

**JASPER  
ASSOCIATION  
of  
FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS**

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1983 SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 30, UNION CHAPEL FWB CHURCH  
OCTOBER 1, MT. PLEASANT FWB CHURCH**

# **MINUTES**

of the

## **NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION**

of the

### **JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

When Convened at

**Liberty Free Will Baptist Church  
and**

**Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church**

**October 1 - October 2, 1982**



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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. Terry Booker, Rt. 6 Box 11, Hamilton, AL 35570  
 Assistant Clerk - Rev. Phillip Cook, P. O. Box 166, Hackleburg, AL 35564  
 Treasurer - Bro. Don Collins, Rt. 1, Box 336, Hamilton, AL 35570

### BOARDS

**GENERAL BOARD:** Terms to expire in 1983: Brilliant, Rufus Fields; Cedrom Grove, Donald Kivette; 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'Neal Funderburk; Union Hill, Paul Jagers

**Terms to expire in 1984:** Bethlehem, Bobby Duncan; Carbon Hill, James Rubley; Calvary, Herbert Boshell; Edgar's Chapel, R. E. Landers; Good Springs, Edward Holland; Lone Star (?); Mt. Olive, Letus Atkinson; New Liberty, Aaron Wright; Parrish, Hershel Swann; Shady Grove, Clyde Freeman; Union Chapel, Philip Miles; Winfield, Duane Hughes; Gum Springs (?); Holly Springs, David Baldwin

**STATE GENERAL BOARD MEMBER:** Rev. Bud Hill

**CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Rev. Donald Kivette

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Woodrow Matthews (1983), David Crowe (1984), Richard Cordell (1985), Terry Booker (1986), David Hayes (1987)

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Woodrow Matthews (1983), Billy Ray Smith (1984), Fred Jones (1985).

### COMMITTEES

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** Rev. Richard Cordell (1983), Rev. William F. Pate (1984), Rev. Billy Ray Smith (1985), Rev. Clovis Tucker (1986), Rev. Dale Pitts (1987)

### PROCEEDINGS

The Ninety-Sixth Session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church October 1, 1982 at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Fred Jones, Moderator, presided over the session.

The session was opened with the congregation singing, "Blessed Assurance," led by Rev. Bud Hill. Rev. David Crowe led the opening prayer. Rev. Bud Hill led in singing, "Love Lifted Me." Rev. Fred Jones gave some opening remarks. Rev. Bud Hill led the congregation in singing, "Praise Him."

Rev. Donald Kivette brought the Morning Devotion on Galatians Chapter Six and encouraging everyone on the importance of perservance.

Rev. Dale Pitts, Pastor of the Host Church, gave the welcome. Rev. Hershel Beard gave the response.

The moderator appointed the following committees: **OBITUARY:** Joyce Lolley, Sister Patterson, Sister Barnes. **APPRECIATION:** Jane Yielding, Helen Tittle, Ruthie Miller. **FINANCE:** Chuck Eichwurtzle, Edgar Atkinson, Esther Gunnin



Following opening remarks by the Assistant Moderator on the responsibilities of delegates, the Clerk read the roll of delegates. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat the delegates for both days of the session. Each church was encouraged to designate the delegates for each session.

The moderator recognized visiting delegates at this time: P. A. & Audie Barnes from the Lovejoy F.W.B. Church, Rev. Jack Harder and Rev. Danny Ballard from the Mississippi-Alabama Stateline Association, Rev. Dennis Kizzire from the Vernon Association, Rev. Dan Ireland and his parents, representing ALCAP.

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 — Constitution change concerning the expansion of the Credentials Committee was tabled until the Saturday Session.

ITEM NO. 6 — The election of Rev. David Crowe to the Board of Christian Education was postponed until Saturday.

ITEM NO. 11 — Those to fill vacancies on the General Board were elected at this time with Lone Star and Gum Springs as the only two churches without representatives.

ITEM NO. 12 — Recommendation that the Third Quarterly Meeting be held at the New Liberty F.W.B. Church instead of the Hamilton Church passed. Also, the meeting places for the Annual Session in 1983 was postponed until the Saturday Session.

ITEM NO. 17 — The meeting place for the Annual General Board was postponed until Saturday.

All other items of the report carried.

The 1982 Quarterly Meeting was postponed until Saturday.

The Moderator declared a short recess.

#### MORNING SERVICE

Rev. Bud Hill led the congregation in singing, "Sunlight." Rev. Dan Ireland, representing ALCAP, explained the importance of being counted for the Lord in our legal matters with regard to governmental decisions. Rev. Bud Hill again led in singing, "There Is Power In the Blood." Special Music was provided by the Host Church as Sis. Pat Pitts sang "I Believe Jesus."

