# JASPER ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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ANNUAL REPORT

1987 SESSION

October 2, Union Hill FWB Church

October 3, Cedrom Grove FWB Church



# MINUTES of the

# NINETY NINETH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

# JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened at

New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church and Guin Free Will Baptist Church

October 3 & 4, 1986

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#### ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OFFICERS

Moderator:

Rev. Billy R. Smith, Box 246, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-9418 Assistant Moderator:

Rev. Bill Duncan, Rt. 3, Box 194, Hamilton, AL, 921-4325 Clerk:

Rev. Buddy T. Henry, Rt. 2, Box 150, Guin, AL 35563, 468-3262 Assistant Clerk:

Bro. Bryan Silas, Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563, 468-2734 Treasurer:

Rev. Phil Bozeman, P.O. Box 457, Red Bay, AL 35582, 365-2425

#### **BOARDS**

#### General Board:

Terms to expire in 1987:

Brilliant - Ulus Franks; Cedrom Grove - John Warren; Free Water - Farrell Pollard; Guin First - Bill Smith; Hamilton - Hugh Mac Winsett; Liberty -Billy Wisham; Mt. Pleasant - Allen Brasseal; Pocahontas - Jim Hunter; Red Bay - O'Neal Funderburg; Union Hill - Paul Jaggers;

Terms to expire in 1988:

Bethlehem - Vance Pollard; Calvary - Herbert Boshell; Carbon Hill - Carroll Jones; Gum Springs - Wymon Holcomb; Holly Springs - David Balwin; Lone Star - Bobby Thompson; Mt. Olive - Letus Atkinson; New Liberty - Aaron Wright; Shady Grove - Hershel Beard; Union Chapel - Phillip Miles; Winfield - Duane Hughes.

State Board Memeber: Buddy T. Henry

Children's Home Board of Trustee: Donald Kivette

Christian Education Board: Rev. Roger Houston - 1987; Rev. Vern Gunnels -1988; Rev. Buddy T. Henry - 1989; Rev. Carroll Jones - 1990; Rev. Walter Sloan - 1991.

**Youth Camp Board:** Rev. Billy R. Smith - 1987; Rev. Donald Kivette - 1988; Rev. Dennis Haygood - 1989.

**Credentials Committee:** Rev. Fred Hawkins - 1987; Rev. Richard Cordell -1988; Rev. Dennis Haygood - 1989; Rev. Trenton Johnson - 1990; Rev. Calvin Bevans - 1991.

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

The Ninety-Ninth Annual Session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the New Liberty FWB Church, Friday, October 3, 1986. Session was opened with singing led by Bro. Duane Hughes. Rev. James Bradley, the Host Pastor, welcomed the Association to New Liberty. Rev. Walter Harbin gave the devotional thoughts, taken from Eccl. 12:8-14.

Bro. Duane Hughes then led us in two more congregational songs.

The moderator appointed an Appreciation Committee -- Judy Haygood, Eunice Clements, Emma Osborne; Finance Committee -- Bro. Paul Jaggers, Rev. Carroll Jones, Bro. Oleth Erwin; Obiturary Committee -- Carol Kivette, Lorene Harbin, Sussie Holcomb.

Delegates names were read and delegates seated.

General Board report was read, each item was adopted, with some changes.

#### GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING:

Bethlehem: Vance Pollard; Calvary - Herbert Boshell; Carbon Hill - Carroll Jones; Gum Springs - Wymon Holcomb; Holly Springs - David Baldwin; Lone Star - Bobby Thompson; Mt. Olive - Letus Atkinson; New Liberty - Aaron Wright; Shady Grove - Hershel Beard; Union Chapel - Phillip Miles; Winfield - Duane Hughes.

ITEM #4 -- Rev. Dennis Haygood elected to Youth Camp Board, term to expire, 1989.

ITEM #5 -- Rev. James Bradley elected to Mission Board, term to expire 1991.

ITEM #6 -- Rev. Calvin Bevins elected to Credentials Committee, term to expire, 1991. Also, Rev. Trenton Johnson to replace Rev. Bill Smith who resigned, term to expire, 1990.

The first quarterly meeting will be held at Red Bay, January 24, 1987. The second quarterly meeting will be held at Mt. Olive, March 28, 1987. The third quarterly meeting will be held at Calvary, June 27, 1987. The first day of the Annual will be October 2, 1987, at a place yet to be determined. The second day of the Annual meeting will be at Union Hill, October 3, 1987. The General Board will meet each year at a central location. The location decided on was the Winfield FWB Church.

The morning worship service was opened by congregational singing led by Bro. Duane Hughes. Rev. Joe Rager, pastor of Mt. Pleasant FWB Church, brought the morning message entitled - "Strange Sounds That We Hear Today". His text was II Timothy 4:1-5.

