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ASSOCIATION**

of

**FREE WILL
BAPTISTS**

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**OCTOBER 1, LIBERTY FWB CHURCH
OCTOBER 2, BRILLIANT FWB CHURCH**

MINUTES

of the

**NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL
SESSION**

of the

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When Convened at

**FREE WATER FWB CHURCH
and
HACKLEBURG FWB CHURCH**

October 2- October 3, 1981

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

OFFICERS

Moderator - Rev. Fred Jones, Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563
Assistant Moderator - Rev. Bud Hill, Rt. 2, Winfield, AL 35594
Clerk - Rev. Byron M. Meyer, Rt. 1, Brilliant, AL 35548
Assistant Clerk - Rev. Terry Booker, Rt. 6 Box 11, Hamilton, AL 35570
Treasurer - Mr. Don Collins, Rt. 1 Box 336, Hamilton, AL 35570

BOARDS

GENERAL BOARD: 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, Pearl Barnes; Winfield, Jerry Stevens; Gum Springs, Wymon Holcomb; Holly Springs, O'Neil Childers; Cooper, Dickie Dees.
Terms to expire 1983: Brilliant, Rufus Fields; Calvary, Thomas Dozier; Cedrom Grove, Trenton Johnston; Cooper, Dickie Dees; Edgar's Chapel, Robert Landers; Free Water, Farell Pollard; Guin, Delbert Dobbs; Hackleburg, Charles Harper; Hamilton, Ronnie Ellis; Liberty, James Norris; Mt. Pleasant, Allen Brasseal; Pochontas, Jim Hunter; Red Bay, O'Neil Funderburk; Union Hill, Paul Jagers; Union Chapel, Pearl Barnes.

STATE GENERAL BOARD MEMBER: Rev. Donnie Gunnin

CHILDRENS HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Rev. Lamar Cox

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Roger Houston (1982), Woodrow Matthews (1983), Richard Hendrix (1984), Richard Cordell (1985), Terry Booker (1986).

YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Fred Jones (1982), Woodrow Matthews (1983), Dickie Dees (1984).

COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Rev. Donnie Gunnin (1982), Rev. Byron M. Meyer (1983), Rev. William F. Pate (1984).

PROCEEDINGS

The Ninety-Fifth Session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Free Water Free Will Baptist Church October 2, 1981 at 9:00 A.M. Rev. William F. Pate, Assistant Moderator, presided in the absence of the Moderator.

The session was opened with the congregation singing, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," led by Rev. Fred Jones. Rev. Trenton Johnston led the opening prayer. Bro. Duane Hughes led in singing, "Blessed Assurance."

Bro. Ronnie Lawler brought the devotion, reading from James Chapter Four, and speaking from that chapter.

Rev. Fred Jones, Pastor of the Host Church, gave the welcome. Rev. William Pate gave the response.

The moderator appointed the following committees: Obituary: Viola Dobbs, Joyce Lolley, Gordie Wright. Appreciation: Gayle Gunnin, Helen Tittle, Jane Yielding. Finance: Herbert Boshell, Curt Hunter, Cliff Kennedy.

Following the reading of the roll of delegates by the clerk, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat the delegates.

The moderator recognized visiting delegates at this time: Rev. Dennis Kizzire of the Vernon Association and Rev. Duane Taylor of the Mississippi State Line Association.

The General Board Report was read by the clerk and a motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the report item by item.

ITEM NO. 5 — dealing with the place of meeting of the association on Saturday of 1982 was postponed until the Saturday session.

Those to fill the vacancies on the General Board were elected at this time. (Item no. 8).

ITEM NO. 11 — was discussed and a motion made, to establish a date for the 1982 General Board Meeting at this time. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to postpone such action until the Saturday Session. All other items of the report carried.

The 1981 Quarterly Meeting Report was read by the clerk and a motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive the report.

The Moderator declared a short recess.

MORNING SERVICE:

Bro. Duane Hughes led the congregation in singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Rev. Fred Jones sung a special number, "Beulah Land."

Rev. William Pate brought the Moderator's Message. He read from John 4:31-38, using verse 35 as his text. He spoke on the subject, "The Highest Calling a Man can Receive."

