

**JASPER  
ASSOCIATION**

**of**

**FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS**

**1978  
ANNUAL REPORT  
1979 SESSION**

**OCTOBER 5, HACKLEBURG FWB CHURCH**

**OCTOBER 6, RED BAY FWB CHURCH**

MINUTES  
of the  
NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL  
SESSION  
of the  
JASPER ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
When Convened at  
GOOD SPRINGS FWB CHURCH  
and  
MT. OLIVE FWB CHURCH

September 29 — September 30, 1978



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## ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

### OFFICERS

Moderator - Rev. Roger Houston, P. O. Box 265, Carbon Hill, AL 35549  
Assistant Moderator - Mr. Walter Sloan, Box 553, Guin, AL 35563  
Clerk - Rev. W. B. Hughes, Route 1 Box 14, Hamilton, AL 35570  
Assistant Clerk - Rev. Danny Thompson, Box 457, Red Bay, AL 35582  
Treasurer - Mr. Don Collins, Route 1 Box 336, Hamilton, AL 35570

### BOARDS

**General Board:** David Sexton, Brilliant; Walter Lewellen, Cedrom Grove; Richmond Pollard, Free Water; Jerry Flippo, Guin; Ester Gunnin, Hackleburg; Dewel Emerson, Hamilton; William Norris, Liberty; Allen Brasseal, Mt. Pleasant; Jim Hunter, Pocahontas; Ross White, Red Bay; Paul Jagers, Union Hill.

**Terms Expire in 1979:** Lee Fry, Bethlehem; William Roberts, Carbon Hill; Herbert Boshell, Calvary; Ray Edgar, Edgar's Chapel; Edward Holland, Good Springs; Wyman Holcomb, Gum Springs; O'Neal Childers, Holly Springs; Jay Sullins, Lone Star; Letus Atkinson, Mt. Olive; Aaron Wright, New Liberty; Thomas Booth, Parrish; Charles Nix, Shady Grove; Clovis Tucker, Union Chapel; Jerry Stephens, Winfield.

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

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

**Board of Christian Education:** Richard Cordell (1979); Danny Thompson (1980); Donnie Gunnin (1981); Roger Houston (1982); Woodrow Matthew (1983).

### COMMITTEES

**Credentials Committee:** Richard Cordell, Woodrow Matthews, Ray Ritch.

### PROCEEDINGS

The ninety-second session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Vina, Alabama, September 29, 1978 at 9:00 A.M.

The session opened with the congregation singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus" led by Brother Jay Sullins. After Brother William F. Pate had led in prayer, Brother Sullins led the congregation in singing "When We All Get To Heaven."

Brother Letus Atkinson gave the devotions. He read from Revelation 21:4, 5 and after some comments, led in prayer.

Pastor Ronald Watson gave the welcome which was followed by the response by Rev. Roy Humphries.

The moderator, Rev. Donnie Gunnin, called for the report of the Credentials Committee. A partial report was read and a motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report and adopt item by item. All items were carried.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to read the letters from the local churches.

A resolution was read by Rev. A. J. Looper, and seconded that only the names of the delegates be read from the letters. Motion made, seconded and carried to table the motion.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to seat the delegates.

The report of the General Board was read and a motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report and adopt item by item. Items one through twelve



were adopted as read. A substitute motion for item 13 was made as follows: that the words "of Christ" in the Form of Church Conference as printed in the minutes be changed to "In Christ." The motion was seconded and carried. Item 14 was adopted as read. Item 15 was tabled.

The moderator declared a recess. Rev. Trellis Mayhall led in prayer.

#### MORNING SERVICE

The 11:00 a.m. service opened with the congregation singing, "I Am Thine O Lord." Rev. Arlo Peppers led in prayer. Moderator Donnie Gunnin brought the morning message. He read 2 Tim. 4:1-8 and preached from the subject "What My Life Has Meant for Jesus." He pointed out: 1. The fight of life's battles, 2. the course men must walk, and 3. The faith that is kept. He closed the service with an invitation.

Announcements were made concerning the noon meal. Rev. O. Z. Johnson prayed the benediction and asked God's blessings on the food.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus." Brother J. A. Godsey led in prayer.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Brother Richard Saylor be ordained to the Gospel Ministry. Rev. Woodrow Matthews preached the ordination message. He read from 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and I Peter 5: and spoke about The Man, The Message and The Mission.

Rev. Ray Ritch brought the charge. Rev. Danny Thompson prayed the prayer of dedication as the committee and officers laid hands on Brother Saylor. The ordination certificate was presented by Rev. A. J. Looper.

The Obituary Committee report was read by the clerk and adopted. At the request of the moderator the congregation stood in a moment of silent tribute to those who have gone to be with the Lord. Brother William Pate led in prayer.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was read by Mrs. Nancy Mayhall. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept as information.

An offering of \$61.41 was received for the retired ministers.

