

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will
Baptists**

**1995
ANNUAL REPORT**

1996 SESSION

October 4

Cedrom Grove FWB Church

October 5

Brilliant FWB Church

		Members Received	Members Dismissed	Members Baptised	Present Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Enrollment	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Associational Funds
CHURCH	PASTOR									
Bethlehem	William Atkins	4	1	4	79	26		1		200.00
Brilliant	Phillip Miles		1	2	54	47		1		200.00
Calvary	Calvin Bevans				56	40		1		200.00
Cedrom Grove	John E. Warren	9		7	47	47	32	1		366.05
Free Water	Trellis L. Mayhall	2	4	2	231	75		1		200.00
Guin First	Mark Maddox	13	5	11	657	440		1		200.00
Hamilton	Phil Kimbrough				255	75	35	1		200.00
Liberty	Greg Rucker	4	1	4	150	85		1		200.00
Mt. Olive	Dennis Haygood				328	55		3		200.00
Mt. Pleasant	Ron Scott	12	1	12	177	32		1		200.00
New Liberty	James Bradley	8	5	5	241	85		2		240.00
Pocahontas		8	3	3	165	80				200.00
Red Bay	Tom Scott	12	3	8	390	204	80	1		230.00
Shady Grove	Hershel Beard	2		2	90	45		1		300.00
Union Chapel	Donald A. Smith	5	1	1	128	39		1		200.00
Union Hill	Randall Tice		3		118	80	55	1	2	200.00
Winfield	Danny J. Williams	18	3	11	231	175	75	2		200.00

MINUTES
of the ^{NINTH}
One Hundred & Seventh
Annual Session

of the
JASPER
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened at:
MOUNT PLEASANT FWB CHURCH

And
WINFIELD FIRST FWB CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 1995

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR:

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

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:

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

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 E. Warren - 1996

Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp Board: Rev. Dennis Haygood - 1996, Rev. Danny J. Williams - 1997, Bro. Bryan Silas - 1998.

Credentials Committee: Rev. Phil Kimbrough - 1996, Rev. Trellis Mayhall - 1997, Rev. Richard Cordell - 1998, Rev. Dennis Haygood - 1999, Rev. Tom Scott - 2000.

Missions Board: Rev. James Bradley - 1996, Rev. Phillip Miles - 1997, Bro. Bryan Silas - 1998, Rev. Donald A. Smith, 1999, Rev. Randall Tice, 2000

Executive Board: Rev. Trellis Mayhall - 1996, Bro. Allen Brasseal - 1997, Rev. Danny J. Williams - 1998, Rev. John E. Warren - 1999, Bro. O'Neal Funderburk - 2000.

General Board: Bethlehem 1997 - Bentley Crow; Brilliant 1996 - Phillip Miles; Calvary 1997 - Calvin Bevans; Cedrom Grove 1997 - Rev. John E. Warren, Free Water 1996 - Trellis Mayhall; Guin First 1997 - Unknown; Hamilton 1996 - Lowell Parker; Liberty 1997 - Billy Wisham; Mt. Olive 1996 - Unknown; Mt. Pleasant 1997 - J. O. Erwin; New Liberty 1996 - Ted Sands; Pocahontas 1997 - Jim Hunter; Red Bay 1996 - O'Neal Funderburk; Shady Grove 1997 - Hersheal Beard; Union Chapel 1996 - Donald A. Smith; Union Hill 1997 - Paul Jagers; Winfield First 1996 - Danny J. Williams

Nominating Committee: Billy Wisham - 1996, Lowell Parker - 1997, James Bradley - 1998, J. O. Erwin - 1999, Ted Sands - 2000.

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The first Quarterly meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at Red Bay FWB Church, Red Bay, Alabama, on 21 January, 1995.

Service opened by singing "Worship His Majesty" directed by Bro. Mark Walker, followed by prayer by Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Pastor, Hamilton FWB Church. Welcome was given by host pastor, Rev. Tom Scott.

Business was conducted by Clerk/Treasurer, Bro. Letus Atkinson, followed by singing of hymn "Seeking the Lost", directed by Bro. Mark Walker.

Message was by Rev. Ken Eagleton, foreign missionary to Brazil, South America. Subject: "Keep on Keeping On", Luke, chapter 7, verses 7-10.

