

**JASPER  
ASSOCIATION  
of  
Free Will  
Baptists**

**1994  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**1995 SESSION**

**September 29**

**Mt. Pleasant FWB Church**

**September 30**

**Winfield First FWB Church**

CHURCH	PASTOR	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Members Baptised	Present Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Enrollment	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Associational Funds
Bethlehem	William Atkins	12	1	1	77	30		1		200.00
Brilliant	Phillip Miles	2		2	78	50		2		200.00
Calvary	Calvin Bevans	6		2	56	40		5		200.00
Cedrom Grove	John E. Warren	3			42	35	30	1		331.26
Free Water	Trellis L. Mayhall	2	8		155	75		2		200.00
Guin	Richard R. Cordell	17	8	15	636	440	165	3		200.00
Gum Springs	Billy Robbins	6		5	75	60				200.00
Hamilton	Phil Kimbrough	1	5	4	251	58	25	1		200.00
Liberty	Greg Rucker	1	1	4	150	85		1		200.00
Mt. Olive	Dennis Haygood	3	5	5	334	130		3		200.00
Mt. Pleasant	Ron Scott	4	4	2	166	32		1		200.00
New Liberty	James Bradley	4	4	3	237	87		2		240.00
Pocahontas	Johnny Bozeman	13			167	95	75	4		200.00
Red Bay	Tom Scott	9	2	7	290	205	75	1		260.00
Shady Grove	Hershel Beard	1			90	44		1		300.00
Union Chapel	Donald Smith	8	3	4	124	37		1		200.00
Union Hill	Randall Tice	3	4		121	83	47	1		200.00
Winfield	Danny J. Williams	12	10	9	216	125	60	1		200.00

**MINUTES**  
of the <sup>EIGHTH</sup>  
**One Hundred & Sixth**  
**Annual Session**

of the  
**JASPER**  
**ASSOCIATION OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

When Convened at:  
**CEDROM GROVE FWB CHURCH**

And  
**GUIN FIRST FWB CHURCH**  
**OCTOBER 7 & 8, 1994**



## **ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS**

### **MODERATOR:**

Rev. Trellis Mayhall, RR # 2, Box 295, Guin, AL 35563, 205-468-2089

### **ASSISTANT MODERATOR:**

Rev. Danny J. Williams, RR # 2, Box 557-A, Winfield, AL 35594,  
205-487-6992

### **CLERK/TREASURER:**

Bro. Letus Atkinson, RR # 2, Box 369, Guin, AL 35563, 205-468-2437

### **ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER:**

Bro. Bryan Silas, RR # 2, Box 149-S, Guin, AL 35563, 205-468-2734

## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**State Board Member:** Rev. Trellis Mayhall

**Children's Home Trustee:** Rev. John Warren - 1995

**Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp Board:** Bro. Bryan Silas - 1995, Rev.  
Dennis Haygood - 1996, Rev. Danny J. Williams - 1997

**Credentials Committee:** Rev. Thomas Scott - 1995, Rev. Phil Kimbrough  
- 1996, Rev. Trellis Mayhall - 1997, Rev. Richard Cordell - 1998, Rev. Dennis  
Haygood - 1999

**Missions Board:** Rev. Richard Cordell - 1995, Rev. James Bradley - 1996,  
Rev. Phillip Miles - 1997, Bro. Bryan Silas - 1998, Rev. Donald A. Smith -  
1999

**Executive Board:** Bro. O'Neal Funderburk - 1995, Rev. Dennis Haygood -  
1996, Bro. Allen Brasseal - 1997, Rev. Phil Kimbrough - 1998, Rev. John E.  
Warren - 1999

**General Board:** Bethlehem 1995 - Bentley Crow; Brilliant 1996 - Phillip  
Miles; Calvary 1995 - Calvin Bevans; Cedrom Grove 1995 - Tim Barnes;  
Free Water 1996 - Trellis Mayhall; Guin First 1995 - Richard Cordell; Gum  
Springs 1995 - Wyman Holcomb; Hamilton 1996 - Lowell Parker; Liberty  
1996 - Billy Wisham; Mt. Olive 1995 - Dennis Haygood; Mt. Pleasant 1996  
- Allen Brasseal; New Liberty 1995 - Ted Sands; Pocahontas 1996 - Jim  
Hunter; Red Bay 1995 - O'Neal Funderburk; Shady Grove 1996 - Hersheal  
Beard; Union Chapel 1995 - Donald A. Smith; Union Hill 1996 - Paul  
Jaggers; Winfield 1995 - Danny J. Williams

**Nominating Committee:** Tim Barnes - 1995, Billy Wisham - 1996, Lowell  
Parker - 1997, James Bradley - 1998; Allen Brasseal - 1999

## **THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING**

The First Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at Free Water Free Will Baptist Church, RR # 2, Box 295, Guin, AL, on 22 January, 1994.

Service opened with singing of "I'd rather be an old time Christian", directed by Bro. Mark Walker from the Red Bay FWB Church. Prayer led by Rev. Malone Cobb.

Welcome given by Host Pastor, Rev. Trellis Mayhall of the Free Water FWB Church.

The Free Water Quartet then sang "Feeling Fine" and "I need you more today" which was enjoyed by all present.

Necessary Business was then conducted by Clerk/Treasurer, Bro. Letus Atkinson. Delegates recognized and Seated by Moderator Rev. Tom Scott.