After Rev. Richard Hendrix had led the congregation in singing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus," the moderator introduced Rev. A. J. Looper to bring the afternoon message. He read Matthew 9:9 and spoke from the subject, The Call of Matthew. He pointed out that Matthew's call was a call to a noble separation, a noble discipleship, a noble position, to fulfill a noble life, plan and purpose and a call to be accepted or rejected immediately.

A standing vote of thanks was given for the church entertaining the association on Friday.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session was opened with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Rev. Roger Houston. After Brother W. A. Roberts had led in prayer, Brother Houston led the congregation in singing "I Am Thine O Lord." Rev. David Sexton gave the devotions. He read Psalms 116 and made some comments.

Visiting ministers were recognized. They were Rev. Harold Pitts from the Progressive Association and Rev. Ambers Aldridge from the State Line Association.

The report of the Quarterly Meeting was read by the clerk. Motion by Rev. P. P. Barnes was seconded and carried to receive the report.

The moderator called for a report of the Board of Christian Education. Due to the fact that Rev. Woodrow Matthews, secretary of the Board, was out of the service because of the death of Mrs. Fannie Silas, a motion was made, seconded and carried for the clerk to examine the report and publish it in the minutes. (The report was later read to the Association.) The congregation was asked to stand in a moment of silent tribute to Mrs. Silas after which Rev. A. J. Looper led in prayer.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was read and received to be adopted item by item. All items were adopted.

The moderator called for the report of the Finance Committee report. The report was postponed for the members present to complete the report.

The moderator appointed the following as fraternal delegates to other associations: Vernon Association - Rev. O. Z. Johnson; State Line Association - Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Godsey.

Item 15 of the General Board report was discussed and the members of the General Board were elected as recommended by the local churches. (See report elsewhere in the minutes.)

Rev. Ray Ritch made an announcement concerning the Alabama State Association which is to meet November 9-11 at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church. He urged the ladies of the area to assist the Winfield Church by bringing desserts and helping to serve the food at mealtime.

After the congregation had sung "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder", the moderator appointed the following on the Appreciations Committee: Mrs. Della Roberts, Mrs. Carol Anglin, and Mrs. Nellie Jackson.

Rev. Carlton Lambert gave an oral report of the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report as information.

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

Rev. Woodrow Matthews read the report from the North West Alabama Youth Camp Board of Directors. A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

#### MORNING SERVICE

The service was opened with the congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" led by Rev. Roger Houston. Rev. Ambers Aldridge led in prayer. Miss Susan Parker, a student from Free Will Baptist Bible College and member of Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church, sang "Follow Me."

The morning message was brought by Rev. Leroy Forlines, Professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College. He preached from the subject of faith using several Scriptures: Mark 9:23 - 24. In this Scripture he pointed out that the man who brought his son to Jesus lived by his faith and not by his doubts. Dan. 3:16 - 18. Here he pointed out that it is better to serve God and die than to worship the image of the king. Heb. 11:32-39. In this passage he pointed out that even people with great faith sometimes have to suffer. "Faith doesn't put us in the driver's seat telling God what to do: faith is believing the promise of God."

An offering of \$79.78 was received for the Bible College and the Children' Home.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews made announcements concerning the serving of the food and the congregation was dismissed for lunch.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" and "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer was by Rev. Herbert Boshell.

The report of the treasurer was read and adopted.



The report of the Appreciations Committee was read and a motion made, and seconded to approve the report by giving a rising vote of thanks to the local church.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to take from the table the resolution concerning the reading of church letters at the beginning of each session. A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the resolution.

Officers for the following year were elected as follows:

Treasurer - Don Collins

Clerk - W. B. Hughes

Assistant Clerk - Danny Thompson

Moderator - Roger Houston

Assistant Moderator - Walter Sloan

Delegates to the Alabama State Association were appointed as follows: Mrs. J. A. Godsey, R. L. Butler, Mr. Shedd, Delbert Dobbs, Mrs. Nellie Jackson, Mrs. Helen Tittle, Mrs. Alice Barnes, Lee Fry, Fray Stone, Mrs. Maxine Stone, Mrs. Madie May, Mrs. Ethel Lee Emerson, and Mrs. Herbert Boshell.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas, The information on the church letters is printed in the minutes, and

Whereas, Much time is spent in reading these letters aloud, therefore be it

1. Resolved, That only the list of delegates be read from the letters.

2. Resolved, That the time ordinarily used in reading letters be used for other associational functions.

Rev. Donnie Gunnin, Moderator

Rev. W. B. Hughes, Clerk

#### BOARD REPORTS

##### REPORT OF GENERAL BOARD

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met August 25, 1978, at Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Brother Don Collins gave the devotions. The following recommendations were discussed and passed.

1. We recommend that Bro. Ray Ritch be elected to the Credentials Committee for a three (3) year term.

2. We recommend that Rev. Woodrow Matthews be retained on the Board of Christian Education.

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

4. We recommend that the first quarterly meeting, January 6, 1979, go to Brilliant, the April 28th meeting go to Carbon Hill, and the July 29th meeting go to Liberty.