Rev. Fred Jones brought the Moderator's Message. He read from Acts Chapter 2 and Chapter 4 and spoke on the subject of "Heavenly Grace" and "Holy Boldness" as an evidence of the Christian life.

The assembly was recessed for the noon meal. Rev. Bobby Duncan prayed for God's Blessing on the food.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The session reconvened with Rev. Bud Hill leading the congregation in singing, "Victory in Jesus."

The Moderator called for the Report of the Obituary Committee. Report was read and received by a standing moment of silent meditation followed in prayer by Rev. Calvin Bevins. The report of the Appreciation Committee was read and received by a standing expression of thanks by the body to the Liberty Church.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Woodrow Matthews who gave the report of the Northwest Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. The report was adopted as read. Bro. Matthews also gave the Financial Report of the Board of Christian

Education. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive this report.

The Moderator then recognized Rev. Dennis Kizzire, representing the Alabama State Mission Board, who spoke concerning the purchasing of church bonds for the Alabaster Work. He also encouraged churches to submit items to the Alabama Digest for publication.

The Moderator called for the Report of the Financial Committee. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive this report.

Rev. Bud Hill led the congregation in singing, "When We All Get to Heaven." Special Music was again provided by Sister Pat Pitts who brought inspiring music with an accordion and sang, "There Is A River."

The Moderator introduced Rev. Phillip Cook, Pastor of the Hackleburg F.W.B. Church. He brought the Afternoon Message entitled "The Sin of Simplicity" using Proverbs Chapter one as his text.

Rev. Bud Hill led the congregation in a closing hymn of "Amazing Grace." The Session was closed in Prayer by Rev. Dale Pitts.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday Session was held at the Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Duane Hughes led the congregation in an opening song entitled, "The Light of the World Is Jesus." Rev. Byron Meyer led the opening prayer followed by Bro. Hughes again leading the congregation in singing, "Blessed Assurance."

Moderator Fred Jones introduced Rev. Bud Hill, Pastor of the Winfield F.W.B. Church, who discussed enlarging our churches by utilizing the ATTACK program and challenged each church to work toward outreach. Bro. Duane Hughes led the congregation in singing, "We'll Work Til Jesus Comes." The moderator recognized Rev. Terry Booker, Pastor of the Hamilton F.W.B. Church, who discussed the importance and process of making disciples.

The Moderator recognized the delegates and instructed them on the importance of the business session. Rev. William Pate gave a Partial Report of the Credentials Committee Items 1-7. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the report item by item. Every item was passed as read. The items of the General Board Report that were tabled until Saturday were acted upon item by item.

Item No. 5 — Article VI Section 1 of the Constitution was changed to read (5) persons instead of (3) persons. Rev. Clovis Tucker was elected to serve a 4-year term on the Credentials Committee. Rev. Dale Pitts was elected to serve a 5-year term on the Credentials Committee. Item No. 6 — Bro. David Crowe was elected to serve on the Board of Christian Education pending acceptance into the Association by letter of recommendation from former Association. Item No. 12 — The meeting places for the Annual Meeting in 1983 were decided, as the Union Chapel Church invited the Association for the Friday Session on September 30 and the Mt. Pleasant Church invited the Association for the Saturday Session on October 1. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept these invitations. Item No. 17 — The meeting place for the Annual General Board Meeting was decided, as the Red Bay invited the Board to meet with them. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept this invitation.

The Moderator called for the Quarterly Meeting Report. The clerk gave the report which was accepted as read. The Moderator recognized the Pastor of the Host Church, Rev. Billy Ray Smith, who explained the facilities to the Association.



The Moderator then declared a short recess.

#### MORNING SERVICE

Bro. Don Collins led the congregation in singing, "Joy Unspeakable." An offering of \$90.04 was received. The Moderator recognized special visitors. Special Music was provided by Bro. Holly Wayne Spillers from the Miss.-Ala. Stateline Association.

The Moderator introduced Rev. David Cox, Assistant Pastor of the First F.W.B. of Guin, who brought the Morning Message entitled "Building and Battling" using Matthew Chapter Sixteen, verse eighteen as his text. The inspiring message was followed by an altar of prayer led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. The congregation was dismissed for the noon meal by Rev. Clovis Tucker, who prayed for the blessing upon the food.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The session reconvened with Bro. Don Collins leading the congregation in singing, "Count Your Blessings." Prayer was offered by Rev. David Hayes. The Moderator again recognized the Appreciation Committee Chairman who gave a report concerning the efforts of the Brilliant Church. The report was received by a standing expression of gratitude.

