

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will
Baptists**

**1996
ANNUAL REPORT**

1997 SESSION

October 3

Mount Olive FWB Church

October 4

Hamilton 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				79	25		1		200.00
Brilliant	Phillip Miles	13		3	100	72		1		200.00
Cedrom Grove	John E. Warren	3			48	47	32	1		200.00
Free Water	Trellis L. Mayhall		7		200	70		1		200.00
Guin First	Mark Maddox	34	7	33	691	440		1		200.00
Hamilton	Edward Puckett	2	5		238	75	40	1		200.00
Liberty	Greg Rucker	5		1	155	85		1		200.00
Mt. Olive	Nick Hollis	9	2	4	311	78		5		200.00
Mt. Pleasant	Jerry Barnes	4			181	35		2		200.00
New Liberty	Conrad Williford	10		7	251	84		1		240.00
Pocahontas	Roger Lucas	5		2	170	54		1		200.00
Red Bay	Tom Scott	21	3	19	342	220	90	1		230.00
Shady Grove	Tim Smith	1		2	79	45		1		700.00
Union Chapel	Donald A. Smith				128	23		1		200.00
Union Hill	Randall Tice	4	1	1	118	65	38	4		200.00
Winfield	Danny J. Williams	13	7	30	237	200	75	2		200.00

MINUTES
of the ^{TENTH}
One Hundred & Eighth
Annual Session

of the
JASPER
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened at:
CEDROM GROVE FWB CHURCH

And
BRILLIANT FWB CHURCH
OCTOBER 4 & 5, 1996

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

State Board Member: Rev. Danny J. Williams.

Children's Home Trustee: Rev. Conrad Williford - 1997.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp Board: Rev. Danny J. Williams - 1997, Bro. Bryan Silas - 1998, Rev. Dennis Haygood - 1999.

Credentials Committee: Rev. Trellis Mayhall - 1997, Rev. Richard Cordell - 1998, Rev. Conrad Williford - 1999, Rev. Thomas Scott - 2000, Rev. Randall Tice - 2001.

Missions Board: Rev. Phillip Miles - 1997, Bro. Bryan Silas - 1998, Rev. Donald A. Smith, 1999, Rev. Randall Tice, 2000, Rev. Roger Lucas - 2001

Executive Board: Bro. J. O. Erwin - 1997, Rev. Nick Hollis - 1998, Bro. Tim Barnes - 1999, Bro. O'Neal Funderburk - 2000, Rev. Trellis Mayhall - 2001

Nominating Committee: Lowell Parker - 1997, Bro. O'Neal Funderburk - 1998, J. O. Erwin - 1999, Ted Sands - 2000, Bro. Billy Wisham - 2001

General Board: Bethlehem 1997 - Bentley Crow; Brilliant 1998 - Phillip Miles; Cedrom Grove 1997 - Rev. Tim Barnes, Free Water 1998 - Trellis Mayhall; Guin First 1997 - Unknown; Hamilton 1998 - Lowell Parker; Liberty 1997 - Billy Wisham; Mt. Olive 1998 - Letus Atkinson; Mt. Pleasant 1997 - J. O. Erwin; New Liberty 1998 - Ted Sands; Pocahontas 1997 - Jim Hunter; Red Bay 1998 - O'Neal Funderburk; Shady Grove 1997 - Hershel Beard; Union Chapel 1998 - Donald A. Smith; Union Hill 1997 - Paul Jagers; Winfield First 1998 - B. P. Atkinson.

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 1996

The first Quarterly meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at Mount Pleasant FWB Church, Brilliant, AL 35548, on 20 January, 1996. Opening hymn "Stand Up for Jesus" directed by Rev. Danny J. Williams, Pastor First FWB Church, Winfield, AL, followed by prayer by Rev. Roger Lucas, Pastor Pocahontas FWB Church.

Welcome was given by host pastor, Rev. Ron Scott, followed by business conducted by Clerk/Treasurer Letus Atkinson who informed churches to pick up their copies of 1995 Minutes and then read names of delegates from each church represented (16 out of 17). Moderator then recognized standing delegates and those from each church and then seated all delegates.

Message by Rev. Miguel Vera, home missionary to Puerto Rico. Subject: "Love Everybody" Matthew Chapter 5, verses 43-46.