Following the message, Bro. Duane Hughes led in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

Rev. Fred Jones came to preside over the ordination of Rev. Donald Kivette. He read from II Corinthians 5:17-21 and spoke on the subject of the "Ministry of Reconciliation." He stressed the following points: "The Man God Ordains," "The Ministry God places him in," "The Message of the Minister of Reconciliation", and "The Master of the Ministry".

Bro. and Sister Kivette came to the altar and Rev. Richard Cordell gave the charge. The ordained ministers and deacons came for the laying on of hands and the prayer of dedication which was led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

The assembly was recessed for the noon meal. Rev. James Walden prayed God's blessing on the food.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session reconvened with Bro. Hughes leading the congregation in singing, "He Keeps Me Singing." Rev. Terry Booker led in prayer. "Oh! How I Love Jesus" was sung by the congregation.

The Moderator called for the report of the Appreciation Committee. Report was read and motion made and seconded and carried to receive the report.

The Obituary Report was read and received as read.

Rev. Ray Ritch spoke on the subject of the increase in fees to the National Association. He also gave a report on the upcoming State Association Meeting.

Rev. James Walden reported on the Mission Work at Alabaster. He urged that all consider the purchase of bonds that the building could be completed.

Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett sang, "Look For Me at Jesus' Feet."

Rev. Hershel Beard brought the afternoon message reading from I Peter 1:1-8 and preaching on the "Joy of the Christian."

Rev. Robert Crawford representing Free Will Baptist Bible College spoke in behalf of the Bible College.

Visiting ministers were introduced. Those present were Rev. James Walden, Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Rev. W. C. Rayburn, Rev. Bill Smith, and Rev. Robert Crawford.

The session was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Lamar Cox to meet at Hackleburg F. W. B. Church, Saturday October 3, 1981.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session opened with Bro. Duane Hughes leading the congregation in singing, "He Keeps Me Singing."

Rev. Woodrow Matthews prayed the opening prayer, followed by Bro. Hughes leading in the singing of the hymns, "Glory to His Name", and "The Lily of the Valley."

Moderator Roger Houston introduced Rev. Dave Franks as the speaker of the hour. Bro. Franks expressed his appreciation to the Jasper Association for the financial contributions to the Land Fund, and also in aiding him in the purchase of an automobile for his use. A brief report was given concerning the work in Brazil. Reading from Philippians 4:4-19, Bro. Franks brought a message entitled "God's Provision for His Work," using verse 19 as his text.

An offering was received for Bro. Franks amounting to the sum of \$258.30.

Roll Call of delegates was read by the clerk and a motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat the delegates.

The Moderator briefly discussed the meeting date of the General Board in 1982.

Rev. Richard Cordell re-stated his motion that a date for the General Board meeting be set. A second was made to the motion. Motion carried.

The first Thursday evening in September 1982 was established as the time of the meeting. The place of the meeting to be at Mt. Pleasant F. W. B. Church.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews reported on the Dave Franks Land Fund. Motion made, seconded, and carried to receive the report as information.

Rev. Matthews reported on the Dave Franks car fund. Motion, second, and carried to receive this report also as information.

Rev. Matthews recommended to the body that \$5000 be raised by the Jasper Association for the Dave Franks Foreign Missions Account.

Financial report of the Board of Christian Education was given by Rev. Matthews. Report was adopted as given.

Rev. Fred Jones reported on the Junior Youth Camp and Rev. Richard Cordell reported on the Teen Youth Camp.

Rev. Matthews gave the financial report of the Northwest Alabama F. W. B. Youth Camp. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive this report.

Rev. Richard Cordell reported on the 1981 Missionary Conference, and spoke briefly on plans for the 1982 Missionary Conference to be held January 20th-24th.

Bro. Cordell presented a suggested church letter form for use by the Jasper Association. Bro. Cordell moved that the letter form be adopted for use by the Association. The motion was seconded and carried.

Rev. Dale Pitts invited the Association to meet with the Liberty F. W. B. Church for the Friday Session in 1982.

Rev. Fred Jones offered a motion that the Jasper Association make a contribution of \$200 to the Mid-South Pastors and Workers Conference.