The Moderator recognized Rev. William Pate, who gave the Completed report of the Credentials Committee, Items 8-10. Each item was voted upon individually and passed.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Carlton Lambert, who gave the Children's Home Report. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept this report.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Richard Cordell, who reported on the 1983 Area-Wide Missionary Conference to be held January 12-26. He also reported on the Pastors and Workers Conference to be held February 7-9. He introduced the Southeastern Free Will Baptist College as a quality institution for the training of Christian Workers. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept these reports as information.

The Moderator recognized Bro. Don Collins, Association Treasurer, who gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Richard Cordell, who introduced a resolution for consideration.

Whereas, Southeastern Free Will Baptist College will begin in the fall of 1983, and

Whereas, this institution will be training and supplying Free Will Baptist preachers and Christian workers to our Jasper Association as well as to the rest of our denomination.

We, hereby, recommend that our churches support Southeastern Free Will Baptist College. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt this resolution.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Bud Hill, who introduced a resolution for consideration.

We recommend that the Jasper Association support Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College and California Christian College.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt this resolution.

The Moderator entertained a motion to contribute \$250 of Associational Funds to the Pastors and Workers Conference. Motion was seconded, and carried.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Moderator - Fred Jones; Assistant Moderator - Bud Hill; Clerk - Terry Booker; Assistant Clerk - Phillip Cook; Treasurer - Don Collins.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Billy Ray Smith, Pastor of the Brilliant Church, who came to preside over the Ordination Service of Bro. Philip Miles. He read from I Timothy Chapter Three and 2 Timothy Chapter Four and challenged him to make fullproof of his ministry. Rev. William Pate led the Prayer of dedication followed by the laying on of hands by all ordained ministers and deacons present.

The Moderator appointed as Fraternal Delegates: Rev. David Hayes, Mt. Moriah Association; Rev. Terry Booker, Miss.-Ala. Stateline Association; Rev. Billy Ray Smith, Vernon Association.

There was no Woman's Auxiliary Report.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to authorize the Assistant Moderator to appoint as delegates those who are in attendance at the State Association Meeting.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the session.

The Moderator met with the other officers as well as with the remaining General Board members present and appointed an Executive Board of the General Board, which is to decide Associational matters when the Association is not in session. The following are the members appointed: Duane Hughes, Winfield; Donald Kivette, Cedrom Grove; Edward Holland, Good Springs; Farell Pollard, Free Water; R. E. Landers, Edgar's Chapel.

#### GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met September 2, 1982 at the Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church with Moderator Bro. Fred Jones presiding. The meeting was opened with Bro. Duane Hughes leading the group in singing "Love Lifted Me."

Bro. Bud Hill brought the devotional. He read and encouraged those present with Psalm 133:1 about the unity of the brethren.

The Moderator recognized the representatives from each church. Five churches were represented.

The following recommendations were discussed and passed.

1. We recommend that Bro. Bud Hill be elected to represent the Jasper Association as STATE GENERAL BOARD MEMBER.

2. We recommend that Bro. Donald Kivette be retained as Children's Home Trustee.

3. We recommend that Bro. Richard Cordell be elected to the Credentials Committee to fill an unexpired term until 1983.

4. We recommend that Bro. Bill Smith be elected to the Credentials Committee for a three year term.

5. We recommend that Article VI Section I be changed to read 5 persons instead of 3. We also recommend that these positions be filled from nominations from the floor to serve 4-year and 5 year terms.

6. We recommend that Bro. David Crowe be elected to the Board of Christian Education to fill unexpired term until 1984.



7. We recommend that Bro. David Hayes be elected to the Board of Christian Education. His term to expire in 1987.

8. We recommend that Bro. Fred Jones be elected to the Youth Camp Board of Directors. His term expiring in 1985.

9. We recommend that Bro. Bill Smith be elected to the Youth Camp Board of Directors, to fill unexpired term until 1984.

10. We recommend that Bro. Donald Kivette be elected to the General Board to fill unexpired term of Cedrom Grove until 1983.

11. We recommend that the General Board members nominated by each church be accepted as General Board members and any positions not filled to be filled with recommendations from the floor.

Churches whose General Board members expire in 1982: Elected to term until 1984. Bethlehem, Bobby Duncan; Carbon Hill, James Rubley; Calvary, Herbert Boshell; Edgar's Chapel, R. E. Landers; Good Springs, Edward Holland; Lone Star; Mt. Olive, Letus Atkinson; New Liberty, Aaron Wright; Parrish, (Hershel Swann); Shady Grove, Clyde Freeman; Union Chapel, Philip Miles; Winfield, Bro. Duane Hughes; Gum Springs; Holly Springs; David Baldwin.