Message by Rev. Walter Ellison, foreign missionary to Uruguay, South America. Subject: "Stand for Christ" Ephesians Chapter 6, verses 10-19.

Message by Rev. Vergel Maness, home missionary to Pennsylvania. Subject: "Having the Desires of our Heart" Psalms Chapter 37, verses 1-4.

Message by Rev. Donnie McDonald, foreign missionary to Japan. Subject: "Being a Blessing to Others" Genesis, Chapter 12, verses 1-8.

Message by Rev. Roger Raper, home missionary to Colorado. Subject: "Not having the Spirit of Fear" Psalms and II Timothy Chapter 1, verses 1-9.

Message by Rev. Steve Lytle, foreign missionary to Panama. Subject: "The Open Door" Revelation Chapter 3, verses 7-8.

Rev. David Crowe, Assistant Home Missionary Director, FWBBC, Nashville, TN shared various remarks on his new work.

Break.

Rev. Richard Cordell gave Credentials Committee report stating they met with Rev. Roger Lucas, new pastor of Pocahontas FWB Church, who was formerly with the Mount Moriah Association, and that the Credentials Committee recommends that Rev. Roger Lucas be accepted into the Jasper Association in good standing (Letter of Good Standing was on hand from Mount Moriah Association.) The body voted to accept Rev. Lucas into this association in good standing.

Message by Rev. Tom Hughes, foreign missionary to Brazil, South America. Subject: "They that are Sent" Romans Chapter 10, verses 13-15.

Message by Rev. Dennis Haygood, home missionary to Huntsville, AL. Subject: "Laborers into the Harvest: Matthew Chapter 9, verses 35-38.

Message by Rev. Richard Cordell, Alabama Promotional Director. Subject: "Fields are White Already" John, Chapter 4, verses 35-37.

Message by Rev. Rick Cash, Director Trinity FWB Youth Camp. Subject: "Obtaining help from God" Acts Chapter 26, verse 22.

LUNCH AND ADJOURNMENT.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING 1996

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 16 March, 1996. Opening songs "He Lives" and "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord" directed by Brad Williams, Music Director Red Bay FWB Church, Red Bay, AL, followed by prayer by Rev. Dennis Haygood.

Welcome was given by host pastor and moderator Rev. Trellis Mayhall. Business was conducted by Letus Atkinson, Clerk/Treasurer of this Association, who read names of delegates from each church represented (16 of 16 churches represented). Moderator then recognized standing delegates and those from each church and then seated all delegates.

Message by Rev. Donald A. Smith, pastor Union Chapel FWB Church. Subject: "God Does *all* Things Well" Job Chapter 1, verses 6-8 and various other references.

Break

Song "Kneel at the Cross", followed by prayer by Rev. Nick Hollis, pastor Mt. Olive FWB Church, followed by song "Rescue the Perishing".

Message by Rev. Roger Lucas, pastor Pocahontas FWB Church. Subject: "How Has the Church Today Fortified its Miracles?" Revelation Chapter 2, verses 1-5. Prayer by Rev. Bonnie Hughes.

Announcements: Rev. Richard Cordell, Chairman of Jasper Association Credential Committee gave the following report: The Credentials Committee recommended that Rev. Nick Hollis be accepted into the Jasper Association of FWB due to favorable interview with the Credentials Committee. The body voted 100% to accept Rev. Hollis into this association. Rev. Cordell then asked for motion and second to schedule ordination services for two licensed candidates from Union Hill FWB Church (Bro. Mike J. Frederick, Pastor Holly Springs FWB Church and Bro. Doug E. Swann, Jr., Pastor Glenn Allen FWB Church. Motion and second was made to schedule ordination services at Union Hill FWB Church on 24 March, 1996 with Rev. Trellis Mayhall to preach the ordination message and Rev. Randall Tice, Pastor Union Hill FWB Church to five ordination charge.

Message by Rev. Conrad Williford, Pastor New Liberty FWB Church. Subject: "What is your Nickname?" Acts Chapter 4, verse 32.

Song, "Where the Soul Never Dies".

Rev. Trellis Mayhall gave instructions for lunch and then prayed the closing prayer on this service.