Message by Rev. Stan Bunch, Foreign Missionary to Panama using Matthew Chapter 17, verses 14:41 Subject: "Fasting"

Message by Rev. Ron McMillan, Home Missionary to Massachusetts using Romans, Chapter 1; verses 7-17 Subject: "Serving with and through the Spirit".

Message by Rev. Jim Sturgill, Foreign Missionary to Brazil using 2 Corinthians, Chapter 4; verse 7 and Chapter 5; verses 1-9 Subject: The Power of God:.

Message by Rev. Bob Lewis, Home Missionary to Colorado using 2 Timothy, Chapter 4; verses 3-5 Subject: "Be Faithful and Endure".

### **BREAK**

Message by Rev. Virgil Maness, Home Missionary to New Jersey using Acts Chapter 13, verse 38 Subject: "The one who forgives Sin".

Message by Rev. Fred Hershey, Foreign Missionary to Japan who shared several salvation experiences from his tours in Japan.

Message by Rev. Richard Adams, Home Missions Dept., using Luke Chapter 10, verses 38-42 Subject: "Being busy VS Pleasing the Lord".

Message by Rev. Paul Creech, Foreign Missionary to Ivory Coast using Luke Chapter 15, verses 11-17 Subject "Coming to Ourselves".

Message by Rev. Darrel Nichols, Foreign Missionary to Cote d' Ivorie using Acts Chapter 9, verses 1-16 Subject: "Persecution is against Jesus, not Humans".

Message by Rev. Fred Jones, Home Missionary to Prattville, AL using Matthew Chapter 16, verses 24-27 Subject: "The Fruits of a True Disciple".

### **LUNCH AND ADJOURNMENT.**

## **SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING**

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at the New Liberty FWB Church, RR # 1, Box 104, Bankston, Alabama 35542 on 19 March, 1994.

Service opened by Hymn "Heavens Jubilee" directed by Bro. Mark Walker

from the Red Bay FWB Church, followed by Prayer by Rev. Trellis Mayhall, pastor Free Water FWB Church.

Welcome was given by Host Pastor, Rev. James Bradley New Liberty FWB Church. Song "Jesus Hold My Hand" directed by Bro. Mark Walker for Red Bay FWB Church.

**BUSINESS** - Moderator recognized Clerk who then gave report of letters received, 18 or 18 churches reporting. Moderator then recognized and seated delegates. Moderator then made several announcements and then recognized Rev. Dennis Haygood who challenged all present on Alabama Home Missions.

#### **BREAK**

Message by visiting Preacher, Rev. Malone Cobb using Psalms Chapter 37, verses 1-5 Subject: "Just Trust The Lord".

Song, "Victory in Jesus" directed by Bro. Mark Walker followed by Special Song by Miss Tammy Bailey "Gone" from the Union Hill FWB Church.

Song, "Come unto Me: directed by Bro. Mark Walker, followed by Special Song by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Walker "The Cornerstones".

Group Singing by Children from Children's Home located at Eldridge, Alabama who sang the following songs: "Happy Day Express"; "Step into the Sunshine"; "He's still working on Me"; "Peace like a River"; "Jesus loves the Little Children"; "He's got the Whole World in His Hands"; "Obedience"; "Jesus Never Fails"; "Burdens are Lifted at Calvary"; "I am a Promise".

Message by Rev. Levy Cory who simply shared some things the Children's Home is doing and wants to do if it is the Lord's will, he then shared Paul's love for his spiritual son, Timothy.

Song "Oh Lord sent the Power" directed by Bro. Mark Walker.

Host Pastor, Rev. James Bradley gave instructions for the meal to follow, Rev. Donald A. Smith prayed a closing prayer and asked blessing on the meal to follow.

#### **LUNCH AND ADJOURNMENT**

### **THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING**

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at Pocahontas FWB Church, RR #1, Box 88, Carbon Hill, Alabama 35549 on 25 June 1994.

Service opened with singing of "Heavens Jubilee" directed by Bro. Mark Walker from the Red Bay FWB Church, followed by Prayer by Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Pastor Hamilton FWB Church.

Song "Since Jesus came into my Heart: directed by Bro. Mark Walker.

Welcome given by Host Pastor, Rev. Johnny Bozeman, Pocahontas FWB Church.

Devotion given by Rev. Walter Harbin, Sr., who used 1 Samuel, Chapter 3, verses 1-12 Subject: "How do we respond to God's Word?"



**BUSINESS** - Clerk gave out Free Will Baptist Year Books for all Churches present - Reminded everyone of Nominating Committee Meeting on First Tuesday night of August at Seven P.M. at Hamilton FWB Church and then of General Board Meeting on Second Monday Night of August at Seven P.M. at Winfield FWB Church. Moderator recognized and seated Delegates. Rev. James Bradley gave report on New Building being erected at Children's Home, NEED SOME VOLUNTEER WORKERS AND GIFTS. Rev. Danny J. Williams spoke on up-coming Youth Camps (TEENS 14-15, JUL) (JR'S 1-5 AUG).

Special Prayer for Rev. Hersheal Beard and Mrs. Beard's Brother led by Rev. James Bradley, Pastor New Liberty FWB Church.

#### **BREAK**

Songs "Just over in the Glory Land" and "Heavenly Sunlight: directed by Bro. Mark Walker. Special Song "Harvest is plenty but Workers are Few" by Dana Bozeman.

Message by Rev. William (Widdy) Atkins, Pastor Bethlehem FWB Church, using I Kings Chapter 17, verses 8-24 Subject: "Do Not Give Up".

Songs "Jesus Hold My Hand" and "Amazing Grace" directed by Bro. Mark Walker. Special song "How Great Thou Art" by Dana Bozeman.

