

**JASPER  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

**1977  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**1978 SESSION**

**September 29, Good Springs**

**September 30, Mt. Olive**

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL  
SESSION**  
of the  
**JASPER ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

When Convened at  
**North West Alabama  
Youth Camp**

and  
**Hamilton Free Will  
Baptist Church**

**September 30 — October 1, 1977**



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## ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OFFICERS

Moderator - Rev. Donnie Gunnin, Box 103, Hackleburg, Al. 35564  
 Assistant Moderator - Rev. Richard Hendrix, Route 10 Box 152, Jasper, 35501  
 Clerk - Rev. W. B. Hughes, Rt. 1, Box 14, Hamilton, 35570  
 Assistant Clerk - Rev. Danny Thompson, Box 457, Red Bay, 35582  
 Treasurer - Rev. A. J. Looper, Route 2, Winfield, Al. 35594

## BOARDS

**General Board:** 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; Wyman Holcomb, Gum Springs; Clovis Tucker, Union Chapel; Edward Rice, Shady Grove; Jerry Stevens, Winfield; Ray Edgar, Edgar's Chapel; William F. Pate, Calvary; John Barrett, Lone Star.

Terms to expire in 1979: David Sexton, Brilliant; Pearl Barnes, Cedrom Grove; Richmond Pollard, Free Water; Jerry Flippo, Guin, Ester Gunnin, Hackleburg; Dewel Emerson, Hamilton; William Norris, Liberty; Allen Brasseal, Mt. Pleasant; Hugh Cavender, New Oak Grove; Jim Hunter, Pocahontas; Ross White, Red Bay; Paul Jaggers, Union Hill.

**State General Board Member:** Rev. Donnie Gunnin

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

**Board of Christian Education:** Woodrow Matthews (1978); Richard Cordell (1979); Danny Thompson (1980); Donnie Gunnin (1981); Roger Houston (1982).

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

## COMMITTEES

**Credentials:** Richard Cordell, A. J. Looper, Gurley Roberts

**Executive Committee of General Board:** Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Dewel Emerson, Jim Hunter, Letus Atkinson, William Pate and Aaron Wright.

## PROCEEDINGS

The ninety-first session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Northwest Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Guin, Alabama, September 30, 1977 at 9:00 a.m.

The session opened with the congregation singing "Praise Him! Praise Him!" led by Rev. Jay Sullins with Rev. Roger Houston at the piano. Prayer was by Rev. Arlo Peppers. Rev. Wyman Holcomb brought the devotions. He read from John 3 and led in prayer.

The welcome address was given by Rev. Woodrow Matthews and the response was by Rev. Bill Duncan.

The moderator, Rev. O. Z. Johnson called the session to order and called for a partial report of the Credentials Committee. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

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 and item 14 were adopted.

The moderator declared a recess.



### MORNING SERVICE

The 11:00 a.m. service opened with the congregation singing "Tell It To Jesus". Prayer was by Rev. Gurley Roberts. After the congregation had sung "Heavenly Sunlight", Rev. O. Z. Johnson brought the Moderator's Message. He read Psalms 116:12 and spoke about sacrifice and thanksgiving. At the close of the message he gave an invitation as the congregation sang "Are You Washed In The Blood?"

The moderator appointed the following committees: Obituary, Henry Cagle, Kathleen Boshell, Iva Farley. Finance: Letus Atkinson, Mack Bozeman, Lander Baccus. Appreciation: Nancy Mayhall, Susie Holcomb, Carol Anglin.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews made some remarks about the lunch. Rev. Wise Holcomb prayed the benediction and asked God's blessings on the food.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" led by Rev. Jay Sullins. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Nellie Jackson.

The moderator called for the report of the Revisions Committee. Motion made, seconded and carried that it be laid on the table. The following reports were read and adopted: Quarterly Meeting, Rev. Roger Houston; Obituary, Clerk.

Rev. Harold Critcher represented the Foreign Missions Board during the missions hour. Following the report, the moderator received an offering of \$104.66.

After the congregation had sung "I Am Thine, O Lord" Rev. Richard Hendrix brought a message. He read from 1 Tim. 4:8 and spoke on the subject, "Does It Really Pay To Be A Christian?" Motion made, seconded and carried to be dismissed to meet at Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church Saturday, October 1, 1977.

### SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday session opened with the congregation singing "Standing On the Promises". Prayer by Brother Bill Smith. Rev. Ray Edgar gave the devotions. He read from Psalm 32:1-4. Rev. Roy Humphries led in prayer.

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

The report of the Board of Christian Education was read and adopted.

The moderator received an offering of \$102.20. The Finance Committee report was read and adopted.

The following were appointed as delegates to the Alabama State Association: G. L. Butler, Gail Gunnin, Mary Francis Gunnin, Mrs. Aaron Wright, Alice Barnes, Nellie Jackson, Della Roberts and James Norris.

Corresponding delegates were appointed as follows: Vernon Association - Rev. O. Z. Johnson and Rev. Gurley Roberts. State Line Association - Rev. Wise Holcomb.

The moderator appointed the following on a committee to study the feasibility of organizing a youth rally for the Jasper Association: Rev. Richard Hendrix, Mrs. Carolyn Hendrix, Rev. Donnie Gunnin and Mrs. Gail Gunnin.

Rev. Carlton Lambert gave the report of the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama. Motion made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted as information.

