

**JASPER  
ASSOCIATION**

**of**

**FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS**

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**1981 SESSION**

**OCTOBER 2, FREE WATER FWB CHURCH  
OCTOBER 3, HACKLEBURG FWB CHURCH**

**MINUTES**

of the

**NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL  
SESSION**

of the

**JASPER ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

When Convened at

**NEW LIBERTY FWB CHURCH**

and

**NORTHWEST ALABAMA FWB  
YOUTH CAMP**

**October 5 - October 6, 1980**

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## ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OFFICERS

Moderator - Rev. Roger Houston, Rt. 1, Box 63, Carbon Hill, AL 35549  
 Assistant Moderator - Rev. William F. Pate, Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, AL 35549  
 Clerk - Rev. Byron M. Meyer, Rt. 1, Brilliant, AL 35548  
 Assistant Clerk - Rev. Mike Cordell, Box 553, Guin, AL 35563  
 Treasurer - Mr. Don L. Collins, Rt. 1 Box 336, Hamilton, AL 35570

## BOARDS

GENERAL BOARD: 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.

Terms to expire 1982: Bethlehem, James Robinson; Carbon Hill, William Roberts, Calvary, Trenton Johnston; Edgar's Chapel, Ronald Watson; Good Springs, Edward Holland; Lone Star, J. H. Sullins; Mt. Olive, Letus Atkinson; New Liberty, Aaron Wright; Parrish, Thomas Booth; Shady Grove, Clyde Freeman; Union Chapel, Jim Burgess; Winfield, Jerry Stevens; Gum Springs, Wymon Holcomb; Holly Springs, O'Neil Childers; Cooper, Dickey Dees.

STATE GENERAL BOARD MEMBER: Rev. Donnie Gunnin  
 CHILDRENS HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Rev. Lamar Cox  
 BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Rev. Donnie Gunnin [1981], Roger Houston [1982], Woodrow Matthews [1983], Richard Hendrix [1984], Richard Cordell [1985].

YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Letus Atkinson [1981]; Woodrow Matthews [1982]; Fred Jones [1983].

## COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Rev. Ray Ritch [1981]; Rev. Donnie Gunnin [1982]; Rev. Byron M. Meyer [1983].

## PROCEEDINGS

The ninety-fourth session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist convened with New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, October 3, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Roger Houston was moderator.

The session opened with the congregation singing "I Shall Never Forget that Day" and "I Have Found the Way", led by Rev. Ray Ritch. Rev. Fred Jones prayed the opening prayer. Rev. Ralton Ray Edgar, brought the devotion. He read from I John 4:7-21 and made some comments on the subject of "love". Rev. Woodrow Matthews then led in prayer.

Bro. Smith, a deacon of the New Liberty Church, gave the welcome, due to the hospitalization of the pastor, Rev. Malone Cobb.

The moderator appointed the following committees: **Obituary:** Ruby Eaton, Myrtle Aultman, Letus Atkinson. **Appreciations:** Gail Gunnin, Lucy Cox, Curt Hunter. **Finance:** Emma Osborn, Sis. Bevans, Aaron Wright.

After the clerk read the roll of delegates, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat the delegates.

The moderator asked for visiting delegates to stand; there were none present.

The clerk read the General Board Report. A motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report item by item. All the items carried.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews offered some recommendations concerning missionary Dave Franks.

1. It is recommended that each church of the Jasper Association send \$125.00 over the period of one year to help Bro. Franks in the purchase of land for the mission in Brazil.

2. It is recommended that each church of the association help in providing a car for Bro. Franks on his furlough, in 1981.

3. It was also recommended that a Dave Franks account be established in the Jasper Association.

A motion was made, seconded and carried on each recommendation.

The moderator appointed a committee to assist in this effort. The members are: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Ray Ritch and Rev. Roger Houston.

Report of the Quarterly meeting was read by the clerk. A motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

Rev. Ray Ritch announced the Alabama State Association to be held at the Centerpoint Free Will Baptist Church, November 6, 7, and 8, 1980. The moderator declared a recess. Bro. R. L. Miles led in prayer.

### MORNING SERVICE

The morning service began with singing, "Heavenly Sunlight", "Wonderful Words of Life", and "Are You Washed in the Blood", led by Rev. Mike Cordell. Rev. Byron Meyer led in prayer.