LUNCH AND ADJOURNMENT.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Liberty FWB Church, RR 2, Guin, AL, on 15 June, 1996. Opening song "Love Lifted Me" followed by prayer by Rev. Greg Rucker, pastor Liberty

FWB Church.

Welcome was given by Rev. Greg Rucker, pastor, Liberty FWB Church. Business was conducted by Clerk/Treasurer, Letus Atkinson who read the names of delegates listed by each church represented (16 of 16 churches). Moderator recognized standing delegates plus those who Clerk/Treasurer read and proceeded to seat all delegates.

Message by Rev. Phillip Miles, pastor, Brilliant FWB Church. Subject: "Only Jesus Saves" Phillippians Chapter 2, verses 9-11, Revelation Chapter 19, verses 11-16, Acts Chapter 3, verses 1-16.

Announcements: Rev. Dennis Haygood, home missionary to Huntsville, AL, gave a report on his progress on pledges and gifts for his support to begin the work in Huntsville, Alabama. He asked everyone to pray for his up-coming surgery to correct his breathing problems. Rev. Rick Cash, director, Trinity Youth Camp, gave a report on recent happenings at the Youth Camp. (Much progress is being made.)

Song, "Rescue the Perishing".

Message by Rev. Nick Hollis, pastor, Mount Olive FWB Church. Subject: Pillars. Galatians Chapter 2, verse 9. Song "He Set Me Free".

Message by Rev. Trellis Mayhall, pastor Free Water FWB Church and moderator of this association. Subject: "Sin of Being Lukewarm" Revelation, Chapter 3, verses 14-22.

Song, "How About Your Heart" by Tammy Bailey of Union Hill FWB Church.

Rev. Greg Rucker gave instructions on lunch meal.

LUNCH AND ADJOURNMENT.

FIRST DAY OF ANNUAL MEETING

The first day on annual meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met at Cedrom Grove FWB Church, 239 Cedrom Road, Carbon Hill, AL, on Friday, 4 October, 1996. Opening hymn "Victory in Jesus" directed by Rev. Danny J. Williams, pastor, Winfield, FWB Church, followed by prayer by Rev. Dennis Haygood.

Welcome was given by host pastor, Rev. John E. Warren, pastor of Cedrom Grove FWB Church. Devotion was given by Rev. W. A. Roberts, 347 Leonards Chapel Road, Carbon Hill, AL. Youth Camp Director.

Moderator, Rev. Trellis Mayhall, pastor of Free Water FWB Church recognized all delegates and seated them and then appointed the following committees:

Appreciation - Rev. Greg Rucker, Bro. Doug Emerson, Bro. Fray Stone.

Obituary - Rev. William L. Atkins, Bro. Charles Cochran, Bro. Lowell Parker.

Finance - Rev. Rick Cash, Rev. Nick Hollis, Rev. Dennis Haygood.

Song: "There is Power in the Blood" directed by Rev. Danny J. Williams

Business Session - General Board report was given by Bro. Letus Atkinson,

all items except item 12 (which was tabled for later vote of body) was passed by this body. Credentials Committee Report was given by Rev. Richard Cordell who recommended the acceptance of Rev. Edward Puckett into the Jasper pending his written examination. Finance with Treasurer's Report was given by Rev. Rick Cash, both were approved by this body. Finance Committee made the following recommendation: That the Finance Committee be elected during June Quarterly Meeting each year. Committee is to have three members with one member elected annually. Committee is to meet annually with the General Board meeting and report to the General Board. (Motion passed.) Appreciation Committee Report was given by Rev. Greg Rucker. Report was accepted by body. Obituary Report was given by Rev. William L. Atkins. Report was accepted by body. Mission Conference Report was given by Rev. Richard Cordell, dates being 23-26 Jan 1997, report accepted by body. Christian Education Report with Youth Camp report was given by Rev. Danny J. Williams who challenged everyone to support both causes, reports were accepted by this body. Financial report of Trinity Youth Camp was given by Rev. Rick Cash. Report was accepted by this body. Nominating Committee Report and Executive Board Report was given by Clerk/Treasurer Letus Atkinson. Both reports were accepted by body. Home Missions Report was given by Rev. Dennis Haygood. Report was accepted by body. Rev. Richard Cordell gave Report on State Promotional Office. Report was accepted by body.