Rev. Gurley Roberts read the final report of the Credentials Committee. Motion made, seconded and carried that the report be received and adopted item by item. All six (6) items were adopted.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews gave a report of the North West Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp Board. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

### MORNING SERVICE

Rev. Paul Ketteman from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tn. was in charge of the morning service. After some preliminary remarks, he introduced Mr. Abe Baerg and the Bible College ensemble which rendered a musical program. Rev. Ketteman spoke on Christian Education and the Condition of Our World. He pointed out the need for young people to gird up their minds from the impurities of the world. Christian education is a means of helping young people to do this,

An offering of \$112.66 was received.

Lunch was served by the host church.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "I Want To Be A Worker for the Lord." Prayer by Rev. Wymon James.

The report of the Appreciations Committee was read and by motion and second adopted.

A motion to take from the table the report of the Revisions Committee was seconded and carried. Items one (1) and two (2) were by motion and second, adopted. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive item 3 and adopt it item by item and that a standing vote be taken. Items one (1) and two (2) were adopted. Motion made, and seconded to adopt item 3. A motion was made, seconded and carried to amend the motion by deleting the words, "for the first hundred (100) members or fraction thereof and one delegate for each additional fifty (50) members or fraction thereof. The item was adopted as amended.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt item five (5). A motion was made, seconded and carried to amend section 3 to read as follows: Directors of North West Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. The directors of North West Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp shall be composed of three members who shall serve for a term of three years each with one term expiring each year. The item was adopted as amended.

Items six (6) and seven (7) were adopted by motion and second.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt item eight (8). Motion made, seconded and carried to amend the motion by substituting the word "regular" for quarterly and "ordination" for the annual session making the item to read as follows: "Candidates for ordination to the ministry shall present their request for ordination to the Credentials Committee at least by the time of the last regular meeting before ordination using forms prepared and approved by this body." The item was adopted as amended.

A motion was made, and seconded to adopt item nine (9). A motion was made, seconded and carried to delete the last line of section 3. The item was adopted as amended.



Item ten (10) and the Rules of Decorum were adopted as read.

Rev. Richard Cordell made a motion and it was seconded and carried to send to the Alabama State Association when convened at the Sardis Free Will Baptist Church, Eufaula, Ala. a recommendation that Dr. G. W. Keith be commended for the work he has done for the Children's Home without remuneration. (See resolution elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the treasurer was read and adopted.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. Donnie Gunnin, Assistant Moderator, Rev. Richard Hendrix, Clerk, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Assistant Clerk, Rev. Danny Thompson, Treasurer, Rev. A. J. Looper.

Motion made, seconded and carried to receive an offering for the mimeograph fund for the host church. (Note: the clerk is pastor of the host church and the mimeograph machine will be used for the associational work as long as he remains clerk.) The offering was \$57.73.

The floor was opened for nomination for a member of Credentials Committee to replace Rev. Donnie Gunnin who was elected moderator. Rev. Richard Cordell was elected.

The service was turned over to the Credentials Committee for the ordination of Brother Ronald Watson. Rev. Harvey McGuire brought the ordination message. He read 1 Tim. 1:12. Rev. A. J. Looper read 2 Tim 4:1, 2 and gave the charge. Rev. Donnie Gunnin prayed the dedicatory prayer. Following the prayer, all ordained personnel laid hands upon Rev. Ronald Watson and his wife. The hand of fellowship was given by the congregation.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn. Rev. Woodrow Matthews prayed the benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,  
O. Z. Johnson, Moderator  
W. B. Hughes, Clerk

#### RESOLUTION

The following resolution was passed and is to be sent to the Alabama State Association when it convenes at Sardis Free Will Baptist Church, Eufaula, Alabama, November 10-12, 1977:

Whereas, the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Eldridge, Alabama is a ministry of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists, and

Whereas, the Free Will Baptist Children's Home has given care to over 350 homeless children over a thirty (30) year period, and

Whereas the Free Will Baptist Children's Home has graciously acknowledged the generous assistance of others in this continuing care, and

Whereas, Dr. G. W. Keith, a medical doctor from the city of Carbon Hill, Alabama, has rendered outstanding medical service to our Free Will Baptist Children's Home; there be it

Resolved, that the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist invite Dr. G. W. Keith to the 1978 session to be appropriately recognized and commended by the Alabama State Association.

#### REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met September 24, 1977 at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church and passed the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that Brother Gurley Roberts be elected to the Credentials Committee for another three year term. We recommend that Brother Donnie Gunnin be elected to fill out the unexpired term of Brother Billy Robbins.

2. We recommend that Rev. Roger Houston be elected to the Board of Christian Education.

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 quarterly meeting (January 28) go to Winfield, that the April 29th meeting go to New Liberty and the July 29th meeting go to Vedrom Grove. We recommend that the 1978 session of the Jasper Association meet at Good Springs Church September 29 and Mt. Olive Church September 30.

5. We recommend that each church send an offering to each annual session for retired ministers, and that each church support his 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 and Rev. Wise Holcomb.

7. We recommend that each church urge its General Board member to attend the meetings of the board.

8. We recommend that the first Sunday in November (November 5) be designated as Youth Camp Day -

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 Rev. Woodrow Matthews 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 a committee be appointed to study the feasibility of starting a youth rally in the Jasper Association.