Motion was seconded and carried. The delegates of the Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church invited the Association to meet with the Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church for the Saturday session in 1982.

MORNING SERVICE

The congregation sang, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," led by Bro. Duane Hughes. Rev. Hershel Beard led in prayer. Rev. Terry Booker sang "If I Can Help Somebody."

Dr. Joseph Ange was introduced and spoke briefly about Free Will Baptist Bible College. Reading from Nehemiah Chapter 1, Dr. Ange preached a message entitled, "How Did It Happen?"

Congregation was dismissed for the noon meal by Bro. Carlton Lambert leading in prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session reconvened with the congregation singing, "Standing on the Promises", with Bro. Don Collins leading. Bro. Roger Houston, Bro. Dickie Dees and his wife sang, "Oh! What a Saviour."

Rev. Carlton Lambert gave the Children's Home report. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept this report.

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

Credential Committee report was given by the clerk. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to act upon the report item by item. ITEM NO. 1 — that Rev. Malone Cobb be given a letter of good standing received a motion in form, seconded and carried. ITEM NO. 2 — was a recommendation that Rev. Dale Pitts be received into the Association upon receipt of letter of recommendation from his former association.

Bro. Don Collins gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the report.

Rev. Roger Houston read the Woman's Auxiliary report. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the report.

Rev. Ray Ritch announced that the Alabama State Association was to be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan November 5, 6, and 7.

The moderator appointed the following as fraternal delegates: Rev. Lamar Cox and Rev. Donnie Gunnin to the Mississippi State Line Association; Rev. Dickie Dees and Rev. Byron Meyer to the Vernon Association; Rev. Dave Franks, Rev. David Hayes, and Rev. Byron Meyer to the Mt. Moriah Association.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Moderator - Rev. Fred Jones; Assistant Moderator - Rev. Bud Hill; Clerk - Rev. Byron Meyer; Assistant Clerk - Rev. Terry Booker; Treasurer - Bro. Don Collins.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the session. Rev. Dale Pitts led in prayer.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met on September 15, 1981, at the Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church with Moderator Bro. Roger Houston presiding. The meeting was opened with Bro. Allen Brasseal leading the group in a song. Bro. Woodrow Matthews led in praying the opening prayer. Bro. Brasseal led the group in singing "Amazing Grace".

Bro. Dickie Dees brought the devotional. He read from: Philippians, Chapter 3, and from Ezekiel 22:30 and spoke concerning these passages.

The Moderator called the roll of delegates. Nineteen Churches were represented. The following recommendations were discussed and passed:

1. We recommend that Bro. William F. Pate be elected to the Credentials Committee for a three-year term.

2. We recommend that Bro. Terry Booker be elected to the Board of Christian Education; his term to expire in 1986.

3. We recommend that Bro. Lamar Cox be retained as Children's Home Trustee.

4. We recommend that Bro. Dickie Dees be elected to the Youth Camp Board of Directors, with his term expiring in 1984.

5. We recommend that the first quarterly meeting be held January 23, 1982, at Cooper Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend that the second quarterly meeting be held at Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church on March 27, 1982. We recommend that the third quarterly meeting be held June 26, 1982 at the Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church. We recommend that the place of the first and second days of the Annual meeting be decided at this session.

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 thirty-five (\$135.00) dollars, the assistant clerk fifty (\$50.00) dollars, and the treasurer fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

8. We recommend the following men to be elected to the General Board: Brilliant, Rufus Fields; Calvary, Thomas Dozier; Cedrom Grove, Trenton Johnston; Cooper, Dickie Dees; Edgar Chapel, Robert Landers; Free Water, Ferrel Pollard; Guin, Delbert Dobbs; Hackleburg, Charles Harper; Hamilton, Ronnie Ellis; Liberty, James Norris; Mt. Pleasant, Allen Brasseal; Pocohontas, Jim Hunter; Red Bay, Oneal Funderburk; Union Hill, Paul Jagers; Union Chapel, Pearl Barnes.

9. We recommend that the money for retired ministers be divided equally between those who are retired at this time. Bro. Pearl Barnes requests that his name be removed from that list of recipients.

