist Bible College and the Children's Home.

Visitors from other associations were recognized: Rev. William Atkinson from Mississippi and Rev. George Page from the State Line Association.

The moderator announced that an offering plate would be at the door of the dining hall to receive an offering for the youth camp. +

After Brother Billy Robbins had made some announcements concerning the noon meal, Rev. Bill Duncan offered thanks and prayed the benediction.

+ An offering of \$184.44 was received for the youth camp.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Saturday afternoon session began with the congregation singing "The dearest Friend I Ever Had" and "I Can Tell You the Time" led by Rev. Ray Ritch. Rev. Jack Parsons led in prayer.

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

A motion was made, seconded and carried to take from the table item 13 of the General Board report. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

The moderator opened the floor for nominations for officers for the next year. The following were nominated and elected: Moderator, Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Clerk, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Assistant Moderator, Rev. Donnie Gunnin, Assistant Clerk, Rev. Danny Thompson.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to appoint the committees after the letters had been read at the next session.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to send the money for the colored Free Will Baptist Church at Guin to the associational clerk.

The service was turned over to the Credentials Committee for the ordination service. The four brethren ordained were: Brother Vance Sexton, Brother William Alvin Sanderson, Brother Thomas Booth and Brother Ralton Ray Edgar. Rev. Billy Robbins brought the message. Rev. Gurley Roberts gave the charge and Rev. Woodrow Matthews prayed the dedicatory prayer. All the ordained personnel were asked to come and lay hands on those who were being ordained.

Attention was called to the fact that Rev. O. Z. Johnson was elected on the Credentials Committee and also as moderator. Because of a conflict of time, he could not serve in both offices. Brother Johnson resigned as a member of the Credentials Committee and Rev. A. J. Looper was elected to fill the vacancy.

Rev. Johnny Sexton and Rev. Ambers Aldridge were recognized as visiting ministers.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Rev. Vance Sexton prayed the benediction.

Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Moderator
Rev. W. B. Hughes, Clerk

REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING TO ASSOCIATION OCT. 1-2, 1976

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association held four (4) meetings during the 1975-76 Associational year. They were held with: New Liberty Church on December 6, 1975; Mt. Pleasant Church on February 28, 1976; Free Waters Church on May 29, 1976; and Pocahontas Church on August 28, 1976.

The following churches were represented at all four meetings: Bear Creek, Bethlehem, Brilliant, Carbon Hill, Cedrom Grove, Edgars Chapel, Free Waters, Good Springs, Guin, Gum Springs, Liberty, Mt. Olive, New Liberty, Mt. Pleasant, New Oak Grove, Pocahontas, Shady Grove, Union Chapel, Union Hill, Winfield, Hackleburg, and Hamilton.

Holly Springs represented at three (3) meetings; Red Bay at Two (2) meetings; and Lone Star and Spring Hill at one (1) meeting.

There were twenty (20) ministers, two (2) visiting ministers and nine (9) deacons present at the meeting on December 6, 1975; Twenty-six (26) ministers and twelve (12) deacons present at the meeting on February 28, 1976; Twenty-three (23) ministers and thirteen (13) deacons present at the meeting on May 29, 1976; and Twenty-two (22) ministers and ten (10) deacons present at the meeting on August 28, 1976.

Each meeting was a time of spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowship for each one who attended.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Balance Brought Forward	\$209.03
Receipts for 1975-76 Year	
Church fees from four (4) meetings	287.00
Mission offering received at August 28 Meeting	134.70
Total Receipts	\$630.73
Disbursements	
Clerk's Fee (\$20.00 per meeting for four (4) meetings	\$80.00
Supplies (Paper, Postage, etc.)	95.04
Flowers for Rev. N. A. Patterson's Funeral	26.75
Foreign Missions (Franks Account)	134.70
Offering sent to Colored Church in Guin	230.00
Balance in bank as of September 30, 1976	\$64.24