13. Lost

14. We recommend that the following men be elected to the General Board:

Brilliant - David Sexton

Cedrom Grove - Pearl Barnes

Free Water - Richmond Pollard

Guin - Jerry Flippo

Hackleburg - Ester Gunnin

Hamilton - Dewel Emerson

Liberty - William Norris

Mt. Pleasant - Allen Brasseal

New Oak Grove - Hugh Cavender

Pocahontas - Jim Hunter

Red Bay - Ross White

Union Hill - Paul Jaggars

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dewey Burleson, Pearl Barnes, Jerry Flippo, Ester Gunnin, Lowell Parker, Bryan Silas, Allen Brasseal, Hugh Cavender, Elbert Nelson, Paul Jaggars, Lee Fry, Aaron Wright, Edward Holland, Donnie Gunnin, Letus Atkinson, Wymon Holcomb, Jerry Stephens.



# **FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

September 1, 1976 - August 31, 1977

Balance brought forward . . . . . \$998.43

## **RECEIPTS:**

CTS Convention Dues . . . . .	\$25.00
Camp Fees (114 camper + \$20.00 . . . . .	2,280.00
Sales from Snack Bar . . . . .	787.66
<b>Total Receipts . . . . .</b>	<b>3,092.66</b>
<b>Total to be accounted for . . . . .</b>	<b>\$4,091.09</b>

## **EXPENDITURES:**

Postage, Paper, & Printing . . . . .	\$49.96
Materials for CTS Competition . . . . .	16.75
CTS Awards . . . . .	102.12
Use of Board for Bible Bowl . . . . .	5.00
State CTS Fees . . . . .	115.00
Food for Camp (including paper plates, napkins, tissue) . . . . .	1,399.00
Snack Bar Supplies . . . . .	662.60
Insurance (Campers & Personal) . . . . .	169.83
Films & Teaching Materials . . . . .	141.01
Evangelist . . . . .	300.00
Kitchen Help . . . . .	225.00
Camp Supervisors . . . . .	50.00
Prorated utility charge for use of camp . . . . .	400.00
<b>Total expenditures . . . . .</b>	<b>3,636.27</b>
<b>Balance August 31, 1977 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$454.82</b>

-s- Woodrow Matthews, Secretary

# **FINANCIAL REPORT OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA FWB YOUTH CAMP**

PERIOD: September 17, 1976- September 3, 1977

Balance brought forward . . . . . \$3,364.88

## **RECEIPTS:**

Rally Day . . . . .	\$2,823.05
Walk A Thon:	
Jasper . . . . .	\$3,124.60
Progressive . . . . .	3,638.64
Vernon . . . . .	2,528.61
<b>Total from W.A.T. . . . .</b>	<b>9,291.85</b>
Use of Camp (Prorated Utilities) . . . . .	80.00
Fees for Swimming (Special Swim Days) . . . . .	54.00
Gifts (Churches & Individuals) . . . . .	7,325.65
<b>Total Receipts . . . . .</b>	<b>20,294.55</b>
<b>Total to be accounted for . . . . .</b>	<b>\$23,659.43</b>

## **EXPENDITURES:**

Water . . . . .	\$304.21
Electric (Power Bill) . . . . .	847.17
Phone . . . . .	227.83
Improvements . . . . .	4,417.07
Maintenance (Repair & etc) . . . . .	336.17
Chemicals for pool . . . . .	511.51
Drinks on Rally Day . . . . .	175.20
Insurance (2 yr.) . . . . .	2,601.00
Postage & Etc. . . . .	39.77
Paid on Loan (Including Interest) . . . . .	14,100.00
<b>Total Expenditures . . . . .</b>	<b>23,559.93</b>
<b>Balance . . . . .</b>	<b>99.50</b>

## **Information on Loan:**

Renewal of Note 7-11-77 + 8 percent . . . . .	\$7,742.43
Amount paid since Renewal date . . . . .	3,042.43
<b>Balance owed plus interest . . . . .</b>	<b>\$4,700.00</b>

-s- Woodrow Matthews, Secretary



# QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT TO ASSOCIATION

September 30, 1977

October 1, 1977

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association held four (4) meetings during the 1976-77 associational year. They were held with: Good Springs FWB Church on October 30, 1976; Hamilton FWB Church on January 29, 1977; Carbon Hill FWB Church on May 28, 1977; and Edgars Chapel FWB Church on July 30, 1977.

The following churches were represented at all four meetings: Brilliant Calvary, Carbon Hill, Cedrom Grove, Edgars Chapel, Free Water, Good Springs, Gum Springs, Hackleburg, Hamilton, Liberty, Mt. Olive, New Liberty, New Oak Grove, Pocahontas, Red Bay, Shady Grove, Union Chapel, Union Hill, and Winfield. Bethlehem, Guin, Mt. Pleasant, and Parrish were represented at two (2) meetings; Lone Star at one (1) meeting; and Spring Hill at none of the meetings.

There were twenty-three (23) ministers and nine (9) deacons present at the meeting on October 30, 1976; Twenty-five ministers - five of which were visiting ministers - and eleven (11) deacons present at the meeting on January 29, 1977; Thirty-one (31) ministers - five of which were visiting ministers - and nine (9) deacons present at the meeting on May 28, 1977; Twenty-five (25) ministers - one of which was a visiting minister - and eight (8) deacons present at the meeting on July 30, 1977. Thanks go out to each church that hosted a quarterly meeting. Each meeting was a time of spiritual enrichment and good Christian fellowship.