Bro. Dwayne Hughes sang, "Fill My Cup" as the special music. Rev. Roger Houston brought the Moderator's message. He read Isaiah 1:1-18 and preached for the subject; "The Need of Revival". He pointed out the hinderances to revival, the evidences of revival, and the conditions of revival. He closed in prayer. Bro. Smith gave the instructions for the noon meal. Bro. Letus Atkinson led in prayer.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing", "The Old Account" and "At the Cross" led by Rev. Mike Cordell. Bro. Donald Kivette led in prayer.

The Obituary report was read by the clerk. A motion 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 to be with the Lord. Bro. Dwayne Hughes led in prayer.

Bro. Walter Sloan brought the afternoon message. He read Psalms 139:23-24, 143:10-12, Deuteronomy 6:5 and Proverbs 23:26. He pointed out three things that God hates and that Christians ought to hate. God hates quitting; Psalms 101:3, Luke 9:62; God hates idleness: Proverbs 18:9 and God hates every false way, Psalms 119:104. He then closed in prayer.

The session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Donnie Gunnin to meet at the Northwest Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Saturday, October 4, 1980.

### SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session opened with the congregation singing, "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Jesus Saves" led by Bro. Dwayne Hughes. Bro. Fray Stone led in prayer.

Dr. Robert Picirilli from the Free Will Baptist College brought a message. He read Matthew 7:7-12, Luke 11:5-13. His subject was on "prayer". He gave the basis for prayer; father-child relationship; the promise Jesus gives as an encouragement to prayer; and finally, the responsibility of the Christian in prayer, Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:30-31.

The moderator recognized visitors, Rev. Dennis Reeves and some laymen of the Souls Harbor Free Will Baptist Church were visiting to consider joining this association.

The clerk read the roll of delegates. A motion was made, seconded and carried to seat the delegates.

The clerk read the roll of ministers. The moderator then appointed the following men as fraternal delegates: Rev. Wise Holcomb to the Mississippi State Line Association and Rev. Richard Cordell to the

Vernon Association.

Rev. Richard Cordell offered a resolution to the association as follows:

Whereas, the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists is an organization solely for the purpose of Christian fellowship and carrying out collective effort, and

Whereas, the sessions of this association are designed to contribute to this fellowship and collective effort, and

Whereas, the entire leadership and body is needed to contribute to such efforts,

Be it therefore resolved,

that officers on boards, committees or organizations not meet at the same time the association is in session or when the regular worship sessions are in progress.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the resolution.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews gave the Credentials committee report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt item by item. All the items were adopted.

Bro. Don Collins gave the treasurer report. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

The right hand of fellowship was given to Rev. Garvin Page, pastor of the Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews gave the report of the Youth Camp Board. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

Clerk read the Appreciation Committee Report. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

Rev. Richard Cordell gave information concerning the Pastor's and Workers Conference, February 9-11 at the Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church. He also reminded the body of the Annual Missionary Conference.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews gave a report on the cost of the noon meal at the camp. Motion made, seconded and carried to pay the difference out of the treasury.

The moderator declared a recess. Rev. Clovis Tucker led in prayer.

## MORNING SERVICE

The morning service began with the congregation singing "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" and "Love Lifted Me", led by Bro. Dwayne Hughes sang a special in song, "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know". The moderator introduced Dr. Robert Picirilli for the morning message. He read Philippians 2:2-11. His subject was on what this passage reveals about Christ. First, the incarnation of Christ; secondly, the humiliation of Christ; thirdly, the exhortation to immolation of Christ; and, finally, the glorification of Christ. He closed in prayer.

Rev. Fred Jones led in prayer for the noon meal.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "At the Cross", "At Calvary", led by Bro. Dwayne Hughes. Bro. Walter Sloan led in prayer.

Rev. Carlton Lambert gave the Children's Home Report. Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as information.

Clerk read the Finance report. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

**Moderator:** Rev. Roger Houston; **Assistant Moderator:** Rev. William Pate; **Clerk:** Rev. Byron M. Meyer; **Assistant Clerk:** Rev. Mike Cordell; **Treasurer:** 1Bro. Don Collins.

A motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn the session. Rev. Roger Houston led in prayer.

## GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met September 25, 1980 at Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church. Moderator Roger Houston presided over the meeting. The meeting was opened with a song led by Bro. Don Collins. Prayer was by Bro. Woodrow Matthews.

The following recommendations were discussed and passed:

1. We recommend that Bro. Byron Meyer be elected to the Credentials Committee for a three-year term.
2. We recommend that Bro. Richard Cordell be elected to the Board of Christian Education; his term to expire in 1985.
3. We recommend that Bro. Lamar Cox be elected as Children's Home Trustee.
4. A. We recommend that Bro. Woodrow Matthews be elected to the Youth Camp Board of Directors. His term to expire in 1983.

B. We recommend that Bro. Fred Jones be elected to the Youth Camp Board of Directors. His term to expire in 1982.

5. We recommend that the first quarterly meeting be held January 24th of 1981. We recommend that this meeting be held at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend that the March 28th meeting be held at Gum Springs Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend that the June 27th meeting be held at Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church.

We recommend that the first day of the Annual Meeting, October 2, 1981, be held with Free Water Free Will Baptist Church, and the second day, October 3, 1981, be held with the Hackleburg Free Will Baptist Church.

6. We recommend that each church of the Jasper Association give to the Youth Camp on a systematic basis i. e. monthly or quarterly.

7. We recommend that the moderator be paid sixty-five [\$65.00] dollars, the assistant moderator twenty [\$20.00] dollars, the clerk one hundred twenty-five [\$125.00] dollars, the assistant clerk fifty [\$50.00] dollars, and the treasurer seventy-five [\$75.00] dollars.

8. We recommend the following men be elected to the General Board; James Robinson, Bethlehem; William Roberts, Carbon Hill; Trenton Johnston, Calvary; Ronald Watson, Edgar's Chapel; Edward Holland, Good Springs; J. H. Sullins, Lone Star; Letus Atkinson, Mt. Olive; Aaron Wright, New Liberty; Thomas Booth, Parrish; Clyde Freeman, Shady Grove; Jim Burgess, Union Chapel; Jerry Stevens, Winfield; Wymon Holcomb, Gum Springs; O'Neal Childers, Holly Springs; and Dickie Dees, Cooper.

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

10. 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 the children and Free Will Baptist Bible College.

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

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

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

September 1, 1979 - August 31, 1980

Balance brought forward ..... \$ 341.28

#### RECEIPTS:

Gift from Brilliant Church ..... \$ 25.00  
 CTS Fees ..... 80.00

Campers fees..... 3,423.50  
 Snack Bar Sales..... 1,203.34  
 Sale of Leftover Food..... 201.05  
 Total to be accounted for ..... \$5,274.17

#### EXPENDITURES:

CTS Awards..... \$ 116.75  
 Teaching Materials..... 44.92  
 Printing, Postage, etc..... 93.15  
 Snack Bar Supplies..... 728.03  
 Evangelists..... 350.00  
 Insurance for Campers..... 263.90  
 Use of Camp..... 400.00  
 Food for Camp Sessions..... 2,264.62  
 Kitchen Help..... 325.00  
 Life Guard [For Ladies]..... 20.00  
 Camp Directors..... 50.00  
 Miscellaneous..... 103.50  
 Check Returned..... 25.00  
 Total..... \$4,784.87  
 Balance..... 489.30

/s/ Woodrow Matthews, Secretary

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

September 13, 1979 - September 15, 1980

Balance brought forward ..... \$6,836.17

#### RECEIPTS:

Gifts [Churche and Individuals]..... \$8,600.82  
 Rally Day..... 5,105.00  
 Walk A Thon [Jasper Association]..... 1,652.81  
 Use of Camp [Affiliated Association]..... 1,000.00  
 Rent, State Auxiliary Retreat..... 664.55  
 Rent, State Youth Retreat..... 198.00  
 Rent, Individual Church Groups..... 125.00  
 Swim Days..... 132.00  
 Snack Bar Sales..... 863.92  
 Rebate on A/C Fedders Corp..... 60.00  
 Fee for connecting with Water Line..... 100.00  
 Total..... 18,502.10  
 Total to be accounted for..... \$25,338.27