We recommend that the first day of the 1979 session of the Jasper Association (October 5) go to Hackleburg and the second day (October 6) go to Red Bay.

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 causes of foreign missions, home missions, Children's Home and Bible College.

6. A. We recommend that the money for retired ministers be divided equally between those who are retired at this time.

B. We recommend that the Credentials Committee be directed to draw up guidelines of eligibility for retired ministers.

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

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

B. 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.

9. We recommend that Brother Letus Atkinson be retained on the Youth Camp Board of Directors.

10. We recommend that the churches send as many men delegates to the associational meetings as possible.

11. We recommend that \$100.00 be sent to the Board of Retirement and Insurance in memory of Sister Dixie Atkinson.

12. We recommend that the Scripture references be inserted after each Article of Faith.

13. We recommend that the words "of Christ" be omitted from the Form of Church Conference as printed in the minutes. (A substitute motion was passed as follows: I move that the words "of Christ" in the Form of Church Conference as printed in the minutes be changed to "in Christ.")

14. Whereas, the Dave Franks account is in the red, and Whereas, Missionary Dave Franks is a member of the Jasper Association, We wish to make the following recommendations:

A. That the Jasper Association make a special drive to raise three thousand dollars to apply to the Franks account.

B. That December be set aside as the time for this drive.

C. That a special "Birthday Gift for Jesus" be received on December 17 for this purpose.

15. We recommend that the following men be elected to serve on the General Board. Their terms will expire in 1980.

Bethlehem - Lee Fry

Carbon Hill - William Roberts

Calvary - Herbert Boshell

Edgar's Chapel - Ray Edgar

Good Springs - Edward Holland

Gum Springs - Wyman Holcomb

Holly Springs - O'Neal Childers

Lone Star - Jay Sullins

Mt. Olive - Letus Atkinson

New Liberty - Aaron Wright

Parrish - Thomas Booth

Shady Grove - Charles Nix

Union Chapel - Clovis Tucker

Winfield - Jerry Stephens

To serve out the unexpired term of Rev. Pearl Barnes from Cedrom Grove Church. Bro. Walter Lewellen.



# FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

September 1, 1977 - August 31, 1978

Balance brought forward .....\$ 454.82

## RECEIPTS:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Offering from Jasper Association ..... | \$ 102.00  |
| Sale of Food Left Over .....           | 26.00      |
| CTS Convention Fees .....              | 155.00     |
| Camp Fees (Campers) .....              | 3,058.00   |
| Sales from Snack Bar .....             | 1,167.09   |
| Total Receipts .....                   | 4,508.29   |
| Total to be accounted for .....        | \$4,963.11 |

## EXPENDITURES:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Food for 1977 Association .....               | \$285.56 |
| Food for Camp Sessions .....                  | 1,857.86 |
| CTS Awards .....                              | 138.10   |
| State CTS Fees .....                          | 115.00   |
| Film & Teaching Materials .....               | 56.19    |
| Postage, Printing, etc .....                  | 63.45    |
| Phone (L. D. Calls) .....                     | 5.63     |
| Supplies for Snack Shop .....                 | 912.70   |
| Evangelists .....                             | 300.00   |
| Camp Supervisors .....                        | 50.00    |
| Kitchen Help .....                            | 400.00   |
| Insurance on Capers & Personal .....          | 250.02   |
| Prorated Utility Charge for Use of Camp ..... | 400.00   |
| Miscellaneous .....                           | 65.00    |
| Total Expenditures .....                      | 4,894.21 |
| Balance August 31, 1978 .....                 | \$ 68.90 |

S—Woodrow Matthews, Secretary

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA YOUTH CAMP

PERIOD: September 4, 1977 - September 9, 1978

Balance brought Forward.....\$ 99.50

## RECEIPTS:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Rally Day .....                        | \$2,381.76  |
| Walk A Thon - Bike A Thon:             |             |
| Jasper .....                           | \$3,441.03  |
| Progressive .....                      | 2,131.47    |
| Vernon .....                           | 6,422.08    |
| Total .....                            | 11,994.58   |
| Use of Camp (Prorated Utilities) ..... | 1,000.00    |
| Woman's State Auxiliary Retreat .....  | 416.52      |
| Gifts (Churches & Individuals) .....   | 8,374.60    |
| Credit on Deposit at MCBC .....        | 25          |
| Total .....                            | 24,167.71   |
| Total to be accounted for .....        | \$24,267.21 |