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, Children's Home, 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 each church send as many men delegates to the associational meetings as possible.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

September 1, 1980 - August 31, 1981

Balance brought forward\$489.30

RECEIPTS:

Jasper Association for Food\$387.00
 CTS Fees (District)245.00
 Camper Fees3,495.00
 Snack Bar Sales1,250.68
 Sale of Food left over35.63

Total5,413.31

Total to be accounted for\$5,902.61

EXPENDITURES:

CTS Awards (District)\$72.60
 State CTS Fees270.00
 Food for Jasper Association346.01
 Food for Camps2,339.36
 Insurance for Campers334.00
 Snack Bar Supplies907.50
 Use of Camp400.00
 Change for Snack Bar62.00
 Evangelists400.00
 Directors100.00
 Kitchen Help500.00
 Printing45.48
 Miscellaneous36.53
 Check Returned25.00

Total5,838.48

Balance\$64.13

—s— Woodrow Matthews, Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA

FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

September 15, 1980 - September 14, 1981

Balance brought forward\$8,308.57

RECEIPTS:

Gifts (Churches and Individuals)7,817.24
 Rally Day4,058.23
 Use of Camp (Three Associations)1,200.00
 Rent, State Auxiliary Retreat1,195.00
 Rent, Winfield Church25.00
 Sale of Drinks & Surplus Food128.76

Total14,424.23

Total to be accounted for\$22,732.80

EXPENDITURES:

Water\$447.42
 Phone275.14
 Electric2,275.86
 Postage, Promotion, Paper, etc186.40
 Paint for buildings and pool1,056.70
 Ladder64.00
 Maintenance & Repair (Parts and Labor)962.36
 Chemicals for pool1,385.95
 Secretary Work420.00
 Snack Bar Supplies367.48
 Annual payment on Loan5,721.81
 Insurance1,703.00
 Food & Kitchen help for State
 Auxiliary Retreat795.07
 Food for Rally Day359.47
 Cooking Utensils & Water Heater431.42
 Recreational Eqpt77.74
 Miscellaneous (Gas, change for RD)192.43
 Milk (Bill left over from camp)27.23

Total16,749.48

Balance\$5983.32

Liabilities: Balance on Loan, \$14,483.57

—s— Woodrow Matthews, Secretary

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

1981

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association met three times this year. The first meeting was held January 24, 1981 at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was opened with a hymn and prayer. General Associational business was conducted by the body.

Following the business session the following Missionaries were introduced and spoke: Bro. Archie Mayhew, Missionary to the Ivory Coast; Bro. Sherwood Lee, Missionary to the Ivory Coast; Bro. Ken Eagleton, Missionary to Brazil; and Bro. Bobby Aycok, Missionary to Brazil.

After a short recess The Living Hope Ensemble from the Free Will Baptist Bible College sang several numbers.

The following Missionaries were then introduced, and all brought messages: Bro. Steve Lytle, Missionary to Panama; Bro. Allan Crowson, Missionary to France; Bro. Pete Minor, Missionary to Rhode Island.

Following the recess for lunch the Quartet from Free Will Baptist Bible College sang several numbers, followed by the Living Hope Ensemble, singing again.

The following were introduced and spoke: Bro. Bob Thomas, Missionary Colorado; Bro. Bill Adkissqn, Missionary to New Mexico; and Bro. Jerry Barron.

Twenty three churches were represented.

The second meeting was held at Gum Springs Free Will Baptist Church March 28, 1981. Bro. Woodrow Matthews acted as moderator in the absence of Bro. Houston.

The speakers for this meeting were Bro. Terry Booker, Bro. Bud Hill, Bro. Dickie Dees, and Bro. David Hayes.

A special offering was received for Bro. Phil Bozeman, Missionary to Japan. The amount of the offering was \$132.02.

All twenty six churches were represented.

The third meeting was held June 27, 1981 at the Pochohantas Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Edgar Childers preached the early morning message. Bro. Letus Atkinson gave a devotional followed by a testimonial service.

Bro. Arlo Peppers preached after the business session.

Bro. Garvin Page preached the afternoon message.

Twenty two churches were represented at this meeting.

