

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will
Baptists**

**1997
ANNUAL REPORT**

1998 SESSION

October 2

Free Water FWB Church

October 4

Winfield FWB Church

		Members	Members Dismissed	Members Baptised	Present Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Enrollment	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Associational Funds
CHURCH	PASTOR									
Bethlehem	William L. Atkins	6	4	2	81	37		1		200.00
Brilliant	Phillip Miles	1	3		58	58		1		200.00
Carbon Hill	Ricky Robinson	7	2	3	41	35		1		100.00
Cedrom Grove	John E. Warren	2	1	2	45	43		1		200.00
Free Water	Trellis L. Mayhall	2	2	4	200	65		1		200.00
Guin First	Mark Maddox	30	8	57	713	462		1		200.00
Hamilton	Edward Puckett	61	2	11	150	80		1		200.00
Liberty	Greg Rucker	2	1	5	150	86		1		200.00
Mt. Olive	Nicholas Hollis	7	3	1	311	87		4		200.00
Mt. Pleasant	Jerry Barnes	7	4	6	184	35		1		200.00
New Liberty	Conrad Williford	11	1	5	261	94		1		200.00
Pocahontas	Roger Lucas	3	1	3	146	50		1		200.00
Red Bay	Tomas Scott	12	2	3	342	217		1		200.00
Shady Grove	Tim Smith	26		13	85	54		1		200.00
Union Chapel	Donald A. Smith	1		1	128	23		1		200.00
Union Hill	Randall Tice	6	26	4	123	69		4		200.00
Winfield	Danny J. Williams	9	4	2	242	200		3		200.00

MINUTES
of the ^{ELEVENTH}
One Hundred & ~~Ninth~~
Annual Session
of the
JASPER
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened at:
FREE WATER FWB CHURCH
And
HAMILTON FWB CHURCH
OCTOBER 3 & 4, 1997

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR:	Rev. Danny J. Williams 235 Meadow Lark Rd. Winfield, AL 35594	205-487-6992
ASST. MODERATOR:	Rev. Greg Rucker 2061 County Rd. 45 Guin, AL 35563	205-468-3262
CLERK/TREASURER:	Rev. Roger Lucas 15373 Pecan Dr. Northport, AL 35475	205-333-0038
ASST. CLERK/TREASURER:	Letus Atkinson 321 Old Cooper Crk Rd. Guin, AL 35563	205-468-2437

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

State Board Member:	Rev. Danny J. Williams	1998
Children's Home Trustee:	Rev. Conrad Williford	1998
Trinity FWB Camp Board:	Bro. Bryan Silas	1998
	Rev. Dennis Haygood	1999
	Rev. Danny Williams	2000
Credentials Committee:	Rev. Greg Rucker	1998
	Rev. Conrad Williford	1999
	Rev. Thomas Scott	2000
	Rev. Randall Tice	2001
	Rev. Edward Puckett	2002
Missions Board:	Bro. Bryan Silas	1998
	Rev. Donald A. Smith	1999
	Rev. Randall Tice	2000
	Rev. Roger Lucas	2001
	Bro. Ernest Harris	2002
Executive Committee:	Rev. Nicholas Hollis	1998
	Bro. Tim Barnes	1999
	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2000
	Rev. Trellis Mayhall	2001
	Rev. John Warren	2002
Nominating Committee:	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	1998
	J. O. Erwin	1999
	Ted Sands	2000
	Bro. Billy Wisham	2001
	Bro. Fray Stone	2002

General Board:

Bethlehem	Bentley Crow	1999
Brilliant	No Member Listed	1998
Carbon Hill First	Bro. Richard Griffin	1999
Cedrom Grove	Rev. Tim Barnes	1999
Free Water	Trellis Mayhall	1998
Guin First	Bro. Delbert Dobbs	1999
Hamilton	Bro. Fray Stone	1998
Liberty	Bro. Billy Wisham	1999
Mt. Olive	Letus Atkinson	1998
Mt. Pleasant	Bro. J. O. Erwin	1999
New Liberty	Ted Sands	1998
Pocahontas	Bro. Bryan Sparks	1999
Red Bay	O'Neal Funderburk	1998
Shady Grove	No Member Listed	1999
Union Chapel	Bro. Wayne Atkins	1998
Union Hill	Bro. Paul Jagers	1999
Winfield First	Bro. B. P. Atkinson, Jr.	1998

ALL PASTORS are now members of the General Board

Finance:

Rev. Nicholas Hollis	1998
Rev. Dennis Haygood	1999
Rev. Thomas Scott	2000

MINUTES

**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists
when convened at
Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church
Carbon Hill, AL
25 January 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Rev. Danny Williams, our moderator.

Welcome was given by the Pastor of the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Roger Lucas. Prayer was led by Bro. Donald Sparks.

Opening song was "Joy Unspeakable" led by Bro. Brad Williams with Sister Stephanie Sparks at the piano.