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE JASPER

## ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

Balance in Bank as of September 30, 1976 \$64.24

## RECEIPTS FOR THE 1976-77 associational year

Church Fees from four (4) meetings	\$285.00
Mission Offering received on January 29, 1977	222.00
Mission Offering received on May 28, 1977	91.81
Offering received for Colored Church on July 30, 1977	139.86

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1976-77  
ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 802.91

## DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE 1976-77 ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

Clerk's fee for four (4) meetings + \$20.00-meeting	\$80.00
Supplies (Postage, Printing, ETC.)	88.00
Free Will Baptist Home Missions Board	74.00
Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board	148.00
Alabama State Missions Board (Wayne Phillips Account)	50.00
Sister Icey Fredericks	50.00
Jasper Association	25.00
Colored Church in Guin	140.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE  
1976-77 ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 655.00

BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1977 \$147.91



The Jasper District Woman's Auxiliary met with the Free Water Church in April 1977. The meeting was called to order by the President Carolyn Flippo. Martha Sloan led us in singing "There's Within My Heart a Melody," "Joy Unspeakable," and "Jesus Calls Us." Sue Looper led us in prayer. The welcome was given by Carol Kivette reading Hebrews 11:1. Response to the welcome was given by Etta Crittenden of the Guin Church. A devotion was given by the ladies from the Liberty Church which was entitled "There's A Fresh Wind Blowing."

Letters were read and delegates seated. The President reminded the ladies of the state meeting and the offering for Home Missions. This was followed by the appointment of the nominating, finance, resolution, appreciation, registration, and retreat committees. It was announced that the State Auxiliary Retreat would be May 20th at Cooke Springs outside Birmingham.

After intermission, we began our service by singing "Rescue the Perishing" and "I Want To Be A Worker." The various committees gave their reports, and these were voted on and accepted. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President - Sue Looper; Vice President - Linda Silas; Secretary Treasurer - Nancy Mayhall; Field Worker - Mary Ellen Collum; Missions Prayer Chairman - Ida Rhudy; Missions Study Chairman - Martha Sloan; and Missions Action Chairman - Carol Stephens. Mt. Olive Church requested to host our next District Meeting. The auxiliary from Red Bay was in charge of the installation service for our new officers. This service carried out the theme "Send the Light." We then had a special song entitled "He" by Naomi Reese from Winfield. Mrs. Sandra Hudson then spoke to the 47 present on "God Uses Broken Things" which was a real challenge and blessing to all. In closing we received a love offering for Mrs. Hudson.

#### FINANCE REPORT:

	Balance brought forward	\$128.25
Deposits:	288.18	Deposits on camp fund
	130.50	Dues
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	546.93	TOTAL ON HAND
		(Deposit plus balance brought forward)
Debits:	5.00	Service Charge
	336.68	Camp Fund
	10.00	Secretary Fee
	108.75	State Dues (1.25 for 87 members)
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	460.43	TOTAL DEBITS
Total on Hand 4-23-77	546.93	
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	460.43	
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	86.50	

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Resolution Committee, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the Resolution Committee 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 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 resolve to continue to pay the secretary \$10.00 per year.
7. We resolve that we continue to support the Children's Home.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, wish to 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.

2. We recommend that Brother Bobby Cook be given a letter of recommendation to join the State Line Association.

3. We recommend that Brother Elmer L. Steward be given a letter of recommendation to join the State Line Association.

4. We recommend that Brother Jimmy Martin be received into this body and given a card of standing upon the reception of his letter from the White River Association in Indiana.

5. Having examined Brother Ronald M. Watson, we recommend that he be ordained at this session and that his pastor, Brother Harvey McGuire, preach the ordaining message.

6. We recommend that Brother Hubert Boshell be examined at the first quarterly meeting, January 28, 1978, since he has only been licensed for eleven months.

7. We have examined the reports of the ministers and recommend that those reporting be given cards of good standing; also all those who have been ordained throughout the year and have not received cards.

##### APPRECIATIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciations Committee, would like to extend our thanks to Brother Looper, Brother Cordell and Brother Matthews for the fine choice of food and to the ladies of Mt. Olive and Winfield churches for preparing and serving. The delicious desserts were supplied by other churches in the area.

Also we would like to thank the Hamilton church for the hospitality shown the association on Saturday.

Respectfully Submitted  
Nancy Mayhall  
Susie Holcomb  
Carol Anglin



# FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Finance, wish to report the receipt of funds as follows:

Associational Funds	\$646.00
Retired Ministers	347.00
State Association	322.00
Children's Home	32.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	23.00
State Home Missions	137.00
Foreign Missions	42.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,549.00</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Letus Atkinson  
Lander Baccus  
Mack Bozeman

# OBITUARY REPORT

We wish to report that God has seen fit to call from our ranks the following: Mrs. Mertie Franks, Bethlehem; Bro. Vester Hawkins, Sis. Mae Pugh, Bro. Lee Franks, Bro. Travis White, Brilliant; Bro. Joe Hopson, H. M. Blackwell, Eula Akers Morris, Lena Kirkland, Carbon Hill; Victoria King, Louise Humphries, Josephine Humphries, Good Springs; Walter Wishash (Deacon), Daisy Akers, Liberty; Coy Parker, Lone Star; Clayton Sandlin, Elyoria Maddox, Mollie Ledlow, Howard Myers, Barbara Thacker, Mt. Olive; Sonny Pitts, F. A. Aldridge (Deacon), Edgar Kimbrell, Mt. Pleasant; Coy Aldridge, Shannon Fowler, Andrew Moore, New Liberty; Ada Noles, Mae MacDaniel, New Oak Grove; Lonnie Williams, Parrish; Mrs. Mary Etta Yielding, Stanley Davis, Red Bay; Will Alexander, Union Chapel; Howard Dickinson, Winfield;