The afternoon session was started, after a fine meal provided by the host church, and opened with congregational singing, led by Rev. David Crowe.

Moderator called the business to order and received the following reports: (1) Children's Home report - Rev. Donald Kivette (2) Youth Camp Board Report - Rev. Bill Smith. These two reports were received as information. (3) Credentials Committee Report - Rev. Richard Cordell. Accepted Item by Item. "We recommend the following ministers be received

Into the membership of the Jasper Association."

(a) Rev. John Warren - received.

(b) Rev. Joe Rager - received.

Congregational singing was again led by Rev. David Crowe. The afternoon message was brought by Rev. Calvin Bevans, pastor of Calvary FWB Church. He preached from Romans 12:1,2 on "Be Not Conformed".

The meeting was adjouned in prayer by Rev. James Bradley.

Registered: 21 Ministers; 6 Deacons; 33 Delegates; 3 Visitors -- Total of 63.

#### THE QUARTERLY MINUTES

The First Quarterly meeting of 1986 met at Liberty FWB Church, January 25th. The meeting was opened by singing led by Bro. Mike Cordell. Bro. Bryan Silas gave the welcome, Bro. Richard Cordell gave the response. The Clerk read the church letters, and the delegates were seated.

Bro. Richard Cordell gave a report of the Credential Committee.

Treasurer Don Collins gave a Financial Report, the report was received. Bro. Richard Cordell gave a report of the Mid-South Pastors and Workers Conference, it was received as information.

Bro. Donald Kivitte gave a report on the Children's Home new superintendent.

Special singing by Linda Kelly and Karen Bozeman from the Liberty Church.

The missionaries began to speak, each speaking of their own work. Started by Bro. Eddie Payne, Ivory Coast; Bro. Paul Robinson, Uruguay.

After break, session was called to order by music, offering was received for the missionaries, in the amount of \$156.53. The next speaker was Bro. Jerry McClary, Nebraska; Bro. Don McDonald, Japan; Bro. Bob Thomas, Colorado; Bro. Don Sexton, Foreign Missions Representative; Bro. James Walden, Alabama; Bro. Mike Mutchler, Oregon.

After lunch the session was opened by singing led by Dr. Roger Bennett. Special singing by Liberty Youth Choir. Bro. Buddy Drake, Wyoming gave us the final message for the day. The meeting adjourned.

The Credential Committee was as following: Recommend that Bro. William Pate be given a letter of good standing and of recommendation to the Mt. Moriah Association. M.S.C.

The Jasper Association met at Winfield FWB Church, March 29, 1986. The session was opened by singing led by Bro. Duane Hughes.

Bro. Ronnie Lawler welcomed the Association to the Winfield Church.

Bro. Trenton Johnston brought the morning devotion.

Moderator opened the business session with the Assistant Clerk Bro. Bryan Silas reading of the Church Letters. The delegates were seated. The moderator read the Treasurer's Report. Bro. Phil Bozeman made motion to schedule quarterly meetings around holidays and special days. M.S.C.

Bro. Fred Hawkins made a motion to plan the quarterly meetings for half a day on Saturday, would adjourn at noon if no business that needed to be taken care of that day. M.S.C.

After break, singing led by Bro. Duane Hughes. Bro. David Crowe sang a special before the first message. The message brought by Bro. Hershel Beard, Acts 20:17-28.

The Credential Committee gave a report, recommending Bro. David Hayes be given a letter of good standing. M.S.C.

The afternoon session was started by singing led by Bro. Duane Hughes. Special singing by Sis. Duane Hughes.

Bro. Phil Bozeman brought the afternoon message, Luke 24:44-49.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Fred Hawkins.

#### THIRD SESSION OF 1986

The Jasper Association met at Union Hill FWB Church June 28, 1986. The session was opened by singing led by Bro. Bob Baines.

Welcome and scripture, prayer by Pastor Billy Edwards. Bro. Duane Hughes led in another song.

Bro. James Bradley brought the first message, Amos 4:12.

After break, Bro. Hughes led in singing. Bro. Roger Houston called the business session to order. Clerk read the church letters, delegates were seated. Minutes were read of the last meeting, they were accepted as read.

Bro. Carrol Jones pastor of Carbon Hill FWB Church ask that the 2nd day of the Annual Meeting be moved to another church, due to that they were starting a school in their church.

Bro. Richard Cordell invited the 2nd day of the Annual Meeting to the Guin FWB Church, October 4, 1986.

The Credential Committee recommends the following: Bro. Karl Sexton, member of the Guin FWB Church, he is in good standing and member of The Little Brown Creek Association in North Mississippi. Bro. Sexton is serving as pastor of a Chapel Mission Church under the direction of the Guin Church. Bro. Sexton was received into the Jasper Association.

Recommends that Bro. Bob Baines be accepted into the Jasper Association. He is a member of the Palmer Association in North Carolina. He was accepted.