Rev. Roger Houston, Moderator

Rev. Byron Meyer, Clerk

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Jasper District Women's Convention met on April 4, 1981 at the Guin Free Will Baptist Church.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Brenda Bozeman, Sandy Tittle led us in congregational singing, "At Calvary".

The welcome address was given by Robbie Bozeman of the host church. Linda Silas of the Liberty church gave the response.

The devotion was given by Edith Creekmore, of the Red Bay Church, from Proverbs 31:10 on the ideal woman.

A skit was presented by the Winfield Church entitled, "To Know your Auxiliary or to NO your Auxiliary."

The reports were read and delegates were seated. Committees were appointed and an intermission followed. Committees appointed were Resolution, Finance, Nominating, and Appreciation.

After the intermission, Sandy Tittle led in the Congregation singing, "STAND UP FOR JESUS". Several testimonies were given. The President called for the committees. They were voted on and accepted. It was voted to leave it up to the President when to schedule the District Meeting.

Sharron Hardin from the Mt. Olive Church gave the installation of officers. She read from Psalms and talked of the blessings we have here in America. Along with those blessings come responsibilities. Along with the officers, each lady was challenged to be a "Cup of Blessings." The Officers were as follows: President, Brenda Bozeman; Vice President, Leatrice Overton; Secretary-Treasurer, Carol Stephens; Mission Study, Becky Cantrell; Mission Action, Lucille Childers; Mission Prayer, Sharron Hardin; Field Worker, Linda Barnes.

Next year the annual meeting will be held at the Free Water Church. The Fall Fellowship meeting will be at the Winfield Church.

Carol Stocks from the Guin Church presented the special music, and Carol Kivette of the Free Water Church introduced the guest speaker.

Our speaker was Lydia Bozeman, summer Missionary to Japan. Topic "What is involved in being a servant? The main purpose in being a summer missionary to Japan, to serve the Lord, as she spoke to us our hearts were touched. It was truly a blessing.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$47.30
Money Received	\$256.50
Total	\$303.00
Disbursements... State Projects	\$100.00
Dues	\$116.25
Secretary	\$20.00
Total	\$236.25
Balance on Hand	\$67.55

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 send 6 delegates to the Convention.
8. We resolve to pay the Secretary \$25.00 instead of \$20.00 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.
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:

Barbara Jones

Mary Hill

Mary Ellen Collum

Lillian Dickinson

Autie Franks

Linda Barnes

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We recommend that Rev. Malone Cobb be given a letter of good standing.
2. We recommend that Bro. Dale Pitts be received into the Association upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from his former Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Ray Ritch, Chairman

Rev. Donnie Gunnin

Rev. Byron Meyer

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to express our appreciation to the Congregations of the Free Water Free Will Baptist and the Hackleburg Free Will Baptist Churches for their delicious meals and fine hospitality shown us these two days.

May God richly bless you all. Thank You from the Jasper Association. Psalm 133:1-"Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Gail Gunnin, Chairman

Helen Tittle

Jane Yielding

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Associational Funds	\$954.50
Retired Ministers	437.25
Children's Home	47.50
State Association	336.25
Free Will Baptist Bible College	37.50
Foreign Missions	14.00
Home Missions	37.50
Other	
Youth Camp	10.00
Total	\$1,874.50

Respectfully Submitted,

Herbert Boshell, Chairman

Cliff Kennedy

Curt Hunter

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

BETHLEHEM: Bro. Jack Linley

BRILLIANT: Sis. Lily Stricklin, Bro. Harvie Cagle

CALVARY: Sis. Adis Ellis

CEDROM GROVE: Bro. Walter Lewellen

COOPER: Bro. Oscar Dupree, Bro. James F. Hill

FREE WATER: Sis. Earnest Jeffries, Sis. Beatrice Martin

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Jessie Humphres, Bro. Chess Humphres, Sis. Millie Humphres, Mrs. Barney Pounders