# MINISTERS

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Duncan, Bobby W. Route 2, Hamilton 35570, 921-4985  
Edgar, Ralton Ray, Phil Campbell, Al 35581  
Franks, Dave R. Brazil, S. A. Guin, Al.  
Godsey, J. A., Route 3, Hamilton 35570, 921-3227  
Gunnin, Donnie, Box 103, Hackleburg, 35564, 935-3572  
Harbin, Walter C., Route 2, Jasper, 35501  
Hendrix, Richard, Route 10, Box 152, Jasper 35501, 221-3239  
Houston, Roger, Route 2, Carbon Hill 35549, 924-8195  
Holcomb, Wise, Route 2, Guin 35563 368-3910  
Holcomb, Wymon, Route 1, Brilliant 35548 465-2330  
Hughes, W. B., Route 1, Box 14, Hamilton 35570, 921-3364  
Humphries, Roy, Route 1, Vina 35593 356-2185  
James, Wymon, Route 7, Russellville 35653, 332-0135  
Johnson, O. Z., Route 1 Guin 35563  
Johnston, Trenton, Carbon Hill 35549  
Looper, A. J., Route 2, Winfield 35594 487-6992  
Martin, Jimmy D., Route 1, Guin 35563  
Matthews, Woodrow, Route 2, Guin 35563 468-2325  
Mayhall, Trellis, Route 2, Guin 35563 468-3445  
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Roberts, W. A., Route 12, Box 185, Carbon Hill 35549, 924-8826  
Spiller, Hollie Wayne, Route 1, Brilliant 35548, 465-2319  
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Tucker, W. A. Nauvoo, 35578



CHURCH	PASTOR	Baptisms	Members Received	Members Lost	Present Membership	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Free Will Baptist Bible College	Home Missions	Youth Camp Children's Home Retired Ministers	Associational Funds	Total Offerings	Value Church Property, Including parsonage	Value Parsonage Property
Bethlehem	Bobby Duncan	0	10	6	70	5,225.00	84.00	0	0	640.50	15.00	10,539.22	30.00	0
Brilliant	Gurley Roberts	5	8	4	184	9,100.00	318.95	318.95	318.95	0	25.00	0	0	0
Calvary	William F. Fate	0	0	0	25	2,000.00	50.00	0	211.05	517.50	5.00	6,132.85	30.00	0
Carbon Hill	Donnie Gunnin	10	8	4	90	4,457.82	439.87	67.33	121.47	1,039.30	25.00	11,614.91	34,000	3,000
Cedrom Grove	Pearl Barnes	0	3	0	65	1,500.00	538.44	120.00	96.00	439.21	30.00	8,487.00	15,000	0
Edgar's Chapel	Harvey McGuire	3	2	0	100	2,962.92	0	0	0	0	35.00	6,000.00	20,000	0
Free Water	Trellis Mayhall	0	0	0	140	8,466.36	213.60	0	496.32	299.50	10.00	15,037.01	45,000	25,000
Good Springs	Ronald Watson	0	2	4	?	2,500.00	0	0	0	25.00	25.00	4,600.00	20,000	0
Guin	Richard Cordell	40	55	29	442	?	3,435.80	3,920.30	2,856.10	3,387.64	30.00	99,197.34	250,000	35,000
Gum Springs	Ray Ritch	0	1	2	81	6,595.00	627.00	0	462.00	912.00	25.00	14,168.00	35,000	0
Hackleburg	Richard Hendrix	33	14	0	84	3,654.38	72.51	0	78.82	0	25.00	0	70,000	35,000
Hamilton	W. B. Hughes	10	9	2	154	6,520.50	1,101.15	835.29	1,247.79	902.30	30.00	25,876.20	75,000	0
Holly Springs	Jimmy Howell	4	2	0	92	1,560.00	0	0	0	20.00	20.00	3,560.50	7,000	0
Liberty	Bill Duncan	0	4	2	124	10,700.00	366.00	0	396.37	264.00	30.00	22,147.00	25,000	0
Lone Star	Jay Sullins	0	2	1	92	4,087.50	0	0	0	100.00	25.00	0	25,000	0
Mt. Olive	Woodrow Matthews	7	9	13	332	11,250.00	5,360.00	746.00	1,215.00	4,307.00	40.00	41,883.00	140,000	40,000
Mt. Pleasant	Hollie W. Spiller	11	7	4	153	8,650.00	0	0	0	0	12.00	44,195.27	28,000	8,000
New Liberty	Arlo Peppers	0	1	18	185	7,210.00	0	0	260.00	330.00	27.00	16,395.46	50,000	20,000
New Oak Grove	Hugh Cavender	14	1	2	171	0	0	0	0	0	30.00	0	45,500	13,000
Parish	Thomas Booth	0	2	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	0	0	0
Pocahontas	Roger Houston	7	0	2	58	6,290.00	365.00	299.00	144.00	241.00	40.00	10,224.66	50,000	30,000
Red Bay	Danny Thompson	10	12	4	241	8,836.00	274.00	918.00	796.00	584.00	30.00	40,539.00	100,000	12,000
Shady Grove	Julian Parsons	5	2	15	119	8,547.00	0	0	0	0	20.00	20,545.00	70,000	0
Union Chapel	Clovis Tucker	6	10	0	86	1,500.00	0	0	0	0	5.00	0	14,000	0
Union Hill	Roy Humphries	3	2	0	?	2,525.00	0	0	0	130.89	25.00	5,182.00	0	0
Winfield	A. J. Looper	54	68	12	?	11,275.00	931.92	1,790.60	1,291.50	700.00	30.00	55,591.84	280,000	65,000
TOTAL		222	234	128	3,098	135,411.56	14,168.33	9,015.37	9,934.57	14,889.84	621.00	461,915.96	1,458,500	286,000