**EXPENSES:**

Water.....	493.76
Phone.....	342.78
Electric.....	1,310.29
Postage, Printing, Promotion.....	120.97
Maintenance & Repair [Labor & Parts].....	1,488.32
Chemicals for Pool.....	965.04
Office Supplies [Paper & etc.].....	63.56
Secretary Work.....	420.00
Supplies for Snack Bar.....	1,006.06
Annual Payment on Loan.....	5,721.81
Insurance.....	2,955.00
Change for Rally Day.....	300.00
Flowers: Mrs. Martha Franks Funeral.....	21.40
Ice Maker & Deep Fryer.....	964.00
Lawn Mower.....	91.80
Stand for Deep Fryer.....	41.00
New Gate.....	57.73
Dish Towels & Silverware.....	43.84
Air Conditoner for Snack Bar.....	306.63
Ping Pong Table.....	75.00
Director for Swim Days.....	50.00
Food & Supplies for Rally Day.....	190.31
Over-Charge on Check By Bank.....	.40
Total.....	17,029.70
Balance.....	\$8,308.57

Liabilities: Balance on Loan: \$18,537.05 Plus Interest.  
/s/ Woodrow Matthews, Secretary

### QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT 1980

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association met three times this year. The first meeting was January 12, 1980 at Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Byron Meyer brought an early morning message. Following the message, general associational business was conducted by the body. Bro. Ed Ledlow brought the morning message. There were 21 ministers, 19 deacons, 43 delegates, 14 visitors who registered; making a total of 97.

The second meeting was held at the New Liberty New Free Will Baptist Church on March 29, 1980. The speakers for this meeting were Bro. Don Robirds, Bro. Mike Cordell, Bro. Richard Cordell and Bro. Lamar Cox. Sis. Icy Mae Fredricks brought greetings from Haiti. Bro. Fred Jones was elected to set up a Jasper Ministerial Association. Twenty-five churches were present at this meeting.

The third meeting was held at the Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church, on June 28, 1980. The speakers for this meeting were: Bro. Sandy Bozeman, Bro. W. B. Hughes, Dr. Stanley Outlaw, and Bro. Woodrow Matthews. Twenty-five churches were present for this meeting.

Rev. Roger Houston, Moderator  
Rev. Danny Thompson, Asst. Clerk

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Jasper District Women's Auxiliary Convention met on April 5, 1980, at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was called the order by the President, Kathy Walker. Lynn Hughes led us in singing, "An Old Account Was Settled Long Ago."

The welcome address was given by Leatrice Overton of the host church. Response to welcome given by Sharron Hardin of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. Carol Kivette gave the devotion. She used Scripture from Psalms 46:10.

A skit was presented by the Red Bay Church Auxiliary entitled "Free to Follow Him".

Letters were read and delegates seated. The following committees were appointed: Resolutions, Finance, Nominating, and Appreciation.

After intermission, Lynn Hughes led us in a congregational hymn. The president called for the report of the committees. They were voted on and accepted.

Carolyn Flippo installed the New Officers. She spoke on ther being many members, but only one body using Scripture from Phillippians 1:27. The officers were as follows: President, Brenda Bozeman; Vice President, Charla May; Secretary, Lynn Hughes; Missions Study, Barbara Lolley; Missions Action, Barbara Jones; Mission Prayer, Leatrice Overton; Field Worker, Nancy Berryhill. We then had a congregational hymn entitled "Blest Be the Tie." Then Lynn Hughes from the Winfield Church gave us a special song.

Barbara Lolley from the Liberty Church introduced our speaker, Mrs. Janie Aldridge, Missionary to the Ivory Coast. She spoke on returning to Africa, and how we should return to the bread of life and be stronger Christians. It was very well given and very moving.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward.....	38.55
Money Recieved.....	323.50
Total.....	271.05
Disbursements...State Project.....	100.00

Dues.....	108.75
Secretary.....	15.00
Total.....	223.75

Balance on Hand..... \$ 47.30

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We resolve 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 a shower for the Missionary Provision Closet.
3. We recommend that the Field Worker contact the Church Auxiliary as to 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 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 sent 6 delegates to the convention.
8. We resolve to pay the Secretary \$20.00 instead of \$15.00 per year.
9. We resolve that we continue to support the Children's Home.
10. We recommend that we designate the Saturday before Prayer Retreat as Camp Clean-up Day, by the Jasper Association Women's Auxiliaries. We recommend that each Auxiliary bring one needy item on this day which will be specified by the District Field Worker. [Item for 1980: Shower Curtains.]
11. We recommend that it be brought up at the State Meeting that the Women's Auxiliary Retreat be held at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.
12. We recommend that each Auxiliary, including the Vernon District, delegate one member to serve on a hospitality committee to aid the State Retreat planning committee.