Message by Dave Franks, Sr., Missionary to Brazil using Matthew Chapter 28, verses 5-6 and 16-20 Subject: "He is All".

Motion made and passed for Association to give \$500.00 to Dave Franks Account from this Association.

Rev. Johnny Bozeman, Host Pastor, gave instructions on lunch, followed by closing prayer by Rev. Calvin Bevans, Pastor Calvary FWB Church.

#### **LUNCH AND ADJOURNMENT.**

### **FIRST DAY OF ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Cedrom Grove FWB Church, RR # 2, Carbon Hill, Alabama. Bro. Mark Walker led congregation in singing "Stand Up for Jesus", followed by Rev. James Bradley, Pastor New Liberty FWB Church.

Welcome was given by host pastor, Rev. John E. Warren, pastor of Cedrom Grove FWB Church. Devotion was given by Rev. Charles E. Fowler, from New Liberty FWB Church, who used Luke Chapter 24, verses 23-27 and 32-34 Subject: "A Confession".

Moderator recognized all delegates and seated them and then appointed the following committees: APPRECIATION - Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Bro. Mark Walker and Sister Martha Warren; FINANCE - Rev. James Bradley, Rev. Charles Fowler and Bro. Bryan Silas; OBITUARY - Bro. Allen Brasseal, Rev. W. A. Roberts and Rev. William L. Atkins.

**BUSINESS SESSION** - General Board report was given by Bro. Letus Atkinson, all items except item 11 (which was tabled and passed later in this

session) were passed by this body. Credentials Committee Report was given by Rev. Dennis Haygood who stressed the importance of Clerks properly filling out letters to this Association and in having each Pastor to sign their respective letters. Finance with Treasurer's Report was given by Rev. James Bradley, both were approved by this body. Mission Conference Report was given by Rev. Richard Cordell, dates being 8-25 Jan. 95, report accepted by body. Bro. Ralph Yerby visiting from the Vernon Association gave report on Benjamin Randall Day and exhorted our Churches to support this Day and give as the Lord directs, report was accepted as information. Gideons Report given by Bro. Bryan Silas who expressed the Gideons thanks to our Churches for having Gideon speakers and then giving to this cause, report accepted as information by this body. Ladies Auxiliary Report was given by Rev. Tom Scott, which was accepted by this body.

Christian Education Report was given by Rev. Danny J. Williams, Pastor of Winfield FWB Church, who challenged everyone present to support the Camps for the Youth of this Association. Report was accepted by this body. Financial Report of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp was given by Rev. Dennis Haygood with Report being accepted by this body. Children's Home Report was given by Rev. James Bradley, Pastor of New Liberty FWB Church and our Trustee to the Children's Home. Report was received as information and accepted by the body. Appreciation Committee Report was given by Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Pastor of Hamilton FWB Church. Report was accepted by this body. Obituary Committee Report was given by Bro. Allen Brasseal of the Mt. Pleasant FWB Church. Report was accepted by this body.

Message by Rev. Hersheal Beard, Pastor of Shady Grove FWB Church, who used Matthew Chapter 7, verse 7 Subject: "Encouragement to Prayer".

Song, "Amazing Grace" led by Bro. Mark Walker, followed by Prayer by Ralph Yerby visiting from the Vernon Association.

## **SECOND DAY OF ANNUAL MEETING**

The second day of the annual meeting of the Jasper Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Guin, Alabama on 8 October 94. Meeting was opened by congregation singing "Power in the Blood" led by Bro. Mark Walker from the Red Bay FWB Church, followed by prayer by Rev. Greg Rucker, Pastor of Liberty FWB Church, RR # 2, Guin, Alabama.

Welcome was given by Host Pastor, Rev. Richard Cordell of First FWB Church of Guin, Alabama.

Message by Rev. Tom Malone, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN who used Scripture from I Samuel, Chapter 13, verse 13 and Chapter 16, verse 7 Subject: "Having a Heart for God".

After Break, Rev. Richard Cordell, Pastor First FWB Church, Guin, Alabama brought Message using Jeremiah Chapter 6, verse 16 and II Timothy, Chapter 2, verse 2 with Acts Chapter 2, verse 41 Subject: "The Same Things".



Congregation was led in singing "Are You Washed In The Blood" by Bro. Mark Walker, followed by prayer by Rev. Trellis Mayhall.

Message by Rev. Tom Malone, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN who used Ephesians Chapter 1, verses 1-7 Subject: "The Riches of The Word of God"

Pastor Richard Cordell gave instructions on procedure for feeding and closed this session with prayer on this body and the meal to follow.

### **GENERAL BOARD REPORT OF JASPER ASSOCIATION**

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Winfield FWB Church, Monday night 8 August, 1994, with the following churches represented:

**Free Water** - Rev. Trellis Mayhall

**Hamilton** - Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Bro. Lowell Parker

**Liberty** - Bro. Billy Wisham

**Mount Olive** - Rev. Dennis Haygood, Clerk/Treasurer Bro. Letus Atkinson

**New Liberty** - Rev. James Bradley, Bro. Ted Sands

**Pocahontas** - Rev. Johnny Bozeman, Bro. Jim Hunter

**Red Bay** - Rev. Tom Scott, Bro. O'Neal Funderburk

**Union Chapel** - Rev. Donald A. Smith

**Union Hill** - Bro. Paul Jagers

**Winfield** - Rev. Danny J. Williams

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Tom Scott, followed by prayer by Rev. James Bradley. The following items were acted on by the General Board and recommended to the Jasper Association for its approval on disapproval.