The seating of delegates was handled by our moderator and Bro. Letus Atkinson, the assistant clerk, reported that all 16 churches had reported by letter. MSC that delegates be seated.

We sang "Are You Washed In The Blood" led by Bro. Brad Williams with Sister Stephanie Sparks at the piano.

Our program for this meeting emphasized missions. The following missionaries spoke for approximately 15 minutes each.

Rev. Ken Eagleton and our Brazilian Brother Pingo spoke using Romans 10:13-14. Bro. Pingo related that he was thankful to God for His grace and us for sending missionaries to Brazil. Bro. Eagleton (SR. by the way) also discussed the summer TEAM trips that would be taking place.

Rev. Jose" Rodriguez, Home Missionary to Miami, Florida spoke using Psalms 96:1-4 for his text His emphasis was "The Lord is great and greatly to be praised." He encouraged us to train our people to help us reach the people.

Rev. Dave Franks, Jr., Foreign Missionary to Uruguay spoke from Genesis 12:1-3, Galatians 3:18, and Genesis 18:17 about God being the God of the whole world. He also shared that through Abraham the nations of the world would be blessed.

Rev. Roger Raper, Home Missionary to Fort Collins, Colorado spoke from Luke 4:18 with the emphasis of "Reaching the Broken and Hurting." He shared how the Lord had been working in the lives of those in his church.

At this point in the meeting we took a break.

After the break Rev. Danny Williams lead us in singing "At The Cross" with Sister Stephanie Sparks at the piano.

The following business was conducted:

Rev. Rick Cash of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp gave us a report of the past year. Bro. Cash stated that they finished the year in the black. He gave instances of the Lord meeting their needs through theyear and reported of how

God had used the camp through the years and the souls that were saved and their places of service now.

Rev. Richard Cordell gave a report of the Alabama Free Will Baptist State Promotional Office. He reported that he had met with most associations in the state and that we needed to do more "keeping" folks who come into our churches.

Bro. Cordell, in his report of the State Office, used Psalms 2:1 as his text. He stated that we needed to:

- 1) Reach others for Christ
- 2) Disciple them
- 3) That his text should take place in all churches.

Rev. Richard Cordell gave a report of the Credentials Committee. MSC that we accepted Rev. William B. Hughes into the Association from the Tidewater Association of Virginia. A copy of the letter from the Tidewater Association will be on file regarding his good standing there.

It was announced that there would be a meeting of the Credentials Committee on February 18, 1997 at 6:00 PM at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

Prior to the rest of the Missionaries speaking, Mrs. Ruby Pike, member of the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church rendered our special music. She sang "No Other Word For Grace But Amazing".

Rev. Jim Sturgill, Missionary to Brazil spoke on his work in Bradil and their church in Belo Horizonte. He used Isaiah 6:1-8 as his text. He also gave a report on Rev. Dave Franks Sr.'s health. Noted that he was clear of cancer. His emphasis was on an "International Ministry".

Rev. Dennis Haygood, Missionary to South Huntsville, AL gave a report of his itinerary and stated that it was urgent that he get to the field as soon as possible. There will be nearly 9,000 people moving into the area this summer. He used Matthew 28:1 as his text with the emphasis being "Go and Tell and come and See".

Rev. Fred Warner, Director of Missionary-Church Relations with the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department spoke from Ephesians 6:18-20 with the emphasis on prayer being the preparation for the rest of our ministry. He also encouraged us to prevailing prayer for our missionaries.

Rev. Fred Jones, Missionary to Prattville, Alabama spoke from Acts 13 with the emphasis on "Recycling People". He gave us an update on his building plans and that they plan to start their building in the spring of 1997.

An offering was received with Sister Stephanie Sparks playing the Offertory Hymn on the piano.

After closing remarks by the Moderator, we adjourned to a wonderful meal provided by the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church.

**Minutes of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists
when convened at New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church
Bankston, Alabama
15 March, 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by our Moderator, Bro. Danny Williams.

Opening Hymn, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", was led by Bro. Brad Williams.

Opening Prayer was given by Rev. Thomas Scott, Pastor at Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church.

Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing, "The Lily of the Valley".

Welcome and hospitality instructions were given by the Pastor of the New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Conrad Williford.

Devotion was given by Rev. Charles Fowler, a member of the New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church and Pastor of the Davis Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of the Vernon Association. Bro. Fowler's text was Galatians 6:9. His emphasis was "Be Not Weary in WELL Doing."

BUSINESS

MSC to seat listed delegates

Received information from the following:

Rev. Danny Williams gave report of Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp.

Rev. Richard Cordell gave report of the State Promotional Office.

Rev. Conrad Williford gave report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home using the Newsletter as information.

Bro. Brad Williams then led us in singing "Kneel At The Cross".

Mrs. Judy Lowery then rendered the special music by singing "He Hung The Moon".

