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of

**FREE WILL
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When Convened at

HACKLEBURG FWB CHURCH

and

RED BAY FWB CHURCH

October 5 — October 6, 1979

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

OFFICERS

Moderator - Rev. Roger Houston, Route 1, Box 63, Carbon Hill, Al 35549
 Assistant Moderator - Mr. Walter Sloan, Box 553, Guin, Al 35563
 Clerk - Rev. W. B. Hughes, Route 6, Box 11, Hamilton, Al 35570
 Assistant Clerk - Rev. Danny Thompson, Box 457, Red Bay, Al 35582
 Treasurer - Mr. Don L. Collins, Route 1 Box 336, Hamilton, Al 35570

BOARDS

GENERAL BOARD: Terms to Expire 1980: 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

Terms to expire 1981: Brilliant, Dewey Burleson, Cedrom Grove, Walter Lewellen, Cooper, Johnny Sexton; Free Water, Donald Kivette; Guin, Jerry Flippo; Hackleburg, Charles Harper; Hamilton, Fray Stone; Liberty, James Norris; Mount Pleasant, Allen Brasseal; Pocahontas, Jim Hunter; Red Bay O'Neal Funderburk; Union Hill, Paul Jagers.

STATE GENERAL BOARD MEMBER: Rev. Donnie Gunnin

CHILDRENS HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Rev. A. J. Looper

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Danny Thompson (1980), Donnie Gunnin (1981) Roger Houston (1982), Woodrow Matthews (1983), Richard Hendrix (1984).

YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Letus Atkinson, (1980), Woodrow Matthews (1981), A. J. Looper (1982).

COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Rev. Woodrow Matthews (1980), Rev. Ray Ritch (1981) Rev. Donnie Gunnin (1982).

PROCEEDINGS

The ninety-third session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Hackleburg Free Will Baptist Church, Hackleburg, Alabama, October 5, 1979 at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Roger Houston was moderator.

The session opened with congregation singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" led by Rev. Jay Sullins. Rev. Malone Cobb prayed the opening prayer. Rev. Johnny Sexton, Pastor of Cooper Free Will Baptist Church, brought the devotion. He read from Ecclesiastes 11:6 and made some comments. He closed with prayer. Rev. Lamar Cox, Pastor of the host church, gave the welcome. Response was by Rev. O. Z. Johnson.

The moderator appointed the following committees: Obituary, Della Mae Roberts, Gail Gunnin, Elmira York. Appreciations: Zora Nelson, Nelladean Sparks, Kathleen Boshell. Finance: Paul Jagers, Dewey Burleson, Walter Lewellen.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was read by Rev. A. J. Looper. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive and adopt item by item. Items 1 through 4 were carried. The right hand of fellowship was given to the pastor, deacons, and delegates from the Cooper Free Will Baptist Church.

The moderator recognized Rev. Carthell Nalls from the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Association.

After the clerk and assistant clerk had called the roll of delegates, Rev. Donnie Gunnin made a motion and it was seconded and carried to seat the delegates.

The report of the General Board was read by the clerk. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report and adopt item by item. Items 1 through 10 were adopted. Item 11 contained a Constitutional change and was of necessity tabled. Item 12 was adopted and the incoming members of the General Board elected.

Rev. Ray Ritch announced the Alabama State Association to be held with the Dothan Free Will Baptist Church November 8, 9, and 10, 1979. Brother Bill Foster, representative of the National Sunday School and Church Training Board, brought greetings and explained the program of the Board. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report as information.

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

Motion made, seconded and carried that each church send a donation of \$10 for the entertainment of the Association at North West Free Will Baptist Youth Camp on Saturday, October 4, 1980.

A moderator declared a recess. Rev. Ray Ritch led in prayer.

MORNING SERVICE

The morning service was opened with singing "I Feel Like Traveling On" and "It Was Love" led by Rev. Jay Sullins. Mrs. Nellie Jackson sang "Broken Pieces" as the special music. Rev. Roger Houston brought the Moderator's message. He read Romans 8:10-17 and preached from the subject: "Mature Christians." He said Mature Christians are able to hear the Word of God, comprehend spiritual things, control the three most tempestuous parts of the body. They are to be able to stand, remember, admonish others and to teach others. "Where He Leads Me" was sung as the invitation song.