REPORT OF BOARDS GENERAL BOARD

The General Board met September 27, 1976 at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church and passed the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that Brother O.Z. Johnson be placed on the Credentials Committee.
2. We recommend the following men to serve on the Board of Christian Education: Rev. Donnie Gunnin for a five (5) year term and Rev. Richard Cordell to finish the unexpired term of Rev. Dennis Haygood which expires in 1979.
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 (October 30, 1976) go to Good Springs, the second (January 29, 1977) to Hamilton, the third (May 28, 1977) to Carbon Hill and the fourth of (July 30, 1977) to Edgar's Chapel. We recommend that the first session of the Jasper Association (September 30, 1977) be held at the youth camp and the second session (October 1, 1977) at Hamilton.
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 to Rev. J. A. Godsey this year.
7. We recommend that each church urge its General Board member to attend the meeting of the board.
8. We recommend that the first Sunday in November (November 7) be designated as Youth Camp Day.
Note: There is an indebtedness of \$20,000 on the camp. The note will be due in July of 1977. By paying this note on or before it is due, we can save interest.
9. Because the youth camp needs consistent support, we recommend that each church give a minimum of 2 percent of its overall budget to the camp.
10. We recommend that W. B. Hughes be retained on the Youth Camp Board of Directors.
11. We recommend that the churches send as many men delegates to the associational meetings as possible.
12. We recommend that Bear Creek Church be given a letter of recommendation to join another association.
13. We recommend that Article V Section II of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "a period of time" and inserting the words "for 1 year or more" in sentence two and by adding the words "or a quarterly meeting" to the last sentence.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance brought forward last year \$361.05

RECEIPTS:

Fees from CTS & Sunday Rally \$65.00
Campers Fees (125 for \$20.00) \$2,500.00
Sale of Cold Drinks, candy & etc. 903.86
Total 3,468.86
Total amount to be accounted for 3,829.92

EXPENDITURES:

Fees for State CTS Rally 65.00
Office supplies & printing 12.56
Prorated Utility charge for use of camp 200.00
Mop Bucket 21.67
Rental on Films 71.50
Replacement of Chair (Damage) 5.60
L. D. Phone (During camp session) 9.94
Teaching Materials 21.91
Incidentals 280.00
Groceries 1,174.25
Drinks, candy, chips & etc. 677.75
Camp Supervisor 25.00
Evangelist 100.00
Insurance 176.40
Total 2,841.48

Balance Balance 988.43

CORRECTION:

Starting Balance Reported last year 361.05
Should have been 371.05
Credit to the account 10.00

Balance August 31, 1976 \$998.43

(s) H. Woodrow Matthews, Clerk

NORTHWEST ALABAMA FREE WILL

BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Period-From beginning of Camp Project 1974-September 16, 1976

RECEIPTS:

Contributions from all sources & projects
for period 1974-October 2, 1975 \$26,290.16
Receipts for period Oct. 3, 1975-Sept. 16, 1976
Rally Day \$4,451.18
Walk A Thon 18,298.82
Gifts (Churches, Individuals, Auxiliary, & etc) 17,023.57
For use of Camp four groups
\$200 for each 800.00
Rental individual Church Group
for one day (Jasper Church) 25.00
Total (this year) 40,598.57

Total amount contributed since
beginning of project 66,888.73
Loan from Marion County
Bank, Hamilton (Branch) 20,000.00
Total to be accounted for \$86,888.73

Terms of Loan;

Interest at 8 percent from date of inception.
Mortgage on property.
Note subject to renewal at end of year on unpaid balance
Date due, July 19, 1977

Total to be accounted for
as shown on page 1 \$86,888.73

EXPENDITURES:

(From the beginning of project to show total cost of project)

Land & Survey \$2,7709.50
Cost of water line (1 mile) 1,848.42
Materials & Labor (including
contract on pool) 75,807.89
Interest & Bank charge on Loan 1,516.59

UTILITIES:

Electric Bill \$409.65
Water 226.72
Phone 117.08
Total 753.45
Chemicals for pool 193.37
Playground equipment 233.97
Incidentals (Promotion & etc) 256.66
Legal Work 104.00
Insurance 41.00
Total expenditures 83,525.85

Balance on hand September 16, 1976 3,362.88

Indebtedness:

Loan at Marion County Bank \$20,000.00

H. Woodrow Matthews, Secretary (s)

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Jasper District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Guin Church April 17, 1976. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Mayhall. Dorothy Self led us in singing "He Lives." Mrs. Woodrow Matthews led us in prayer.

The welcome address was given by Martha Sloan with the response to welcome given by Barbara Lolley. The Winfield Auxiliary then presented a skit entitled "The Woman's Auxiliary Clinic" which showed us some ways we can put new zeal and life into our auxiliaries. Letters were read and the delegates were seated from the six auxiliaries represented. The president then appointed the Nominating, Finance, Appreciation, and Resolution Committees.