Also, it was recommended that the Hackleburg Church be taken off our roll of churches since they have joined the Progressive Association and that a letter be sent to Progressive Association stating that we cannot give the Hackleburg Church a letter of good standing. Also, that we question this church being taken into their association without a letter of good standing from the Jasper Association in accordance with our standard procedure. The Association voted to accept the recommendation of the committee.

Motion was made by Bro. Bill Smith seconded by Bro. Collins that the letter be mailed to each church stating that the \$10.00 quarterly fee be mailed regardless of whether the church represents at the quarterly or not. The

motion was passed.

After much discussion about the dress code at youth camp, it was passed that the C.E. Board and the Pastors meet and discuss the problem.

Bro. Duane Hughes led a song and Bro. Billy R. Smith brought the second message, Matthew 24:4-12.

Dismissed by prayer led by Bro. Donald Kivitte.

#### GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The board met September 18, 1986 at the Bethlehem FWB Church. The meeting was called to order by the clerk. Due to the absence of the Moderator and the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Bill Duncan was elected to moderate the Board Meeting. Song was led by Vance and Farrell Pollard. Carroll Jones led in prayer.

The Board recommends the following:

- (1) The following men to be elected to the General Board, their term to expire in 1988. Cedrom Grove John Warren; Free Waters Farrell Pollard; Liberty Billy Wisham; Red Bay O'Neal Funderburg; Union Hill Paul Jaggers.
- (2) That the General Board have a centralize place to meet always.
- (3) That Bro. Walter Sloan be elected to the Board of Christian Education.
- (4) That Bro. Fred Hawkins be elected to the Youth Camp Board, term to expire 1989.
- (5) That Bro. Dennis Haygood be elected to the Mission Board, term to expire 1991.
- (6) That Dennis Haygood be elected to the credentials committee, term to expire in 1991.
- (7) That Buddy T. Henry be elected as the State Board Member.
- (8) That the Moderator be paid sixty-five (65) dollars, the Assistant Moderator, twenty (20) dollars; the Clerk one hundred (100) dollars, the Assistant Clerk, eighty-five (85) dollars; and the Treasurer one hundred (100) dollars.
- (9) That each church send an offering to each annual meeting for the retired ministers and that each church support this cause regularly.
- (10) That the money for the retired ministers be divided equally between those who are retired at this time.
- (11) That each church support regularly the causes of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Children's Home, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, and Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.
- (12) That each church give to the youth camp on a systematic basis monthly or quarterly.
- (13) That the first quarterly meeting be held January 24, 1987, at Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church.
- (14) That the remaining meetings be filled at the annual meeting.
- (15) Raise the quarterly fee to \$15. And the annual fee to \$20.

(16) That a nominating committee be appointed from the General Board charged with prayerfully nominating and contacting the nominee, to see they would serve.

#### RESULTS OF THE GENERAL BOARD'S REPORT

The Association received and accepted it, with these changes.

- (1) Added Mt. Olive Letus Atkinson
- (2) Winfield Church was agreed on for the Board to meet.
- (4) Dennis Haygood was elected in place of Fred Hawkins.
- (5) James Bradley was elected in place of Dennis Haygood.
- (6) Calvin Bevins was elected in place of Dennis Haygood, Trenton Johnson to replace Bill Smith, who resigned, term to expire in 1990.
- (14) Meeting places were selected as follows: March 28 Mt. Olive, June 27
- Calvary, October 2 Union Hill, October 3 Cedrom Grove.

#### REPORTS

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists would like to express our sincere thanks to the New Liberty Church and the Guin Church, for the gracious way you have hosted the Associational Meetings. The food was delicious and the fellowship was wonderful. May God richly bless each one who assisted in making these days successful.

Judy Haygood, Eunice Clements, Emma Osborne

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee have examined the letters and the Financial Reports, and have found them to be in order. We are concerned about our churches who are not sending letters and dues regularly.