Rev. Lamar Cox, pastor of the host church, made the announcements concerning the noon meal. Rev. Woodrow Matthews led in prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Fill My Way With Love" and "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" led by Rev. Jay Sullins. The afternoon message was brought by Rev. Fred Jones, Pastor of Free Water Free Will Baptist Church. He read from 1 Timothy Chapter 4 and preached about the cults and occult. He warned against principalities and powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places. The service was closed with an altar prayer.

Mrs. Gail Gunnin read the report of the Obituary Committee: A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the report. The Moderator asked the congregation to stand in a few moments of silent prayer in memory of those who have gone on to be with the Lord. Rev. Mike Cordell led in prayer.

Rev. Carthell Nalls thanked the Association for helping the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Guin, Alabama to build a new building.

The session was dismissed to meet with Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, October 6, 1979.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session opened with the congregation singing "Glory to His Name" and "Sunlight, Sunlight" led by Rev. Jay Sullins. Rev. Pearl P. Barnes gave the devotion. He read I Corinthians 13:11 and Matthew 5:48 and made some comments. Brother Donnie Gunnin led in prayer. Rev. Leroy Forelines from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Rev. Louie Bates from Birmingham District

Association and Rev. Pat Butrum from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home were recognized as visitors. The Moderator called for a roll call of delegates. Motion made, seconded and carried to seat the delegates who were not present in the Friday session. The clerk called the roll of ministers. Rev. Bryon Meyer and Rev. Malone Cobb were appointed as fraternal delegates to the Vernon Association.

Rev. Pat Butrum gave the report of the Home for Children, Eldridge, Alabama. He reported 22 children at the home with 8 teenage boys. Rev. A. J. Looper explained the Parents and Mothers program of the Home. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report as information.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews read the report of the Board of Christian Education. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report. The report of the North West Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth camp was read by Rev. Woodrow Matthews and a motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

Rev. O. Z. Johnson made a motion and it was seconded and carried to take from the table item 11 of the General Board report. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was made and a motion made, seconded and carried to adopt item by item. All items were adopted by motion and seconded.

Brother Don Collins gave the report of the treasurer. Motion made, seconded and passed to adopt the report.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Association give \$200 toward the expense of the Pastors' and Workers' conference to be held at Muscle Shoals Free Will Baptist Church February 11-13, 1980.

The Appreciations Committee report was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Moderator, Rev. Roger Houston, Assistant Moderator, Bro. Walter Sloan, Clerk, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Assistant Clerk, Rev. Danny Thompson, Treasurer, Bro. Don Collins.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the partial report of the Finance Committee's report and instruct the clerk to complete the report.

MORNING SERVICE

The morning service began with the congregation singing "Praise Him! Praise Him!" led by Rev. Jay Sullins. Rev. Richard Cordell led in prayer. The Moderator introduced Rev. Leroy Forelines for the morning message. He brought greetings from Free Will Baptist Bible College and gave the following information: Report on the inauguration of Dr. Charles A. Thigpen as President of the college, 525 students enrolled for the fall semester and campus revival with Rev. Godron Sebastian. He reported that Alabama gave 13 percent over its quota for last year. The quota for '79-'80 is \$43,500.

Following this report Rev. Forlines read Psalms 143:10 and preached on seeking, finding and doing God's will. At the end of the message he concluded with the following thoughts. Nothing is the will of God that contradicts Scripture. Don't neglect your own desires if it does not contradict the will of God. It will appear reasonable to others.

One will recognize the responsibility of the church is not his alone. The will of God will be joyful and fruitful. It will come with the available opportunities.

An offering of \$105.40 was received.

Rev. Danny Thompson, Pastor of the host church, made announcements concerning the noon meal. After some other announcements had been made, a motion

was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the session. Rev. Danny Thompson led the closing prayer.

Rev. Roger Houston, Moderator
Rev. W. B. Hughes, Clerk

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist met September 29, 1979 at Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church. Moderator Roger Houston presided over the meeting. The Meeting was opened with a song. Prayer was by Brother Jerry Stephens. Brother W. A. Roberts read Psalms 24:1 and made some comments.