Respectfully Submitted:

Charla May  
 Sharon Hardin  
 Agnes White  
 Brenda Bozeman  
 Barbara Lolley  
 Allene Pollard

### REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

#### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that Bro. V. W. Lay be received into the membership of this body upon receipt of letter of recommendation from his former Association - - Vernon.
2. We recommend that Bro. Garvin Page, Pastor of the Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church be received into the fellowship of this body upon receipt of letter of recommendation from his former Association -- Georgia
3. Concerning the request of Union Chapel Church, we recommend that the examination and/or ordination of Bro. Jimmy Burgess be postponed until the January 1981 Session to comply with Article VIII, Section I, of the By-Laws.
4. We recommend that the following ministers be issued a card of good standing: Bro. V. W. Lay and Bro. Garvin Page
5. We recommend that Bro. Charles Yielding, Pastor of Union Hill Church, be given a card of good standing from State Line Association.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Chairman

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to express our grateful appreciation to the New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church for their delicious meal and fine hospitality shown us today. May God richly bless you all.

Lucy Cox, chairman  
 Myrtle Aultman  
 Mrs. Bevins

#### FINANCE REPORT

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

Associational Funds.....	\$1,155.00
Retired Ministers.....	362.50
State Association.....	187.50
Children's Home.....	57.50
FWB Bible College.....	47.50
FWB Foreign Missions.....	
	\$1,810.00

Respectfully Submitted.  
 Letus Atkinson, Chairman  
 Bro. Curt Hunter and Bro. Aaron Wright

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

BETHLEHEM: Bro. Lee Frye, Sis. Ethel Hutchinson, and Bro. Andrew Linley  
BRILLANT: Sis. Ozia Whitman, Bro. Luther Franks, Sis. Martha Jane Franks  
CARBON HILL: Sis. Mildred Mullins  
CEDRUM GROVE: Sis. Leslie Johnson, Bo. Gary Griffin  
EDGAR'S CHAPEL: Bro. Noah Crane, Sis. Florine Raper  
FREE WATERS: Wilburn Sexton  
GUIN: Sis. Ruth Nix  
HOLLY SPRINGS: Sis. Lena Burgett  
LIBERTY: Sis. Rosa Markham  
MT. PLEASANT: Bro. Ed Alexander  
PARRISH: Bro. Clarence Heath  
POCAHONTAS: Sis. Martha Yocum  
UNION CHAPEL: Bro. Lonzo Goodwin, Zadie Long  
UNION HILL: Sis. Ethel Lolley  
Ruby Eatman, Chairman  
Gail Gunnin  
Emma Osborn