The first message of the day was given by Rev. W. B. Hughes. Bro. Hughes is a retired pastor and active member of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Hughes used as his text Galatians 6:14-18 with verse 17 as his key verse. He used the phrase "...bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus...". He drove home the point by asking, "Are we branded enough for the world to know we belong to Jesus?" A great message.

We then took a break from 10:20 -10:45.

At the conclusion of the break Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing, "Sunlight".

Bro. Danny Williams then gave us the report of the Alabama Free Will Baptist Mission Board. The emphasis was on the "Spring Into Missions" project. The state goal is \$45,000.00. He challenged the Jasper Association to raise \$3,000.00

The report was received as information. The morning offering of \$127.00 was then received.

MSC that the offering be given to the "Spring Into Missions" project. Prayer was by the Moderator.

We then took time for Prayer, Praise, and Announcements. Rev. Nick Hollis led us in prayer.

Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing "Joy Unspeakable", and "My Jesus I Love Thee".

Mrs. Fowler, who served as accompanist during the session, sang "Down At The Cross".

Note: Rev. Edward Puckett, Pastor of the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church was scheduled to preach but was unable to do so because of illness.

Rev. Dennis Haygood, Missionary Appointee to South Huntsville, AL preached in Bro. Puckett's absence.

Bro. Haygood used as his text Habakkuk 3:2. His message was "Hunger For Revival". Bro. Haygood issued the invitation at the end of his message.

Bro. Brad Williams led the invitation hymn "Just As I Am".

We then heard from the Credentials Committee who had a very long meeting. The report was given by Rev. Richard Cordell, Chairman of the Committee.

MSC by the body to accept the following recommendations:

- 1) Receive Rev. Jerry Barnes into the Association.
- 2) Receive Rev. Dexter Guin into the Association pending a letter of good standing from the Colorado Association.
- 3) Receive the Carbon Hill First Free Will Baptist Church into the Association.

MSC that we adjourn from present meeting at 12:15 PM.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

Minutes of the 21 June 1997, Quarterly Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church.

9:00 AM opening hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was led by Bro. Brad Williams of the Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening prayer was rendered by Rev. John Warren, Pastor of the Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Welcome was given by Rev. Nick Hollis, Pastor of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church.

Bro. Brad Williams led the congregation in singing "I Want To Be A Worker".

Morning devotion was given by Rev. Nick Hollis, Pastor of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Hollis used as his text Isaiah 42:6-7 emphasizing from those verses that we are 1) Called 2) Held 3) Kept 4) Used. Prayer was rendered by the speaker.

The Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Rev.

Danny Williams, Moderator of the Association.

First order of business was to seat the elected delegates.

MSC that elected and standing delegates be seated.

REPORT OF TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP.

Rev. Rick Cash, Camp Director, stated that attendance is a little less than last year but that they were having more decisions. Bro. Cash made the following statement, "God is the same, He hasn't changed." A good report.

REPORT OF THE

ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE OFFICE.

Dr. Richard Cordell, Promotional Secretary, gave the report of the Promotional Office. He issued a plea for workers for the Prattville Free Will Baptist Church as their building is being erected. He had a special edition of *The Digest* on the Prattville Free Will Baptist building effort. Dr. Cordell also promoted the Alabama Bible Institute, Bi-Vocational Pastors Retreat Nov. 14-15, 1997 at Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp, as well as the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists Annual Meeting on Nov. 6-7, 1997 at the Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church.

At the conclusion of these reports, Bro. Brad Williams led the congregation in singing "When We All Get To Heaven".

Rev. Jerry Barnes, Pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church preached the first message of the day. Bro. Barnes used as his text Psalm 24:7-10 with message entitled "Who Is God?" A good message. He described God's Power, Presence, Provision, Praise.

Break was observed from 10:25 - 10:45 AM.

After the break Bro. Brad Williams led the congregation in singing, "His Grace is Sufficient".

Credentials Committee Report

MSC That Rev. Clark Ryman be received into the Association from the Vernon Association.

Alabama Free Will Baptist Board of Missions Report

The report was given by Rev. Danny Williams, member of the Board.

Gave an update on the Prattville work. All is going well with workers needed to help with construction of the building.

Rev. Dennis Haygood was recognized by Bro. Williams to give the report of the South Huntsville work. Bro. Haygood reported that he has someone going to help with the music at the church. He reported that they had secured a building in which to meet at a cost of \$2800.00 per month. The owner has waived the first two months rent. He issued a plea for piano, PA system, and other miscellaneous needed to begin services. First Sunday in September will be their first service.

Bro. Williams gave the Spring Into Missions update and again challenged the Jasper Association to raise \$3,000 for this project.

After these reports Bro. Danny Williams appointed the Finance Committee

for the purpose of reviewing the Financial Reports and Checking Account of the Association. The following men were appointed to serve. Rev. Edward Puckett, Rev. Randall tice, Rev. Greg Rucker, with Bro. Rucker serving as Chairman.

MSC that the above committee be approved.

As a note of information an offering of \$132.77 was received.