After intermission, we began our service with special singing by the Free Waters Church. They sang "The Way That He Loves." The President called for the report of the various committees. These were voted on and accepted. The President then urged each auxiliary to receive a special offering for a money tree to be presented to Marie Hanna, Missionary to India, at our state meeting. Delegates were appointed for our State Meeting. They are as follows: Blanche Matthews, Sue Looper, Carol Stephens, and Mrs. South.

Mrs. Matthews and Kathy Walker then installed our new officers. Agnes White, Dorothy Self, and Brenda Purser from Red Bay then sang a special entitled "One Day I Will." Mrs. Nancy Mayhall spoke to us from I Cor. 13 and Galatians 5:22, 23 on the subject of "Love." The service was very inspirational and enjoyed by all.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Balance Brought Forward	\$142.00
Dues Collected	136.50
Study Course Offering	39.00
Total Receipts	\$317.50

DEBITS:

Miss Wisehart-Study Course	\$60.00
Service Charge at Bank	8.00
Dues to State	113.75
Secretary Fee	7.50
Total Debits	\$189.25

BALANCE ON HAND \$128.25

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 District Convention.
3. We resolve to be more mission minded and support missions as much as possible.
4. We recommend the secretary continue sending out the report slips with the program before the Convention.
5. We recommend that each auxiliary continue to send 6 delegates to our Convention.
6. We recommend that the secretary be paid \$10.00 per year instead of \$7.50.
7. We resolve to take as a district project to raise \$500.00 by June 1st for the Youth Camp - equipment for kitchen.
8. We resolve that we continue to support the children's home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report:

1. Having examined the letters from the affiliated churches, we hereby recommend that these letters be acknowledged and the delegates seated. One church, Spring Hill, did not report by letter.
2. Whereas, the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Al. wishes to unite with this body; and Whereas, the committee upon examination finds the organization and function of said church in order; therefore We recommend that the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church be received into fellowship of this association and their delegates seated in this session.
3. We recommend that Brother William L. Pate be received into fellowship of this association and be given a card of good standing.
4. We recommend that Rev. W. A. Tucker, member of New Oak Grove Church, be accepted into membership of this association and given a card of good standing upon the receipt of a letter of recommendation from the New Hope Association in Michigan.
5. We recommend that Rev. Junior Mote be given a letter of recommendation to unite with the Bear Creek Association.
6. We recommend that Rev. Charles E. Fowler be given a letter of recommendation to unite with the Vernon Association.
7. Having examined the following candidates for ordination to the ministry of the Gospel, we recommend that they be ordained at this session (Services on Saturday afternoon.)
Brother Ralton Ray Edgar - Edgar's Chapel Church
Brother David Vance Sexton - Winfield Church
Brother William Alvin Sanderson - Gum Springs Church
Brother Thomas Booth - Parrish Church
8. We recommend that Brother C. A. Barnes be received into the fellowship of this association upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from his association. (Vernon)
9. We recommend that Brother Walter Harbin of the Pocahontas Church continue under license until he has served as a licensed minister for one year.
10. We have examined the reports of the ministers and recommend that those reporting be given cards of good standing. (See list of ministers)
11. We recommend that Brother Richard Hendrix be received into fellowship of this Association and granted a card of good standing upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from the Progressive Association.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Rev. Gurlie Roberts
Rev. Billy Robbins

APPRECIATIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciations Committee, wish to submit the following report:

On behalf of the Jasper Association, we recommend that a rising vote of thanks be given to the churches of Cedrom Grove and Bethlehem for the good Christian hospitality and wonderful food given to us at this associational meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Nancy Mayhall
Mrs. Oleta Godsey