Break

New Business - Tabled constitutional changes dealing with Article III - REPRESENTATION and Article V BOARDS Section I General Board (a) Composition. Both items were passed by this body.

Message by Rev. William L. Atkins, pastor Bethlehem FWB Church. Subject: "Honoring God" Genesis Chapter 39, verses 1-3.

Song, "At The Cross" directed by Bro. Brad Williams, Music Director, Red Bay FWB Church.

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 Brilliant FWB Church, Brilliant, AL on 5 October, 1996.

Meeting Opened with singing "Glory to His Name", directed by Brad Williams, Music Director, Red Bay FWB Church, Red Bay, AL followed by prayer by Rev. Bonnie Hughes. Bro. Brad Williams led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves".

Welcome was given by host pastor, Rev. Phillip Miles. He then gave a devotion from Matthew Chapter 11, verses 28-30. Subject: "Rest In Jesus".

Song "Shepherd of my Valley" sung by Jananne Stricklin of host church.

Message by Rev. David Crowe, Director of Missionary Assistance, Home Missions Department, Nashville, TN. Subject: "How Big is Our Faith??" taken from Matthew Chapter 8, verses 5-11 and 23-27.

Break

Song directed by Bro. Brad Williams "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart".

Gideons Report given by Bro. Charles Knight of the Guin FWB Church who urged each church of the association to invite Gideon speakers for services in their churches and to support them in their very vital work in getting God's Word to those who need it most.

Song "I'm Going to a City" by Jananne Stricklin of the host church.

Message by Rev. Thomas M. Scott, pastor of Red Bay FWB Church, Red Bay, AL. Subject: "Tears, Testimony, Triumph" II Corinthians, Chapter 2 verses 1-5 and 12-15.

Song directed by Bro. Brad Williams "Where the Soul Never Dies".

Message by Rev. David Crowe, Director of Missionary Assistance, Home Missions Department, Nashville, TN. Subject: "What Do You Do When Jesus Does Not Do What You Expect Him To Do??" taken from John Chapter 11, verses 21-37. Invitation followed with many people making commitments to love and serve Jesus more the rest of their lives.

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 12 August 1996, with the following churches represented:

Free Water - Rev. Trellis Mayhall

Hamilton - Bro. Lowell Parker

Mount Olive - Rev. Greg Rucker and Bro. Letus Atkinson

New Liberty - Rev. Conrad Williford, Bro. Ted Sands

Pocahontas - Rev. Roger Lucas

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

Union Chapel - Rev. Donald A. Smith

The following churches were not represented:

Bethlehem	Brilliant	Cedrom Grove
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Guin First	Mt. Pleasant	Shady Grove
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Union Hill	Winfield First	
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The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Trellis Mayhall, with prayer by Rev. Roger Lucas. 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 FWB Bible College and Hillsdale FWB Bible College.

(4) REPEAT That each church give to the Trinity FWB Youth Camp on a systematic basis.

(5) That the quarterly meetings for 1997 be held: 25 January, 1997 at Pocahontas FWB Church; 15 March, 1997, at New Liberty FWB Church; 21 June, 1997, at Free Water FWB Church; annual meeting, Friday, 3 October, 1997, at Mt. Olive FWB Church; Saturday, 4 October, 1997, at Hamilton 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. (CORRECTED)

(9) The General Board elected the Nominating Committee: Lowell Parker - 1997; O'Neal Funderburk - 1998; J. O. Erwin - 1999; Bro. Ted Sands - 2000; Billy Wisham - 2001.

(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.

(12) We recommend the following change to Article III of Constitution: Current reading: Ordained Ministers and deacons who are in good standing with this Association and member of the General Board shall be standing delegates. CHANGE TO READ: Ordained Ministers, Deacons, and General Board Members who are in good standing with this Association shall be standing delegates. Tabled.

ARTICLE III REPRESENTATION (Page 24 Current Minute) LAST SENTENCE as now reads: Ordained ministers and deacons who are in good standing with this Association and members of the General Board shall be standing delegates.

CHANGE TO READ: Ordained Ministers, Deacons, and General Board Members who are in good standing with this Association, shall be standing delegates. Passed.