## EXPENDITURES:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Water .....   | \$ 238.34   |
| Phone .....   | 199.46      |
| Electric .....  | 970.07      |
| Paid on Loan (Paid in Full) .....                     | 6,156.31    |
| Purchase of Appliances (Freezer & Refrigerator) ..... | 1,125.00    |
| Maintenance (Repair, etc.) .....                      | 458.04      |
| Chemicals for Pool .....                              | 469.02      |
| Postage, Paper, etc. ....                             | 85.08       |
| Rally Day (Food & Drinks) .....                       | 278.59      |
| Drinks from Auxiliary Retreat .....                   | 63.70       |
| Insurance .....                                       | 1,618.00    |
| Total expenditures .....                              | 11,661.61   |
| Balance September 9, 1978 .....                       | \$12,605.60 |

S—Woodrow Matthews, Secretary



### REPORT OF THE JASPER QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association met three times this associational year. The first meeting was January 28, 1978, at Winfield. At this meeting a number of our missionaries were present. The second meeting, April 29, was at New Liberty and the third meeting, July 29, was at Cedrom Grove. Every church which is now a regular member of the Jasper Association was represented at every meeting. There was also a very good representation of ministers, deacons and visitors. Business that was transacted is as follows:

January 28

Report of the Credentials Committee:

1. That New Oak Grove Church be dropped from the roll of the Jasper Association as requested by the church.

2. That Brother Herbert Boshell be ordained to the Gospel Ministry in this session. Motion Made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

Motion made, seconded and carried to raise the fee for the Quarterly meeting from \$3.00 to \$10.00.

Brother Herbert Boshell was ordained in the afternoon session. Rev. A. J. Looper was in charge of the service. Rev. Richard Cordell brought the message and the charge. Rev. William Pate prayed the prayer of consecration.

April 29

Rev. A. J. Looper resigned as treasurer and Brother Don Collins was elected to fill out his term.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that June 4 be designated "Dave Franks Day."

Rev. A. J. Looper urged the ministers and delegates to send a good offering to Miss Sides who is retiring from the Children's Home.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the report of the Credentials Committee which was to give Brother Charles Fowler a card of good standing upon receipt of a letter from the Vernon Association.

July 29

Brother Gurley Roberts resigned as member of Credentials Committee and Rev. Woodrow Matthews was elected to finish out his term.

The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted as follows: "We recommend that Rev. Gurley Roberts be given a letter of good standing when requested from another association.

Donnie Gunnin, Moderator  
W. B. Hughes, Clerk

### REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Jasper District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met on April 22, 1978, with the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church with a total of 59 present.

The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Linda Silas. Kay Thompson led in singing "Stand Up for Jesus." Mrs. A. J. Looper led in prayer.

The welcome was given by Kathy Walker and the response was by Pam Dudley. Mrs. Virginia Duncan gave the devotion reading from Proverbs 31:10-31.

A skit was presented by the Winfield Church entitled "How Not to Have an Auxiliary Meeting." It was well received.

Letters were read and delegates seated. The following committees were appointed: nominating, resolutions finance, appreciations, registration.

After intermission, the service began with the group singing "At The Cross" led by Kay Thompson. The vice president called for the reports of the various committees. They were read and adopted by motion and second.

New officers were elected for the coming year and Barbara Lolly from Liberty Free Will Baptist Church led in the installion service. She used Paul's words from Ephesians "Putting on the whole armour of God" as a guideline. It was very impressive.

Naomi Reese sang "I Should Have Been Crucified." Mrs. Peggy Sloan, speaker for the hour, spoke on the importance of daily Bible Study. She used Scriptures from Colossians and Jeremiah. Five points of interest were used. hear, read, study, and meditate. It was very inspiring.

An offering of \$46.98 was received for foreign missions. Charla May dismissed in prayer. A wonderful meal was served by the ladies of Mt. Olive Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Mayhall

### Financial Report

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Balance brought forward | \$85.69 |
| Dues Collected          | 124.25  |
| Missions offering       | 46.98   |
| Total Receipts          | 256.92  |
| Gift for speaker        | 5.25    |
| Sent to Missions        | 46.98   |
| Secretary fee           | 15.00   |
| State dues              | 108.75  |
| Total debits            | 175.98  |
| Bal. on hand            | 80.94   |

### Report of the Resolutions Committee:

We the Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the Resolution Committee report be printed in the minutes.

2. We recommend that we meet semi-annually in the month of October for a district fellowship meeting and in the spring for the annual district conventions.

3. We resolve to be more missions 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 the convention.

6. We resolve to pay the secretary \$15.00 instead of \$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. We have examined the letters from the affiliated churches and find them to be in order.

2. We recommend that Jimmy Bozeman's license be extended for another year at the request of the church.

3. We recommend that the church at Gu-win be accepted as a "Mission Church" and remain under the watchcare of the Jasper Association for a period of one year. At the end of one year, the missions will be requested to confer with the Credentials



Committee regarding organization of the church and full membership in the Jasper Association.

The mission is requested to report to each quarterly meeting with a letter and none voting representatives.

4. We recommend that all ministers that turn in a report be given a card of good standing. Also that Brother Dewey Colley be given a card of good standing.

5. We recommend that all the money that has been received for retired ministers be divided between Dewey Colley, J. A. Godsey, and Wise Holcombe.