Message by Rev. Larry Collins, home missionary, Nebraska. Subject: "Questions by the Disciples", Acts, chapter 1, verses 6-7.

Message by Rev. Darrel Nichols, foreign missionary, Cote d'Ivoire. Subject: "The Answer of God", Isaiah, chapter 49, verse 6.

Message by Bro. Trymon Messer, associate director, Home Missions Department. Subject: "To Be Like Jesus", Matthew, chapter 9, verses 35-38.

Message by Rev. Fred Jones, home missionary, Alabama. Subject: "Priorities", II Corinthians, chapter 2, verse 11.

Report given by Rev. Dennis Haygood, pastor of Mt. Olive FWB Church, on Alabama Missions. The theme for Alabama Missions is "Sping Into Missions". In this program 60% will go into the Prattville Land Fund, 20% goes to our Home Missionary couple, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Jones, 20% will go to the General Fund account. He encouraged the churches to concentrate on giving to Alabama Missions.

Message by Rev. Dennis Owen, foreign missionary, Uruguay, South America, using various scriptures. Subject: "Telling Men About God."

Break

Message by Rev. Miguel Vera, home missionary, Puerto Rico. Subject: "Life Experiences".

Hymn directed by Bro. Mark Walker, "He Set Me Free". Special music by Sister Donna Walker, "Will You Be The One?"

Message by Rev. Jim Combs, Foreign Missionary, Brazil, South America. Subject: "Understanding God's People", John, chapter 20, verse 21.

Message by Rev. Fred Warner, Director of Missionary Church Relations. Subject: "A Missionary Vision", Proverbs 29, verse 18.

Report given by Sister Frederick, missionary to Haiti. Subject: "Being Content", Hebrews, chapter 13, verses 5-6.

Message by Rev. Tim Fairchild, home missionary to Petal, MS. Subject: "We Have Lost the Power", Acts, chapter 1, verse 8.

LUNCH AND ADJOURNMENT.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Free Water FWB Church, RR 2, Guin, Alabama 35563 on 18 March, 1995.

Service opened with singing of hymn, "Standing on the Promises of God", directed by Bro. Farrell Pollard, member of Free Water FWB Church, followed by prayer by Joe Taylor, deacon of host church.

Welcome was given by Douglas Emerson, deacon of host church. Church letters read by clerk/treasurer, Bro. Letus Atkinson, followed by seating of delegates by moderator, Rev. Trellis Mayhall, pastor of host church.

Song "My Saviour First of All" led by Bro. Farrell Pollard, member of host church.

Devotions given by Bro. Keith Rhudy, member of host church. Subject: "Brotherly Love", I John, chapter 4, verses 7-11.

Special music provided by Free Water Quartet, "Come and Dine" and "Where the Roses Never Fade."

Message by Rev. Danny J. Williams, pastor Winfield FWB Church. Subject: "Bitter Water - Sweet Water", Exodus, chapter 15, verses 22-26.

Report given by Rev. Richard Cordell, Director Alabama State Promotional Office, on his new assignment, its mission and goals for the future.

Report given by Rev. Danny J. Williams on Jasper Association Youth Camps for 1995; Juniors 5-9 June with Evangelist Frank Owens; Teens 12-16 June with Evangelist Jim Fairchild. Bro. Williams made appeal for helpers and workers for both camps. Announced a Spring Break Spectacular scheduled for 31 March - 1 April, 1995 with Dale Hudson preaching at the Fayette FWB Church, Fayette, AL.

BREAK

Song "The Son Hath Made Me Free" led by Bro. Farrell Pollard, member of host church.

Message by Rev. Randall Tice, pastor, Union Hill FWB Church. Subject: "Being Like Jesus", I Corinthians, chapter 9, verses 16-23; Luke, chapter 19, verses 2-7; and John, chapter 4, verses 6-29.

Invitational hymn, "Just As I Am" led by Joe Taylor, deacon of host church.

LUNCH AND ADJOURNMENT.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at New Liberty FWB Church, RR 1, Box 104, Bankston, AL, on 17 June, 1995.

Service opened with singing of "Amazing Grace" directed by David Fowler, deacon of host church, followed by prayer by Rev. Richard Cordell, State Promotional Director.