(1) REPEAT That the Officers of the Association be paid as follows: Moderator, Sixty-Five Dollars; Assistant Moderator, Twenty Dollars; Clerk/Treasurer, Two Hundred Dollars; Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Eighty-Five Dollars.

(2) REPEAT That each Church send an offering to each annual meeting for the Retired Ministers and that each Church support this cause regularly. All funds received for this cause be divided equally between those who are certified as eligible immediately after our annual meeting.

(3) REPEAT That each Church support regularly the causes of foreign and home missions, children's home, Free Will Baptist College, Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College and Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College.

(4) REPEAT That each Church give to the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp on a systematic basis.

(5) That the Quarterly Meetings for 1995 be held: 21 Jan 95, Red Bay FWB Church; 18 Mar 95, Free Water FWB Church; 17 Jun 95, New Liberty FWB

Church. Annual Meeting - 29 Sep 95 Mt. Pleasant FWB Church and 30 Sep 95 Winfield FWB Church.

(6) That the fee for all meetings remain at \$50.00 per Church.

(7) That the Jasper Association give \$200.00 to the Pastors and Workers Conference (If Funds Are Available).

(8) We recommend the Nominating Committee's report.

(9) The General Board elected the Nominating Committee: Rev. John E. Warren, 1995; Billy Wisham, 196; Lowell Parker, 1997; James Bradley, 1998; Allen Brasseal, 1999.

(10) We recommend to the Association to give \$500.00 to the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

(11) We recommend to the Association the following resolution:

Whereas, the officers of our Free Will Baptist Associations are representative positions, and

Whereas, we have several well-qualified men who can serve in these positions, and

Whereas, these men are not receiving the opportunity to serve and use their God-given abilities, and

Whereas Free Will Baptists need to develop new leadership to insure the future of our denomination,

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we place "Term Limits" on the officers of the Jasper Association by limiting the term of service to not more than two consecutive terms.

2. That we amend our constitution by adding at the end of Article IV the following sentence, "No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms."

3. That we send a similar resolution to the Alabama State Association and request that they send a similar resolution on to the National Association.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Nominating Committee of the Jasper Association of FWB, met at the Hamilton FWB Church, Hamilton, Alabama, Tuesday night, 2 August 1994, with the following members in attendance:

Rev. James Bradley - New Liberty FWB Church

Rev. John E. Warren - Cedrom Grove FWB Church

Rev. Lowell Parker - Hamilton FWB Church

Bro. Billy Wisham - Liberty FWB Church

The following recommendations are made to the General Board of the Jasper Association of FWB for its consideration:

Moderator: Rev. Trellis Mayhall

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Danny J. Williams

Clerk/Treasurer: Bro. Bryan Silas

State General Board Member: Current Moderator

Children's Home Trustee: Rev. John Warren, term to expire 1995  
Trinity FWB Camp Board Member: Rev. Danny J. Williams, term to expire 1997

Credentials Committee: Rev. Dennis Haygood, term to expire 1999

Missions Board: Rev. Donald A. Smith, term to expire 1999

Executive Board: Rev. Dennis Haygood, term to expire 1996; Rev. Phil Kimbrough, term to expire 1998; Rev. John E. Warren, term to expire 1999

Nominating Committee: Bro. Allen Brasseal, term to expire 1999

Member not in attendance: Bro. Allen Brasseal (Previously scheduled appointment prevented attendance.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. James Bradley, Rev. John E. Warren, Bro. Lowell Parker, Bro. Billy Wisham, Bro. Letus Atkinson, Clerk/Treasurer, Jasper Association & Recorder of this Session.

### **ORDAINED MINISTERS**

William L. Atkins, RR # 2, Box 205, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-2423

William E. Atkinson, RR # 1, Box 1197, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-2022

Hershel Beard, RR # 5, Box 407-B, Russellville, AL 35653 205-332-5675

Calvin Bevans, Twin Lake Mobile Home Park, Jasper, AL 35501 205-221-7748

Johnny Bozeman, 12388 Bozeman Lane, Berry, AL 35546 205-924-4940

James Bradley, RR # 1, Box 104, Bankston, AL 35542 205-689-4102

Richard Cordell, P. O. Box 553, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-3820

Charles E. Fowler, RR # 5, Box 194, Fayette, AL 35555

Dave Franks, Foreign Missionary, Brazil, South America

Walter Harbin Sr., P.O. Box 283, Oakman, AL 35579 205-622-3984

Fred Hawkins, Current address unknown

Dennis Haygood, RR # 2, Box 376, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-2325

O. Z. Johnson, RR # 2, Box 98, Hackleburg, AL 35564 205-939-3907

Trenton Johnson, RR # 2, Carbon Hill, AL 35549 205-924-9218

Phil Kimbrough, RR # 6, Box 11, Hamilton, AL 35570 205-921-4428

Trellis Mayhall, RR # 2, Box 295, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-2089

Phillip Miles, RR # 3, Box 210-BD Winfield, AL 35594 205-487-3621

William Norris, Box 256, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-3540

W. A. Roberts, RR # 2, Box 185, Carbon Hill, AL 35549

Greg Rucker, RR # 2, Box 150, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-3262