Bro. Paul Jaggers, Rev. Carroll Jones, Bro. Oleth Erwin

#### **OBITUARY REPORT**

Brilliant: Ruth Streetman Hughes, Annie Mae Caudle, Vester Hawkins

Calvary: Melvin Nesmith

Carbon Hill: Easter Rubley, James Rubley, Hiram Leith

Cedrom Grove: Jim Barton

Free Waters: Ray Matthews, Pearce Miller Guin: Gladys Osborn, Sanford Walker

Gum Springs: Billy West

Hamilton: Janice Creque, Oleta Godsey

Liberty: Paul Dudley Lone Star: O.U. Harrell

Mt. Pleasant: Tim Vickery, Jesie Aldridge

New Liberty: Zebadiah Wright

Pocahontas: Curtis Griffin, Quentin Tittle, Vaudie Rubley

Union Chapel: Jimmy Eads, O.D. Eads

Union Hill: Sam Carter

# JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 10/4/85 to 10/4/86

	Balance brought forward \$ 487.18
Received:	
10/25/85	Association Fees
10/25/85	Personal Offering
12/3/86	Tithe (Ret. Min.)
1/25/86	Association Fees
1/25/86	Special Offering (Missions)
3/12/86	Association Fees
4/23/86	Association Fees
6/28/86	Association Fees
7/28/86	Late Fees
	\$2732.01
To Be Acco	unted For\$3219.19
Expenditure	28:
10/5/85	Rev. Roger Houston (Moderator) \$65.00
10/5/85	Rev Bill Duncan (Asst. Mod.)
10/5/85	Rev. Buddy Henry (½ Clerk)
10/5/85	Rev. David Crowe (1/2 Clerk) 50.00
10/5/85	Don Collins (Treasurer)
10/5/85	Rev. Buddy Henry (Supplies) 53.48
10/5/85	Youth Camp 94.50
10/25/85	Board of Christian Education 714.58
10/25/85	State Ass'n. (State & Nat. Dues)
10/25/85	FWB Childrens Home
10/25/85	Foreign Missions
10/25/85	Home Missions
10/25/85	FWB Bible College
10/25/85	State Ass'n. (Host National)
10/25/85	Rev. Dewey Colley (Ret. Minister)
10/25/85	Rev. J.A. Godsey (Ret. Minister)
10/25/85	Rev. Wise Holcomb (Ret. Minister)
1/25/86	Pastors / Workers Conference
1/30/86	Home and Foreign Missions
3/12 - 6/1	1 - 6/28 - 9/18 Clerk (Supplies)
7/21/86	Star Printing (Minutes)
	\$3098.30
	Balance On Hand 10/4/86 \$120.89

# JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT

October 1985 - September 1986

Beginning Balance	\$10 \$3,85	6.09 6.75
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$3,87	2.84
Expenditures:		
Camp:		
Food - From 1985 Camp	414.58	
Food - From 1986 Camp	1,283.43	
	\$1,698.01	
Rent on Camp: 1985	400.00	
Rent on Camp: 1986	200.00	
	600.00	
Evangelists	400.00	
Snack Shop - (Stocking)	361.07	
Applications - (Printing 1985)	156.01	
Insurance	153.00	
Recreational Supplies		
	3,407.07	
C.T.S. Competition:	80.25	
Materials & Medals	4 95	
Extra Medals (Had to Reorder)		
Fees to State Competition		
	297.10	
TOTAL EXPENSESBALANCE		

#### FINANCIAL REPORT NORTHWEST ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP September 10, 1985 - September 18, 1986

Balance Brought Forward	
Receipts:	
Gifts from Associations:	
Progressive	
Pleasant Grove	
Fayette	
Townley	
Jasper	
Jasper	
Winfield	
Mt. Olive	
Brilliant	
Ambers Aldridge 10.00	
Free Waters	
Union Hill	
Pocahontas 175.00	
Vernon	
Sulligent	
Piney Grove 195.00	
Vernon C.E. Board	
Eastside	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF GIFTS \$8788.29	
Rent:	
Guin Church 200.00	
Pleasant Grove Church 25.00	
Jasper C.E. Board 694.50	
Progressive Camps 400.00	
Vernon C.E. Board	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF RENT RECEIVED	
Unidentified Deposit	
Refund from Insurance Co 7.12	
TOTAL OF MISC. INCOME\$35.28	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF RECEIPTS	,
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$12,232.15	
In addition to the above gifts the progressive association gave the following to the youth camp.	
50 Chairs	)
3 Folding Tables 205.00	
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1 Airconditioner
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR
Expenditures:         Water       379.84         Power Bills       1966.31         Phone       587.14         Reimbursed to Piney Grove Church for calls       8.54         Pool Upkeep       916.39         Gift to Bro. Matthews       100.00         Piano       288.90         Office Supplies       6.35         Pest Control       55.00         Winfield Hospital - Aggee Treatment       100.25         Repairs       243.45         Insurance       1904.00         Payment on Loan       4500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$11,056.17 BALANCE \$1175.98

#### Liabilities:

The expense of the camp goes from around \$120.00 per month to \$1250.00 per month when the camps are in session. This is just in the Utilities.