ARTICLE V BOARDS (Page 24 Current Minute) Section 1. General Board (a) Composition. As now reads: 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.

CHANGE TO READ: Section 1. General Board (a) Composition. The General Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk/Treasurer, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, THE PASTOR and one member from each local church that is a part of this body.

CORRECTED NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee of the Jasper Association of FWB met at the Hamilton FWB Church, Hamilton, AL Tuesday night 6 August, 1996 with the following members in attendance:

Billy Wisham - Liberty FWB Church

Ted Sands - New Liberty FWB Church

Lowell Parker - Hamilton FWB Church

J. O. Erwin - Mt. Pleasant FWB Church

Allen Brasseal - Mt. Pleasant FWB Church (Guest Status)

Letus Atkinson - Mt. Olive FWB Church, Clerk//Treasurer and Recorder of Meeting.

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

Moderator: Rev. Danny J. Williams

Asst. Moderator: Rev. Greg Rucker

State General Board Member: Current Moderator

Credential Committee: Bro. Randall Tice (to replace Bro. Phil Kiimbrough),
Term expires 2001.

Bro. Conrad Williford (to replace Bro. Dennis Haygood) Term expires 1999.

Nominating Committee: Bro. O'Neal Funderburk (to replace Bro. James
Bradley) Term to expire 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Wisham, Ted Sands, Lowell Parker, J. O. Erwin, Allen Brasseal,
Letus Atkinson

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Jasper Association of FWB, met at the Winfield FWB Church, Winfield, Alabama, Monday night 16 September 1996, with the following members in attendance:

Rev. Trellis Mayhall, pastor Free Water FWB Church and Moderator of Jasper Association

Rev. Danny J. Williams, pastor, Winfield First FWB Church, Winfield, AL and Assistant Moderator of Jasper Association

Rev. Dennis Haygood, member of Mt. Olive FWB Church and the Executive Board, presently Home Missionary to Huntsville, Alabama.

Bro. O'Neal Funderburk, member of Red Bay FWB Church and the Executive Board

Not present: Rev. John E. Warren, Pastor Cedrom FWB Church and member of the Executive Board.

The following recommendations are made to the body of the Association at its annual session for its consideration:

Clerk/Treasurer: Rev. Roger Lucas, pastor, Pocahontas FWB Church

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Bro. Letus Atkinson

Children's Home Trustee: Rev. Conrad Williford, term expires 1997.

Missions Board: Rev. Roger Lucas, term expires 2001 (replaces Rev. James Bradley)

Executive Board: Bro. J. O. Erwin, term expires 1997 (replaces Allen Brasseal)

Rev. Nick Hollis, term expires 1998 (replaces Rev. Danny J. Williams)

Rev. Trellis Mayhall, term expires 2001

Bro. Tim Barnes, term expires 1999 (replaces Rev. John E. Warren)

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Trellis Mayhall, Rev. Danny J. Williams, Rev. Dennis Haygood,

Bro. O'Neal Funderburk, Letus Atkinson (Recorder)

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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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 Jagers, 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 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:

Rick Cash, Chairman Nick Hollis, Member Dennis Haygood, Member

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Bethlehem FWB Church: Orville Cagle

Brilliant FWB Church: Sheena Flippo Cotton

Free Water FWB Church: Fannie Wates, John Franks

Guin First FWB Church: Sanford Walker, Jr., Dawl Bolen, Bill Duncan

Hamilton FWB Church: Joe Russell, Ray Clark, Ethel Lee Emerson, Mrs. Johnny Williams, Jesse McKinley

Mt. Olive FWB Church: Bill Burleson

Red Bay FWB Church: Donne Carroll, Lola Newell

Shady Grove FWB Church: Vera Freeman, Mattie Nix

Union Hill FWB Church: Flora Clement

Winfield First FWB Church: Belle Byars, Lessie Corkren, Polly Johnson Hunt

Respectfully submitted:

William L. Atkins, Chairman

Charles Cochran, Member Lowell Parker, Member

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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 FWB Church and Brilliant FWB Church. Thank you for your time and efforts to make this a spiritual blessing for all.