The following recommendations were discussed and passed:

1. We recommend that Brother Donnie Gunnin be elected to the Credentials Committee for a three year term.

2. We recommend that Brother Richard Hendrix be elected to the Board of Christian Education. His term to expire in 1984.

3. We recommend that the moderator be paid sixty-five (65) dollars, the assistant moderator twenty (20) dollars, the clerk one hundred thirty five (135) dollars, the assistant clerk fifty (50) dollars and the treasurer seventy-five (75) dollars.

4. We recommend that the first quarterly meeting be held January 12, 1980 instead of December 29, 1979. We recommend that this meeting be held at Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend that the March 29th meeting be held with New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church at their invitation. We recommend that the June 28th meeting be held with Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

We recommend that the first day of the annual meeting (October 3, 1980) be held with New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church at their invitation, and the second day (October 4) be held at the North West Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

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

6. We recommend that each church send an offering to each annual meeting 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, home for children and Free Will Baptist Bible College.

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

8. We recommend that the first Sunday in November (November 4) be designated as Youth Camp Sunday.

B. We recommend that each church give a minimum of 2 percent of its overall budget to the Youth Camp.

9. We recommend that Brother A. J. Looper be elected to the Youth Camp Board of Directors.

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

11. We recommend that Article VIII, Section IV. of the Constitution be changed to read as follows: Preachers coming to us from other Free Will Baptist Associations shall present their requests for membership to the Credentials Committee at the time of a Quarterly Meeting or the Annual Session, and said request may be acted on at that session.

B. Preachers coming to us from other denominations shall present their requests to the Credentials Committee at the time of a Quarterly Meeting or the annual

session. Such request shall be acted upon at the time of the following quarterly meeting or annual session.

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

Brilliant - Dewey Burleson
Cedrom Grove - Walter Lewellen
Cooper - Johnny Sexton
Free Water - Donald Kivette
Guin - Jerry Flipppo
Hackleburg - Charles Harper
Hamilton - Fray Stone
Liberty - James Norris
Mount Pleasant - Allen Brasseal
Pochontas - Jim Hunter
Red Bay - O'Neal Funderburk
Union Hill - Paul Jagers
Roger Houston, Moderator
W. B. Hughes, Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

September 1, 1978 - August 31, 1979

Balance brought forward..... \$68.90

RECEIPTS:

CTS Fees.....	\$ 105.00
Campers Fees.....	3,486.50
Sales from Snack Bar.....	948.38
Gifts from Guin Church.....	50.00
Total.....	4,589.88
Total to be accounted for.....	\$4,658.78

EXPENDITURES:

CTS Awards.....	\$ 93.89
Teaching Materials.....	21.88
Printing & Postage.....	44.59
Snack Bar Supplies.....	902.43
Evangelists.....	500.00
Gas for Evangelist.....	17.00
Campers Insurance.....	249.21
Use of Camp.....	400.00
Food for Camp Sessions.....	1,963.48
Miscellaneous.....	125.02
Total.....	4,317.50
Balance August 31, 1979.....	\$ 341.28

/S/ Woodrow Matthews, Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

September 9, 1978 - September 13, 1979

Balance brought forward.....\$12,605.60

RECEIPTS:

Gifts (Churches, Individuals, etc.).....	\$8,449.25
Rally Day.....	2,251.32
Walk A Thon - Bike A Thon.....	4,086.19
Insurance Co For Vandalism.....	626.68
Use of Camp (Prorated Utilities).....	1,000.00
Credit on Deposit.....	2.30
Loan.....	22,000.00
Total.....	38,415.74

Total to be accounted for.....\$51,021.34

EXPENDITURES:

Water.....	741.11
Phone.....	309.36
Electric (Incl. Meter Dp.).....	1,364.45
Postage.....	51.38
Insurance.....	2,953.00
Chemicals for Pool.....	832.34
Kitchen Eqpt.....	43.48
Maintenance & Repair.....	460.58
Office Supplies.....	13.03
Repair for Vandalism.....	712.41
Secretarial Work.....	244.00
Food, Drinks, Etc. for Rally Day.....	334.97
Insulating Dining Hall (Overhead).....	1,150.00
Night Lights.....	93.60
Paint (Pool, Kitchen & Dining Hall).....	324.51
Fire Extinguisher.....	200.00
Air Conditioners (2 units for Kitchen).....	1,250.00
Cost of Caretaker's Home.....	33,106.95
Total.....	44,185.17