## MINISTERS

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CHURCH	PASTOR	Baptisms	Number Received	Members Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Enrollment	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Free Will Baptist Bible College	Home Missions	Local Projects	Association Funds	Total Offerings	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property
Bethlehem	Bobby Duncan	1	6	3	75			\$8,250.00				\$1,698.88	\$ 50	\$10,876.08	\$26,000.00	
Brilliant	Garvin Page	3	5	29	144	100	40	9,275.00	468.08	463.08	497.08		65	21,366.64	90,000.00	30,000.00
Calvary	Calvin Bevins	2	8	0	36	38		2,850.00					45	13,404.28	35,000.00	
Carbon Hill	William Pate	14	5	1	72			5,063.25	784.04		69.00			14,545.96	41,000.00	3,000.00
Cedrom Grove	O. Z. Johnson	4	8	3	58	73	35	4,300.00	2,238.00	170.00	120.00			14,406.00	27,500.00	
Cooper	Dicky Dees	13	14	14	217			13,000.00	1,417.00		989.00	4,087.00	15	33,690.00	90,000.00	25,000.00
Edgar Chapel		5	5	2	82	25		2,762.96				475.00	65		30,000.00	
Free Water	Fred Jones	12	8	0	172	130		10,400.00	368.00	82.00	1,591.00	52,174.00	25	41,614.00	150,000.00	50,000.00
Good Springs	Charles Spencer	2	1	0	85	50		1,775.00					50	4,345.00	20,000.00	
Guin	Richard Cordell	26	35	15	500	318			5,200.00	3,000.00	5,500.00		50	115,000.00		
Gum Springs	Ray W. Ritch	0	2	1	81	60	40	7,985.00	481.00		581.00		35	15,810.00	35,000.00	
Hackleburg	Lamar Cox	10	12	34	118	86	89	7,965.57			495.97	844.16	25	16,265.88	77,000.00	27,500.00
Hamilton	Terry Booker	6	13	4	180			8,050.00	1,194.22	625.48	1,979.57			29,235.39		
Holly Springs	Roy Humphries	0	1	1	92			1,560.00						1,936.73		
Liberty	Edgar Lee Childers	1	3	0	125	90	60	12,500.00	299.00		599.00	215.00	85	21,755.00	30,000.00	
Lone Star	J. H. Sullins	1	2	1	93	52		4,700.00					10		55,000.00	
Mt. Olive	Woodrow Matthews	4	7	1	345	145	100	14,035.00	8,122.00	918.00	4,470.00	1,983.00	100	63,227.00	140,000.00	40,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	Byron M. Meyer	4	2	6	176	75		10,905.00	93.42	300.00	579.00		100	38,849.26	210,000.00	6,000.00
New Liberty	Malone Cobb	27	13	7	209	116		8,365.00	325.00		275.00		10	16,809.30	50,000.00	20,000.00
Parrish	Thomas Booth	10	2	1	30	60		300.00					20		2,500.00	
Pochontas	Roger Houston	4	8	9	60			6,360.00	208.83	200.00	238.84		100	13,615.72	50,000.00	30,000.00
Red Bay	William Hayes	8	1	0	281	211	95						70		200,000.00	45,000.00
Shady Grove	Hershel Beard	8	11	1	125	64		8,900.00	56.90	56.90	56.90		10	17,376.50	68,000.00	
Union Chapel	Hubert Gardener	4	13	2	110	70	35	3,000.00				2,653.00	50	10,164.00	35,000.00	
Union Hill	Charles Yielding	6	3	2				4,230.00	88.32		88.32	2,548.73	60		20,000.00	
Winfield	Chesley Hill		25	21	467			13,000.00	2,877.34	1,452.89	3,903.76		10	79,600.00	350,000.00	90,000.00

[cont. Ministers]

Tucker, Clovis, Route 4, Winfield 35594, 487-2564  
Watson, Ronald, Route 1, Hackleburg 35564  
Yeilding, Charles, Hamilton 35570, 921-7925

### DELEGATES

BETHLEHEM - Randal Hawkins, Orville Cagle, James Robinson  
CALVARY - Betty Bevans, Sally Gilbert, Junior Gilbert  
CEDROM GROVE - Helen Tittle, Steve Watson, Wallace Griffin,  
Valerie Thomas, Barbara Thomas  
EDGAR CHAPEL - Elizabeth Edgar, Brenda Watson, Winoffline  
Borden, Venesa Watson,  
BRILLIANT - Icie Burleson, Annie Mae Caudle, Margaret Gilliland,  
Blane Doss  
CARBON HILL - Friday: J. V. Farley, Willie Autman, Ruby Eatman,  
Myrtle Autman, Saturday: Tommy Stough, Ann Pate, Dora Roberts  
COOPER - Mr. Clinton Warren, Mrs. Clinton Warren, Gordie Rye,  
Mrs. Gordie Rye, Lillie Miles, Velma Jeffreys, Ruby Finch  
FREE WATERS - Robert Warren, Lesi Holcomb, Ava Pollard, Bar-  
bara Jones  
GOOD SPRINGS - Friday: Faye Humphres, Eloise Humphres, Marie  
Holland, Saturday: Keith Spencer, Sue Heath, Donna Spencer  
GUM SPRINGS - Van Westbrook, Kathleen Westbrook, Juanita  
Miles  
HAMILTON - Friday: Chloe Emerson, Maxine Stone, Clovis Childers,  
Rhea Childers, Saturday: Jimmy Looper, Kathy Cooper, Philip Lucius,  
Judy Lucius, Jack Pollard or Grace Pollard  
LIBERTY - Friday: Lillie Cantrell, Lillian Dickinson, Rosa Johnson,  
Saturday - Bryan Silas, Linda Silas, Lillian Dickinson  
GUIN - Sandy Bozeman, Verna Dobbs, Delbert Dobbs, Mrs. Akers  
HACKLEBURG - Mary Gunnin, Lucy Cox, Nell Pierce  
HOLLY SPRINGS - Billy Paul Nichols, Betty Childers, Robbie Hum-  
phres  
LONE STAR - Sylvia Sullins, Claudette Pounders, Norma Bostick  
MT. OLIVE - Letus Atkinson, Willie Patterson, Edgar Atkinson,  
Lorene Conner, Clark Flippo  
NEW LIBERTY - Pearl Killingsworth, Ruby Flynn, Verla Wright,  
Sherman Fowler  
POCAHONTAS - Pearl Boshell, Curt Hunter, Cathleen Hunter, Areta  
Hall, Zora Nelson  
SHADY GROVE - John Sinkbiel, Zola Sinkbiel, Vera Freeman, Pearl  
Herring