		Received By Baptism	By Letter Prof. Statement	Members Lost	Present Membership	Total Offerings	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Freewill Baptist Bible College	Home Missions	Youth Camp Children's Home Retired Ministers, Etc.	Associational Funds	Church Property	Value of Pastorium
Bethlehem	Bobby Duncan	3	0	3	90	9,803.61	3,900.00	0	0	0	774.70	10.00	20,000	
Brilliant	Gurley Roberts	6	10	4	169	19,632.00	7,840.00	466.60	466.60	556.60	130.00	25.00	55,000	28,000
Calvary	William F. Pate	2	5	2	25	7,142.00	2,400.00	50.00		175.00	210.00	10.00	30,000	
Carbon Hill	Donnie Gunnin	26	11	2	79	7,925.75	2,981.66	134.57	0	134.57	707.41	20.00	30,000	3,000
Cedrom Grove	Pearl P. Barnes	8	9	30	60	6,434.93	1,500.00	96.00	170.00	96.00	1,416.81	30.00	15,000	
Edgar's Chapel	Harvey McGuire	4	4	0	95	4,985.00	2,128.33	0	0	0	0	35.00	20,000	
Free Water	Trellis Mayhall	15	15	1	133	14,376.00	8,151.27	292.45	55.26	275.34	416.66	10.00	45,000	25,000
Good Springs	Roy Humphries	3	5	0	72	5,565.00	2,225.00	0	0	0	12.00	25.00	20,000	
Guin	Richard Cordell	21	37	10	408	73,829.74	10,575.00	4,373.00	4,148.00	4,236.00	2,883.91	30.00	235,000	35,000
Gum Springs	Ray Ritch	0	0	6	81	14,475.00	6,865.00	394.00	100.00	915.00	1,012.00	25.00	35,000	
Hackleburg	Richard Hendrix	7	0	3	35	?	2,300.00	0	0	241.65	0	25.00	25,000	
Hamilton	W. B. Hughes	6	13	2	134	23,578.00	7,645.00	934.00	383.00	844.00	3,229.00	25.00	60,000	
Holly Springs	Jimmy Howell	1	0	1	97	?	1,650.00	0	0	0	0	20.00	7,000	
Liberty	Bill Duncan	3	6	7	122	16,939.19	8,265.88	40.00	0	65.00	200.00	20.00	25,000	
Lone Star		0	0	1	89	4,152.27	3,270.00	0	0	0	0	10.00	20,000	
Mt. Olive	Woodrow Matthews	5	0	2	336	34,914.26	12,700.00	3,060.00	609.00	742.00	5,845.00	30.00	140,000	40,000
Mt. Pleasant	Hollie W. Spillers	13	7	1	152	19,353.00	7,900.00	0	0	0	0	12.00	28,000	8,000
New Liberty	Jay Sullins	1	3	14	182	18,363.73	7,900.00	300.00	0	307.80	195.00	24.00	50,000	20,000
New Oak Grove	Hugh Cavender	7	7	5	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	30.00	32,500	
Parrish	Thomas Booth	6	6	1	35	0	1,215.71	0	0	0	0	5.00	0	
Pocahontas	Roger Houston	5	1	8	53	13,194.42	6,235.00	381.00	372.00	277.00	373.00	50.00	80,000	30,000
Red Bay	Danny Thompson	28	0	4	222	30,100.00	7,800.00	466.00	211.00	766.00	1,043.00	20.00	50,000	12,000
Shady Grove	Julian Parsons	2	15	171	126	17,081.38	7,322.00	71.75	29.41	71.75	71.75	15.00	68,000	
Union Chapel	Clovis Tucker	0	0	3	79	0	0	0	0	5.00	10.00	5.00	12,000	
Union Hill	Mickey Crane	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	89.00	0	40.00	0	
Winfield	A. J. Looper	11	15	19	402	48,563.34	9,000.00	1,812.00	1,460.00	1,639.45	1,986.45	25.00	220,000	70,000
Bear Creek	Elmer Steward	7	8	2	70	6,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	0
Spring Hill	Did Not Represent													
TOTAL		192	167	303	3,504	396,408.62	131,769.85	12,871.37	8,004.27	11,437.16	20,516.69	576.00	1,342,500	271,000

OBITUARY REPORT

We wish to report that God has seen fit to call from our ranks the following:

Bear Creek - C. G. Cleveland
 Brilliant - Arvinie Webb, Evans, Dewey Abbott
 Carbon Hill - Loyd Hendrix, Sister Cox
 Free Water - Princis Pratt
 Guin - Mrs. Banks Knight
 Gum Springs - Martha Bell Aldridge, Elzie Aldridge, Beatrice Holcomb, Andrew Miles
 Hackleburg - Lela Frederick
 Liberty - John Johnson, Jane Wisham
 Mt. Olive - Nina Cook Fountain, Orville Berryhill, Cleaton Ledlow, Rev. N. A. Patterson, W. V. Franks, Elvia May
 New Liberty - Henry Flynn, Rebecca Robertson
 New Oak Grove - Minnie Harbin, Emma Brand, Jim Noles
 Parrish - Clara Brunner
 Pocahontas Mary Sue Cheatwood, Ada Odom, Herbert Brand
 Red Bay - Charlie Nelson, Ludie Keeton
 Shady Grove - Tom Sinkbeil
 Union Chapel - Harriet Pratt
 Union Hill - Therone McDuffie
 Winfield - Danny Baccus, Fred Johnson, Thelma Saouth