Balance.....\$ 6,836.17

/S/ Woodrow Matthews, Secretary

Information:

Original Contract Price of Camp Home.....	\$29,568.00
Additions to Contract.....	3,538.95
	\$33,106.95

(Additions include Carport & Utility room, steps to back porch, and raised front porch, storm doors, better grade floor covering, mirror & medicine cabinet for baths.)

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association met three times this year. The first meeting was January 6, 1979 at Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Joseph G. Ange brought the two morning messages.

Brother Edgar Lee Childers was received into the fellowship of the Association. Brother Charles Aaron Spencer and Brother Dennis Heath were ordained to the Gospel ministry. Brother A. J. Looper brought the ordination message.

All twenty-five churches of the Jasper Association were represented at this meeting.

The second meeting was held at the Carbon Hill church, April 28, 1979. Brother Danny Thompson and Brother Bob Shockey were the speakers.

Brother Eugene Taylor was received into the fellowship of the Association. Twenty-four of the 25 member churches were represented.

The third meeting was held with Liberty Church, Guin, Ala., August 28, 1979. Brother Ronald Watson, Brother Hollie Wayne Spiller and Brother James Walden were the speakers. A motion was presented and tabled to receive Brother Fred W. Jones, newly elected pastor at Free Water Church, into fellowship at the next session. A motion was passed to ordain Brother David Crowe to the Gospel Ministry and that the ordination service be held with the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday night, August 29, 1979. A motion was passed to give Brother David Sexton a letter of recommendation to the State Line Association. Brother Jimmy Bozeman was given an application form for ordination and asked to meet with the Credentials Committee at the next session.

Twenty four of the 25 member churches presented at this meeting.

Rev. Roger Houston, Moderator

Rev. W. B. Hughes, Clerk

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Jasper District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met on April 21, 1979 with the Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Kathy Walker. Kay Thompson led in singing "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Have Faith in God." Mrs. Marie Cordell led in prayer.

The welcome address was given by Edith Creekmore with the response to welcome given by Linda Silas. Mrs. Annette Nelson gave the devotion reading from Genesis 15:1-6.

A skit was presented by the Guin church entitled "Missions or Missing in Action."

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

After intermission the service began with two congregational hymns led by Kay Thompson. The President called for the report of the various committees. They were voted on and accepted.

Mrs. Carol Kivette installed the new officers. Mrs. Naomi Reese from the Winfield Church sang a special entitled "Jesus Was at the End of My Journey." Mrs. Charla May was the speaker for the hour. She used Scriptures from Proverbs, Ephesians, Titus, and Romans. Five points of interest were used: God fearing women, submission to husband, a virtuous, modest example, love for the family and shape our family for God. The message was very well given and received.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$85.84
Monies received	480.46
Total	566.30
PAID OUT	
Dave Franks Account	94.00
Children's Home	200.00
Dues	98.75
Youth Camp	50.00
State Project	68.00
Secretary	15.00
Postage	2.00
Total	527.75
Balance on hand	38.55

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We resolve that the Resolutions Committee report be printed in the minutes.
2. We recommend that we continue to meet semi-annually in the month of October for a district fellowship and shower for the missionary provisions closet.
3. We recommend that the field worker contact the church auxiliary as to the articles to be brought for the missionary provisions shower.
4. We resolve that we meet in the spring for the annual district convention.
5. We resolve to be more mission minded and support missions as much as possible.
6. We resolve the secretary continue sending out the report slips with the program before the convention.
7. We resolve that each auxiliary continue to send 6 delegates to the convention
8. We resolve to pay the secretary \$15.00 instead of \$10.00 per year.

9. We resolve that we continue to support the Children's home.

10. We recommend that we designate a day before the first camp session in June to have a "Camp clean up" by the Jasper Association Woman's Auxiliary.