UNION HILL - Madge Barker, Regina Frerick, Willodean Hudson,  
Nettie Lou Hudson,  
MT. PLEASANT - Ronald Franks, Randal Vickery, Lela Huguley, Il-  
ene Myers  
PARRISH - Effie Booth, Rita Swann, Verna Thompson  
RED BAY - none  
UNION CHAPEL - Willie Mae Williams, Freda Williams, J. C. Davis,  
Bertie Davis, Jim Burgess, Cassie Burgess  
UNION HILL - none  
WINFIELD - Friday: Elimira York; Saturday: Melia Earnest, Susie  
Harbin

### CLERKS

Bethlehem: Willodean Cagle, Route 1, Brilliant 35548  
Brilliant: Vella Dean Dickinson, P. O. Box 343, Brilliant 35548  
Calvary: Mary Dozier, P. O. Box 28, Carbon Hill 35549  
Carbon Hill: Bernice Atkins, Route 1, Box 88 Carbon Hill 35549  
Cedrom Grove: Wade Jackson, P. O. Box 91, Parrish 35580  
Cooper: Burley Finch, Route 1, Detroit 35552  
Edgar Chapel: Shirley Lawler, Rt. 3 Phil Campbell 35581  
Free Water: Janie Miller, Route 2, Guin 35563  
Guin: Helen Gann, P. O. Box 312, Guin 35563  
Good Springs: Eloise Humphres, Route 1, Box 213 Vina 35593  
Gum Springs: Hazel Markham, Route 1, Box 298, Brilliant 35548  
Hackleburg: Carol Anglin, Hackleburg 35564  
Hamilton: Ronnie Ellis, Route 4, Hamilton 35570  
Holly Springs: Jimmy Lou Nichols, Rt. 1 Box 183, Hackleburg 35564  
Liberty: Mrs. Bryan Silas, Rt. 2 Guin 35563  
Lone Star: Bobby Spearman, Route 1, Tremont, MS 38876  
Mt. Olive: Clark Flippo, Route 1, Guin 35563  
Mt. Pleasant: Merita Fay Martin, Route 1, Brilliant 35548  
New Liberty: Jeannie Lowery, Route 1, Bankston 35542  
Parrish: Audie Romine, Parrish 35580  
Pochantas: Deborah Stewart, Post Office Box 209, Carbon Hill 35549  
Red Bay: Linda Blackburn, Route 2, Box 82D, Vina 35593  
Shady Grove: Dorothy Rice, Route 2, Box 116, Phil Campbell 35581  
Union Chapel: Guyla Jack, P. O. Box 335, Brilliant 35548  
Union Hill: Lucille Anglin, Route 2, Hackleburg 35564  
Winfield: Ronnie Lawler, Route 2, Winfield 35594