GUIN: Bro. Luther Knight, Sis. Marie Cantrell, Bro. Walter Cutts

GUM SPRINGS: Sis. Gladys Prescott

LIBERTY: Bro. Mack Bozeman

MT. PLEASANT: Bro. Ted Smith, Bro. Cosby Webb

POCHOHANTAS: Sis. Melba Griffin

RED BAY: Sis. Lorene Keldton

SHADY GROVE: Sis. Dora Nix, Sis. Ada Jackson

UNION CHAPEL: Bro. Dowell Nix

WINFIELD: Bro. Ferman May

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Viola Dobbs, Chairman

Joyce Lolley

Gordie Wright

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DELEGATES

BETHLEHEM: Henry Cagle
 BRILLIANT: Pauline Hawkins, Alma Hughley, Bessie Flippo
 CALVARY: Stanley Boyd, Ramona Boyd, Shannon Boyd, Junior Gilbert
 CARBON HILL: Tommy Stough, Morris Tidwell, Ruby Eaton, I. V. Farley, Imogene Jordan
 CEDROM GROVE: Helen Tittle, Hellen Boshell, Nellie Jackson, Barbara Johnston
 COOPER: Don Graben, Sheila Graben, Lillie Miles
 EDGAR CHAPEL: Elizabeth Edgar, Wonofline Borden, Dianne Landers, Alice Lewis
 FREE WATER: Robert Warren, Joyce Lolley, Carol Kivette
 GOOD SPRINGS: Wilma Humphries, Brenda Watson
 GUIN: Luther Akers, Cliff Kenedy, Verda Dobbs
 GUM SPRINGS: Susie Holcomb, Fannie Bates
 HACKLEBURG: Nell Pierce, Mary Frances Gunnin, Icy Gunnin, Gail Gunnin
 HAMILTON: Hugh Mack Winsett, Joyce Booker, Flossie Spence, Maxine Stone
 HOLLY SPRINGS: Janice Stidham, Lisa Nichols, Lessie Burgett, Betty Childers
 LIBERTY: Brian Silas, Linda Silas, Rosa Johnson, Lillian Dickinson, Lillie Cantrell, Margaret Bozeman
 LONE STAR:
 MT. OLIVE: Louise Wilson, Willie Patterson, Mintie Evans
 MT. PLEASANT: Evelyn McDonald, Jettie Bee Erwin, Janice Vickery, Nellie Jones, Lawanna Pitts, Clytee Hughley
 NEW LIBERTY: Verla Wright, Dot Smith, Mary Lou Fowler, Sherman Fowler
 PARRISH: Effie Booth, Dorothy Owens, Carrie Ann Booth
 POCAHONTAS: Zora Nelson, Curt Hunter, Kathleen Hunter, Gerelene Burkett, Marsha Burkett, Butch Pair
 RED BAY: Rachel Yeilding, Jane Yeilding, Elva Jones, Bretta Jones
 SHADY GROVE: Clyde Freeman, Vera Freeman, Rose Mary Beard,
 UNION HILL: Madge Barker, Regina Fredrick, Nannie Lou Hudson
 UNION CHAPEL: Willie Mae Williams, Alice Barnes, Freda Williams, Troy Lee Anglin
 WINFIELD: Elmira York, Emma Osborn, Melissa Earnest

CLERKS

Bethlehem: Shelby Pollard, Route 2, Box 79, Guin 35563
 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: Janet Jones, Route 2, Box 68, Carbon Hill 35549
 Cooper: Pat Peoples, Route 6, Box 244, Hamilton 35570
 Edgar Chapel: Dianne Landers, Route 3, Phil Campbell 35581
 Free Water: Janie Miller, Route 2, Guin 35563
 Guin: Elaine Knight, Route 1, Box 309, Guin 35563
 Good Springs: Eloise Humphres, Route 1, Box 213, Vina 35593
 Gum Springs: Hazel Markham, Route 1, Box 298, Brilliant 35593
 Hackleburg: Carol Anglin, Hackleburg 35564