11. We recommend that it be brought up at the State Meeting that the Woman's Auxiliary retreat be held at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

Carolyn Thorn
Linda Silas
Annette Nelson
Leatrice Overton
Peggy Sloan
Carol Kivette

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. All letters are in order, recommend that the delegates be seated.
2. Recommend that all ministers turn in a report to receive a card of good standing for the next associational year.
3. We recommend that Bro. Fred Jones be accepted as a member of the Jasper Association.
4. We have received a letter of request for membership from the Cooper FWB Church.

We recommend that the Church be received into our fellowship, along with the ordained of the Church; provided that they follow our precedings in receiving new ministers.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. We the Credentials Committee recommend that all funds each year that is received for retired ministers be divided equally to all retired ministers.
For the minister to be eligible, he must have twenty (20) years in the ministry, with five (5) of those years of service in the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist.
2. We have met with the following ministers and recommend that they be given cards of good standing.

Bro. Johnny Sexton
Bro. Malone Cobb
Bro. Byron Meyer
Bro. Lamar Cox
Bro. Calvin Bevans

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee would like to thank Bro. Larmer Cox and Hackleburg Church and Bro. Danny Thompson and Red Bay Church, for the good fellowship that we all enjoyed during our association. We would also like to thank the ladies of each Church for the good food.

Sincerely
Zora Nelson
Nelladean Sparks
Kathleen Boshell

FINANCE REPORT

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

Associational Funds.....	\$700.00
Retired Ministers.....	457.00
State Association.....	275.00
Children's Home.....	10.00
FWB Bible College.....	
FWB Home Missions.....	70.00
Total.....	\$1,512.00

Respectfully submitted,
Dewey Burleson, Chairman
Paul Jagers
Walter Lewellen

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

Bethlehem
Brilliant

Carbon Hill
Cedrom Grove
Cooper
Edgar's Chapel
Good Springs
Gum Springs
Hamilton
Mt. Olive

Mt. Pleasant
New Liberty
Red Bay

Shady Grove

Virdee Waren Frye
Sis. Lilly White
Bro. Lester Hawkins
Sis. Plumer Norris
Sis. Ora Lewellan
Ozell Carter
Sis. Florence Raper
Sis. Annie Humphres
Bro. Marvin Wilcutt
Sis. Annie Mae Thompson
Sis. Ollie Tidwell
Sis. Fannie Silas
Bro. Titus Johnson
Eloise McDaniel Patterson
Bro. Bervil Smith
Bro. Willie Newell
Bro. Joseph Presley
Sis. Leathia Rice
Sis. Evie Steward
Sis. Mary Willard Jackson