Bro. Brad Williams led the congregation in singing "Grace Greater Than All My Sin".

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Linda Hollis. She sang "The Only Real Peace".

Rev. Tim Smith, Pastor of the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church preached the final message of the day. Bro. Smith used as his text John 12:9-18. His title was "Ways In Which We Have Let Others Pass Us By". He emphasized that we have 1) Lost Our Excitement 2) Lost Our Desire For Battle 3) Lost Our Standards.

MSC That the offering today be given to Alabama Free Will Baptist Missions.

MSC That we adjourn. Adjourned at 12:10 PM

As a note, the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church provided a delicious meal for those who attended the session of the Quarterly Meeting.

**ANNUAL SESSION
JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
03 OCTOBER 1997
FREE WATER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
GUIN, ALABAMA**

The Annual Session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened on 03 October 1997 at the Free Water Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting began at 9:00 AM with Bro. Brad Scott leading us in singing "At Calvary".

Welcome was given by Rev. Trellis Mayhall, Pastor fo the host church. Prayer was led by Rev. Greg Rucker, Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Brad Scott led us in singing, "Power In The Blood".

Devotion was rendered by Rev. Trellis Mayhall, host pastor. Bro. Mayhall used as his text 2 Corinthians 5:17 titling it "All Things Different". Christ makes a difference. He changes things.

9:15 - Seating of delegates.

Appointment of the following Committees:

Obituary: Allen Braseal, William Atkins, Fray Stone

Resolution & Appreciation: Ed Puckett, Brad Williams, Rick Cash

Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp report was given by the Director, Rev. Rick Cash. He gave an exciting report. He stated that they had numerous decisions with several answering call to full-time Christian Service. Finished the year in the black. Financial report is enclosed.

MSC to receive report.

Dr. Richard Cordell gave the report of the Alabama Free Will Baptist State Promotional Office. He gave a good report and asked for our continued prayer and financial support.

MSC to receive report as informatin.

Childrens Home Report. No report was given from the Childrens Home. Moderator informed Board Member that it was their responsibility to report to the Association.

Financial Report was given.

MSC to accept the report and accompanying financial statement.

Partial Report of the General Board was given. It involved several Constitutional changes and was tabled until the next session.

Report of the Credentials Committee was given by Dr. Richard Cordell. Bro. Cordell stated that all letters had been received except for the Shady Grove church. All letters are in order. Stated that they would meet with Bro. Ricky Robinson prior to the January meeting.

MSC to accept the report. (The report is include elsewhere in the minutes)

Break

MSC to remove items from the table from morning session.

All the proposed constitutional changes were approved. A list is attached.

MSC that representation fees of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists be changed to sixty-five dollars per meeting.

MSC to adopt the 1997-1997 Budget. Copy is attached.

MSC to receive report of the Nominating Committee. Copy is attached.

There was no other business.

Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing :I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian". Prayer was rendered by Rev. Randall Tice.

Bro. Williams led us in singing "I Will Trade The Old Cross For A Crown". Offering was received in the amount of \$76.28. Prior to the message Bro. Williams led us in singing :Heavens Jubilee".

Message for today was given by Rev. Edward Puckett, Pastor of the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church. He used as his text Galatians 5:22. He shared with us the attributes of a Christian. Closed by saying that we ought to pray that people can see Jesus in us. Good message!

We adjourned at 12:00 noon to a great meal prepared by the brethren at Free Water.

Constitutional Changes

1) Article 4 Officers

From: The officers of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk/Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the Annual Session.

To: The officers of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk/Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected every two (2) years with the election

coming on even years. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

2) Article 6 Section 3 Section three (3) becomes section four (4).

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) members elected for a period of three years, with the senior member in point of service expiring each year.

It shall be the responsibility of this committee to examine the financial report and bank statements of the Association, verify their accuracy, and report to the Association at the Annual Session.

3) Article 7 Section 3

From: There shall be three (3) Quarterly Meetings during each Associational Year. The Annual meeting of the Association shall take place at the fourth (4) Quarterly Meeting.

To: There shall be two (2) other District Meetings during the Associational year. The meetings will be held in January and June.

4) Article 7 Section 4

From: The Officers of the Jasper Association shall serve as the Officers of the Quarterly Meeting.

To: The Officers of the Jasper Association shall serve as the Officers of the District Meeting.

DAY TWO 04 OCTOBER 1997

ANNUAL SESSION

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HAMILTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

HAMILTON, ALABAMA

The second day of the Jasper Association was held at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church in Hamilton, Alabama.

Opening Hymn, "Sunlight" was led by Bro. Brad Williams with Bro. Winsett at the piano.

Opening prayer was rendered by Rev. Tim Smith, Pastor of the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Welcome was given by Rev. Edward Puckett, Pastor of the host church.

Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing "Send A Great Revival" with Bro. Winsett at the piano.