A. J. Looper  
Woodrow Matthews

#### APPRECIATIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciations Committee, would like to extend our thanks to Brother Ronald Watson and Good Springs Church and Brother Woodrow Matthews and the Mt. Olive Church for inviting the association into their churches, and for the hospitality shown. A special thanks goes to the ladies for the fine food prepared.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nellie Jackson  
Carol Anglin  
Della Roberts

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Associational Funds .....  | \$ 612.00  |
| Retired Ministers .....    | 486.41     |
| State Association .....    | 390.00     |
| Children's Home .....      | 60.00      |
| FWB Bible College .....    | 25.00      |
| FWB Foreign Missions ..... | 119.00     |
| FWB Home Missions .....    | 99.00      |
| Total .....                | \$1,791.41 |

Respectfully submitted,  
Letus Atkinson, Chairman  
Trenton Johnston  
Delbert Dobbs

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

Bethlehem: Lessie Shirey; Brilliant: Abraham Kinbrell, Noel Veto Mays, Sandra York, Vertie Estes, Glenn Whitman, Mary Ann Burleson; Carbon Hill: Lizzie Aldridge, N. N. Jones, Ella Williams; Edgar's Chapel: Grady Cook; Free Water: Fred Otts; Good Springs: Void Mink; Gum Springs: Foster Holcomb; Hamilton: Veto Emerson; Lone Star: Mamie Keeton; Mr. Olive: Cornelius Williams, Howard Myers; New Liberty: Walter McFarland, Clinton Fowler; Red Bay: Lucille Sykes, Minnie Paden; Shady Grove: Johnny Craven, Sidney Jackson, Tom Clark, Gladys Rich; Union Chapel: Marvin Eads, Loy Eads; Union Hill: L. D. Clements, Mrs. Paul Jagers; Winfield: Claudia Threadgill, Hollis Atkinson, Lillie Lee, Guy Barnes, Chestine Franks, Myrtle Lovelady.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. G. L. Butler  
Mrs. Nancy Mayhall  
Mrs. I. V. Farley