12. We recommend that the First Quarterly Meeting be held January 22, 1983 at the Free Water F.W.B. Church.

We recommend that the Second Quarterly Meeting be held at the Winfield F.W.B. Church on March 26, 1983.

We recommend that the Third Quarterly Meeting be held June 25, 1983 at the New Liberty F.W.B. Church.

We recommend that the place of the first and second days of the Annual Meeting in 1983 be decided at this session.

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

14. We recommend that the moderator be paid sixty-five (65) dollars, the assistant Moderator twenty (20) dollars, the clerk one hundred (100) dollars, the assistant clerk (85) eighty-five dollars, and the treasurer seventy-five (75) dollars.

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

16. 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.

17. We recommend that each church urge its General Board Member to attend the meeting of the General Board designated for the 1st Thursday in September.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Date: September 1, 1981 — August 31, 1982

Balance Brought Forward .....\$64.13

### RECEIPTS:

Refund from Purnell's Pride Co. ....\$62.46  
District CTS Fees .....185.00  
Campers Fees .....4,161.91  
Snack Bar Sales .....1,114.27

Total .....5,523.64

Total to be accounted for .....\$5,587.77

### EXPENDITURES:

District CTS Supplies .....11.57  
State CTS Fees .....205.00  
Food & Supplies for Camps .....2,447.89  
Insurance for Campers .....306.00  
Snack Bar Supplies .....827.57  
Use of Camp .....400.00  
Evangelists .....400.00  
Directors .....100.00  
Kitchen Help .....450.00  
Printing & Postage .....43.71  
Check Returned .....30.00

Total .....5,221.74

Balance .....\$366.03

—s— Woodrow Matthews, Secretary

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

Date: September 15, 1981 — September 23, 1982

Balance Brought Forward .....\$5,983.32

### RECEIPTS:

Gifts (Churches and Individuals) .....8,472.07  
Rally Day .....2,844.68  
Use of Camp (Three Associations) .....1,125.00  
Rent:  
State Auxiliary Retreat .....794.00  
Individual Churches .....50.00  
State CTS Board .....150.00  
Northport Master's Men .....25.00  
Sale of Drinks & Surplus Food .....335.92  
Fees for Hooking on to Water Line .....200.00

Total .....13,996.67

Total to be accounted for .....\$19,979.99



**EXPENDITURES:**

Water .....	\$415.65
Phone .....	325.84
Electric .....	2,216.01
Postage, Promotion, Paper & etc. ....	131.03
Paint for Pool .....	176.55
Maintenance & Repair (Parts & Labor) ..	933.97
Chemicals for Pool .....	734.92
Secretary Work .....	420.00
Snack Bar Sales .....	403.44
Insurance .....	1,756.00
Annual Payment on Loan .....	5,721.81
Food & Kitchen Help (Ladies' Aux) .....	642.43
Food for Rally Day .....	354.98
Miscellaneous (Kitchen Items & etc.) ..	158.15
Repair on Kitchen Appliances & A-C .....	125.05
Debit Account (Adjust to Bk. Bal.) .....	.03
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>14,515.86</b>
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$5,464.13</b>

Liabilities: Balance on Loan: .....\$10,065.28

—s— Woodrow Matthews, Secretary

**QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT**

1982

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association convened three times this year. The first meeting was held January 23, 1982 at the Cooper F.W.B. Church. The meeting was opened with a hymn and prayer. General Association business was conducted by the body.

Following the business session, special music was provided by Rev. John Gibbs, Director of Development, National Home Missions Department. The following missionaries were introduced and spoke: Rev. Bobby Poole, Missionary to Brazil; Rev. John Gibbs, representing the Home Missions Work; Rev. Rodney Outlaw, missionary to Headland, Al.

Following a short recess, congregational singing along with a special missionary offering was conducted. Several additional missionaries were introduced and each challenged our local association: Rev. Walter Ellison, missionary to Uruguay; Rev. Jeff Turnbough, missionary to Spain; Trymon Messer, Assistant Director, National Home Missions.

After a recess for lunch, inspiring music was again provided by Bro. Gibbs. The remaining missionaries present were introduced and concluded the missionary emphasis by stressing obedience to the Lord's work: Rev. Clint Morgan, missionary to Ivory Coast; Rev. Joe Haas, missionary to France; Rev. Bob Breeden, missionary to Wausau, Wisconsin; Rev. Bill Fulcher, missionary to Spanish-Americans. Twenty-six churches represented.