## DEACONS

Bethlehem--Roy Crow, Vance Pollard, Kenneth Watts, and Woodrow Franks.  
 Brilliant--Dewey Burleson, Earl Smith, Rayburn Hughley, R. D. Dickenson, Johnny Webb, and Maxwell Gibbs.  
 Calvary--Thomas Dozier and Herbert Boshell.  
 Carbon Hill--NO DEACONS LISTED.  
 Cedrom Grove--Angelo Boshell and Charles Parr.  
 Edgars Chapel--Marshell Raper, Terry Raper, J. D. Faulkner, C. E. Bankston, Noah Crane, F. T. Edgar, L. J. Borden.  
 Free Waters--Pearce Miller, Artis Pugh, Wilburn Sexton, W. M. Wilson, and Hubbard Estes.  
 Good Springs--M. M. Warren, Leamon Humphries, Edward Holland, Void Mink.  
 Guin--No deacons listed.  
 Gum Springs--J. C. White and Carroll Markham.  
 Hackleburg--No Deacons listed.  
 Hamilton--Lowell Parker, Dewel Emerson, Don Collins, and Fray Stone.  
 Holly Springs--Clayton Burgett, Ranzy Baty, O'Neal Childers, Erbell Childers.  
 Liberty--Earlie Dickinson and Morgan Bozeman.  
 Lone Star--Billy R. Pitts, Kenneth Pounders, Claud Russell, and Bobby Bostic.  
 Mt. Olive--Lowell Franks, Grady May, Milton Rhudy, Paul Wilson, and Howard Franks.  
 Mt. Pleasant--James O. Erwin, Vester Lawrence, Allan Atkins, Ira Smith, and Bobby Elliott.  
 New Liberty--Victor Smith, David Fowlar, Sid Moore, Aaron Wright.  
 New Oak Grove--Amos Martin, Johnny Knight, Lonnie McDaniel, Bill Montgomery.  
 Parrish--Howard Romine.  
 Pocahontas--Elbert Nelson, Jim Hunter, Curt Griffin, Joe Hunter, and Pete Stewart.  
 Red Bay--Oliver Mink, Ross White, Willard Pruser, Raymond Creekmore, Raymond Blackburn, Elmer Self, and Ralph Purser.  
 Shady Grove--Charles T. Nix, Clyde Freeman, Fred Rice and Edgar McDuffa.  
 Union Chapel--Lonzo Goodwin, Marvin Eads, Tommy Williams, O.D. Eads, and Jimmy Eads.  
 Union Hill--Paul Jagers, L. D. Clements, Louis Lacey and Leburn Hudson.  
 Winfield--Lee Moore, Bill Overton, B. P. Atkinson, Garlon Holliman, and Ira Baccus.

## CLERKS

Bethlehem--Dorthy Morrow, Route 2, Guin 35563  
 Brilliant--R. D. Dickinson, Brilliant 35548  
 Calvary--Sarah Ann Pate, Route 2, Box 59, Carbon Hill 35549  
 Carbon Hill--Elsie Hendrix, Box 239, Carbon Hill 35549  
 Cedrom Grove--Betty Pate, Rt. 2, Box 107b, Carbon Hill 35549  
 Edgar Chapel--Louise Crane, Rt. 3, Phil Campbell 35581  
 Free Water--Janie Miller, Rt. 2, Guin 35563  
 Good Springs--Donna Spencer, P. O. Box 134, Vina 35593  
 Guin--Helen Gann, P. O. Box 312, Guin 35563  
 Gum Springs--Hazel Markham, Route 1, Box 29B, Brilliant 35548  
 Hackleburg--Wanda Landers, Route 2, Hackleburg 35564  
 Hamilton--Rubel G. Collins, Route 1, Box 336, Hamilton 35570  
 Holly Springs--Jimmy Lou Nichols, Route 1, Hackleburg 35564  
 Liberty--Virginia B. Norris, Route 1, Guin 35563  
 Lone Star--Bobby Spearman, Route 1, Tremont, Miss. 38876  
 Mt. Olive--Clark Flippo, Route 1, Guin 35563  
 Mt. Pleasant--Annie L. Smith, Route 1, Brilliant 35548  
 New Liberty--Era Lee Aldridge, 531 3rd Ave. N. W. Fayette, 35555  
 New Oak Grove--Joann Welch, Route 2, 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, Route 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, Route 2, Winfield 35594