William A. Sanderson, RR # 2, Box 554, Guin, AL 35563 205-487-6348

Ron Scott, P.O. Box 681, Vernon, AL 35592 205-695-7059

Tom Scott, P.O. Box 457, Red Bay, AL 35582 205-356-2425

Donald A. Smith, RR # 1, Box 154, Bankston, AL 35542 205-689-4845

Randall Tice, RR # 2, Box 315-A Hamilton, AL 35570 205-921-4034



John Warren, RR # 2, Box 67, Carbon Hill, AL 35549 205-924-9373  
Danny J. Williams, RR # 2, 557-A, Winfield, AL 35594 205-487-6992

### CHURCH CLERKS

**Bethlehem:** Belinda Lovett, RR # 3, Box 313, Hamilton, AL 35570 205-921-9905

**Brilliant:** Mrs. Willene Flippo P.O. Box 56, Brilliant, AL 35548 205-465-2855

**Calvary:** Mrs. Elsie M. Hendrix RR # 2, Box 291-C, Carbon Hill, AL 35549 205-924-8438

**Cedrom Grove:** Helen Tittle, RR # 2, Box 74, Carbon Hill, AL 35549 205-924-9373

**Free Water:** Janie Miller, RR #2, Box 335, Guin, AL 35563

**Guin:** Wilma Palmer, RR # 3, Box 32, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-3660

**Gum Springs:** Lola Prescott, RR # 3, Winfield, AL 35594 205-465-9461

**Hamilton:** Barbara Burleson, RR # 6, Box 231, Hamilton, AL 35570 205-921-4395

**Liberty:** Mrs. Bryan Silas, RR #2, Box 151, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-2734

**Mt. Olive:** Clark Flippo, RR # 1, Box 1149, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-3689

**Mt. Pleasant:** Reba May, RR # 2, Box 394, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-2863

**New Liberty:** Angie Smith, RR #. 1, Box 135, Bankston, AL 35542 205-689-4453

**Pocahontas:** Bernice Atkins, RR # 1, Box 88, Carbon Hill, AL 35549 205-924-9978

**Red Bay:** Mrs. Linda Blackburn, RR # 2, Box 82-D, Vina, AL 35593 205-356-9723

**Shady Grove:** Rose Mary Beard, RR # 5, Box 407-B, Russellville, AL 35653

**Union Chapel:** Nelda Turner, RR # 4, Box 458, Winfield, AL 35594 205-487-4826

**Union Hill:** Lucille Anglin, RR # 2, Box 179, Hackleburg, AL 35564 205-935-3795

**Winfield:** Mrs. Leatrice Overton, RR # 2, Box 194, Winfield, AL 35594 205-487-3330

### DEACONS

**Bethlehem:** Roy Crow, Mike Tittle, J. P. Franks

**Brilliant:** Raymond Huguley, R. D. Dickinson, Kermit Cagle, Blane Doss

**Calvary:** Tom Dozier, Willie C. Clements, Franklin Hendrix

**Cedrom Grove:** None

**Free Water:** Harold Crow, Douglas Emerson, Hubbard Estes, Joe Taylor

**Guin First:** Jerry Stephens, Bobby Glasgow

**Gum Springs:** Carrol Markham

**Hamilton:** Lowell Parker, Dewell Emerson, Hugh Mac Winsett, Fray Stone  
**Liberty:** Earlie Dickinson, Morgan Bozeman, V. Don Wilson, Billy Norris  
**Mt. Olive:** Edgar Atkinson, Lowell Franks, Haig Wilson, Paul Wilson  
**Mt. Pleasant:** Terry May  
**New Liberty:** Victor Smith, Sid Moore, David Fowler, Kip Madison, Ted Sands, Ray Selman  
**Pocahontas:** Pete Stewart, Jim Hunter, Gary Sparks, Donald Sparks, John Burkett, Rayburn Kennedy  
**Red Bay:** Ross White, Willard Purser, Robert Newell, Ralph Purser, Raymond Blackburn, Elmer Self  
**Shady Grove:** Clyde Freeman, Charles Nix  
**Union Chapel:** Wayne Atkins  
**Union Hill:** Paul Jagers, Jerry Anglin, J. D. Jones, Leburn Hudson  
**Winfield:** B. P. Atkinson, Carl Ray Atkinson, Ira Baccus, Garlon Holliman, Bill Overton.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1993-1994 REPORTING YEAR**

We, the Finance Committee have examined the Check Book, Treasurer's Report and Bank Statements for 1993-94 and find them to be in order and commend the Clerk/Treasurer for an excellent job of accounting for the Association's Funds.

Respectfully Submitted:

James Bradley, Charles Fowler, Bryan Silas

### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1993-1994 REPORTING YEAR**

We, the Obituary Committee for the Annual Meeting of the Jasper Association of FWB, which to give the following report:

**Calvary:** Elzo Miskelly

**Free Water:** Rex Tidwell

**First FWB Guin:** Bridgett Noe, Nellie Otts, Lily B. Roberts; Katie Bozeman

**Hamilton:** Mrs. Opal Rudicell

**Mount Olive:** Sterling Franks, Charlene Fowler, Glenn Waters

**Mount Pleasant:** Clinton Westbrooks, Sam Flippo, Clytee Huguley

**New Liberty:** Arphie Stough, Aaron Whitson, Clara Wright, Avis Fowler

**Pocahontas:** Elbert Nelson, Curt Hunter

**Red Bay:** Oliver Mink, Alfred Hamilton, Carrie Garrett, Fred Moore

**Union Hill:** Quit Mitchell, Jean Wiginton

**Winfield:** Rubye Dickinson

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Brasseal, W. A. Roberts, William L. Atkins

# **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1993-1994 REPORTING YEAR**

We, The Appreciation Committee for the annual meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists, wish to give the following report in appreciation for the use of their facilities and for the outstanding meals, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Cedrom Grove FWB Church and First Free Will Baptist Church, Guin, Alabama. Thank you for your time and efforts to make this a spiritual blessing for al.