The Second Meeting was held at the Mt. Pleasant F.W.B. Church on March 27, 1982. The emphasis for this meeting were the importance of the laymen in the

church. Every speaker on the program was a layman from a church in our Association: Bro. Bryan Silas, Liberty Church; Bro. Don Collins, Hamilton Church; Bro. Wade Peoples, Cooper Church. An important resolution was passed and sent to the National Association Meeting to convene in July. (See attached letter.) All twenty-six churches were represented.

The third meeting was held June 26, 1982 at the Cedrom Grove F.W.B. Church. Rev. Donald Kivette brought the opening devotion. Following the Business Session, Rev. Billy R. Smith brought the morning message. Reconvening after lunch, special music was provided by host church. Rev. Dale Pitts concluded the session by delivering the afternoon message.

Faithfully Submitted:

Rev. Fred Jones, Moderator

Rev. Byron Meyer, Clerk

Rev. Terry Booker, Asst. Clerk

**AN OFFICIAL RESOLUTION TO  
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
FT. WORTH, TEXAS  
JULY 19 THROUGH JULY 22, 1982**

WHEREAS, there is an unscriptural tolerance of alcoholic beverages in our society today, even among Christians, and

WHEREAS, the Free Will Baptist denomination has, for years, believed and taught that the consumption of alcoholic beverages is a sin, and

WHEREAS, our Free Will Baptist Covenant condemns the use of alcoholic beverages.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we affirm our belief in the position that Christ neither made nor drank fermented wine, but rather forbade and discouraged its use, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no denominational institution or agency teach or advocate any other position than the one stated above.

Fred W. Jones, Moderator

Signed, Title

Byron M. Meyer, Clerk

Signed, Title

Jasper Association

Church or Association

Jasper Association

Address

March 27, 1982

Date Signed

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

October 2, 1982

**ITEM:**

1. We recommend that Brother Rick Bowling, be given a letter of recommendation to the Green River Association of Free Will Baptist of Kentucky. (P)

2. We recommend that Brother Byron Meyer, be given a letter of recommendation to the Birmingham District Association. (P)

3. We recommend that Brother Phil Bozeman be given a letter of recommendation to the Second District of The South Carolina Conference, of Free Will Baptist.

4. We recommend that Brother David Crowe be received into the Jasper Association upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from his former Association. (P)



5. We recommend that Brother Charles Fowler, be received into the Jasper Association upon receipt of a letter from his former association. (P)

6. We recommend that Brother Walter Harbin, be given a card of good standing. (P)

7. We recommend that Brother Dickee Dees, be given a letter to read as follows;  
To Whom It May Concern:

We the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist do certify that Brother Dickee Dees, is leaving us in full fellowship. (P)

Moderator  
Clerk

8. Concerning the request of the Parrish Free Will Baptist Church, for ordination of Brother David Tyler, we recommend that his ministerial license be renewed for a period of one year, after which he may again be submitted for examination and or ordination. (P) Send letter to Parrish.

9. We recommend that Brother Bobby Thompson be received into the Jasper Association upon a receipt of a letter of recommendation from the Vernon Association. (P)

10. We recommend that Brother Philip Miles be ordained at this session. (P)  
Chairman Rev. Wm. Pate, Rev. Bill Smith, Rev. Calvin Bevans

#### REPORT OF THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We the Jasper Association Appreciation Committee would like to express our thanks to the Liberty Church for the fantastic way you have hosted the first day of the Association meeting. According to Mark Chapter 9, verse 41, even a cup of water given in Christ's name to his children will be rewarded. So we know everyone who helped make this such a wonderful day will be bountifully rewarded. October 1, 1982.

We the Jasper Association wish to pay a hearty thank you to all at the Brilliant Church for the fine way you made us feel so welcome and attended to our needs and we truly can say as David did in Psalm 133:1--"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Your Appreciation Committee:  
Hellen Tittle  
Jame Yielding  
Ruth Mae Miller

#### FINANCE REPORT

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

Associational Funds .....	\$588.20
Retired Ministers .....	382.00
State Association .....	198.00
Children's Home .....	-0-
Youth Camp .....	50.00
Minutes .....	379.00
TOTAL .....	\$1597.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chuck Erihwentzl, Chairman  
Terry May  
Ester Gunnin

#### OBITUARY REPORT

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

BETHLEHEM: Sis. Peril Crowe, Sis. Adell Linley

CEDRUM GROVE: Bro. Charles Parr, Bro. Hollis McGill

EDGAR'S CHAPEL: Sis. Nancy Crane

FREE WATER: Sis. Ollie Wates

GUIN: Sis. Verda Dabbs, Bro. Oliver Cantrell

GUM SPRINGS: Bro. Charlie Anderson

HACKLEBURG: Bro. Sam Lacey

HOLLY SPRINGS: Sis. Luna Baty

LIBERTY: Bro. Jimmy Markham, Bro. Pete Bozeman

MT. OLIVE: Sis. Mirtie Atkinson

MT. PLEASANT: Bro. Chesley Hugnley, Bro. Clayburn Kimbell, Bro. Clyde Thompson, Bro. Frank Estes, Sis. Carrie Beckett, Sis. Annie Lawrence, Bro. Carl Colley, Bro. Jessie Vaughn