| CHURCH         | PASTOR             | Baptisms | Members Received | Members Lost | Present Membership | Sunday School Enrollment | CTS Enrollment | Pastor's Salary | Foreign Missions | Free Will Baptist College | Home Missions | Local Projects | Associational Funds | Total Offerings | Value Church Property | Value Parsonage Property |
|----------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Bethlehem      | Bobby Duncan       | 5        | 0                | 1            | 75                 | 40                       | 0              | 7,800.00        | 75.00            | 0                         | 0             | 380.00         | 50                  | ?               | 26,000                |                          |
| Brilliant      | Donnie Gunnin      | 8        | 10               | 13           | 180                | 100                      | 30             | ---             | 0                | 0                         | 0             | 0              | 65                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                        |
| Calvary        | Herbert Boshell 40 | 7        | 2                | 0            | 33                 | 48                       | 30             | 2,400.00        | 88.00            | 0                         | 0             | 255.83         | 65                  | 8,098.35        | 0                     | 0                        |
| Carbon Hill    | William F. Pate    | 4        | 5                | 6            | 100                | 95                       | ?              | 4,393.15        | 367.59           | 0                         | 205.00        | 625.16         | 60                  | 11,868.42       | 0                     | 0                        |
| Cedrom Grove   | O. Z. Johnson      | 0        | 1                | 0            | 66                 | 65                       | 32             | 1,575.00        | 239.00           | 120.00                    | 96.00         | 268.00         | 25                  | 13,573.00       | 25,000                | 0                        |
| Edgar's Chapel | Ralton Ray Edgar   | 5        | 0                | 3            | 102                | 0                        | 0              | 3,054.50        | 0                | 0                         | 0             | 0              | 20                  | 0               | 9,000                 |                          |
| Free Water     | Trellis Mayhall    | 11       | 11               | 1            | 150                | 92                       | 39             | 8,434.30        | 574.13           | 63.00                     | 324.68        | 77.32          | 60                  | 13,211.64       | 65,000                | 35,000                   |
| Good Springs   | Ronald Watson      | 2        | 3                | 1            | 85                 | 60                       | 0              | 2,225.00        | 0                | 0                         | 0             | 0              | 40                  | 4,892.00        | 20,000                |                          |
| Guin           | Richard Cordell    | 17       | 23               | 4            | 460                | 300                      | 200            | 13,750.00       | 4,489.03         | 4,489.03                  | 4,489.03      | 0              | 35                  | 100,970.00      | 250,000               | 35,000                   |
| Gum Springs    | Ray Ritch          | 0        | 2                | 3            | 80                 | 60                       | 25             | 6,920.00        | 980.00           | ---                       | 519.00        | 1,134.00       | 75                  | 16,387.00       | 35,000                | 0                        |
| Hackelburg     | Richard Hendrix    | 15       | 10               | 0            | 102                | 115                      | 86             | 5,581.34        | 516.39           | 0                         | 0             | 0              | 25                  | 14,410.17       | 70,000                | 25,000                   |
| Hamilton       | W. B. Hughes       | 3        | 3                | 2            | 157                | 90                       | 40             | 11,776.94       | 1,219.03         | 989.56                    | 517.80        | 679.80         | 65                  | 25,632.89       | 75,000                | 0                        |
| Holly Springs  | Larry Shotts       | 0        | 2                | 0            | 92                 | 0                        | 0              | 1,520.00        | 0                | 0                         | 0             | 0              | 20                  | 2,194.79        | 9,000                 |                          |
| Liberty        | Edgar Lee Childers | 2        | 0                | 0            | 124                | 90                       | 75             | 10,800.00       | 454.11           | 0                         | 136.22        | 162.97         | 75                  | 32,259.01       | 50,000                | 0                        |
| Lone Star      | Jay Sullins        | 0        | 1                | 0            | 92                 | 43                       | 0              | 4,150.00        | 0                | 0                         | 0             | 36.00          | 45                  | 0               | 25,000                | 0                        |
| Mt. Olive      | Woodrow Matthews   | 1        | 1                | 2            | 331                | 142                      | 119            | 12,425.00       | 6,303.94         | 948.00                    | 2,024.00      | 3,866.00       | 100                 | 51,725.00       | 140,000               | 40,000                   |
| Mt. Pleasant   | Hollie W. Spiller  | 16       | 8                | 0            | 177                | 80                       | 0              | 8,850.00        | 0                | 200.00                    | 775.00        | 0              | 32                  | 27,759.85       | 0                     | 8,000                    |
| New Liberty    | Arlo Peppers       | 2        | 6                | 8            | 178                | 63                       | 0              | ---             | 0                | 0                         | 0             | 0              | 115                 | ---             | 50,000                | 20,000                   |
| Parrish        | Vertus South       | 5        | 6                | 1            | 22                 | 50                       | 0              | 0               | 0                | 0                         | 0             | 0              | 10                  | 0               | 0                     | 0                        |
| Pocahontas     | Trenton Johnston   | 5        | 8                | 5            | 52                 | 55                       | 40             | 6,240.00        | 215.00           | 243.00                    | 292.00        | 315.95         | 100                 | 10,678.70       | 50,000                | 30,000                   |
| Red Bay        | Danny Thompson     | 11       | 1                | 3            | 251                | 202                      | 85             | 9,100.00        | 160.54           | 157.61                    | 606.69        | 1,113.15       | 60                  | 46,383.67       | 260,000               | 12,000                   |
| Shady Grove    | Julian Parsons     | 4        | 10               | 8            | 124                | 73                       | 26             | 7,800.00        | 106.96           | 123.76                    | 0             |                | 155                 | 11,433.38       | 6,800                 | 0                        |
| Union Chapel   | Clovis Tucker      | 4        | 7                | 2            | 94                 | 60                       | 0              | 1,855.00        | 0                | 0                         | 0             | 50.00          | 50                  | 0               | 15,000                | 0                        |
| Union Hill     | Roy Humphres       | 6        | 2                | 2            | 0                  | 70                       | 33             | 3,000.00        | 34.00            |                           | 34.00         | 50.00          | 168                 | 6,400.00        | 0                     | 0                        |
| Winfield       | A. J. Looper       | 26       | 21               | 6            | 0                  | 230                      | 110            | 13,000.00       | 2,263.27         | 3,138.22                  | 1,712.73      | 949.62         | 50                  | 63,986.65       | 280,000               | 65,000                   |
|                | TOTALS             | 159      | 143              | 71           | 3,127              | 2,223                    | 970            | 146,649.73      | 18,085.99        | 10,472.18                 | 11,732.15     | 9,963.80       | 1,565               | 461,846.52      | 1,460,800             | 272,970                  |



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 Edgar, Ralton Ray, Phil Campbell, Al. 35581  
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 Franks, Dave R., Brazil, S. A.  
 Godsey, J. A., Route 3, Hamilton 35570 921-3227  
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 Harbin, Walter C., Route 2, Jasper 35501  
 Hendrix, Richard, Route 10, Box 152 Jasper 35501 221-3239  
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 Holcomb, Wise, Route 2, Guin 25563 468-3910  
 Holcomb, Wyman, Route 1, Brilliant 25548 465-2330  
 Hughes, William B., Route 1 Box 14, Hamilton 35570 921-3364  
 Humphries, Roy, Route 1, Vina, Al. 35593 356-2115  
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 Johnson, O. Z., Route 1, Guin 35563  
 Johnston, Trenton, Carbon Hill 35549  
 Looper, A. J., Route 2, Winfield 35594 487-6992  
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 Spiller, Hollie Wayne, Route 1, Brilliant 35548 465-2319  
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## DEACONS