#### **ORDAINED MINISTERS**

Aldridge, Ambers

Baines, Bob - Guin, AL 35563

Beard, Herschel - Rt. 5, Russellville, AL 35653, 332-5675

Bennett, Dr. Roger J. - Spanish Oaks Apt. 4D, Guin, AL 35563, 468-3820

Bevans, Calvin - 2304 Sutton Place, Jasper, AL 35501, 221-7748

Bozeman, Phil - P.O. Box 457, Red Bay, AL 35582, 365-2425

Boshell, Herbert - Rt. 2, Box 204, Carbon Hill, AL 35549

Bradley, James - Rt. 1, Box 104, Bankston, AL 35542, 689-4102

Cordell. Mike - Box 553, Guin, AL 35563

Cordell, Richard - Box 553, Guin, AL 35563, 468-3820

Duncan, Bill - Rt. 3, Box 194, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4325

Edwards, Billy J. - Rt. 4, Box 484, Haleyville, AL 35565, 486-5619

Franks, Dave - South America

Godsey, J.A. - Rt. 3, Hamilton, AL 35570

Gunnels, Vern - Rt. 6, Box 11, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4428

Harbin, Walter Sr. - Oakman, AL.

Hawkins, Fred - Rt. 2, Box 557A, Winfield, AL 35594, 487-6548

Henry, Buddy T. - Rt. 2, Box 150, Guin, AL 35563, 468-3262

Houston, Roger - Rt. 1, Box 63, Carbon Hill, AL 35549, 924-8195

Hudson, Van Dale - Rt. 1, Guin, AL 35563

Humphries, R.C. - Vina, AL

Johnson, Trenton - Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, AL 35549, 924-9218

Jones, Carroll - Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, AL 35549, 924-9478

Kivette, Donald - Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563

Lawler, Ronald - Rt. 2, Winfield, AL 35594

Miles, Phillip - Rt. 3, Winfield, AL 35594

Norris, William - Box 256, Guin, AL 35563

Roberts, Gurlie - Rt. 1, Box 322A, Brilliant, AL 35548

Roberts, W.A. - Rt. 12, Box 185, Carbon Hill, AL 35549

Sanderson, William A. - Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563

Sexton, Carl - Guin, AL 35563

Sloan, Walter - Box 553, Guin, AL 35563

Smith, Billy R. - Box 246, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-9418

Tucker, Clovis - Rt. 4, Winfield, AL 35594

Warren, John - Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, AL 35549, 924-9373

Holcomb, Wise - Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563

Rager, Joe - Rt. 1, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-2637

#### **DEACONS**

Bethlehem: Roy Crow, Vance Pollard Brilliant: Dewey Burleson, Blane Doss Calvary: Thomas Dozier, Willie Clements

Carbon Hill: Travis Pair

Cedrom Grove: Angelo Boshell

Free Waters: Clovis Tidwell, Hubbard Estes, Artis Pugh, Douglas Emerson

Gum Springs: Van Westbrook

Hamilton:

Guin First: Tony Berryhill, Gary Atkinson, Bill Smith, Bobby Glasgow, Tommy Nix, Charles Knight, Ronald McDonald, Jerry Stephens Liberty: Earlie Dickinson, Morgan Bozeman, Billy Norris, Don Wilson

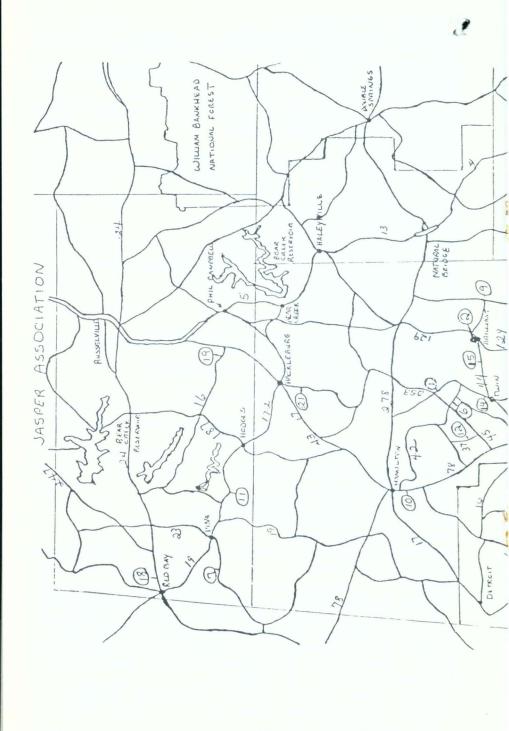
Lone Star: Bill Pitts, Kenneth Pounders, Bobby Spearman, Bobby Bostick Mt. Olive: Edgar Atkinson, Paul Wilson, Haig Wilson, Milton Rhudy

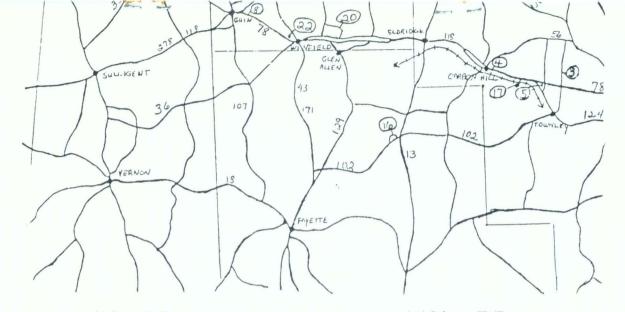
Mt. Pleasant: Alan Atkins, Terry May

New Liberty: Victor Smith, Aaron Wright, David Fowler, Sid Moore Pocahontas: Jim Hunter, Elbert Nelson, Pete Stewart, Donald Sparks,