NEW LIBERTY: Sis. Lula Smith, Bro. Herman Aldridge

SHADY GROVE: Bro. Ed Nix, Bro. Alvin Nix

UNION HILL: Sis. Dorie Hudson

WINFIELD: Sis. Melissa Miles, Sis. Hattie Baccus, Bro. Elmer Reed, Sis. Ova Tyler, Sis. Eva Mae Colburn, Bro. Albert Estes, Bro. John Williams

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#### DELEGATES

BETHLEHEM: Henry Cagle, Ray Crowe  
 BRILLIANT: J. B. Hawkins, Pauline Hawkins, Dot Smith  
 CALVARY: Sally Gilbert, Kathaleen Boshell, Betty Bevans  
 CARBON HILL: Tommy Stough, Marie Guyton, Myrtle Autman  
 CEDRUM GROVE: Nellie Jackson, Irene McGill, Carol Kivette  
 EDGAR'S CHAPEL: Liz Edgar, Ira Dean Raper, Verda Mae Lawler  
 FREE WATER: Ava Frye, Allene Pollard, Barbara Jones, Ruthie Mae Miller, Joyce Lolly, Imogene Pugh  
 GOOD SPRINGS: Eloise Humphreys, Marie Holland, Brenda Watson, Vanessa Watson  
 GUIN: Chuck Eichwurtzle, Ginny Eichwurtzle, Tony Berryhill  
 GUM SPRINGS: Susie Hawkins, Tommy Bates  
 HACKLEBURG: Patti Tubb, Mertyl Wooten, Mary F. Gunnin, Carol Anglin, Price Pierce, Nell Pierce  
 HAMILTON: Maxine Stone, Floy Williams, Eva Plunkett  
 HOLLY SPRINGS: Betty Childers, Robbie Humphries, Chris Cantrell  
 LIBERTY: Bryan Silas, Linda Silas, Rosa Johnson, Billy Wisham, Maxine Wisham  
 LONE STAR: Arvin Bostick, Luna Bostick, Elna Parker  
 MT. OLIVE: Frances Patterson, Willie Patterson, Letus Atkinson  
 MT. PLEASANT: Barbara Elliott, Lexie Thompson, Nellie Jones, Janice Vickery, Kathy Crowe, Allan Brasseal  
 NEW LIBERTY: Pearl Killingsworth, Eva Flynn, Rosa Smith  
 PARRISH: Audie Romine, Verna Thompson, Guertrude Thompson  
 POCAHONTAS: Elaine Prescott, Kathy Houston, Vaudie Rubley, Dora Roberts, Betty Davis  
 RED BAY: Dolly Baggett, Jane Yielding  
 SHADY GROVE:  
 UNION CHAPEL: Claude Burgess, Willie Williams, D. Williams, Betty Eades, Lana Henderson  
 UNION HILL: Barbara Wright, Regina Frederick, Lucille Anglin  
 WINFIELD: Fannie Baccus, Elmira York, Emma Osborne

#### CLERKS

BETHLEHEM: Willodean Cagle, Rt. 1, Brilliant 35548  
 BRILLIANT: Mary Vintson, Rt. 2 Box 288, Guin 35563  
 CALVARY: Mary Dozier, P. O. Box 28, Carbon Hill 35549  
 CARBON HILL: Bernice Atkins, Rt. 1 Box 88, Carbon Hill 35549  
 CEDRUM GROVE: Janet S. Jones, Rt. 2 Box 68-A, Carbon Hill 35549  
 EDGAR'S CHAPEL: Dianne Landers, Rt. 3, Phil Campbell 35581  
 FREE WATER: Janie Miller, Rt. 2, Guin 35563  
 GOOD SPRINGS: Gail Parrish, Rt. 1 Box 44, Vina 35593  
 GUIN: Elaine Knight, P. O. Box 727, Guin 35563  
 GUM SPRINGS: Lola Prescott, Rt. 3, Winfield 35594  
 HACKLEBURG: Carol Anglin, Rt. 2, Hackleburg 35564  
 HAMILTON: Kathy Cooper, P. O. Box 781, Hamilton 35570  
 HOLLY SPRINGS: Betty Childers, Rt. 1 Box 112-A, Hodges 35571  
 LIBERTY: Bryan Silas, Rt. 2, Guin 35563  
 LONE STAR: Bobby Spearman, Rt. 1, Tremont 38876  
 MT. OLIVE: Clark Flippo, Rt. 1, Guin 35563  
 MT. PLEASANT: Reba May, Rt. 2 Box 272, Guin 35563  
 NEW LIBERTY: Angie Smith, Rt. 1 Box 135, Bankston 35542  
 PARRISH: Audie Romine, Box 289, Parrish 35580  
 POCAHONTAS: Deborah Stewart, P. O. Box 209, Carbon Hill 35549  
 RED BAY: Linda Blackburn, Rt. 2 Box 82-D, Vina 35593  
 SHADY GROVE: Rose Mary Beard, Rt. 5 Box 407-B, Russellville 35653  
 UNION CHAPEL: Martha Miles, Rt. 3 Box 210-BD, Winfield 35594  
 UNION HILL: Glenda Anglin, Box 25, Hackleburg 35564  
 WINFIELD: Ronnie Lawler, P. O. Box 839, 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  
 CEDRUM 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, 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



**JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OCT. 1, 1981 to SEPT. 30, 1982**

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$732.48
Money Received:	
10-3-81 Annual Fees .....	1735.00
10-3-81 Special Offering (Dave Franks) .....	238.31
10-22-81 Late Fees .....	180.00
10-22-81 Late Fees .....	215.00
11-19-81 Late Fees .....	20.00
12-6-81 Late Fees .....	10.00
1-23-82 Quarterly Fees .....	265.00
1-23-82 Special Offering (Dave Franks) .....	200.00
1-23-82 Special Offering (Missions) .....	172.50
4-19-82 Quarterly Fees .....	240.00
6-28-82 Quarterly Fees .....	260.00
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	\$3535.81
Total To Be Accounted For .....	\$4268.29

**Expenditures:**

10-3-81 Rev. Roger Houston (Moderator) .....	\$65.00
10-3-81 Rev. Byron Meyer (Clerk) .....	135.00
10-3-81 Rev. William F. Pate (Asst. Moderator) .....	20.00
10-3-81 Rev. Mike Cordell (Asst. Clerk) .....	50.00
10-3-81 Don Collins (Treasurer) .....	75.00
10-3-81 Pastors—Workers Conference .....	200.00
10-8-81 Dave Franks (Special Offering) .....	238.31
10-14-81 State Association (Host Church) .....	336.25
10-14-81 State Association Fees .....	260.00
10-14-81 State Association (National Fees) .....	260.00
10-16-81 Dr. Joe Ange (Honorarium) .....	150.00
10-22-81 Free Will Baptist Children's Home .....	47.50
10-22-81 Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	37.50
10-22-81 Foreign Missions .....	14.00
10-22-81 Home Missions .....	37.50
10-22-81 Youth Camp .....	10.00
10-22-81 Rev. Wise Holcomb (Retired Minister) .....	145.92
10-22-81 Rev. Dewey Coley (Retired Minister) .....	145.92
10-22-81 Rev. J. A. Godsey (Retired Minister) .....	145.92
11-18-81 Rev. Byron Meyer (Supplies) .....	32.57
1-6-82 Rev. Byron Meyer (Supplies) .....	9.74
1-25-82 Dave Franks (Special Offering) .....	200.00
1-22-82 Home Missions (Special Offering) .....	86.25
1-22-82 Foreign Missions (Special Offering) .....	86.25
2-6-82 Itawamba Times (Minutes) .....	337.87
4-17-82 Star Printing Co. (Supplies) .....	34.24
4-17-82 Rev. Byron Meyer (Stamps & Envelopes) .....	23.00
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Total Expenditures .....	\$3183.74
Balance on Hand 9-30-82 .....	\$1084.55