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, wish to submit the following report:

Colored Free Will Baptist Church, Guin	\$180.00
Associational Funds	591.00
Retired Ministers	427.00
State Association (Church entertaining)	362.50
National Association	12.50
State Home Missions	507.53

Total \$280.53

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Foster Holcomb

MINISTERS

Barnes, Pearl P., Box 262, Graysville, A. 35582, 674-5003;
 Booth, Thomas, Eldridge, Al;
 Colley, Dewey, Route 2, Guin 35563;
 Crane, Mickey, Route 3, Phil Campbell 35581;
 Cordell, Richard R., P. O. Box 553, Guin 35563, 468-3820;
 Duncan, Benjamin C., Route 3, Hamilton 35570, 921-4325;
 Franks, Dave R., Brazil, S. A. Guin, Al.;
 Godsey, J. A., Route 3, Hamilton 35570, 921-3227;
 Gunnin, Donnie, Box 103, Hackleburg, Al. 35564, 935-3572;
 Hendrix, Richard, Route 10, Box 152, Jasper 35501, 221-3239;
 Houston, Roger, Route 2, Carbon Hill 35549, 924-8195;
 Hughes, W. B., Route 1, Box 14, Hamilton 35570, 921-3364;
 Holcomb, Wise, Route 2, Guin 35563, 468-3910;
 Holcomb, Wyman, Route 1, Brilliant 35548, 465-2330;
 Humphries, Roy, Route 1, Vina 35593, 356-2185;
 James, Waymon, Route 7, Russellville 35653, 332-0135;
 Johnson, O. Z., Route 1, Guin 35563;
 Looper, A. J., Route 2, Winfield 35594, 487-6992;
 Matthews, Woodrow, Route 2, Guin 35563, 468-2325;
 Mayhall, Trellis, Route 2, Guin 35563, 468-3445;
 McGuire, Harvey, Route 3, Hamilton 35570;
 Norris, William, P. O. Box 256, Guin;
 Parsons, Julian, 1303 16th Ave. S. E. Decatur 35601, 353-5052;
 Pate, William F., Route 2, Carbon Hill 35549, 924-8344;
 Ritch, Ray, 717 W. Cedar Cone Circle, B'ham 35214, 798-5416;
 Roberts, Gurley, Box 263, Brilliant 35548, 465-2877;
 Roberts, W. A.
 Robbins, Billy, Route 1, Brilliant 35548, 468-3557;
 Sanderson, William Alvin, Winfield 35594;
 Spiller, Hollie Wayne, Rt. 1, Brilliant 35548, 465-2319;
 Steward, Elmer L., Rt. 3, Phil Campbell 35581, 993-4296;
 Sullins, Jay, Route 1, Bankston 35542, 689-4102;
 Thompson, Danny, P. O. Box 457, Red Bay 35582, 356-2425;
 Tucker, Clovis, Rt. 4, Winfield 35594, 487-2564;
 Sexton, Vance, Winfield 35594;
 Edgar, Ray, Phil Campbell, 35581.