Welcome was given by Rev. James Bradley, pastor, host church.

Letters read by Clerk/Treasurer Bro. Letus Atkinson, followed by seating of delegates by Moderator Danny J. Williams, who filled in for Rev. Trellis Mayhall, who could not be at this meeting.

Devotion given by Rev. James Bradley, host pastor. Subject: "Preach The Word", II Timothy, chapter 2, verse 4.

Message by Rev. John E. Warren, pastor of Cedrom Grove FWB Church. Subject: "The Downfall of a Great Nation", Psalms, chapter 11, verse 3.

BREAK

Song "Victory In Jesus" led by David Fowler, deacon of host church.

Report by Rev. Richard Cordell, State Promotional Director, who gave update on his duties and goals. Gave information on "Lifeline" the long distance service that will return 10% of monthly bill to Alabama Missions for all who sign with this service. he asked that everyone be in prayer for him and his new duties. Report given by Rev. Danny J. Williams on the state work in Prattville, AL. Land has been purchased for a new church. The work is going well. He asked that all pray and work toward raising \$50,000 to start the building program. Rev. Danny J. Williams gave report on Jasper Association Youth Camps. Teen camp had fifty in attendance with the following results - three were saved, 28 rededicated their lives to Christ. Rev. Tim Fairchild was the evangelist. Junior camp had 93 in attendance with the following results - 16 were saved. Rev. Frank Malone was the evangelist. Report given by Rev. John e. Warren on the children's home at Eldridge, Alabama. Rev. Warren stated that work had begun on a new two-storey building and things were going well at this time. Rev. Danny J. Williams gave a brief report on Trinity Youth Camp and informed the body that Rev. Rick Cash was hired by the board as Youth Camp Director. Report was then given by the new Trinity Camp Director, Rev. Rick Cash, who stated that he had been involved with this youth camp for the past 14 years. He is very excited about the future of Trinity Youth camp and urged all churches to get excited too in the support of this camp.

Message by Rev. Rick Cash, Trinity Youth Camp Director. Subject: "What I See", I Samuel, chapter 9, verse 9.

Closing prayer and instructions for lunch given by host pastor, Rev. James Bradley.

LUNCH AND ADJOURNMENT.

FIRST DAY OF ANNUAL MEETING

The first day on annual meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at Mount Pleasant FWB Church, RR 1, Brilliant, AL, on 29 September 1995.

Meeting opened with singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" led by host pastor, Rev. Ron Scott, followed by prayer by Rev. Rich Cash, Trinity Youth Camp Director.

Welcome given by host pastor, Rev. Ron Scott. Devotion given by Bro. Terry May, deacon of host church, who used II Timothy, chapter 4, verses 1-5. Subject: "Keep On Keeping On".

Letters were read by clerk/treasurer followed by moderator, Rev. Trellis Mayhall, seating all delegates and then appointing the following committees: Appreciation - Rev. Calvin Bevans, Bro. Paul Jagggers, Bro. Bryan Silas. Finance - Rev. Ron Scott, Rev. Greg Rucker, Rev. William E. Atkinson. Obituary - Bro. Allen Brasseal, Rev. William Norris, Bro. Terry May.

Business Session - General Board report was given by Bro. Letus Atkinson, all items were passed by this body. Credentials Committee report was given by chairman, Rev. Richard Cordell, who stressed the following items: (1) having examined the church letters, we find them in good order. (2) We recommend that Rev. Rick Cash have his credentials ratified from the Progressive Association into the Jasper Association pending a letter from Ron Scott and approved by this body. Mission Conference report was given by Rev. Richard Cordell, date being 17-21 January, 1995. The report was accepted by body. Gideons report given by Bro. Bryan Silas who expressed the Gideons tanks to our churches for their support and financial help and also for readily having Gideon speakers for services. Report was accepted as information by this body. Ladies Auxiliary report was given by Rev. Tom Scott, report was accepted by this body. Christian Education report was given by Rev. Danny W. Williams, pastor of Winfield FWB Church, who challenged all present to support the camps for the youth of this association. Report was accepted by the body. Financial report of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp was given by Rev. Dennis Haygood with report being accepted by this body. Appreciation Committee report was given by Rev. Calvin Bevans, report was accepted by this body. Obituary Committee report was given by Bro. Allen Brasseal, report was accepted by this body.