Gary Sparks, John D. Burkett

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- (1) Bethlehem FWB
- (2) Brilliant FWB
- (3) Calvary FWB (4) Carbon Hill FWB
- (5) Cedrom Grove FWB
- (6) Free Water FWB
- (7) Good Springs FWB
- (8) Guin FWB
- (9) Gum Springs FWB
- (10) Hamilton FWB
- (11) Holly Springs FWB

- (12) Liberty FWB
- (13) Lone Star FWB (not shown)

To the

- (14) Mt. Olive FWB
- (15) Mt. Pleasant FWB
- (16) New Liberty FWB
- (17) Pocahontas FWB
- (18) Red Bay FWB
- (19) Shady Grove FWB
- (20) Union Chapel FWB
- (21) Union Hill FWB
- (22) Winfield FWB

Red Bay: J.W. Purser, Ross White, Ralph Purser, Raymond Blackburn,

Elmer Self, Marlin Saint, Robert Newell Shady Grove: Clyde Freeman, Charles Nix

Union Chapel: Alvin Henderson

Union Hill: Paul Jaggers, Leburn Hudson, Jerry Anglin, J.D. Jones,

Almon Raburn

Winfield: B.P. Atkinson, Lee Moore, Ira Baccus, Garlon Holliman,

Bill Overton

#### **CLERKS**

Bethlehem: Bentley Crow, Rt. 2, Guin, Al 35563

**Brilliant:** Mary Vintson, Rt. 2, Box 288, Guin, AL 35563 **Calvary:** Betty Bevans, 2304 Sutton Place, Jasper, AL 35501

Cedrom Grove: Helen Tittle, Rt. 2, Box 74, Carbon Hill, AL 35549

Free Water: Janie Miller, Rt. 2, Guin, AL 35563

Good Springs: Gail Parrish, Box 917, Red Bay, AL 35582 Guin: Wilma Palmer, Rt. 2, Box 85, Guin, AL 35563 Gum Springs: Lola Prescott, Rt. 3, Winfield, AL 35594

Hamilton: Barbara Burleson, Rt. 6, Box 231, Hamilton, AL 35570

Holly Springs: Jimmie Lou Nichols, Rt. 2, Box 183, Hackleburg, AL 35564

Liberty: Linda Silas, Rt. 2, Box 151, Guin, AL 35563 Lone Star: Bobby Spearman, Rt. 1, Tremont, MS 38876 Mt. Olive: Clark Flippo, Rt. 1, Box 292, Guin, AL 35563 Mt. Pleasant: Reba May, Rt. 2, Box 272, Guin, AL 35563

New Liberty: Angie Smith, Rt. 1, Box 135, Bankston, AL 35542 Pocahontas: Irene G. Ennis, Rt. 3, Box 173, Nauvoo, AL 35578 Red Bay: Linda Blackburn, Rt. 2, Box 82D, Vina, AL 35593

Shady Grove: Rose Mary Beard, Rt. 5, Box 407B, Russellville, AL 35653

Union Chapel: Jane Sayre, Rt. 3, Winfield, AL 35594

Union Hill: Glenda Anglin, P.O. Box 25, Hackleburg, AL 35564 Winfield: Linda Traweek, P.O. Box 184, Winfield, AL 35594

#### **DELEGATES**

Bethlehem:

**Brilliant:** Eunice Dickinson, Dot Smith, Pauline Hawkins, J.B. Hawkins **Calvary:** Eunice Clements, T.S. Hendon, Tressue Harbin, Brenda Harbin, Sally Gilbert

Carbon Hill: Ruby Eaton, Beatrice Williams

Cedrom Grove: Clinton Prescott, Mary Grace Prescott, Hellen Tittle,

Helen Boshell

Free Waters: Willene Phillips, Annie Otts, Carol Kivitte, Lessie Holcomb

Goodsprings:

Guin: Austin Pugh, Lorene Pugh, Maxine Bennett

Gum Springs: Sussie Holcomb, Fammie Bates

Hamilton: Holly Springs:

Liberty: Bryan Silas, Linda Silas, Lillian Dickinson

Lone Star: Hortense Pitts, Vondora Pitts

Mt. Olive: Clark Flippo, Judy Haygood, Willie Patterson, Sara Flippo

Faye Franks

Mt. Pleasant: Oleth Erwin, Jettie B. Erwin, Vickie Rager

New Liberty: Ray Selman, Ted Sands, Vick Selman, Gloria Madison,

Gwen Buckner, Carolyn Bradley

Pocahontas: Lillie Briendel, Elaine Prescott, Hattie Hunter, Butch Parr

Red Bay: O'Neil Funderburk, Jones Baggett, Dolly Baggett

Shady Grove: Rosemary Beard

Union Chapel: Lois Tucker, Jewel Miles

Union Hill: Lucille Anglin, Eula Fuller, Willodean Hudson, Madgie Barker

Winfield: Joe Reed, Emma Osborne, Melia Earnest

#### CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, and the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

II Timothy 3:16-17 and II Peter 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

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; Hebrews 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; I Cor. 2:10,11

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

Acts 17:28; Ephesians 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.