DEACONS

Bethlehem - Woodrow Franks, Roy Crow, Vance Pollard, Kenneth Watts,
Brilliant - Dewey Burleson, Earl Smith, Vester Hawkins, R. D. Dickinson, John
C. Webb, David Sexton.
Calvary
Carbon Hill - Joe Hopson
Cedrom Grove - Charles Parr, Angelo Boshell.
Edgar's Chapel - Marshall Raper, Terry Raper, J. D. Faulkner, C. E. Bankston,
Noah Crane, F. T. Edgar.
Free Water - Wilburn Sexton, Hubbard Estes, W. M. Wilson, Artis Pugh, Clovis
Tidwell, Pearce Miller.
Guin - Frank Cutts, Larry White, Bill Smith, Jerry Flipppo, Ronald McDonald.
Good Springs - M. M. Warren, Leeman Humphreys, Edward Holland, Void Mink.
Gum Springs - Carol Markham, J. C. White.
Hackleburg - Ester Gunnin, Sam Lacey, Almon Rayburn, Bob DuBose, Hester
Wooten.
Hamilton - Lowell Parker, Dewell Emerson, Don Collins.
Holly Springs - Clayton Burgett, O'Neal Childers, Ershell Childers.
Liberty - Walter Wisham, Morgan Bozeman, Earlie Dickinson.
Lone Star - Bill Pitts, Claude Russell, Kenneth Pounders, Bobby Bostick.
Mt. Olive - Paul Wilson, Milton Rhudy, Lowell Franks, Grady May, Retired,
Howard Franks;
Mt. Pleasant - Vester Lawrence, F. A. Aldridge, Larry Rayburn, Ira Smith,
Bobby Elliott, and Allan Atkins.
New Liberty - Aaron Whitson, Victor Smith, Aaron Wright, Bervil Smith, Coy
Aldridge, Sid Moore, and David Fowler.
New Oak Grove - Amos Martin, Lonnie McDaniel, Johnny Knight, Bill Mon-
tgomery.
Pocahontas - Curt Griffin, Joe Hunter, E. P. Cheatwood, Elbert Nelson, Pete
Stewart.
Red Bay - Ross White, O. H. Mink, Raymond Cheekmore, Ralph Purser, Elmer
Lee Self, Raymond Blackburn.
Shady Grove - Charles T. Nix, Clyde Freeman, E. R. McDuffa, Fred Rice.
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 Holiman, B. P. Atkinson, Jr., Ira Baccus, Bill
Overton.

CLERKS

Bear Creek - Peggy Lawler, Route 3, Phil Campbell, Al 35581
Bethlehem - Roy Crow, Route 2, Guin, Al. 35563
Brilliant - R. D. Dickinson, Brilliant, Al 35548
Calvary - Mary Dozier, Route 2 Box 34B, Carbon Hill 35594
Carbon Hill - Elsie Hendrix, Box 239, Carbon Hill 35549
Cedrom Grove - Betty Pate, Rt. 2, Box 107b, 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 Box 212, Vina 35593
Guin - Helen Gann, P. O. Box 312, Guin 35563
Gum Springs - Hazel Markham, Rt. 1, Box 29B, Brilliant, 35548
Hackleburg - Shirley Cole, P. O. Box 19, Hackleburg 35564
Hamilton - Rubel G. Collins, Rt. 1, Box 336 Hamilton 35570
Holly Springs - Jimmie Lou Nichols, Rt. 1, Hackleburg 35564
Liberty - Mrs. Bryan Silas, Route 2, Guin 35563
Lone Star - Bobby Spearman, Box 66, Tremont, Miss. 38876
Mt. Olive - Clark Flipppo, Rt. 1, Guin 35563
Mt. Pleasant - Annie L. Smith, Rt. 1 Brilliant 35548
New Liberty - Era Lee Aldridge, 531 3rd Ave. N.W., Fayette, 35555
New Oak Grove - Joann Welch, Rt. Box 157, Nauvoo 35578
Parrish - Audie Romine, Box 289, Parrish 35580
Pocahontas - Deborah Stewart, P. O. Box 209, Carbon Hill 35549
Red Bay - Mildred Purser, P. O. Box 283, Red Bay 35582
Shady Grove - Mrs. Elmo Nix, Rt. 3, Box 216B, Phil Campbell 35581
Union Chapel - Willie Mae Williams, P. O. Box 2, Brilliant 35548
Union Hill - Lucille Anglin, Route 2, Hackleburg 35564
Winfield - Carl Atkinson, Rt. 2, Winfield 35594