Respectfully submitted:
 Greg Rucker, Chairman
 Doug Emerson, Member
 Fray Stone, Member

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 1 OCTOBER 1995 - 31 AUGUST, 1996

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$2,007.56

RECEIPTS

2 Oct. 95	Annual Dues 17 Churches.....	\$ 850.00
2 Oct. 95	Offering	145.57
2 Oct. 95	Cedrom Grove FWB Church (Gift for Russian Ministry)	100.00
2 Oct. 95	New Liberty FWB Church (Extra copies of Minutes).....	40.00
2 Oct. 95	Shady Grove FWB Church (Retired Ministers Fund).....	500.00
2 Oct. 95	Union Hill FWB Church (Retired Ministers Fund)	20.00
25 Jan. 96	Quarterly Dues for 16 Churches @ \$50.00 Each	800.00
22 Mar. 96	Quarterly Dues for 15 Churches @ \$50.00 Each	750.00
22 Mar. 96	Offering	92.50
17 Jun. 96	Quarterly Dues 16 Churches @ \$50.00 Each	800.00
17 Jun. 96	Offering	101.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD		\$6,207.40

EXPENDITURES

CHECK

28 Sep. 95	Letus Atkinson (Duties for 94-95 Year).....	\$ 200.00	187
28 Sep. 95	Trellis Mayhall (Duties for 94-95 Year)	65.00	188
28 Sep. 95	VOIDED CHECK (Administrative Error)	00.00	189
28 Sep. 95	Bryan Silas (Duties for 94-95 Year).....	85.00	190
28 Sep. 95	Danny J. Williams (Duties for 94-95 Year)	20.00	191
29 Sep. 95	Terry Forrest (Guest Speaker at Annual Session) ..	350.00	192
3 Oct. 95	U. S. Postal Service (Stamps)	51.20	193
6 Oct. 95	William E. Atkinson (1/2 Retired Ministers Fund)	175.53	194
6 Oct 95	O. Z. Johnson (1/2 Retired Ministers Fund)	175.52	195
6 Oct. 95	Trinity FWB Youth Camp (Gift voted by body)	500.00	196

6 Oct 95	AL Mission Board (Gift for "Russian Ministry" sent in by Cedrom Grove FWB Church)	100.00	197
6 Oct. 95	AL FWB Promotional Office (Gift voted by body)	300.00	198
13 Oct. 95	AL State Assn. of FWB (State dues for 17 Churches)	850.00	199
23 Oct. 95	Gideons International (Offering 9-29-95)	125.57	200
4 Jan. 96	Thumb Print (Printing of Minutes & 1 Stamp)	497.94	201
31 Jan. 96	Pastors and Workers Conference (Voted by body 9-29-95) ..	200.00	202
22 Feb. 96	Mary Ruth Atkinson (Telephone Calls for this period)	25.00	203
17 Jun. 96	Rev. Dennis Haygood (Gifto & Offering voted by body) ..	695.27	204
TOTAL EXPENDITURE DURING PERIOD		\$4,416.03	
BALANCE IN BANK 31 AUGUST 1996		\$1,791.37	