Respectfull submitted,

Phil Kimbrough, Mark Walker, and Mrs. Martha Warren

## **Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists Annual Treasurers Report**

**1 October 1993 - 31 August 1994**

**BALANCE BROUGHT FROWARD** ..... \$ 1,820.14

### **RECEIPTS**

13 Oct 93	Annual Dues from mbr. churches (17 churches) .....	\$ 850.00
	Extra minutes for New Liberty FWB Church .....	40.00
	Host churches annual session sent by Red Bay Church .....	20.00
	Retired Ministers sent in by Shady Grove Church .....	100.00
	Retired Ministers sent by Cedrom Grove Church .....	39.03
7 Dec 93	Late annual dues from Union Chapel Church .....	50.00
	Retired Ministers sent by Cedrom Grove Church .....	40.00
24 Jan 94	Quarterly dues from member churches .....	900.00
	Host church quarterly meeting sent by Red Bay Church ....	10.00
	Offering qarterly meeting for Dave Franks .....	502.00
22 Mar 94	Quarterly dues from member churches (17 churches) .....	850.00
	Host church quarterly meeting sent by Red Bay Church ....	10.00
	Retired Ministers sent by Cedrom Grove Church .....	52.23
	Offering .....	180.60

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD** ..... \$ 6,505.50

### **EXPENDITURES**

### **CHECK NO.**

1 Oct 93	Letus Atkinson (Clk/Treasurer Duties) .....	\$ 200.00	150
1 Oct 93	Tom Scott (Moderator Duties) .....	65.00	151
	Dennis Haygood (Asst. Moderator Duties) .....	20.00	152
	Bryan Silas (Asst. Clk/Treasurer Duties) .....	85.00	153
	Rev. Tim Trimble (Guest speaker annual session) .....	200.00	154
13 Oct 93	Rev. O. Z. Johnson (1/2 Retired Ministers Fund) .....	181.70	155
	Rev. William E. Atkinson (1/2 Retired Ministers Fund) ...	181.70	156
22 Oct 93	AL State Assn. of FWB (17 dues for mbr. churches) .....	850.00	157
7 Dec 93	First Baptist Church, Winfield, AL (Paper) .....	26.90	158



10 Jan 94	Hamilton FWB Church (Hosting Annual Session Sent by Red Bay FWB Church)		
	<b>CHECK IS OUTSTANDING</b> .....		159
	Mt. Olive FWB Church (Hosting Annual Session sent by Red Bay Church)	10.00	160
	Pastors & Workers Conference (Donation voted by Body 1 Oct 93) ...	200.00	161
	Thumb Print, Sulligent, AL (Printing of Minutes for 1993) .....	468.00	162
21 Jan 94	Free Water FWB Church (Hosting Qtr. Mtg., sent by Red Bay FWB Church) .....	10.00	163
24 Jan 94	Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Dept. (Dave Franks Account) Offering & \$500.00 voted by Body .....	1,002.00	164
24 Feb 94	U. S. Postal Service (Stamps) .....	29.00	165
4 May 94	Mary Ruth Atkinson (Telephone Calls) .....	25.00	166
	Free Will Baptist Children's Home (Voted by Body Qtr. Mtg.) .....	680.60	167
26 June 94	Nt'l. FWB Foreign Missions Dept. (Dave Franks Account voted by ody 6-25-94) .....	581.50	168

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE DURING PERIOD ..... \$4,816.40**

**BALANCE IN BANK 31 AUGUST 1994 ..... \$1,689.10**

Letus Atkinson Clerk/Treasurer Jasper Assn FWB

**JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FWB  
YOUTH CAMP BOARD 1994 SESSION  
Held at Trinity FWB Camp**

TEENS: July 11-15    JUNIORS: August 1-5

**BEGINNING BALANCE (9/1/93) ..... \$ 872.20**

**INCOME**

Teen Week Receipts	1,548.00	
Junior Week Receipts	3,390.00	
Surplus Food	<u>92.00</u>	
Total Income	5,030.00	<u>5,030.00</u>

**TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR ..... 5,902.20**

**EXPENDITURES**

Postage	14.46	
Printing	53.70	
Evangelist Honorariums	950.00	
Cook Honorariums	200.00	
Director Honorariums	10.00	
Food	2,048.22	
Activities	70.99	
Camp Fees	700.00	
Lifeguards	320.00	
Paper/Insurance	<u>700.00</u>	
Total Expenditures	5,157.37	<u>5,157.37</u>

**BALANCE ON HAND (8/31/94) ..... 744.83**

ATTENDANCE	JUNIOR	TEEN
Campers	77	40
Staff	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>
Total	91	49
DECISIONS		
Salvation	7	2
Other	28	30
Full Time	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	35	33

Respectfully Submitted By:

Dennis Haygood, Bryan Silas, Danny Williams

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1993 - AUGUST 31, 1994**

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD** **\$ 1,629.77**

**RECEIPTS:**

**JASPER ASSOCIATION** **\$ 8,467.78**

Bethlehem .....	\$ 100.00
Brilliant .....	263.40
Cedrom Grove .....	263.83
Free Water .....	55.00
Guin .....	500.00
Liberty .....	275.00
Mt. Olive .....	1,640.00
Mt. Pleasant .....	225.00
New Liberty .....	1000.00
Pocahontas .....	1,194.00
Red Bay .....	1,157.63
Shady Grove .....	644.92
Winfield .....	1,149.00