## DELEGATES

BETHLEHEM—Henry Cagle, Coy Guin, and Lee Frye.  
 BRILLIANT—Rufus Fields, Mrs. Rufus Fields, and Jesse Strickland.  
 CALVARY—Adis Ellis, Kathleen Boshell, and Calvin Williams.  
 CARBON HILL—I. V. Farley, Elsie Hendrix and Dora Roberts.  
 CEDROM GROVE—Carolyn Parvin, Nellie Jackson, and Jannet Jones.  
 EDGAR CHAPEL—Iva Raper, Elizabeth Edgar, and Mrs. Harvey McQuire.  
 FREE WATER—Carol Kivette, Karen Mayhall, and Imogene Pugh.  
 GOOD SPRINGS—Eloise Humphres, Sue Heath, and Charles A. Spencer.  
 GUIN—G. L. Butler, Walter Sloan, and Delbert Dobbs.  
 GUM SPRINGS—Foster Holcomb, Fannie Bates, Susie Holcomb.  
 HACKLEBURG—Mary Frances Gunnin, Carol Anglin, and Icy Gunnin.  
 HAMILTON—Jimmy May, Madie May and Maxine Stone.  
 HOLLY SPRINGS—Charles Martin, Ruth Ann Martin, and Rosie Victory.  
 LIBERTY—Mack Bozeman, Bryan Silas, and Billy Norris.  
 LONE STAR—Hortence Pitts, Ludie Ballard, and Monie Lease.  
 MT. OLIVE—Ida Rhudy, Willie Patterson, and Letus Atkinson.  
 MT. PLEASANT—Royal Martin, Rossie Raddin, Peggy Matheny.  
 NEW LIBERTY—Mary Lou Fowler, Sherman Fowler, and Jessie Ann Smith.  
 NEW OAK GROVE—Nora Bella McDaniel, Ida Mote and Louise Posey.  
 PARRISH:  
 POCAHONTAS—Willard Shedd, Kathy Houston, and Zora Nelson.  
 RED BAY—  
 SHADY GROVE—John Sinkbeil, Eugene Clark, and Zola Sinkbeil.  
 UNION CHAPEL—Hester Goodwin, Zada Long, and Brenda Long.  
 UNION HILL—Robbie Humphries, Genever Frederick, and Willodean Hudson.  
 WINFIELD—Lander Baccus, and Mrs. Lander Baccus.

## JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS TREASURER'S REPORT

Form October 23, 1976 to September 29, 1977

Balance on Hand October 23, 1977 \$752.70

### RECEIPTS

Bro. Looper (for colored church)	\$429.00
Mrs. Frederick	295.00
National Home Missions (Mrs. Frederick)	133.37
National Home Missions (Mrs. Frederick)	35.00
Mrs. Icy Mae Frederick	154.88
Mrs. Icy Mae Frederick	10.00
Quarterly Meeting (To supplement money loaned to the Southern Regional Workers Conference	25.00
Mrs. Frederick	38.43
Mrs. Frederick	10.00
Mrs. Frederick	50.76

Total Receipts \$1,182.05

Total to be accounted for 1,934.75

### DISBURSEMENTS

W. B. Hughes (clerk's fee)	135.00
Itawamba County Times (Minutes)	282.00
Southern Regional Workers Conf. (Loan Authorized by the Quarterly Meeting)	150.00
Board of Home Missions (Icy Mae Frederick)	250.00
Postmaster	6.50
Mrs. Icy Mae Frederick	45.00
Board of Home Missions (Icy Mae Frederick)	160.00
New Hope F.W.B. Church (Colored) And O. Z. Johnson	636.86
Mrs. Icy Mae Frederick	48.43
Postmaster (stamps)	6.24
Mrs. Icy Mae Frederick	50.76

Total \$1,925.67

Balance in treasury September 29, 1977 9.08

### OUTSTANDING BILLS

National office supplies	3.85
For paper (W. B. Hughes)	2.30

Leaving a balance  
of 2.93 in bank.



## REPORT OF THE REVISIONS COMMITTEE

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

1. Since the National Treatise has been adopted in its entirety by the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists and the Articles of Faith are a part of the Treatise, we recommend that the Articles of Faith as printed in the National Treatise become the Articles of Faith of the Jasper Association and that they be printed in the Minutes.

2. We recommend that the "Guidelines for Licensed Ministers" be adopted by this Association.

3. We recommend that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be changed as follows:

## 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

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. The sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of Salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a.)

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.



16. Resurrection, Judgement and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## CONSTITUTION OF THE JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME

This body shall be known as the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists of Alabama.

### ARTICLE II

#### MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. The membership of the Jasper Association shall consist of all churches that, upon the approval of this body, shall become members.

SECTION II. A local church that wishes to become a member of this Association must adopt the National Treaties and make formal written request. A two-thirds vote of the delegates present must be recorded.

### ARTICLE III

#### REPRESENTATION

Each church holding membership in this Association shall be entitled to three (3) delegates. Ministers and deacons who are in good standing with this Association and members of the General Board shall be standing delegates.

### ARTICLE IV

#### OFFICERS

The officers of the Jasper Association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, and a treasurer each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session.

### ARTICLE V

#### BOARDS

SECTION I. General Board (a) Composition. The General Board shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, and treasurer, and one member from each local church that is a part of this body. Each member from a local church shall serve a two year term with one-half of the members being elected each year. (b) Executive committee. An Executive Committee shall consist of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer, and five (5) members from the General Board. These five members shall be elected annually by the General Board. This committee shall function as the General Board when said Board is not in session. (c) Duties. The General Board shall formulate all items of general business during the annual session of the Association, as well as any other responsibility so delegated by the body. When this Association is not in session, this Board shall have power to act as the body.

SECTION II. Board of Christian Education. The Board of Christian Education shall consist of five (5) members. Each member shall serve for a five (5) year term with one term expiring each year.

SECTION III. Directors of North west Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. The directors of North West Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp shall be composed of three (3) members who shall serve for a term of three (3) years each with one term expiring each year.

### ARTICLE VI

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

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

SECTION II. The moderator of this Association shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

### ARTICLE VII

#### 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 31st and all letters to the Association should be mailed to the clerk no later than the third (3rd) Sunday in September of each year.

SECTION III. There shall be three (3) quarterly meetings during each associational year. The annual meeting of the Association shall take the place of the fourth (4th) quarterly meeting.