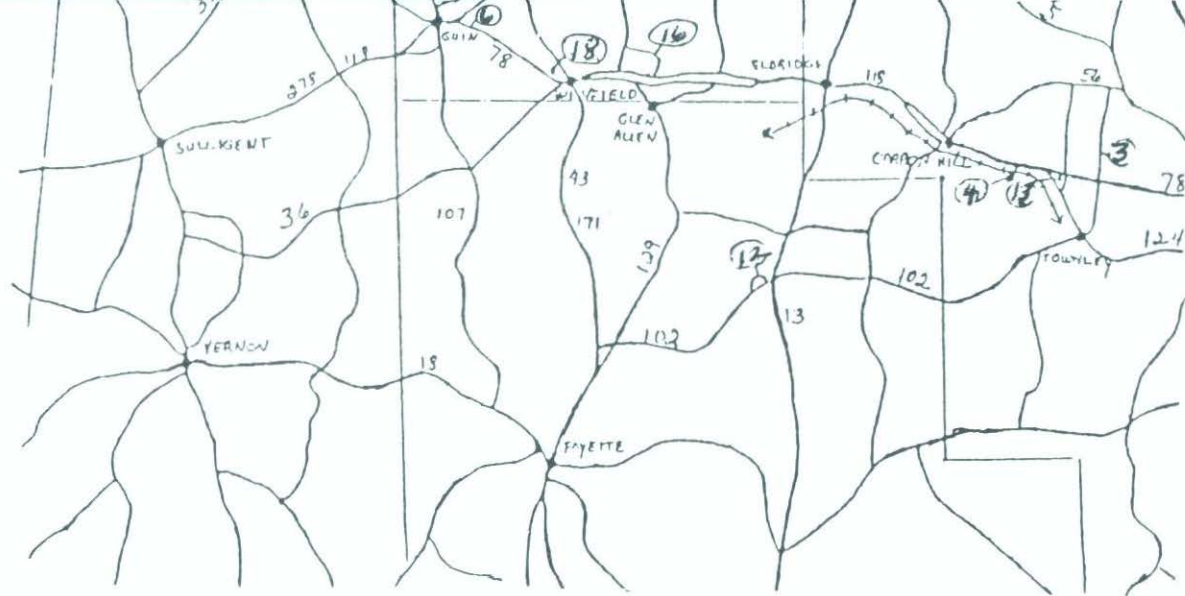
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CASH FLOW REPORT 9/1/95 THROUGH 8/31/96 TRINITY FWB CAMP

INFLOWS

AL C.E. Board		200.00
AL Missions:		
AL State Assoc.	50.00	
Belk FWB	141.39	
Brilliant FWB	25.00	
Cedrom Grove	47.32	
Cooper FWB	29.05	
Free Water FWB	40.00	
Liberty FWB J	60.00	
Mt. Olive FWB	1,093.00	
Total AL Missions		1,485.76
AL State:		
Belk	152.31	
Brilliant	160.32	
Cedrom Grove	55.00	
Cooper	109.94	
Florence	125.00	
Forestdale	70.00	
Free Water	20.00	
Howard Grove	60.00	
Liberty J.	725.00	
Macedonia	15.00	
Mt. Olive	1,165.00	
Pocahontas	247.56	
South Highland	750.00	

Springfield V	250.00	
Union Chapel V	25.00	
WNAC Tn	5.00	
Total AL State		3,935.13
Amory FWB		376.84
Beaverton FWB		250.00
Beginning Bal		2,075.77
Beginning Bal. S.		174.19
Belk FWB		787.26
Brilliant FWB		150.00
Camp Fees	34,159.16	
Camp Offerings	708.35	
Camp Rental	4,759.00	
Christian FWB	91.00	
Cooper FWB	95.00	
Cordova FWB	25.00	
Cornerstone	100.00	
Faith FWB Ad	96.00	
Fayette FWB	6,118.97	
Florence FWB	547.64	
Forestdale FWB	665.00	
Free Will Chapel	470.44	
Free Water FWB	938.00	
Gateway FWB	351.00	
General Ins.	352.00	
Grace FWB	250.00	
Guin FWB	145.00	
Haven FWB	200.00	
Immanuel FWB	200.00	
Individuals	10,537.68	
Int. Inc.	220.94	
Jasper Assoc.	1,162.31	
Jasper FWB	1,799.46	
Landmark FWB	116.02	
Liberty FWB Ja.	1,000.00	
Love Joy FWB	203.50	
Macedonia FWB	15.00	
Madison FWB	200.00	
Martin Hill FWB	100.79	
Mt. Harmony FWB	1,495.00	
Mt. Olive FWB	755.00	
Mt. Pleasant FWB	218.00	
New Center Point	504.35	
New Liberty FWB	50.00	



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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 |

Northport FWB	1,258.00
Other (Timber)	1,461.75
Pearl FWB	1,000.00
Pearl SS Class	72.00
Piney Grove FWB	4,396.00
Pocahontas FWB	874.44
Prattville FWB	296.00
Progressive As.	4,752.55
Red Bay FWB	1,355.61
Shady Grove FWB	916.62
Snack Shop	7,903.89
South Highland	276.25
Springfield	210.48
Sulligent FWB	1,170.00
Sulphur Springs	100.00
Union Chapel J	321.00
Union Chapel V	275.00
Vernon FWB	2,053.08
Winfield FWB	5,536.84
WNAC Tn.	34.00