Message by Rev. James Bradley, pastor, New Liberty FWB Church. Subject: "Being Filled with the Holy Spirit", Ephesians, chapter 5, verse 18.

Song "Joy Unspeakable" led by Rev. Ron Scott, host pastor.

Closing prayer by Rev. Ron Scott, who then gave instructions for the meal to come.

LUNCH AND ADJOURNMENT.

SECOND DAY OF ANNUAL MEETING

The second day of the annual meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at the First FWB Church, Winfield, AL on 30 September, 1995.

Meeting Opened with singing "He Keeps Me Singing", directed by Rev. Danny J. Williams, host pastor, followed by prayer by Rev. Calvin Bevans, pastor of Calvary FWB Church.

Welcome given by Rev. Danny J. Williams, pastor First FWB Church, Winfield, AL.

Message by Rev. Terry Forrest, Dean of Students, FWBBC, Nashville, TN. Subject: "Facing New Reality", Joshua, chapter 1, verse 1-2.

Break

Song "The Family of God" led by Rev. Danny J. Williams, pastor of host church. Special music by Tammy Bailey of Union Hill FWB Church, "The God of The Mountain".

Message by Rev. Phil Kimbrough, pastor, Hamilton FWB Church. Subject: "Encouragement", Deuteronomy, chapter 3, verses 27-28.

Song, "Since Jesus Came Into Me Heart", led by Rev. Danny J. Williams, pastor of host church.

Announcements - Sister Nancy Mayhall invited all to a meeting at Free Water FWB Church, 17 October, 1995, sponsored by Womens Auxiliary. Rev. Tom Scott gave brief report on his mission trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Church needs, \$35,000 to pay off land for building a church. Encouraged churches to get involved in this effort.

Closing prayer by Rev. Calvin Bevans, pastor, Calvary FWB Church, followed by instructions by Rev. Danny J. Williams, pastor of host church, on meal to follow.

Lunch and Adjournment.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Winfield FWB Church, Monday night 14 August 1995, with the following churches represented:

Free Water - Rev. Trellis Mayhall

Hamilton - Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Bro. Lowell Parker

Mount Olive - Rev. Dennis Haygood and Clerk/Treasurer Letus Atkinson

Mount Pleasant - Bro. Allen Brasseal

New Liberty - Rev. James Bradley, Bro. Ted Sands, Bro. Kim Madison

Winfield - Rev. Danny J. Williams

The following churches were not represented:

Bethlehem	Brilliant	Calvary
Cedrom Grove	Guin	Gum Springs
Liberty	Pocahantas	Red Bay
Shady Grove	Union Chapel	Union Hill

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Trellis Mayhall, then prayer by Rev. Phil Kimbrough. The following items were acted upon by the General Board and are recommended to the Jasper Association for approval or 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 1996 be held: 20 January, 1996 at Mt. Pleasant FWB Church; 16 March, 1996, at Free Water FWB Church; 15 June, 1996, at Liberty FWB Church; annual meeting, Friday, 4 October, 1996, at Cedrom Grove FWB Church; Saturday, 5 October, 1996, at Brilliant First FWB Church.

(6) That the fee for all meetings remain at \$50 per church.

(7) That the Jasper Association give \$200 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: Billy Wisham - 1996; Lowell Parker - 1997; Rev. James Bradley - 1998; Bro. Allen Brasseal - 1999; Bro. Ted Sands, 2000.

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

(11) We recommend that the association give \$300.00 to the State Promotional Office.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee of the Jasper Association of FWB met at the Hamilton FWB Church, Hamilton, AL Tuesday night 1 August, 1995 with the following members in attendance:

Rev. James Bradley - New Liberty FWB Church
Bro. Allen Brasseal - Mt. Pleasant FWB Church
Bro. Lowell Parker - Hamilton, FWB Church

The following recommendations are made to our general board of the Jasper Association of FWB for its consideration:

Moderator: Rev. Trellis Mayhall
Asst. Moderator: Rev. Danny J. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer: Bro. Letus Atkinson
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer: Bro. Bryan Silas
State General Board Member: Current Moderator
Children's Home Trustee: Rev. John Warren, (term to expire 1996)
Trinity FWB Camp Board: Bro. Bryan Silas, (term to expire 1998)
Credentials Committee: Rev. Tom Scott, (term to expire 2000)
Missions Board: Rev. Randall Tice, (term to expire 2000)
Executive Board: Rev. O'Neal Funderburk, (term to expire 2000)
Nominating Committee: Bro. Ted Sands, (term to expire 2000)
Members not in attendance: Rev. John E. Warren, Cedrom Grove FWB Church and Bro. Billy Wisham, Liberty FWB Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James Bradley
Bro. Allen Brasseal
Bro. Lowell Parker
Bro. Letus Atkinson, Clerk/Treasurer
Jasper Association FWB and Recorder

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 35563 205-332-5675
Calvin Bevans, Twin Lake Mobile Home Park, Jasper, AL 35501 205-221-7748
James Bradley, RR # 1, Box 104, Bankston, AL 35542 205-685-4102
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 9, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-3820
Charles E. Fowler, RR # 5, Box 194, Fayette, AL 35555 205-932-6589
Dave Franks, Foreign Missionary to South America

Walter Harbin Sr., P.O. Box 283, Oakman, AL 35579 205-622-3584
 Fred Hawkins, Current address unknown
 Dennis Haygood, RR # 2, Box 376, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-2325
 O. Z. Johnson, RR # 4, Box 531, Hamilton, AL 35570 205-921-7082
 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 205-
 Greg Rucker, RR # 2, Box 150, Guin, AL 35563 205-468-3262
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 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, Guin, AL 35563

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

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: Mary Ann Wiginton, RR #1, Brilliant, AL 35548

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

Winfield: Wayne Overton, RR #2, Box 194, Winfield, AL 35594
205-487-3330

DEACONS

Bethlehem: Roy Crow, Mike Tittle, J. P. Franks, Allen Atkins

Brilliant: Rayburn Huguley, R. D. Dickinson, Kermit Cagle, Blane Doss,
Earl Smith

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

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, 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, L. D. Purkins

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 Jagggers, Jerry Anglin, J. D. Jones, Leburn Hudson

Winfield: B. P. Atkinson, Carl Ray Atkinson, Ira Baccus, Garlon Holliman,
Bill Overton.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee for the annual meeting of the Jasper Association
of FWB, wish to state that we have examined the checkbook, treasurer's report

and bank statements for this reporting period and find them to be in order and commend the clerk/treasurer for an excellent job of accounting for the association funds.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Ron Scott, Chairman

Rev. Greg Rucker, Member

Rev. William E. Atkinson, Member

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FWB FOR 1994-1995

We, the Obituary Committee for the annual meeting of the Jasper Association of FWB, wish to give the following report:

Bethlehem FWB Church: Ethel Sullins

Brilliant FWB Church: Venna Underwood, Durrel Hulsey

Free Water FWB Church: Lizzie Tidwell, Etta Mae Flippo

Guin First FWB Church: Leamon Smith, Curtis Osborn, Jim Pittman

Hamilton FWB Church: Cora Abbott

Liberty FWB Church: Annie Norris

Mt. Olive FWB Church: Charlene Fowler, Audie Gann, W. P. Gann, Hattie Green, Glenn Waters

New Liberty FWB Church: Andrew Aldridge, Cora Smith, Marion Moore

Red Bay FWB Church: Emma Blanton, Amy Hester, Gina Hardin

Shady Grove FWB Church: Zelmar McCarley

Union Hill FWB Church: Sue Howell

Winfield First FWB Church: Noveline Carter, Lottie Sexton

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Brasseal, Chairman

Rev. William Norris, Member

Terry May, Member

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1994-1995 REPORTING YEAR OF THE JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FWB

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 Mount Pleasant FWB Church and First FWB Church, Winfield, Alabama. Thank you for your time and efforts to make this a spiritual blessing for all.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Calvin Bevans, Chairman

Bro. Paul Jaggars, Member

Bro. Bryan Silas, Member

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
1 OCTOBER 1994 - 31 AUGUST, 1995