Hamilton: Ronnie Ellis, Route 4, Hamilton 35570
 Holly Springs: Jimmy Lou Nichols, Route 1, Box 183, Hackleburg 35564
 Liberty: Mrs. Bryan Silas, Route 2, Guin 35563
 Lone Star: Bobby Spearman, Route 1, Tremont, Ms. 38876
 Mt. Olive: Clark Flippo, Route 1, Guin 35563
 Mt. Pleasant: Merita Faye Martin, Route 1, Brilliant 35548
 New Liberty: Argie Smith, Route 1, Box 81-A, Bankston 35542
 Parrish: Audie Romine, Parrish 35580
 Pocahontas: Deborah Stewart, P. O. Box 209, Carbon Hill 35549
 Red Bay: Linda Blackburn, Route 2, Box 82-D, Vina 35593
 Shady Grove: Rose Mary Beard, Route 5, Russellville 35653
 Union Chapel: Guyla Jack, P. O. Box 335, Brilliant 35548
 Union Hill: Pamela Barnwell, P. O. Box 6, 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, Clayton Flippo
 CALVARY: Thomas Dozier, Michael Pate
 CARBON HILL: Travis Pair, Willie Aultman
 CEDROM GROVE: Angelo Boshell, Charles Parr
 COOPER: Burley Finch, Thomas Peoples, Gordie Rye, James H. Jeffries
 EDGAR'S CHAPEL: L. C. Borden, I. J. Borden, F. T. Edgar, Leonard Lawler
 FREE WATER: Atris Pugh, Pearce Miller, Marvin Wilson, Hubbard Estes, Clovis Tidwell
 GOOD SPRINGS: Leemon Humphres, M. M. Warren, Edward Holland
 GUIN: Bill Smith, Ronald McDonald, Bobby Glasgow, Tommy Nix, Charles Knight
 GUM SPRINGS: J. C. White, Carroll Markham, Ted A. Simmons
 HACKLEBURG: Ester Gunnin, Almon Rayburn, D. C. Kennedy
 HAMILTON: Don Collins, Dewel Emerson, Fray Stone, Lowell Parker
 HOLLY SPRINGS: Clayton Burgett, Ranzy Baty, James O. 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 Atkins
 NEW LIBERTY: Victor Smith, Sid Moore, David Fowler, Aaron Wright
 PARRISH: Howard Romine, Hershel Swan, Henry Thompson
 POCHONTAS: Elbert Nelson, Pete Stewart, Joe Hunter, Curt Griffin, Jim Hunter, Mike Davis, W. L. Tessener
 RED BAY: Oliver Mink, Willard Purser, Ross White, Raymond Cheekmore, Ralph Purser, Raymond Blackburn, Elmer Self
 SHADY GROVE: Charles Nix, Clyde Freeman, Edmund Nix, Edgar McDuffy
 UNION CHAPEL: O. D. Eads, Tommy Williams, Jimmy Eads, Bill Williams, A. Burgess
 UNION HILL: Paul Jagers, Leburn Hudson, Lewis Lacey
 WINFIELD: Lee Moore, Ira Baccus, Garland Holliman, B. P. Atkinson, Bill Overton