## DEACONS

**BETHLEHEM:** Roy Crow, Vance Pollard  
**BRILLIANT:** Dewey Burleson, Rayburn Hughley, R. D. Dickinson, Johnny Webb  
**CALVARY:** Thomas Dozier, Michael Pate  
**CARBON HILL:** No Deacons Listed  
**CEDROM GROVE:** Angelo Boshell, Charles Parr  
**COOPER:** Burley Finch, Edward Gilmore  
**EDGAR'S CHAPEL:** L. C. Borden, I. J. Gordan, F. T. Edgar, Nash Crane, Marshall Raper, Leonard Lollar  
**FREE WATER:** Pearce Miller, Artis Pugh, W. M. Wilson Hubbard Estes, Clovis Tidwell  
**GOOD SPRINGS:** Leemon Humphres, M. M. Warren, Edward Holland  
**GUIN:** Bill Smith, Ronald McDonald, Bobby Glasgow, Tommy Nix, Walter Sloan, Charls Knight  
**GUM SPRINGS:** J. C. White, Carroll Markham, Ted. A. Simmons  
**HACKLEBURG:** Ester Gunnin, 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  
**MT. PLEASANT:** Ira Smith, Bobby Elliott, Olith Erwin, Alan Atkinson  
**NEW LIBERTY:** Victor Smith, Sid Moore, David Fowler, Aaron Wright  
**PARRISH:** Howard Romine, Hershel Swan, Henry Thompson  
**POCOHONTAS:** Elbert Nelson, Pete Stewart, Joe Hunter, Curt Griffin, Jim Hunter, Mike Davis, W. L. Tessener  
**RED BAY:** Oliver Mink, William Purser, Ross White, Raymond Cheekmore, Ralph Purser, Raymond Blackburn  
**SHADY GROVE:** Charles Nix, Clyde Freeman, Edmund Nix, Edgar McDuffie  
**UNION CHAPEL:** O. D. Eads, Tommy Williams, Jimmy Eads, Bill Williams, A. Burgess  
**UNION HILL:** Paul Jagers, Leburn Hudson, Louise Lacey  
**WINFIELD:** Lee Moore, Ira Baccus, Garland Holliman, B. P. Atkinson, Bill Overton

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

October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980

<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b> .....	<b>\$635.09</b>
<b>MONEY RECEIVED</b>	
10/6/79	\$1,564.25
10/6/79 [Special offerings, Bible College]	105.40
1/29/80	255.00
3/29/80	260.00
6/30/80	<u>250.00</u>
	<b>\$2,434.65</b>
Total to be accounted for:	<b>\$3,069.74</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
10/6/79 Special Offering, Bible College	\$105.40
10/8/79 State Association	265.00
10/8/79 Children's Home	10.00
10/8/79 Rev. Pearl Barnes	114.25
10/8/79 Rev. Dewey Colley	114.25
10/8/79 Rev. Wise Holcomb	114.25
10/8/79 Rev. J. A. Godsey	114.25
10/8/79 State Home Missions	70.00
10/8/79 Rev. Roger Houston (Moderator)	65.00
10/8/79 Rev. Walter Sloan (Ass't Moderator)	20.00
10/8/79 Rev. W. B. Hughes (Clerk)	135.00
10/8/79 Rev. Danny Thompson (Ass't Clerk)	50.00
10/8/79 Don Collins (Treasurer & Stamps)	77.40
10/31/79 Alabama State Association	130.00
1/2/80 Alabama State Association	200.00
1/12/80 Pastors/Workers Conference	200.00
1/16/80 Rev. W. B. Hughes (Mach. Repair-Stamps)	37.09
1/29/80 Don Collins (rubber stamp)	6.42
2/9/80 Star Printing	13.19
2/9/80 Itawambia Time (minutes)	374.44
6/11/80 Rev. W. B. Hughes (Stamps)	15.00
6/28/80 Dr. Stanley Outlaw	100.00
6/28/80 Rev. W. B. Hughes (paper supplies)	5.30
9/10/80 Rev. W. B. Hughes (stamps & envelopes)	5.64
	<b>\$2,341.88</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,341.88</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND September 30, 1980</b>	<b>727.86</b>
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 Savior 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; and 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 thing 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 prosperity, therefore, inherits 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 conditons of Salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

John 3:16

10. Freedom of 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  
Rev. 22:17

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, and 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 134-17

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 know 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 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 one term expiring each year.

SECTION III. 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 ORDINATION

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 the 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 Credential 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.

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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 the local church if he is not a member when called... "When the minister become 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. 50 A; 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 I. 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 MINISTER 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 wedding.

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 of 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 years 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.