SECTION IV. The officers of the Jasper Association shall serve as the officers of the Quarterly Meeting.

### ARTICLE VIII

#### ORDINATIONS

SECTION I. 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. (The church should contact the Credentials Committee for a copy of "Guidelines for Licensed Ministers") After he has been licensed for a period of one (1) year and has proved his worth to the local church shall then make formal request to this Association that he be ordained. The local church, of which he is a member, must be able to show proof of his worthiness as to his character, doctrine, 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 approved at the annual session of a quarterly meeting.

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



SECTION III. Candidates for ordination to the ministry shall present their request for ordination to the Credentials Committee at least by the time of the last regular meeting before the ordination using forms prepared and approved by this body.

SECTION IV. Preachers coming to us from other associations or from other denominations shall present their requests to the Credentials Committee at the time of a quarterly meeting or annual session. Such requests shall be acted upon at the time of the following quarterly meeting or annual session.

SECTION V. All ministers are required to report yearly to the Credentials Committee of this body. Such report shall be for year beginning September 1st and ending August 31st, and shall be due September 1st of current year. Any minister who fails to comply shall be dropped from the roll of ministers.

#### ARTICLE IX DISCIPLINE

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 or from the National Treatise. Whenever conditions warrant it, this Association shall have power to withdraw fellowship from any local church.

SECTION II. Any church being dealt with because of a disciplinary problem shall represent to the quarterly meeting and annual session by letter and fees, but shall not have the right to vote by delegates, standing or otherwise, until the matter is settled. Exception: Any minister who is a member of such church but is ministering to another church that is in good standing with the Association shall not be so penalized.

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.

SECTION IV. No minister whose conduct is being questioned by this Association shall have the right to vote in either the quarterly meeting or annual session.

SECTION V. The pastor, who preaches the Word of God, ministers to the needs of the members, and exercises general leadership within the congregation is expected to unite with that 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." (A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists, 1973 pp

SECTION VI. Each church of this Association shall be urged to promote and support all district, state and national projects of the denomination.

SECTION VII. No church shall accept as members those who have not been baptized by an ordained minister.

#### ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution 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 moderator nor more than five (5) minutes at a time.

8. No person shall laugh or talk in a disturbing manner while discussion is going on.

9. No delegate shall absent himself from the association without leave of the 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.

11. These 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.

#### GUIDELINES FOR LICENSED MINISTERS IN THE JASPER ASSOCIATION

##### I. RULES PERTAINING TO THE LICENSED MINISTER

###### A. Qualifications for the Licensee

1. He must be a member of a church which belongs to the Jasper Association.

2. He must give evidence to his church that he is divinely called to preach, whereupon the local church is authorized to examine him for license. This examination should include the areas of the candidate's life, doctrine, reputation, and his convictions and abilities regarding the work of the ministry. His present and prospective educational qualifications should also be considered. Upon completion of such an examination, the local church shall determine whether or not to grant license. The ministerial license shall be valid for a period of one year but is renewable annually.

3. He must have his license renewed annually by said church and kept in force until ordination.

###### B. The Activities of the Licensee

1. According to the general practices of Free Will Baptists, a licensed minister is urged to afford himself of every opportunity to preach the word. He is free to exercise all the privileges and responsibilities of an ordained minister with the exception of pastoring a church and officiating at the observances of the ordinances and weddings.

2. The licensee should consider the period between his receiving license and being ordained as a time of study and training in preparation for his calling.



### C. His Relationship to the Association

1. The clerk of the church should report the names of licensed ministers to the clerk of the Association who will forward a copy of these guidelines to each licensee.

2. Licensed ministers are urged and expected to attend the regular meetings of the Jasper Association and the Quarterly Meetings.

## II. SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION

A. Attend Free Will Baptist Bible College if possible.

B. Attend ALABAMA BIBLE INSTITUTE.

C. Seek the counsel of an experienced pastor or pastors.

D. Make as thorough a study as possible of the following:

1. The Holy Bible

2. Systematic Theology

3. Homiletics

4. Pastoral Theology and Church Administration

5. Evangelism

6. Church History (especially, F.W.B. history)

## III. A SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF WORK LEADING TO ORDINATION

A. As soon as licensee feels that he is qualified to become a candidate for ordination, he should request a list of study questions from the Credentials Committee of the Association. We would strongly encourage him to proceed with his examination before entertaining a definite call to a church.

B. At least two months before the Credentials Committee meets, he should secure the examination. He should make five copies of the completed examination (one for each member of the Committee), and send them to the Credentials Committee no later than two weeks before its meeting.

C. The candidate is required to pass an oral examination administered by the Committee.

D. The Committee will report to the candidate on whether he passed or what areas he may need additional study in.

E. When the approved candidate has passed the examination, the Committee will recommend his ordination to the Association. This recommendation will be made only after the candidate has been licensed for one full year. It is recommended that the candidate have definite prospects of a church pastorate or another form of Christian service that would justify his being ordained.

## FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, at \_\_\_\_\_ after  
divine service by Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ met in conference.

1. Opened doors of church for reception of members.
2. Called for reading of minutes of last conference.
3. Called for peace and fellowship of the church.
4. General business.

5. On motion of adjournment, we \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

## FORM OF LETTER 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.



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III. SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF WORKLOADING FOR COUNCIL

- A. As soon as possible after the meeting of the Council, the Council shall...
- B. At least two months before the Council meets, the Council shall...
- C. The Council shall have the right to...
- D. The Council shall have the right to...
- E. When the approved candidate has passed the examination, the Council...