We were led in prayer by Rev. Nicholas Hollis, Pastor of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church especially for Bro. Al Hamm and Bro. Greg Rucker as they preach today.

Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing "The Old Rugged Cross" with Bro. Winsett at the piano.

Moderator, Rev. Danny Williams then introduced our guest speaker for this session, Rev. Al Hamm, Pastor of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi. Bro. Hamm used as his text Zechariah 8:9-12 with his title being "The Attractive Church". It was a great message.

Break. Thanks to the host church for providing refreshments for everyone.

Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing "Kneel At The Cross" with Bro. Winsett at the piano.

The Gideon's Report was given by Bro. Bryan Silas. It was a good report and he encouraged the pastors to host a Gideon Service in each of their churches.

Offering was now received with the Moderator leading us in prayer. We sang "I've A Message From The Lord".

Special music was rendered by Bro. Winsett. He sang "My God Is Real".

Moderator introduced the next speaker, Rev. Greg Rucker, Pastor fo the Liberty Free Will Baptist church. Bro. Rucker used as his text 1 Cor. 2:14 - 3:3. The title of his sermon was "the Natural vs The Spiritual". His emphasis was that we need more spiritual people. He did an outstanding job. Prayer was offered by the speaker. We sang "Just As I Am" for the invitation hymn.

Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing "Ring The Bells Of Heaven" and "He Is Able To Deliver Thee" with Bro. Winsett at the piano.

Special Music was rendered by Rev. Roger Lucas, Pastor of the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church. He sang "When Jesus Passes By".

Rev. Al Hamm then preached the final message of the day. Bro. Hamm used as his text Proverbs 29:18. His sermon title was "The Word of God A Vision". He reminded us that the blessing is in hearing and keeping the Word of God. He also reminded us of 1 Samuel 3:1. It says that "...the word of the Lord was precious in those days." An outstanding message.

We received a motion to adjourn at 12:20 PM. The host church provided a great meal for all who would stay. Their hospitality did not go unnoticed.

Our next session of the DISTRICT MEETING will be held at the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church in Carbon Hill on January 24, 1998.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened August 11, 1997 at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Danny Williams served as Moderator.

Rev. Roger Lucas served as recording clerk.

NOTE: The General Board is now made up of the pastor of each church in the association as well as one member from each church.

The following Board Members were present: Danny Williams, Roger Lucas, Thomas Scott, O'Neal Funderburk, Letus Atkinson, Nick Hollis, Fray Stone, Ed Puckett, Conrad Williford, Billy Sands, Billy Wisham, Donald Smith, Bryan Sparks. These were representatives of eight (8) churches. A note was made that the Free Water and Cedrom Grove Churches were in Revival meetings.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Danny Williams, Moderator with prayer being offered by Rev. Conrad Williford, Pastor fo the New Liberty Free Will Baptist church.

It was stated that our Annual Session will be October 3-4, 1997.

October 3 meeting will convene at Free Water Free Will Baptist Church.

October 4 meeting will convene at Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church.

Report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Roger Lucas.

MSC That report of the Nominating Committee be accepted and Nominations be presented at the Annual Session.

Report of Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp was given by Rev. Danny Williams as information.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by Rev. Conrad Williford and accepted as information.

MSC -- That Officer Honorariums for 1997-98 remain the same. They are as follows:

Moderator	\$65.00	Clerk	200.00
Assistant	20.00	Assistant	85.00

Bro. Letus Atkinson gave the Financial Report of the Association. The General Fund balance as of the end of 31 July 1997 was \$526.28 approximate. Proposed Changes to the Constitution.

MSC 1) To eliminate the March Quarterly Meeting. Going to meeting three times per year rather than four.

MSC 2) To change terms of officers to two (2) year terms being elected every even year.

MSC 3) To make Finance Committee a Standing Board to be elected annually. Board would have three members with a three year term. One member elected annually.

Meetings for the coming year:

January 24, 1998 Pocahontas Free Will Baptist

June 20, 1998 Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist

Annual Meeting

October 2, 1998 Free Water Free Will Baptist Church

October 3, 1998 Winfield Free Will Baptist Church

Budget

MSC - That dues be raised to \$65.00 per session contingent on the change of meetings.

MS - That budgeted items remain the same, i.e. Officer Honorariums, Trinity Camp, State Promotional Office, Pastors and Workers Conference.

Adjournment

MSC - That we adjourn.

Closing prayer by Rev. Danny Williams pastor of the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Nominating Committee of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists held its Annual Meeting on August 5, 1997 at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM

The following Committee members were present:

Bro. Lowell Parker, Hamilton; Bro. O'Neal Funderburk, Red Bay; Bro. Billy

Wisham, Liberty; Bro. Billy Sands, New Liberty; Bro. J. O. Erwin did not attend the meeting.

Visitors to the meeting were Rev. Edward Puckett and Bro. Fray Stone. Rev. Roger Lucas attended the meeting to serve as recording clerk of the meeting.