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	1	3	5	75	45	0	6,200					50	10,403.53	26,000	
Brilliant	Donnie Gunnin	14	1	10	172	100	40	8,575	1,426.45	395.19	708.41	506.80	65	24,419.13	90,000	30,000
Calvary	Calvin Bevans	0	3	2	33	40	35	2,400	65.00			191.80	25	9,069.84	30,000	
Carbon Hill	William F. Pate	18	6	5	57	112	45	4,704.58	440.53	143.29	143.29	459.32	50	13,807.70	41,000	
Cedrom Grove	O. Z. Johnson	2	1	1	46	66	30	3,332	804.00	170.00	100.00	646.00	80	12,412	27,500	2,500
Cooper	Johnny Sexton	15	8	1	217	140	100						50		65,000	25,000
Edgar Chapel	Charles Spencer	0	3	1	101	—							60		20,000	
Free Water	Fred Jones	8	1	2	160	87	55	8,410.00	854.99	120.00	935.95	205.00	60	17,228.50	50,000	30,000
Good Springs	Ronald Watson	0	0	4	85	60	30	2,030.00					35	4,013.89	20,000	
Guin	Richard Cordell	19	34	0	541	360	136						35			
Gum Springs	Ray Ritch	0	0	1	80	60	40	7,010.00	1,808.00		618.00	664.00	75	14,574.00	35,000	
Hackelburg	Lamar Cox	3	3	2	106	90	60	7,408.79	609.58				35	19,069.50	77,000	27,500
Hamilton	W. B. Hughes	5	7	3	166	136	42	7,900.00	1,206.94	460.63	656.00	792.63	95	28,545.56	100,000	
Holly Springs	George Page	0	2	2	92	20	—	1,290.00					20	2,248.25	9,000	
Liberty	Edgar Lee Childers	0	7	7	129	90	48	12,300.00	449.90		501.18	605.78	75	21,759.19	50,000	
Lone Star	Jay Sullins	0	3	0	95	51	—	5,400.00					30	7,500	30,000	
Mt. Olive	Woodrow Matthews	7	2	3	334	130	80	13,200	12,621.46	791.57	3,633.96	2,911.90	100	62,411.82	140,000	40,000
Mt. Pleasant	Byron Meyer	4	2	2	176	80	—	13,650		200.00			32	44,916.00	145,000	6,000
New Liberty	Malone Cobb	2	1	3	177	86	—	8,320	400.00		170.00	170.00	115	15,690.06	50,000	20,000
Parrish	Eugene Taylor	0	2	0	35	45	—	—					25		2,500	
Pocahontas	Roger Houston	6	3	0	58	60	45	6,120.00	237.00	277.00	277.00	591.95	100	11,998.90	50,000	30,000
Red Bay	Danny Thompson	18	5	4	271	234	90	10,960.00	353.27	215.12	1,796.77	490.86	60	62,591.10	190,000	12,000
Shady Grove	Julian Parsons	0	0	3	117	62	19	7,900.00	141.39	141.39	141.39	141.39	155	14,554.58	68,000	
Union Chapel	Clovis Tucker	3	5	0	101	60	25	2,475.00					30		30,000	
Union Hill	Roy Humphres	4	0	1	—	78	50	2,940.00	126.39		76.39		50			
Winfield	A. J. Looper	14	11	14	477			12,000.00	3,265.00	2,145.00	2,740.53	772.00	45	58,000	300,000	100,000
TOTALS		143	113	76	3,901	2,292	970	140,675.37	24,809.90	7,059.19	12,498.87	9,149.43	1,552	455,213.55		

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 Johnson, O. Z. Route 1, Hamilton 35570 - 921-7082
 Johnston, Trenton, Carbon Hill 35549
 Jones, Fred, Route 2, Guin 35563 - 468-2749
 Looper, A. J., Route 2, Winfield 35594 - 487-6992
 Matthews, Woodrow, Route 2, Guin 35563 - 468-2325
 Meyer, Byron, Billiant, Al 35548 - 465-2637
 Norris, William, P. O. Box 256, Guin 35563
 Parsons, Julian, 1303 16th Ave. S. E. Decatur 35601 - 353-5052
 Pate, William F., Route 2, Carbon Hill 35549 - 924-8344
 Ritch, Ray, 717 W. Cedar Cone Circle, B'ham 35214 - 798-5416
 Roberts, W. A., Route 12, Box 185, Carbon Hill 35549 - 924-8826
 Sexton, Johnny, Route 1 Box 126A, Detroit 35552 - 921-2440
 Spencer, Charles Aaron, Vina, Al
 Sullins, Jay, Route 3, Hamilton 35570 - 921-2851
 Taylor, Eugene, Route 1, Jasper 35501 - 384-4981
 Thompson, Danny, P. O. Box 457, Red Bay 35582 - 356-2425
 Tucker, Clovis, Route 4, Winfield 35594 - 487-2564
 Watson, Ronald, Route 1, Hackleburg 35564