Bethlehem--Woodrow Franks, Kenneth Watts, Roy Crow, Vance Pollard  
 Brilliant--Dewey Burleson, Carl Smith, Raburn Hugley, R. D. Dickinson, Johnny Webb, Maxwell Gibbs  
 Calvary--Thomas Dozier  
 Carbon Hill--No Deacons listed  
 Cedrom Grove--Angelo Boshell, Charles Parr  
 Edgar's Chapel--L. C. Borden, I. J. Borden, F. T. Edgar, Terry Raper, Nash Crane, Marshal Raper, Leonard Lawler  
 Free Water--Pearce Miller, Artis Pugh, Wilburn Sexton, W. M. Wilson, Hubbard Estes  
 Good Springs--Leeman Humphres, M. M. Warren, Edward Holland  
 Guin--Frank Cutts, Larry White, Bill Smith, Jerry Flippo, Ronald McDonald, Bobby Glasgow, Tommy Nix, Walter Sloan  
 Gum Springs--J. C. White, Carroll Markham  
 Hackleburg--Ester Gunnin, Sam Lacy, Almon Rayburn  
 Hamilton--Don Collins, Dewel Emerson, Fray Stone, Lowell Parker  
 Holly Springs--Clayton Burgett, Ranzy Baty, O'Neal Childers, Ershell Childers  
 Liberty--Earlie Dickinson, Morgan Bozeman  
 Lone Star--Billy R. Pitts, Claude Russell, Kenneth Pounders, Bobby Bostic  
 Mt. Olive--Lowell Franks, Milton Rhudy, Paul Wilson, Howard Franks, Grady May  
 Mt. Pleasant--Vester Lawrence, Ira Smith, Bobby Elliott, Olith Erwin, Alan Atkinson  
 New Liberty--Victor Smith, Sid Moore, David Fowler, Aaron Wright  
 Parrish--Howard Romine  
 Pocahontas--Elbert Nelson, Pete Stewart, Joe Hunter, Curt Griffin, Jim Hunter  
 Red Bay--Oliver Mink, Willard Purser, Ross White, Raymond Cheekmore, Elmer Self, Ralph Purser, Raymon Blackburn  
 Shady Grove--Charles Nix, Clyde Freeman, Fred Rice, Edgar McDuffa  
 Union Chapel--Lonzo Goodwin, O. D. Eads, Tommy Williams, Jimmy Eads, Bill Williams  
 Union Hill--Paul Jaggers, Leburn Hudson, Jerry Anglin  
 Winfield--Lee Moore, Ira Baccus, Garland Holliman, B. P. Atkinson, Bill Overton



## CLERKS

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 Calvary--Sarah Ann Pate, Route 2, Carbon Hill, Al. 35549  
 Carbon Hill--Bernice Atkins, Box 88, Rt. 1, Carbon Hill, Al 35549  
 Cedrom Grove--Wade Jackson, Parrish, Al. 35580  
 Edgar's Chapel--Louise Crane, Route 3, Phil Campbell, Al. 35581  
 Free Water--Janie Miller, Route 2, Guin, Al. 35563  
 Good Springs--Eloise Humphres, Route 1, Box 213, Vina Al. 35593  
 Guin--Elaine Glasgow, Route 3, Vernon, Al. 35592  
 Gum Springs--Hazel Markham, Route 1, Box 298, Brilliant Al. 35548  
 Hackleburg--Carol Anglin, Route 2, Hackleburg, Al. 35564  
 Hamilton--Rubel G. Collins, Route 1, Box 336, Hamilton, Al 35570  
 Holly Springs--Pam Avery, Hamilton, Al. 35570  
 Liberty--Mrs. Bryan Silas, Route 2, Guin, Al. 35563  
 Lone Star--Bobby Spearman, Route 1, Tremont, Ms. 38876  
 Mt. Olive--Clark Flippo, Route 1, Guin, Al 35563  
 Mt. Pleasant--Merita Fay Martin, Route 1, Brilliant, Al. 35548  
 New Liberty--Era Lee Aldridge, 531 3rd Ave. N. W., Fayette, Al. 35555  
 Parrish--Audie Romine, Box 289, Parrish, Al. 35580  
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 Red Bay--Linda Blackburn, Route 2, Box 82D, Vina, Al. 35593  
 Shady Grove--Dorothy Rice, Route 2, Box 176, Phil Campbell, Al. 35581  
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 Union Hill--Lucille Anglin, Route 2, Hackleburg, Al. 35564  
 Winfield--Carl Atkinson, Route 2, Box 231, Winfield, Al. 35594  
 Mid-Way Mission--

## DELEGATES

(Delegates who were present)