DELEGATES

Bear Creek - Lena Engle, Monell Gann, Clarence Engle
Bethlehem - Lee Frye, Mike Tuttle, Coy Guin
Brilliant - W. L. Franks, Martha Franks, Icie Burleson.
Calvary - None listed
Carbon Hill - Bill Nicholson, Peyton Hendrix, Dora Roberts
Cedrom Grove - Nellie Jackson, Janet Jones, Helen Tittle
Edgar Chapel - Elizabeth Edgar, Iva Dean Raper, Brenda Watson
Free Water - Nancy Mayhall, Carol Kivette, Pam Dudley
Good Springs - Robbie Humphries, Eloise Humphries, Fay Humphries.
Guin - G. L. Butler, Luther Akers, Lela Akers
Gum Springs - Foster Holcomb, Fannie Bates, Verla Sexton
Hackleburg - Jennie Bell Lacey, Francis Gunnin, Icie Gunnin
Hamilton - Jimmy May, Madie May, Pat Holcombe, Sat. Hugh Mack Winsett.
Holly Springs - Lena Burgett, Betty Childers, Lessie Burgett
Liberty - Mack Bozeman, Jimmy Bozeman, Virginia Duncan.
Lone Star - F. G. Spearman, Pauline Spearman, Von Dora Pitts
Mt. Olive - Letus Atkinson, Woodrow Matthews, Edgar Atkinson
Mt. Pleasant - Clarence Meyers, Irene Meyers, Debbie Henson
New Oak Grove - Patricia Phelps, Minnie Knight, Annette Martin

New Liberty - Verla Wright, Jessie Ann Smith, Silas Smith
 Parrish - Vertes South, Effie Booth, Gladys Goodwin
 Pocahontas - Nelladean Sparks, Kathy Houston, Deborah Stewart
 Red Bay - Not listed.
 Shady Grove - Edward O. Rice, Dorthy Rice, John Sinkbeil
 Spring Hill - Not listed
 Union Chapel - Pearlie Lawrence, Willie Mae Williams, Freda Mae Williams
 Union Hill - Glenda Anglin, Baifora Crane, Ozie Jaggers
 Winfield - Elmira York, Emma Orsborn, Vance Sexton

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand 10-31-75 \$753.91

RECEIPTS

Association Funds \$601.00
 For Entertaining State Association 362.50
 Retired Ministers 427.00
 Alabama State Missions 140.00+
 National Association 12.50
 Offerings at Association 341.56
 Colored Church at Guin 207.25

2,091.81

Total \$2,850.72

+ \$367.53 in checks made to State Missions not Included.

DISBURSEMENTS

November 1, 1975, to August 31, 1976
 Davis Printing Co. (Adding machine repair) \$7.50
 W. B. Hughes (Clerk's fee) 135.00
 Davis Printing Co. (Minutes) (1975) 374.50
 Gay's Flower Shop
 (Flowers for Rev. N. A. Patterson) 15.00
 September 1, 1976 to October 21, 1976
 Office Supply Mart (Paper) 2.46
 Rev. O. Z. Johnson (Moderator's fee) 65.00
 Rev. Woodrow Matthews (Assistant Moderator) 20.00
 Rev. Donnie Gunnin (Assistant Clerk) 50.00
 Rev. J. A. Godsey (Retired Minister) 427.00
 Rev. Ray Ritch (Money for
 entertaining State Ass'n) 362.50
 Alabama State Mission Board 140.00
 Free Will Baptist Bible College 81.06
 Free Will Baptist Children's Home 81.06
 Northwest Alabama Youth Camp 184.44
 National Association 12.50
 Alabama State Association (Fees) 135.00

2,093.02

Balance on Hand October 23, 1976 \$752.70

Balance in Fund for Colored Church 207.25

Balance available for associational purposes 545.45

W. B. Hughes, Clerk-Treasurer

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 personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. —1st Timothy 2:5.

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

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

Art. 4. We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; That the Gospel is the power unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted, regenerated and saved. —Romans 10:12

Art. 5. We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures; That faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. —John 3:16

Art. 6. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which constitutes Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction. 2 Cor. 7:9-10.

Art. 8. We do not believe under the gospel dispensation that any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost. —Luke 9:62.

Art. 9. We believe that good works is the result of faith and that those who have not faith can not do anything pleasing or acceptable to God. —Matt. 7:19-20.

Art. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is in the emersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, that baptism can not be spiritually administered without faith in the subject who receives it. —Romans 6:4.

Art. 11. We believe the Supper instituted by our Savior is 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; that death is the separation of the mortal and immortal parts of human beings. Gen. 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 or conduct of ministers must originate with this committee. Business matters handled by this committee may be referred to the association or to the General Board.

SECTION VI The moderator of this association shall be regarded as an ex-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 approved 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 one year 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 or a quarterly meeting. (Amended October 2, 1976)

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, 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 by the moderator 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.