**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 five (5) 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

**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.

## NOTES

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## NOTES



CHURCH	PASTOR	MEMBERS RECEIVED	MEMBERS DISMISSED	MEMBERS BAPTIZED	PRESENT MEMBERSHIP	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	CTS ENROLLMENT	ORDAINED MINISTERS	LICENSED MINISTERS	PASTOR'S SALARY	OTHER SALARIES	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	VALUE CHURCH PROPERTY	VALUE PARSONAGE	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE	CHILDREN'S HOME	YOUTH CAMP	ASSOCIATION FUNDS	TOTAL OFFERINGS	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
Bethlehem	Bobby Duncan	9		2	84	60		2	2	\$8,200.00		\$3,998.58	\$30,000.00					\$770.75		\$50.00	\$11,784.10	\$13,314.33
Brilliant	Billy R. Smith	4	5	5	168	70	40	1	0	\$13,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,724.95	\$132,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$522.14	\$612.70	\$289.60	\$398.00	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$26,462.50	\$26,101.28
Calvary	Calvin Bevins	20		19	42	35	35		2	\$4,200.00										\$10.00	\$13,196.25	
Carbon Hill	William F. Pate	9	0	1	97	80	43	2	0	\$5,512.00	\$40.00	\$6,200.00	\$57,000.00		\$320.00			\$1,200.00		\$115.00	\$25,200.00	\$17,480.00
Cedrom Grove	Donald Kivette	9	1	0	62	62	40	2	0											\$85.00		
Edgar's Chapel	Ray Edgar	7		2	85	40		1		\$3,892.00		\$7,000.00	\$38,000.00					\$21.00		\$35.00	\$8,298.00	\$8,298.00
Free Water	Fred Jones	2	4	2	170	95	60	3				\$1,945.25	\$150,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,666.66	\$984.35		\$100.00	\$175.00	\$25.00	\$33,691.05	\$28,758.91
Good Springs	Ronald Watson	13	7	4	66	35		1	1	\$2,720.00	\$270.00	\$208.44	\$30,000.00	0	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$4,624.18	\$861.00
Guin	Richard R. Corbell	45	0	16	590	312	190	4	6											\$20.00		
Gum Springs	Ray W. Ritch	0	0	0	79	59	59	3		\$8,855.00	0		\$35,000.00	0	\$752.83	\$552.83		\$740.97		\$105.00	\$21,897.88	\$18,417.60
Hackleburg	Phillip Cook	8	4	4	117			3		\$5,195.00	0	\$2,910.00	\$77,000.00	\$27,500.00	\$122.00	\$800.00	0	\$75.00				
Hamilton	Terry Booker	9	4		190	85	60	3		\$12,974.80			\$160,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$1,405.04	\$1,500.97	\$617.34	\$463.03		\$120.00	\$37,190.29	\$36,689.92
Holly Springs	Danny Smith									\$1,550.00										\$20.00	\$3,856.34	\$3,423.55
Liberty	L. Dale Pitts	16	3	2	143	90	55	3		\$13,000.00			\$60,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$1,448.44	\$845.00	\$50.00		\$175.00	\$75.00	\$33,149.60	\$25,489.50
Lone Star	Bobby Thompson	3	1	2	96	45	0	1	1	\$6,125.00			\$35,000.00							\$10.00	\$8,010.00	\$8,010.00
Mt. Olive	Woodrow Matthews	7	3	2	352	175	100	2	0	\$15,080.00	\$3,300.00	\$1,339.20	\$140,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$9,455.35	\$3,200.97	\$810.24	\$998.00	\$1,375.00	\$70.00	\$60,214.02	\$58,209.03
Mt. Pleasant	David Crowe	0	8	0	161	45	0	0	0	\$11,000.00	0	0	\$184,000.00	\$11,200.00	\$375.96	\$1,072.98	\$300.00	0	0	\$25.00	\$23,688.99	\$22,979.93
New Liberty	Arlo Peppers	14	4	4	227	111	0	3	0	\$8,925.00	0	\$1,546.31	\$60,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$300.00	\$650.00	0	\$219.67	\$75.00	\$15.00	\$23,155.42	\$17,793.31
Parrish	P. P. Barns	8		4	30	25		2	1	\$2,289.00			\$15,000.00					\$195.00		\$30.00	\$7,952.50	\$5,561.68
Pocahontas	Roger Houston	17	0	4	75	60	50	2	2	\$6,240.00			\$150,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$574.62	\$442.55	\$113.34		\$80.74	\$100.00	\$14,705.63	\$13,974.76
Red Bay	David Hayes	20		4	275	174	64	1		\$15,350.00		\$649.13	\$250,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$405.00	\$798.75	\$1,381.08	\$255.00		\$70.00	\$44,130.35	\$43,043.23
Shady Grove	Hershel Beard	9	0	3	136	77	0	1	1				\$72,000.00	0	\$251.04	\$145.25	\$37.50	\$37.50	0	\$10.00		
Union Chapel	Hubert Gardner	7	7	5	116	40	0	3	1			\$5,000.00	\$50,000.00							\$40.00	\$10,440.97	\$11,044.49
Union Hill	Charles Yielding	9	0	7	150	100	50	1	0	\$6,900.00	\$650.00	\$166.58			\$104.76	\$104.76				\$60.00	\$9,016.18	\$8,210.09
Winfield	Bud Hill	10	5	11		160		1	1	\$8,320.00	\$9,100.00				\$2,995.48	\$2,816.10	\$1,563.00	\$600.00	\$391.70	\$20.00		