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$1,689.10

RECEIPTS

11 Oct 94	Annual dues from member churches	\$ 900.10
	Extra minutes for New Liberty FWB Church	40.00
	Extra minutes for Red Bay FWB Church	10.00
	Host churches of annual session	
	(sent by Red Bay FWB Church)	20.00
	Retired ministers sent by Shady Grove FWB Church	100.00
	Retired ministers sent by Cedrom Grove FWB Church	53.60
	Retired ministers sent by Bro. Bryan Silas	85.00
23 Jan. 95	Quarterly dues from member churches	900.00
	Offering	189.04
23 Mar. 95	Quarterly dues from member churches	850.00
	Retired ministers sent by Cedrom Grove FWB Church	62.55
	Quarterly dues from Pocahontas FWB Church	50.00
19 Jun. 95	Quarterly dues from member churches	900.00
	Retired ministers sent by Cedrom Grove	49.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD		\$5,909.19

EXPENDITURES

CHECK NO.

20 Jan 94	Hamilton FWB Church		
	(Check shown outstanding from last report)	\$ 10.00	159
5 Oct 94	Thumbprint (Printing of minister's cards)	43.26	169
7 Oct 94	Letus Atkinson (duties from 93-94)	200.00	170
7 Oct 94	Tom Scott (Moderator duties for 93-94)	65.00	171
7 Oct 94	Dennis Haygood (Asst. moderator for 93-94)	20.00	172
7 Oct 94	Bryan Silas (asst. clk/treasurer duties 93-94)	85.00	173
7 Oct 94	Rev. Tom Malone (Guest speaker for annual session)	350.00	174
28 Oct 94	Alabama State Assn. (dues for Jasper Assn.)	900.00	175
28 Oct 94	Rev. William E. Atkinson (1/2 retired minister fund)	145.88	176
28 Oct 94	Rev. O. Z. Johnson (1/2 retired ministers fund)	145.89	177
28 Dec 94	Cedrom Grove FWB Church		
	(Hosting annual meeting sent by Red Bay FWB Church)	10.00	178
28 Dec 94	First FWB Church, Guin		
	(Hosting annual meeting sent by Red Bay FWB Church)	10.00	179
9 Jan 95	U. S. Postal Service (Stamps)	34.56	180
20 Jan 95	Thumbprint (Printing of minutes)	468.00	181
26 Jan 95	Home Missions Board, National Assn. of FWB	344.52	182

26 Jan 95	Foreign Missions Board, Nat'l. Assn. of FWB	344.52	183
26 Jan 95	Pastors and Workers Conference	200.00	184
26 Jan 95	Trinity FWB Youth Camp	500.00	185
28 Mar 95	Mary Ruth Atkinson (Telephone calls for this period)	25.00	186
TOTAL EXPENDITURE DURING PERIOD		\$3901.63	
BALANCE IN BANK 31 AUGUST 1995		\$2007.56	

Letus AtkinsonClerk/Treasurer Jasper Assn FWB

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FWB YOUTH CAMP BOARD 1995 SESSION

Held at Trinity FWB Camp

Teens: June 5-9

Juniors: June 12-16

Beginning Balance (9/1/94)	744.83
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INCOME

Teen Week Receipts	2,115.00	
Junior Week Receipts	<u>4,115.00</u>	
Total Income	6,230.00	<u>6,230.00</u>

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	6,974.00
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EXPENDITURES

Postage	20.47	
Printing	61.82	
Evangelistic Honoraria & Expense	901.00	
Cook Honoraria	400.00	
Food	2,616.50	
Activities	148.98	
Camp Fees	800.00	
Lifeguards	400.00	
Paper/Insurance	1,093.75	
Refund for 2 Campers	<u>90.00</u>	
Total Expenditures	6,532.52	<u>6,532.52</u>

Balance on hand (8/31/95)	442.31
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Account Receivable: Vernon Association CE Board - \$220.00

ATTENDANCE	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>TEEN</u>
Campers	93	50
Staff	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>
Total	111	64

DECISIONS

Salvation	16	3
Other	39	28
Full Time	--	5

Respectfully submitted by: Dennis Haygood, Bryan Silas, & Danny Williams

FINANCIAL REPORT
TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP
SEPTEMBER 1, 1994 - AUGUST 31, 1995

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD **\$ 3,640.66**

RECEIPTS:

JASPER ASSOCIATION **\$ 9,810.66**

Brilliant	\$ 187.93
Cedrom Grove	166.35
Free Water	40.00
Jasper Association	500.00
Liberty	275.00
Mt. Olive	1,600.00
Mt. Pleasant	100.00
New Liberty	1,100.00
Pocahontas	2,019.00
Red Bay	1,297.49
Shady Grove	1,017.89
Winfield	1,507.00

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION **\$11,057.24**

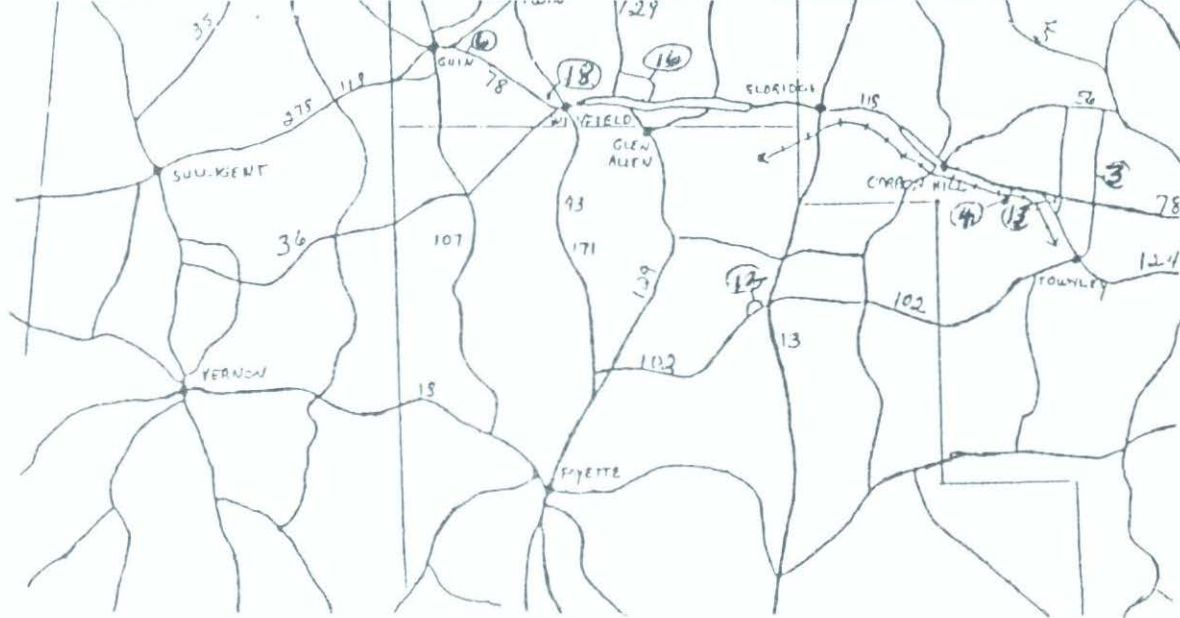
First - Fayette	\$4,299.92
First - Florence	409.39
First - Jasper	2,397.93
First - Northport	300.00
Progressive Association	250.00
Progressive Youth Camp (Water Slide)	2,500.00
South Highland	700.00
Townley	200.00

VERNON ASSOCIATION **\$ 9,206.03**

Belk	\$1,407.34
Cooper	276.55
Freewill Chapel	1,741.16
Mt. Harmony	315.00
New Center Point	815.98
Piney Grove	4,200.00
Springfield	175.00
Union Chapel	275.00

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS **\$ 1,493.52**

First - Amory, MS	134.52
Individuals	1,359.00



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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 |

CONCESSIONS**\$5,272.46**

Jasper Camp	\$ 1,427.90
Progressive Camp	2,241.00
Vernon Camp	526.50
Calvary Baptist	261.50
Miscellaneous Retreats	612.00
Refund from Northington Snacks	203.56

RENTAL**\$13,759.62**

Jasper	\$ 2,293.75
Progressive	3,206.25
Vernon	1,622.50
Calvary Baptist	1,675.00
Spring Retreat	575.00
Liberty Christian Academy	174.00
Carbon Hill Academy	660.00
First FWB - Pearl, MS	532.50
Gattman Baptist	1,003.75
Grace Covenant	64.00
Martin Retreat	335.62
Pastor's Retreat	410.00
Pocahontas	127.00
Rock of Faith	64.00
Tuscaloosa Christian School	956.25
Webb Retreat	60.00