Bethlehem--Lee Fry  
 Brilliant--Gail Gunnin, Jesse Stricklin  
 Calvary--Kathleen Boshell  
 Carbon Hill--Della Mae Roberts, Dora Roberts  
 Cedrom Grove--Nellie Jackson, Helen Tittle, Alice Barnes  
 Edgar's Chapel--Iva Raper, Charley Spencer, Shirley Lawler, Elizabeth Edgar  
 Free Water--Nancy Mayhall, Annie Otts  
 Guin--G. L. Butler, Cliff Kennedy, Delbert Dobbs  
 Good Springs--(Fri) Brenda Watson, Hazel Paden, Cleve Humphres, (Sat.) Fay Humphres, Eloise Humphres.  
 Gum Springs--  
 Hackleburg--Carol Anglin, Icie Gunnin, Burl Lolley  
 Hamilton--(Fri.) Chloe Emerson, Maxine Stone, Rubel Collins, (Sat.) Madie May, Ethel Lee Emerson.  
 Holly Springs--Betty Childers, Evelyn Swindel  
 Liberty--Billy Norris, Virginia Norris, Margaret Bozeman, (Sat.) Lillian Dickinson  
 Lone Star--  
 Mt. Pleasant--  
 Mt. Olive--Letus Atkinson  
 New Liberty--Verla Wright, Mary Lou Fowler, Dot Smith, Cora Aldridge  
 Parrish--  
 Pocahontas--Willard Shedd, Sylvia Manasco, Hattie Hunter  
 Red Bay--  
 Shady Grove--  
 Union Chapel--(Fri.) Willie Mae Williams, Freda Williams, Pearl Lawrence, (Sat.) Scott Eads, Melba Eads.  
 Union Hill--Robbie Humphres, Genevieve Frederick, Madge Baker, (Sat.) Carolyn Burleson, Wilodean Hudson.  
 Winfield--Leatrice Overton, Jesse Green, (Sat.) Melia Ernest, Denna Godsey, Emma Ausborn.



# JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1977 to September 30, 1978

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD.....\$1,915.33

### MONEY RECEIVED

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Special offering (Colored Church) ..... | \$ 50.00   |
| Quarterly Meeting, January, 1978 .....  | 470.98     |
| Quarterly Meeting, April, 1978 .....    | 250.00     |
| Special Offering (Sis. Frederick) ..... | 97.03      |
| Quarterly Meeting, July, 1978 .....     | 250.00     |
| Special Offering (Bro. Sexton) .....    | 80.00      |
| Total .....                             | 1,198.01   |
| Total to be accounted for .....         | \$3,113.34 |

### EXPENDITURES

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Office supplies .....                             | \$ 46.15   |
| State Association (Host Church) .....             | 312.00     |
| Rev. J. A. Godsey (Retirement) .....              | 173.50     |
| Rev. Wise Holcomb (Retirement) .....              | 173.50     |
| Foreign Missions .....                            | 146.66     |
| State Home Missions .....                         | 112.00     |
| Free Will Baptist Children's Home .....           | 88.33      |
| Free Will Baptist Bible College .....             | 79.33      |
| Board of Christian Education (food) .....         | 102.22     |
| Hamilton F.W.B. Church (offering for Memo.) ..... | 57.73      |
| Rev. O. Z. Johnson (Moderator) .....              | 65.00      |
| Rev. Donnie Gunnin (Assistant Moderator) .....    | 20.00      |
| Rev. W. B. Hughes (Clerk) .....                   | 135.00     |
| Rev. Danny Thompson (Assistant Clerk) .....       | 50.00      |
| State Association (fees) .....                    | 130.00     |
| Sister Icy Mae Frederick .....                    | 107.03     |
| New Hope Free Will Baptist Church (Colored) ..... | 50.00      |
| Home Missions .....                               | 59.50      |
| Foreign Missions (Conference) .....               | 59.50      |
| Itawamba Times (Minutes) .....                    | 296.00     |
| Mid South Pastor's Conference .....               | 200.00     |
| Special Offering (Vance Sexton) .....             | 80.00      |
| Total .....                                       | \$2,543.45 |
| BALANCE ON HAND (September 30, 1978) .....        | \$ 569.89  |

## 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 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 Tim. 3:16-17; 2nd Pet. 1:18-21

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.

Deut. 6:4; Gen 1:1; Neh. 9:6; Ps. 47:7; Ex. 34:14.

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.

John 1:14; Rev. 4:25

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

Heb. 9:14; Ps. 139: 7-10; Luke 1:35; 1 Cor. 2:10,11.

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.

Acts 17:28; Eph. 1:11.

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.

Gen. 2:7; Ps. 51:5; Eph. 2:3

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.

John 3:16.

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.

Luke 13:5; Eph. 2:8; 2 Pet. 1:4-10.

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.

John 3:16.

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.

Deut. 30:19; John 5:40.

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.

1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9.

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

Rev. 8:38-39; 2 Pet. 1:10.

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.

Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; St. John 13:4-17.

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" (1 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.

Gen. 2:3; Luke 24:1-6; Acts 20:7.

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."

John 5:28-29; Acts 17:31; 2 Cor. 5:10.

## 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, 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 or 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 50A.; Page 59B.)

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 three 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 in 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.