Genesis 2:7; Psalms 51:5; Ephesians 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 of 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; Ephesians 2:8; II Peter 1:4-10

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of Salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

John 3:16

10. Freedom of 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.

I Timothy 2:4; II Peter 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; II Peter 1:10

13. Gospel Ordinances. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

Matthew 28:19; I Cor. 11:23-26; St. John 13:4-17

- 14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel [Matthew 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" [I 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.

Genesis 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; II Cor. 5:10

# CONSTITUTION OF THE JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

# ARTICLE I

This body shall be known as the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists of Alabama.

#### ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. The membership of the Jasper Association shall consist of all churches that, upon the approval of this body, shall become members.

SECTION II. A local church that wishes to become a member of this Association must adopt the National Treaties and make formal written request. A two-thirds vote of the delegates present must be recorded for acceptance into this Association.

## ARTICLE III REPRESENTATION

Each church holding membership in this Association shall be entitled to three (3) delegates. Ordained 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 the annual session.

#### ARTICLE V BOARDS

SECTION I. General Board (a) Composition. The General Board shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, 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, 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 responsibilities so delegated by the body. When this Association is not in session, this Board shall have power to act as the body.

SECTION II. Board of Christian Education. The Board of Christian Education shall consist of five (5) members. Each member shall serve for a five (5)

year term with one term expiring each year.

SECTION III. Board of Directors of the North West Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. This Association shall be represented to the Board of Directors of the North West Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp by three (3) members. Each member shall serve a term of three (3) years with one term expiring each year.

SECTION IV. Mission Board. The Mission Board shall consist of five (5) members. Each member shall serve for a five (5) year term with one term expiring each year. The Mission Board's responsibilities will be to help set up mission conferences and to promote Foreign and Home Missions in the Jasper

Association.

#### 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 and other associations, as well as, all ministerial reports. This committee shall also examine all ministers who become a part of this body whether 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 and Saturday before the first Sunday in October at places determined at the previous session; and shall not adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

SECTION II. The associational year shall end on 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 OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

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"). If, after a period of one (1) full year, he has been called to an approved work such as pastor, assistant pastor, youth minister, full-time evangelism, or misisonary work, he may then be examined by the responsible ones of this body to determine his worthiness for ordination. 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 having been examined, 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 at a quarterly meeting of the Jasper Association.

If, after the period of one (1) full year has expired, the licensee has not been called to an approved work, his license may then be renewed each year or until he has been called to an approved work. No one may be ordained who has not been called to an approved work.

SECTION II. Candidates for ordination to the ministry shall present their request for ordination to the Credentials Committee, (using forms prepared and approved by this body), at least by the time of the last regular meeting prior to the ordination date requested.

SECTION III. Preachers coming to us from other Free Will Baptist Associations shall present their requests for membership to the Credentials Committee at any quarterly meeting or annual session and said requests may be acted upon at that session.

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

SECTION V. All ministers are required to report yearly to the Credentials Committee of this body by presenting their cards to the Associational Clerk. Such report shall be for year beginning September 1st and ending August 31st, and shall be due at the annual session in October. Any minister who fails to comply shall not be issued a card of good standing.

SECTION VI. 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.

## 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 becomes pastor to 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, 50 A; Page 59B.)

SECTION VI. No church shall accept as members those who have not been baptized by an ordained minister.

## ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

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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 acted upon the following day.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

- 1. This Association shall be called to order by the moderator and presided over by officers elected at the previous annual 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 shall be dropped from the roll of ministers. Exception: Full-time evangelists or Missionaries serving in other states or countries, students who are attending college, those serving in the armed forces.
- 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 acted upon the following day.