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION** **\$ 4,776.94**

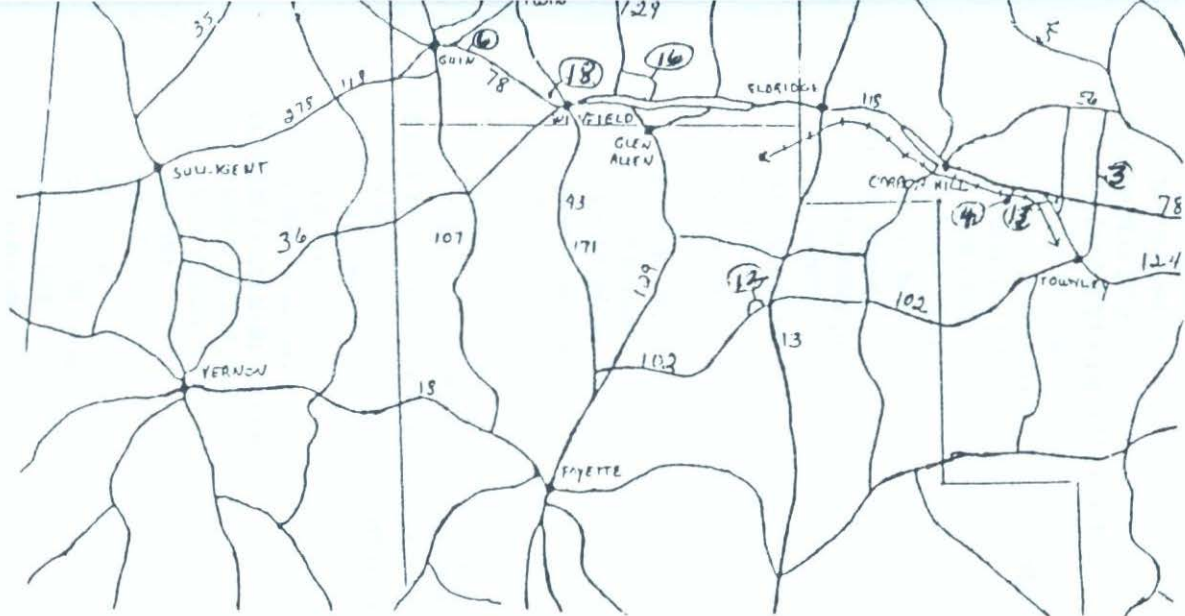
First - Fayette .....	\$2,234.64
First - Florence .....	361.83
First - Jasper .....	1,280.47
South Highland .....	700.00
Townley .....	200.00

**VERNON ASSOCIATION** **\$ 7,286.91**

Belk .....	\$ 461.95
Cooper .....	153.59
First - Vernon .....	355.60

Freewill Chapel .....	323.42	
Mt. Harmony .....	452.05	
Mt. Willing .....	200.00	
New Center Point .....	762.30	
Piney Grove .....	2,053.00	
Springfield .....	1,100.00	
Sulligent .....	1,000.00	
Union Chapel .....	325.00	
District Woman's Aux. ....	100.00	
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		<b>\$ 1,342.87</b>
First - Amory, MS .....	\$ 233.87	
Madison .....	600.00	
Indivisuals .....	484.00	
WNAC .....	25.00	
<b>RENTAL</b>		<b>\$10,048.00</b>
Jasper .....	\$ 1,720.00	
Progressive .....	2,295.00	
Vernon .....	1,690.00	
Back to School Bash .....	125.00	
Bethel - Decatur .....	50.00	
Calvary Baptist .....	650.00	
Spring Retreat .....	325.00	
Freedom Baptist .....	740.00	
Gray's Chapel .....	564.00	
Prayer Retreat .....	231.00	
Martin Retreat .....	246.00	
Pastor's Retreat .....	157.00	
Pocahontas .....	140.00	
Tuscaloosa Christian .....	1,115.00	
<b>CONCESSIONS</b>		<b>\$ 4,083.58</b>
Jasper Camp .....	\$ 1,086.13	
Progressive Camp .....	1,597.00	
Vernon Camp .....	654.65	
Tuscaloosa Christian .....	318.80	
Gray's Chapel & Bash .....	333.00	
Miscellaneous Retreats .....	94.00	
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>		<b>\$37,635.55</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Board Expense .....	\$200.60	
Camp Supper .....	517.18	
Concessions .....	1,665.79	
Electric .....	6,599.78	
Gas .....	882.31	
Insurance .....	3,117.61	





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| (1) Bethlehem FWB    | (10) Mt. Olive FWB    |
| (2) Brilliant FWB    | (11) Mt. Pleasant FWB |
| (3) Calvary FWB      | (12) New Liberty FWB  |
| (4) Cedrom Grove FWB | (13) Pocahontas FWB   |
| (5) Free Water FWB   | (14) Red Bay FWB      |
| (6) Guin FWB         | (15) Shady Grove FWB  |
| (7) Gum Springs FWB  | (16) Union Chapel FWB |
| (8) Hamilton FWB     | (17) Union Hill FWB   |
| (9) Liberty FWB      | (18) Winfield FWB     |