DELEGATES

Bethlehem - Lee Fry, Mike Tittle, Carolyn Tittle, (None Present)
 Brilliant - Icie Burleson, Almer Hughley, Gail Gunnin
 Calvary - Elizabeth Lawrence, Kathleen Boshell
 Carbon Hill - Dela Mae Roberts, Roby Eaton, Dora Roberts, Saturday: Mildred Mullins, Larken Mullins, Janie Keith
 Cedrom Grove - Helen Tittle, Helen Boshell, Nellie Jackson
 Cooper-Rube Finch, Lena May Rye, Gordie Rye, Dale Ridgway (Alt)
 Edgar Chapel - Winofline Borden, Myra Crane, Elizabeth Edgar
 Free Water - Barbara Jones, Richmond Pollard, Edgar Pollard, Donald Kivette, Pam Dudley, Vikie Oliver.
 Good Springs - Delton Humphries, Marie Holland, Fay Humphres, Eloise Humphres.
 Guin - G. L. Butler, Delbert Dobbs, Cliff Kennedy, Jessie Strickland, Luther Akers.
 Gum Springs - Famie Bates, Susie Holcomb
 Hackleburg - Icie Gunnin, Nell Pierce, Carol Anglin
 Hamilton-Jimmy May, Madie May Larkin Townley. Saturday Chloe Emerson, Clovis Childers
 Holly Springs - Elzie Childers, Vessile Childers, Myrtle Massey.
 Liberty-Mack Bozeman, Lillian Dickinson, Rosa Johnson, Lucile Childers.
 Saturday: Bryan Silas, Linda Silas.
 Lone Star - Claudette Pounders, Sylvia Sullins, Mona Lease.
 Mt. Olive - Letus Atkinson, Willie Patterson, Mentie Evans, Francis Patterson, Louise Wilson, Blanch Matthews
 Mt. Pleasant - Arlene Myre, Jettie B. Erwin, Bobbie Lawrence, Royal Martin
 New Liberty - Sherman Fowler, Mary Sue Fowler, Dulphane Garner, Dot Smith
 Parrish - No delegates
 Pochontas - Zora Nelson, Kathy Houston, Nelladean Sparks, Nell Deason
 Red Bay - Harold Lynch
 Shady Grove - Margaret Parsons, John Sinkbeil, Zola Sinkbeil
 Union Chapel - Arlene Tucker, Pearl Lawrence, Freda Williams, Willie Mae Williams, Berry Eads, Jenny Eads, Gaylon Nichols.
 Union Hill - Madge Barker, Robbie Humphres, Glenda Anglin, Regina Frederick
 Winfield - Emma Orsborn, Elmira York, Sue Looper, Ronnie Lawler, Melia Earnest

DEACONS

Bethlehem - Woodrow Franks, Kenneth Watts, Roy Crow, Vance Pollard
 Brilliant - Dewey Burleson, Earl Smith, Raburn Hugley, R. D. Dickinson, Johnny Webb, Maxwell Gibbs.
 Calvary - Thomas Dozier, Michael Pate
 Carbon Hill - No deacons listed
 Cedrom Grove - Angelo Boshell, Charles Parr
 Cooper - Burley Finch, Jack Pollard, Edward Gilmore
 Edgar's Chapel - L. C. Borden, I. J. Gorden, F. T. Edgar, Nash Crane, Marshall Raper, Leonard Lawler
 Free Water - Pearce Miller, Artis Pugh, Wilburn Sexton, W. M. Wilson, Hubbard Estes
 Good Springs - Heeman Humphres, M. M. Warren, Edward Holland
 Guin - Franks Cutts, Larry White, Bill Smith, Jerry Flipppo, Ronald McDonald, Bobby Glasgow, Tommy Nix, Walter Sloan
 Gum Springs - J. C. White, Carroll Markham
 Hackleburg - Ester Gunnin, Sam Lacy, Almon Rayburn, Q. C. Kennedy
 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, Billy Norris, Don Wilson
 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, Herschel Swan, Henry Thompson
 Pocahontas - Elbert Nelson, Pete Stewart, Joe Hunter, Curt Riffin, Jim Hunter
 Red Bay - Oliver Mink, Willard Purser, Ros White, Raymond Cheekmore, Elmer Self, Ralph Purser, Raymond Blackburn
 Shady Grove - Charles Nix, Clyde Freeman, Fred Rice
 Union Chapel - Lonzo Goodwin, O. D. Eads, Tommy Williams, Jimmy Eads, Bill Williams
 Union Hill - Paul Jagers, Leburn Hudson, Jerry Anglin
 Winfield - Lee Moore, Ira Baccus, Garland Holliman, B. P. Atkinson, Bill Overton.