CHURCH	PASTOR	Baptisms 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	4	1	3	75	60	\$8250.00				\$4759.00	\$50	12,039.00	35,000.00	
Brilliant	Garvin Page	2	11	2	153	100	9950.00	271.27	140.31	271.27	1718.70	\$65	24,730.49	90,000.00	30,000.00
Calvary	Calvin Bevins	4	2	9	74	40	4200.00							50,000.00	
Carbon Hill	William Pate	9	0	0			5283.82	1,052.36		172.94		\$100	24,820.25	41,000.00	
Cedrom Grove	Trenton Johnston	2	3	5	79	63	3475.00	1137.00	120.00	120.00		\$85	10,812.00	27,500.00	
Cooper	Dickie Dees	12	21	14	219	97		480.00	50.00	1,320.00		\$100			
Edgar Chapel	Ray Edgar	1	5	7	85	40	3291.00					\$65	6,582.00	30,000.00	
Free Water	Fred Jones	2	7	2	155		10,800.00	1,140.00	50.00	820.00	14,320.00		38,370.00	150,000.00	40,000.00
Good Springs	Ronald Watson		3	4	80	50	1150.00					\$60	5,945.00	30,000.00	
Guin	Richard Cordell	16	25	10	531	318		6,632.74	3,240.00	5,129.00		\$50			
Gum Springs	Ray Ritch			2	80	60	8000.00	490.04		490.04		\$45	17,236.95	35,000.00	
Hackleburg		7	2		113	63	8050.00	412.05		412.05			17,620.07	77,000.00	27,500.00
Hamilton	Terry Booker	1	11	5	185			1,104.94	590.60	1,410.03		\$125		160,000.00	65,000.00
Holly Springs	Roy Humphries		2									\$20	3,421.48		
Liberty	Dale Pitts	1	1		132	90	11,700.00	684.35		607.20	1,715.00	\$75	22,755.41	50,000.00	
Lone Star	Jay Sullins											\$65			
Mt. Olive	Woodrow Matthews	4	7	3	349	170	14,780.00	9,361.58	860.87	3669.70	2,225.53	\$100	57,485.04	150,000.00	40,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	Byron Meyer	11	2	4	174	75	13,550.00	162.50	450.00	468.62	4,720.26	\$150	20,836.52	120,000.00	6,000.00
New Liberty	Arlo Peppers	2	2	1	215	101	8225.00	425.00	50.00	673.00			19,365.00	60,000.00	30,000.00
Parrish	Thomas Booth	9			25	59	120.00						4,442.89	2,500.00	
Pocahontas	Roger Houston	7	9	3	66		6360.00	120.00	80.00	90.00		\$100	13,951.04	50,000.00	30,000.00
Red Bay	David Hayes											\$70			
Shady Grove	Hershel Beard	10	7	5	130	66	7675.00	162.50	74.43	74.43	3,180.25	\$150	17,477.71	68,000.00	
Union Chapel	Hubert Gardner	13	12	1	127	70						\$45		55,000.00	
Union Hill	Charles Yielding	7	5	3			5150.00	249.58		249.56	310.31			20,000.00	
Winfield	Bud Hill											\$10		350,000.00	90,000.00

Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God infinitely

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
 October 1, 1980 to September 30, 1981

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$727.86
MONEY RECEIVED	
10-6-80	Annual Fees \$1720.00
1-9-81	Annual Fees (late) 10.00
1-24-81	Quarterly Fees 230.00
1-24-81	Special Offering (Missions) 350.00
3-28-81	Quarterly Fees 260.00
3-28-81	Special Offering (Franks) 245.00
6-27-81	Quarterly Fees 245.00
	\$3060.00
	Total to be accounted for \$3787.86

EXPENDITURES

9-25-80 Rev. Danny Thompson (Stamps)	\$15.00
10-04-80 Dr. Robert Picirilli	150.00
10-04-80 Rev. Roger Houston (Moderator)	65.00
10-04-80 Walter Sloan (Asst. Moderator)	20.00
10-04-80 Rev. W. B. Hughes (Clerk)	75.00
10-04-80 Rev. Danny Thompson (Asst. Clerk)	110.00
10-04-80 Don Collins (Treasurer)	75.00
10-04-80 Board of Christian Ed. (Food)	209.00
10-17-80 State Assn. (Fees)	260.00
10-23-80 F. W. B. Children's Home	57.50
10-23-80 F. W. B. Bible College	47.50
10-23-80 Home Missions	37.50
10-23-80 Rev. J. A. Godsey (Retired Minister)	90.62
10-23-80 Rev. Pearl Barnes (Retired Minister)	90.62
10-23-80 Rev. Dewey Coley (Retired Minister)	90.62
10-23-80 Rev. Wise Holcomb (Retired Minister)	90.62
11-24-80 Ala. State Assn. (Host Church)	145.00
1-10-81 Lamar Leader (Minutes)	592.81
1-27-81 Pastors-Workers Conference	200.00
1-27-81 Home Missions \$35.00 each to Pete Minor, Bob Thomas, Bill Adkisson, Jerry Baron	140.00
1-17-81 Foreign Mission \$35.00 each to Archie Mayhew, Sherwood Lee, Ken Eagleton, Bobby Aycok, Steve Lytle, Alan Crowson	210.00
3-02-81 National Assn. of FWB (Supplies)	2.81
3-28-81 Rev. Byron Meyer (Supplies)	35.78
3-28-81 Special Offering (Dave Franks)	245.00
	\$3055.38
	Balance on Hand 9-30-81 \$732.48

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.

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 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 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 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

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