WILLIAM BARKHEAD  
NATIONAL FOREST

HALEY HILL

## Review

Paul Garmen

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RELEASE

11/24/1971

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NATHAN  
MILFORD

Life Guards .....	920.00	
Loan Payment .....	4,674.31	
Medical (Kenneth Stancil) .....	311.75	
Paper Productsz .....	2,458.94	
Pastor's Retreat .....	846.20	
Pool .....	2,414.20	
Postage .....	178.32	
Repair & Upkeep .....	3,709.08	
Tables .....	2,914.50	
Telephone .....	957.22	
Water .....	1,626.41	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>		<b>\$33,995.19</b>
<b>BALANCE IN BANK AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1994</b>		<b>\$3,640.66</b>
Secretary/Treasurer: Dennis Haygood		
Route 2, Box 376		
Guin, Alabama 35563		

**WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**  
**OF**  
**THE JASPER DISTRICT**  
**OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:105*

Our theme for 1994 is: **THE BIBLE: LIGHT ON THE WAY.**

The Jasper District WNAC consists of three groups of ladies from three churches, Red Bay, Liberty and Free Water. The membership numbers 45.

While one of our main thrusts is Missions, home and foreign; we also encourage women to seek to evangelize in their local neighborhoods as Christ would and does lead us. Last year the Jasper District gave over \$770 to missions, as well as over \$625 non cash gifts to our Provisions Closet in Nashville for our FWB Missionaries, the Children's Home in Eldridge and other benevolent works of our community. We participate in the Pre-Thanksgiving Offering and the Pre-Easter World Missions Offering of the FWB.

Eight of our Jasper ladies attended the WNAC Retreat at Ridgecrest, NC this past September. They enjoyed the emphasis on prayer and Bible study and participated in the giving of the WNAC Missionary Offering of \$4,161 taken up at that retreat.

Last October 3, 1994, we had the Jasper District Fall Fellowship with the Liberty ladies hosting the Fellowship. We enjoyed the food and the fellowship at the Fellowship dinner where the Liberty ladies carried out a beautiful theme Hawaiian style and used the fruit of the Spirit found in Gal. 5:22-23 as a theme for the fellowship. After dinner we went into the sanctuary for the skit and speaker where the theme was on our Missionaries and our prayer life.

The Jasper District Annual meeting will be March 14, 1994 at the Red Bay Church starting at 9:00 AM. All of you are invited to the Alabama FWB WNAC



Missions Banquet on November 11, 1994 at 4:45 PM. at Quincy's in Muscle Shoals. Bro. Fred Jones (Missionary to Prattville) will be the guest speaker.

Then May 6, 1995, we invite all ladies to the State WNAC Annual Conference to be held at Forestdale FWB Church with services beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Bi-Annual Alabama State FWB WNAC Retreat will be held at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center near Talladega on September 22-23, 1994.

We encourage all of you Jasper ladies to join us. God Bless each of you and thanks.

Paulette Scott,  
Secretary

## 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.

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

**3. Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior 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 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 Savior 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 BAPTIST**

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

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

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION I. The membership of the Jasper Association shall consist of all churches that, upon the approval of his 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/Treasurer, and assistant Clerk/Treasurer, each of who shall be elected at the Annual Session. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

## **ARTICLE V BOARDS**

SECTION I. General Board (a) Composition. The General Board shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk/treasurer, 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 themembers 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 Directors of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp. The Jasper Association shall be represented to the Board of Directors of the Trinity 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 III. 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.

SECTION IV. State Board Member. The Jasper Association Moderator shall represent this Association to the General Board of the Alabama State Association. In his absence, the Assistant Moderator will serve as his proxy.

SECTION V. Childrens Home Trustee. This person shall represent the Jasper Association on the Childrens Home Board of Trustees. This member to be elected each year and give report during each Annual Session of this 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 the 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 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. Nominating Committee. Shall consists of Five (5) members, elected for period of Five years, with the senior member in point of service expiring each year. It shall be responsibility of this Committee to make nominations for Associational Officers and submit such nominations to the General Board.

SECTION III. 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. All business possible to be conducted on first day of each annual meeting and second day of each annual meeting be used for Worship, Preaching and any business as required to be conducted. Nominating Committee to meet annually on first Tuesday night of August at seven p.m. at Hamilton FWB Church and General Board to meet annually on second Monday Night of August at seven p.m. at Winfield FWB Church.

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 at the fourth (4th) quarterly meeting.

SECTION IV. The officers of the Jasper Association shall serve as the officers of the Quarterly Meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII 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 missionary 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 request for membership to the Credentials Committee at any quarterly meeting or any quarterly meeting or annual session and said request may be acted upon at that session.

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

SECTION V. All ministers having been previously approved by this Association, shall receive a Card of good standing annually upon receipt of Church Letter listing all approved ministers of that Church.

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 Baptist, 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**

This Constitution may be amended at any session of this association by two-thirds vote of voting body present, provided proposed amendment is presented in writing, read, placed on the table, and acted upon during later session.



## **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 a 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 the other states or countries, students who are attending college, those serving in the armed forces.
11. These Rules or Decorum may be amended at any annual session of this association by the 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 RETIRED MINISTERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT FROM JASPER ASSOCIATION**

1. That the local church present in writing to the association a recommendation of the minister involved, stating his qualifications for support.
2. The proposed minister must have served in the Jasper Association for at least a total of ten (10) years as pastor of affiliated churches.
3. The proposed minister would be at least sixty-five (65) years of age or totally disabled.

## **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 Baptist, 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 meeting 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. 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. However, no one may be ordained who has not been called to an approved work. (See ARTICLE VIII SECTION I).

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. The candidate should have definite prospects of a church pastorate or another approved work 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 DISMISSAL 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.