CLERKS

Bethlehem - Willodean Cagle, Rt. 1 Brilliant, Al 35548
 Brilliant - Vella Dean Dickinson, P. O. Box 343, Brilliant, Al 35548
 Calvary - Elizabeth Lawrence, Route 1 Box 194A, Townley, Al 35587
 Carbon Hill - Bernice Atkins, Rt. 1 Box 88, Carbon Hill, Al 35549
 Cedrom Grove - Wade Jackson, P. O. Box 91, Parrish, Al 35580
 Cooper - Burley Finch, Route 1, Detroit, Al 35552
 Edgar Chapel - Verda Mae Lawler, Route 3, Phil Campbell, Al 35581
 Free Water - Janie Miller, Route 2, Guin, Al 35563
 Guin - Helen Gann, P. O. Box 312, Guin, Al 35563
 Good Springs - Eloise Humphres, Rt. 1 Box 213, Vina, Al 35593
 Gum Springs - Hazel Markham, Route 1, Box 298, Brilliant, Al 35548
 Hackleburg - Carol Anglin, Hackleburg, Al 35564
 Hamilton - Ronnie Ellis, Rt. 4, Hamilton, Al 35570
 Holly Springs - Jimmy Lou Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 183, Hackleburg, Al 35564
 Liberty - Mrs. Bryan Silas, Route 2, Guin, Al 35563
 Lone Star - Bobby Spearman, Route 1, Tremont, Ms 38876
 Mt. Olive - Clark Flipppo, Route 1, Guin, Al 35563
 Mt. Pleasant - Merita Faye Martin, Rt 1, Brilliant, Al 35548
 New Liberty - Era Lee Aldridge, 531 3rd Ave. N. W. Fayette, Al 35555
 Parrish - Audie Romine, Parrish, Al 35580
 Pocahontas - Deborah Stewart, P. O. Box 209, Carbon Hill, Al 35549
 Red Bay - Linda Blackburn, Rt. 2, Box 82D, Vina, Al 35593
 Shady Grove - Dorothy Rice, Route 2, Box 116, Phil Campbell, Al 35581
 Union Chapel - Guyla Jack, P. O. Box 335, Brilliant, Al 35548
 Union Hill - Lucille Anglin, Route 2, Hackleburg, Al 35564
 Winfield - Ronnie Lawler, Route 2, Winfield, Al 35594

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$569.89

MONEY RECEIVED

10/ 3/78	\$1,871.19
1/ 8/79	250.00
1/ 8/79 (Special Offering, Larry Nix)	94.88
4/28/79 Bank Correction	02
4/28/79	240.00
4/28/79 Special Offering, James Walden	77.32
7/28/79	230.00
8/24/79	10.00

Total \$2,773.41 \$2,773.41

Total to be accounted for \$3,343.30

EXPENDITURES

Rev. J. A. Godsey	162.00
Rev. Wise Holcomb	162.00
Rev. Dewey Colley	162.00
Rev. Ray Ritch, Host Church, State Ass'n	390.00
Children's Home	99.89
Free Will Baptist Bible College	64.89
Foreign Missions	
Dave Franks	75.00
General Fund	34.00
Youth Camp	10.00
State Home Missions	65.00
National Home Missions	34.00
Rev. Donnie Gunnin, Moderator	65.00
Rev. Richard Hendrix, Assistant Moderator	20.00
Rev. W. B. Hughes, Clerk	135.00
Rev. Danny Thompson, Assistant Clerk	50.00
Rev. A. J. Looper, Treasurer one-half year	35.00
Don Collins, Treas. one-half year, stamps	42.10
Rev. William Atkinson, Board of Retirement and Insurance in Memory of Mrs. Dixie Atkinson	100.00
Rev. Ray Ritch, Fees to State Association	125.00
National Association, Office Supplies	3.03
National Home Missions, Larry Nix	94.88
Joy's Florist, Lambert Funeral	25.00
Rev. A. J. Looper, Pastors' & Workers' Conf	200.00
Itawamba Times, Minutes	340.40
Rev. W. B. Hughes, Stamps, envelopes, paper	34.20
Rev. James Walden, Special offering and Ass'n	177.32
Randall House Publications, Supplies	2.50

Total \$2,708.21 \$2,708.21

Balance on hand September 30, 1979 635.09
Don Collins, Treasurer

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by his grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity of the world from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, "family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and 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; Heb. 4:15

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 Free Will Baptist Associations shall present their requests for membership to the Credentials Committee at the time of a quarterly meeting of the annual session, and said requests may be acted on at that session.

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

Revised October 6, 1979.

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.