TOTAL INFLOWS

112,348.07

OUTFLOWS

Advertisement	626.85
Bank Charge	68.19
Board	31.03
Bonus	500.00
Bus. Insurance	5,536.00
C.D.	00.00
Cleaning Supplies	270.44
Concessions	4,509.06
Construction	15,979.58
Equipment	4,085.49
Food	12,204.64
Honorarium	4,780.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Life Guard	1,150.00
Loan	5,710.67
Love Offering	276.85
Medical	78.82
Misc.	220.28
Office	464.99
Paper Supplies	2,452.59
Pool	1,148.73

Postage	466.37
Program	633.99
Recreation	811.71
Repairs	5,466.39
Retirement	1,000.00
Salary	17,900.00
Scholarship	150.00
Tax:	
Social Security	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Tax	1,500.00
Telephone	1,458.99
Travel	2,110.19
Travel - Evg.	821.91
Utilities:	
Electric	6,922.20
Gas	1,134.69
Trash	24.00
Water	<u>1,891.70</u>
Total Utilities	9,972.59
Wages	<u>4,000.00</u>

TOTAL OUTFLOWS **107,606.35**

OVERALL TOTAL **4,741.72**

YOUTH CAMP ATTENDANCE:

CAMP	ATTENDANCE	SAVED	PREACH	MISSIONS	REDEDICATION
TEEN I	82	5	3	2	20
TEEN II	120	4	1		31
Junior I	60	7			42
Junior II	114	8			20
Junion III	46	7			14
Junior IV	71	10	1	1	31
Tenn III	105	4	1	2	47
TOTALS	598	45	6	5	205

JASPER DISTRICT

WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST REPORT

1996

The meeting date for our annual meeting is the first Saturday in March. The 1996 annual was held Saturday, March 2 at the Liberty FWB Church with the Liberty WAC and their pastor, Bro. Rucker hosting the affair. It began with a very delicious breakfast at 8:30 A.M. Services began at 9:30 with Bro. Rucker leading the singing, and ended around 12 noon after our guest speaker, Mrs. Jo

Ann Riggs finished speaking. There were 31 preesent. The theme for 1996 was "Witnessing: Hold the Light High". Acts 13:47.

Three local groups now make up the Jasper District with a total of 45 members. The three locals are: Liberty with 11 members; Free Water with 9 members and Red Bay with 25 members. Together we gave FWBBC - \$120; Trinity Youth Camp - \$1000; Pre-Easter Offering to Foreign Missions-\$257; Monica White, working in China-\$300; Missionary Provisions Closet gifts worth over-\$110; Children's Home in Eldridge-Over \$1600 in gifts of non-cash and cash; Pre-Thanksgiving Offering to Home Missions-over \$400 and then spent over \$8000 on local projects. We also work, give to and promote mission projects as well as all evangelistic and benevolent efforts within our churches and area. We make special efforts to help and encourage all of our national missionaries as well as our own pastors and their families.

The Jasper District WAC has two meetins per year. They are the Fall Fellowship in October and the Annual Convention the first Saturday in March. The 1996 Fall Fellowship was hosted by the Red Bay WAC. Tammy Gentuso, Missionary to the Ivory Coast with her husband, Dr. Paul Gentuso. The Fall Fellowship is always a special time consisting of a banquet type meal and program and topped off with a really special speaker. Red Bay did a great job with it all. you just never want to miss a Fall Fellowship!

The Annual Meeting for 1997 will be Saturday, March 2 at the Free Water FWB Church. The 1997 Fall Fellowship will be in October at the Liberty FWB Church. Saturday, May 3, 1997, Alabama WAC Annual Convention will meet this year at the Liberty FWB Church with the Jasper District being the hostess.

Officers at present are:

President - Brenda Purser
Vice President - Linda Silas
Sec./Treas. - Paulette Scott
Field Worker - Mary Ellen Collum
Prayer Ch. - Ann Burleson
Action Ch. - Nancy Mayhall
Study Ch. - Barbara Lolly

God help us all to do our best!

Prayerfully,

Paulette Scott

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, deacons and General Board members who are in good standing with this Association, 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, the pastor 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.