LOAN**\$ 5,000.00****TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR****\$59,240.19****EXPENDITURES:**

Board Expense	\$ 350.54
Camp Supper	678.38
Carpet	1,681.73
Concessions	3,499.31
Electric	4,706.37
Gas	682.61
Insurance	3,441.00
Keyboard	1,069.30
Life Guards	1,375.00
Loan Payment	9,674.09
Medical	1,970.71
Office Supplies	1,669.52
Oven	3,240.00
Pastor's Retreat	798.13
Pool (Repair and Chemicals)	8,616.01
Postage	105.32

Reimburse Jasper Camp Board	45.00	
Repair and Upkeep	3,939.62	
Salary	975.00	
Salary - Insurance	100.00	
Storage Building	1,675.00	
Telephone	900.35	
TV-VCR	377.98	
Water	865.42	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$57,164.42
BALANCE IN BANK AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1995		\$ 2,075.77
Secretary/Treasurer:	Dennis Haygood	
	Route 2, Box 376	
	Guin, Alabama 35563	

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

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3

The Jasper District has three active groups in the WNAC. They are Free Water, Liberty, and Red Bay. The number of all three is 41. God continues to bless the efforts of our groups. While the main focus is to promote missions, both foreign and home, we also encourage women to be a witness in the local church and also their own communities. We want women to become involved in the activities of the work of the WNAC from the local level to the national level.

Last year the Jasper District gave \$700.00 to missions, as well as \$1330.00 to projects, such as, the Provision Closet in Antioch, TN, the Childrens Home in Eldridge, AL, and other various projects in the way of non-cash gifts. Also, each church had their own projects they did for their local church through the WNAC. We also participated in the annual pre-Thanksgiving and pre-Easter offerings that go to foreign and home missions.

The Missions Banquet was held in November at Quincy's Restaurant in Muscle Shoals, AL. We had a capacity crowd. Bro. Fred and Mrs. Barbara Jones were the guest speakers. There was a love offering given to Barbara and also an offering given to Bro. Fred for their mission work in Prattville, AL. Both spoke of the burdens in their heart for the people of Prattville and surrounding areas. They asked that we pray for them and also give financial support if God directs. The Missions Banquet for 1995 will be held at the Madison FWB Church in Madison, AL. The date for the banquet is November 8, and the speaker will be Susan Turnbough. We invite everyone to attend.

The Jasper District Annual Meeting of WNAC was held May 5, 1995 at the Red Bay FWB Church. The officers were elected for the present term and are as follows:

President - Brenda Pruser, P. O. Box 753, Red Bay, AL 35582
 Vice-President - Linda Silas, RR #2, Box 149S, Guin, AL 35563
 Secretary/Treasurer - Paulette Scott, P. O. Box 457, Red Bay, AL 35582
 Field Worker - Mary Collum, P. O. Box 118, Red Bay, AL 35582
 Mission Action - Nancy Mayhall, RR #2, Box 295, Guin, AL 35563
 Mission Study - Barbara Lolly, P. O. Box 147, Guin, AL 35563
 Mission Prayer - Ann Burleson

The annual spring meeting will be Saturday, March 2, 1996, at the Liberty Church. We invite each one to attend. Our Fall Fellowship will be on October 7, 1995 at the Free Water Church. If you need any information, please contact Nancy Mayhall.

Our state meeting was held in May at the Forstade Church. The speakers were Barbara Jones, Bro. Levy Corey, and Monica White, from Cordova Church, who is teaching Chinese students English in China. The children from the home also sang. The day was filled with blessings. Our next meeting will be May 4, 1996 at Sylacauga - Unity FWB Church. We invite all to attend. The LAMP offering for 1996 will go to Monica.

We had several ladies from the Jasper District to attend the Retreat at Shocco Springs near Talladega, September 22-23, 1995. Our speakers were Jo Ann King and Pam Flanagan. God really blessed during this time and the Holy Spirit was so real to all present. Our retreat in 1996 will be in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Please make plans to attend.

Ladies, there is a tremendous work for the women in our district to share the Gospel. I ask each of you to pray and ask God if you should join with us in this ministry. We need each of you and May God Bless.

Brenda Purser, President

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.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

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.

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.

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.

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 commitment 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 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.