Scripture reading and prayer was led by Rev. Roger Lucas. He used 2 Cor. 5:10-11, 14-15 as his text. Prayer was rendered by Bro. Fray Stone.

A copy of the Committee's report is attached.

Rev. Edward Puckett prayed the closing prayer.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Committee is as follows:

Mr. Lowell Parker 1997

Mr. O'Neal Funderburk 1998

Mr. J. O. Erwin 1999

Mr. Ted Sands 2000

Mr. Billy Wisham 2001

Rev. Roger Lucas met with the Committee to serve as Clerk for keeping the Minutes of the meeting.

Offices to be elected:

Moderator Rev. Danny Williams

Nominee Rev. Danny Williams

Assistant Rev. Greg Rucker

Nominee Rev. Greg Rucker

Clerk Rev. Roger Lucas

Nominee Rev. Roger Lucas

Assistant Bro. Letus Atkinson

Nominee Bro. Letus Atkinson

Children's Home Trustee

Rev. Conrad Williford 1997

Nominee Rev. Conrad Williford

Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp Board

Rev. Danny J. Williams 1997

Mr. Bryan Silas 1998

Rev. Dennis Haygood 1999

Nominee Rev. Danny Williams 2000

Credentials Committee

Rev. Trellis Mayhall 1997

Rev. Richard Cordell 1998

(Bro. Cordell is resigning)

Rev. Conrad Williford 1999

Rev. Thomas Scott 2000

Rev. Randall Tice 2001

Nominee Rev. Edward Puckett 2002

Nominee Rev. Greg Rucker 1998

Missions Board

Rev. Philliip Miles	1997	
Bro. Bryan Silas	1998	
Rev. Donald A. Smith	1999	
Rev. Randall Tice	2000	
Rev. Roger Lucas	2001	
Nominee	Bro. Ernest Harris	2002

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Brilliant: Mrs. Nancy Webster, 14036 Hwy 129, Brilliant, AL 35548 (Phone Number?)

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Free Water: Mrs. Janie Miller, 8864 State Hwy. 253 Guin, AL 35563 205-468-3641

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Hamilton: Mrs. Barbara Burleson, 450 County Hwy. 1, Hamilton, AL 35572 205-921-4395

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DEACONS

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

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

Carbon Hill: John D. Burkett, L. D. Perkins

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: Morgan Bozeman, V. Don Wilson, Billy Norris

Mt. Olive: Edgar Atkinson, Lowell Franks, Paul Wilson, Milton Rhudy, Danny Franks, Howard Franks (Honorary Deacon)

Mt. Pleasant: Terry May

New Liberty: Victor Smith, Sid Moore, David Fowler, Kip Madison, Ted Sands, Ray Selman

Pocahontas: Pete Stewart, Jim Hunter, Donald Sparks

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, Donald McKinney

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:

Greg Rucker, Chairman

Edward Puckett, Member

Randall Tice, 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, Orville Cagle, Henry Cagle, Felix Crow, Ollie Tesney;

Free Water, John Franks, Holly Franks, Mrs. Allene Pollard;

Guin First, Austin Pugh;

Liberty, Mrs. Anna Lolley.

Mt. Olive, Mrs. Maggie Stanford;

Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Clemmie Kimbrell, Mrs. Sally Overton, Randall Lee Aldridge, Mrs. Velma Aldridge;

Pocahontas, Albert Pike, Mrs. Nelladean Sparks; Winfield, Dewayne May, Mrs. Myrtle Green, Mrs. Susan Harbin;

Red Bay, Jimmy Harold Raper; Brilliant, Earl Smith, Mrs. Juanita Franks, Mrs. Uwanna Crokren;

Respectfully submitted:

William L. Atkins, Chairman

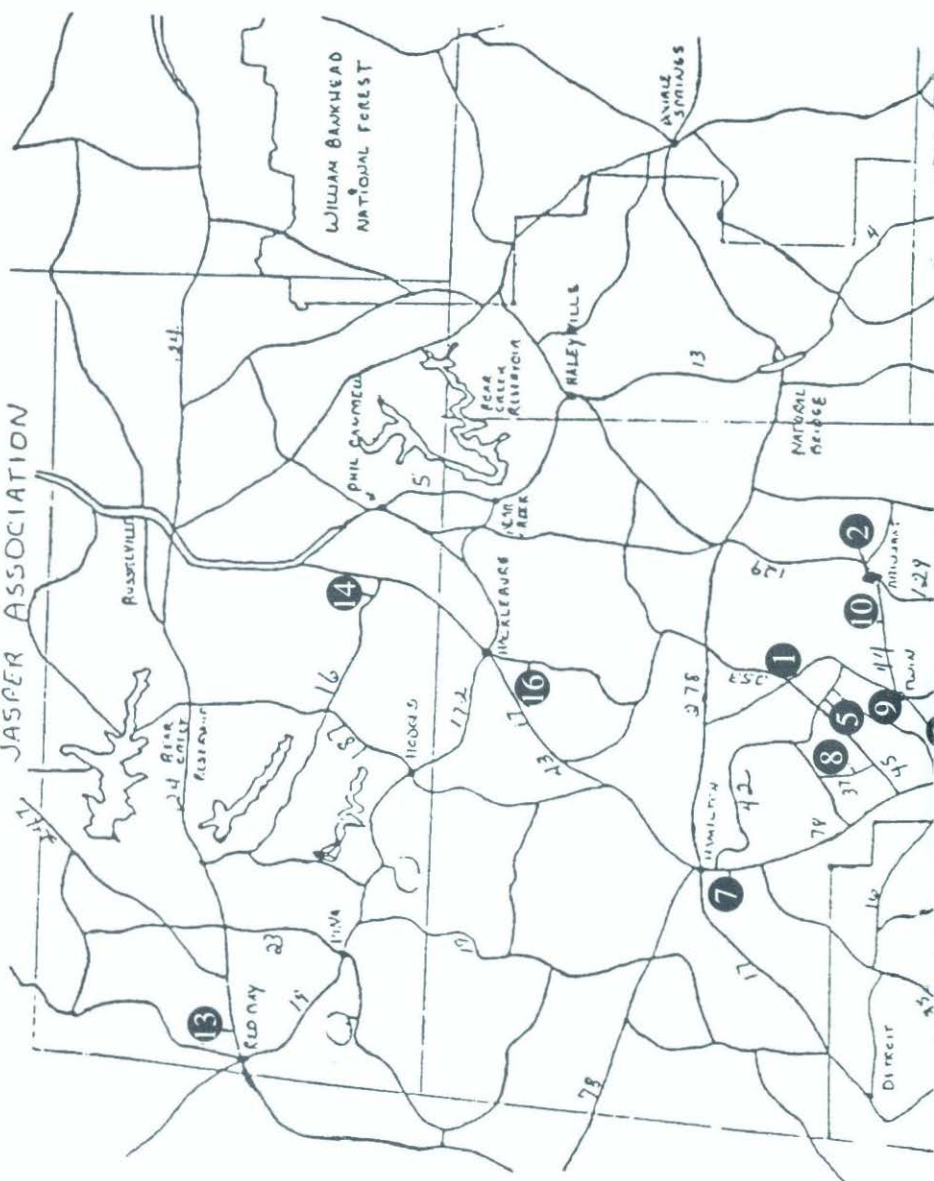
Allen Brasseal, Member

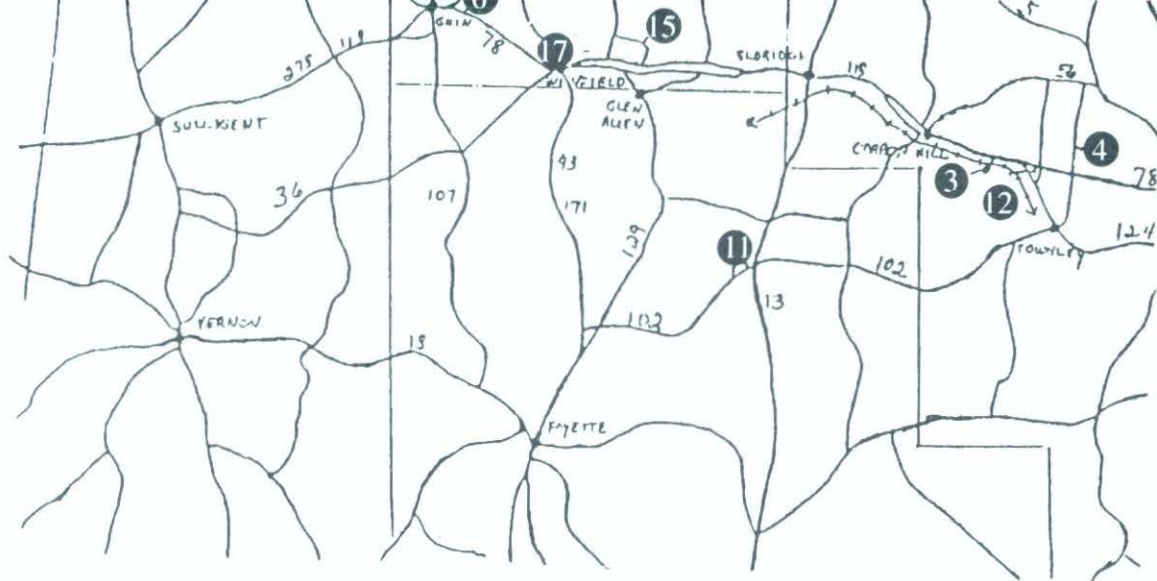
Fray Stone, Member

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee for the annual meeting of the Jasper

JASPER ASSOCIATION





- (1) BETHLEHEM FWB
- (2) BRILLIANT FWB
- (3) CARBON HILL FWB
- (4) CEDROM GROVE FWB
- (5) FREE WATER FWB
- (6) GUIN FWB
- (7) HAMILTON FWB
- (8) LIBERTY FWB
- (9) MT. OLIVE FWB

- (10) MT. PLEASANT
- (11) NEW LIBERTY
- (12) POCAHONTAS FWB
- (13) RED BAY FWB
- (14) SHADY GROVE FWB
- (15) UNION CHAPEL FWB
- (16) UNION HILL FWB
- (17) WINFIELD FWB

Association of Free Will Baptists, wish to give the following report. In appreciation for the use of their facilities Free Water FWB Church and Hamilton FWB Church. Thank you for your time and efforts to make this a spiritual blessing for all.