# GUIDELINES FOR LICENSED MINISTERS IN THE JASPER ASSOCIATION

#### I. RULES PERTAINING TO THE LICENSED MINISTER

- A. Qualifications for the Licensee
- 1. He must be a member of a church which belongs to the Jasper Association.
- 2. He must give evidence to his church that he is divinely called to preach, whereupon the local church is authorized to examine him for license. This examination should include the areas of the candidate's life, doctrine, reputation, and his convictions and abilities regarding the work of the ministry. His present and prospective educational qualifications should also be considered. Upon completion of such an examination, the local church shall determine whether or not to grant license. The ministerial license shall be valid for a period of one year but is renewable annually.
- 3. He must have his license renewed annually by said church and kept in force until ordination.
- B. The Activities of the Licensee
- 1. According to the general practices of Free Will Baptists, a licensed minister is urged to afford himself of every opportunity to preach the word. He is free to exercise all the privileges and responsibilities of an ordained minister with the exception of officiating at the observances of the ordinances and weddings.
- 2. The licensee should consider the period between his receiving license and being ordained as a time of study and training in preparation for his calling.
- C. His Relationship to the Association
- 1. The clerk of the church should report the names of licensed ministers to the clerk of the Association who will forward a copy of these guidelines to each licensee.
- 2. Licensed ministers are expected to attend regular meetings of the Jasper Association and the Quarterly Meetings.

#### II. SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION

- A. Attend Free Will Baptist Colleges or Bible Institutes if possible.
- B. Seek the counsel of experienced pastors.
- C. Make as thorough a study as possible of the following:
  - 1. The Holy Bible
  - 2. Free Will Baptist Doctrine
  - 3. Systematic Theology
  - 4. Homiletics
  - 5. Pastoral Theology and Church Administration
  - 6. Evangelism
  - 7. Church History (especially FWB 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 five copies of the completed examination (one for each member of the Committee), and send them to the Credentials Committee no later than two months 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

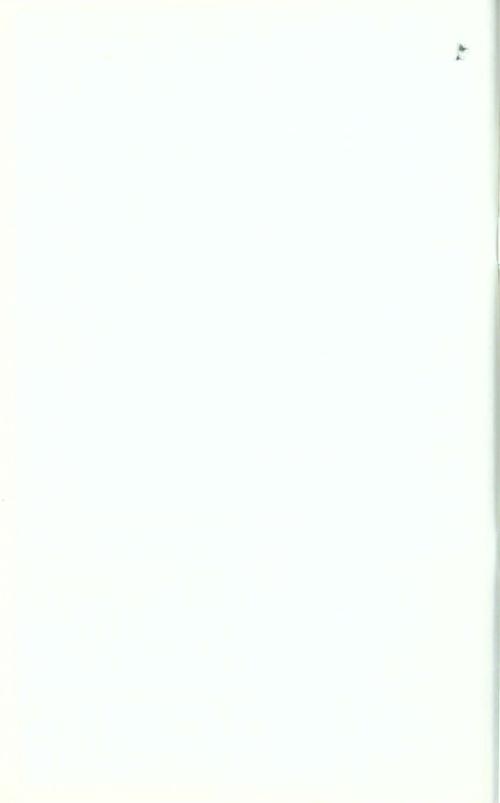
We, th	ne Free Will Baptist Churh in Christ, at	
after o	livine service by Rev	met in conference.
2. 3. 4.	Opened doors of church for reception of members Called for reading of minutes of last conference. Called for peace and fellowship of the church. General business.  On motion of adjournment, we	
Rev.		Moderator
Bro.		Clerk

#### FORM OF LETTER OF DISMISSION STATE OF ALABAMA

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, the Free Will Baptist Cl	hurch at				
do certify that Bro.		is	a me	ember	of
our church in full fellowship,	and is hereby	given	this	letter	of
recommendation.	26				

CHURCH	PASTOR	Members	Members	Membere Bambere	Mem resent	Sunday Sci	Enr. CTS	Ordaine I	Licensed M.	Foreign Mission	Home Missions	FWB Bible College	Children's Home	Youth Camp	Associational Funds
Bethlehem	Bill Duncan	0	0	0	78	35	0	1	0				804.00		25.00
Brilliant	Billy R. Smith	1	0	1	167	58	25	1	0	789.00	954.00	567.00	103.00	103.00	35.00
Calvary	Calvin Bevans							4		25.00					40.00
Carbon Hill	Carrol Jones	21	2	16	178	140	73	1	2	685.00	685.00		1028.00	10.00	40.00
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Free Water	Donald Kivette	2	1	0	175	60	50	2	2	812.00	3326.00	39.00	448.00	100.00	55.00
Good Springs	Mike Franklin														
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Hamilton	Vern Gunnels	9	1		210										
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Pocahontas	Roger Houston	5	0	3	106	75	0	2	2		3903.00			385.00	15.00
Red Bay	Phil Bozeman	1	3	2	267	129	81	1	0	1231.00	2836.00	245.00	628.00	100.00	70.00
Shady Grove	Hershel Beard				100	67		1					100.00		65.00
Union Chapel	Phillip Miles	12	0	2	72								500.00		30.00
Union Hill	Billy Edwards	17	2	10	155	110	55	1	0	35.00	35.00		100.00	200.00	60.00
Winfield	Fred Hawkins	1		1	420	250	100		2	900.00	740.00	477.00	150.00	180.00	75.00





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