Respectfully submitted:

Edward Puckett, Chairman

Brad Williams, Member

Rick Cash, Member

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1997-1998 BUDGET

Proposed Income (Fees from Local Churches) \$3315.00

Proposed Expenditures \$3120.00

Expenditures as follows:

Moderator \$65.00

Assistant 20.00

Clerk 200.00

Assistant Clerk 85.00

Guest Speakers 300.00

Trinity Camp 500.00

State Office 300.00

Pastors and Workers Conference 500.00

Minutes 500.00

Postage & Supplies 100.00

State Associational Dues 850.00

TOTAL \$3120.00

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

1 OCTOBER 1996 - 31 AUGUST, 1997

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$1791.37

RECEIPTS

3 Oct. 96 Annual Dues 16 Churches \$ 800.00

3 Oct. 96 Shady Grove FWB Church (Retired Ministers Fund) 500.00

3 Oct. 96 New Liberty FWB Church (For Extra Minutes) 40.00

3 Oct. 96 Danny J. Williams (Gift for Retired Ministers Fund) 20.00

4 Oct. 96 Offering 5 Oct. 96 (For State Promotional Office) 60.73

7 Oct. 96 Offering 5 Oct. 96 147.62

27 Jan. 97 Offering 25 Jan 97 203.96

28 Jan. 97 Quarterly Dues 16 Churches 800.00

17 Mar. 97 Offering 15 Mar 97 137.00

17 Mar. 97 Quarterly Dues 16 Churches 800.00

23 Jun. 97 Offering 21 Jun 97 132.77

23 Jun. 97	Quarterly Dues 16 Churches	800.00
23 Jun. 97	Cedrom Grove FWB Church (Retired Ministers Fund)	53.30
26 Jun. 97	Guin First FWB Church (Quarterly Dues)	50.00
8 Jul. 97	Cedrom Grove FWB Church (Retired Ministers Fund)	31.23
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD		\$6,364.90

EXPENDITURES

CHECK

19 Sep. 96	Letus Atkinson (Duties for 95-96)	\$200.00	205
19 Sep. 96	Trellis Mayhall (Duties for 95-96)	65.00	206
19 Sep. 96	Danny J. Williams (Duties for 95-96)	20.00	207
19 Sep. 96	Bryan Silas (Duties 95-96)	85.00	208
19 Sep. 96	U.S. Postal Service (Stamps)	51.20	209
5 Oct. 96	National Homes Missions (Speaker Annual Mtg.)	350.00	210
7 Oct. 96	State Promotions Office (Offering 4 Oct. 96)	60.75	211
7 Oct. 96	Gideons International (Vote of Body 5 Oct. 96)	100.00	212
7 Oct. 96	Trinity FWB Youth Camp (Vote of Body 5 Oct 96) ..	147.62	213
11 Oct. 96	State Assoc. of FWB (Annual Dues)	800.00	214
17 Oct. 96	William E. Atkinson (1/2 Retired Ministers Fund)	260.00	215
17 Oct. 96	O. Z. Johnson (1/2 Retired Ministers Fund)	260.00	216
31 Oct. 96	John Edwards (Gift from Jasper Assn.)	100.00	217
7 Feb. 97	Pastors & Workers Conference	200.00	218
7 Feb. 97	Trinity FWB Youth Camp (Vote of Body 4 Oct. 96) ..	500.00	219
7 Feb. 97	State Promotional Office (Vody of Body 4 Oct. 96) ...	300.00	220
20 Feb. 97	U. S. Postal Service (Stamps)	38.40	221
6 Mar. 97	Thumb Print (Printing of Minutes)	477.85	222
18 Mar. 97	Spring Into Missions (Offering 15 Mar. 97)	137.00	223
25 Apr. 97	Black Warrior Printing (Invoice # 5116)	43.20	224
22 May 97	U. S. Postal Service (Stamps)	38.40	225
24 June 97	Missions (Vote of Body 21 Jun. 97)	132.77	226
TOTAL EXPENDITURE DURING PERIOD		\$4,364.09	
BALANCE IN BANK 31 AUGUST 1996		\$2000.81	

Letus AtkinsonClerk/Treasurer Jasper Assn FWB

CASH FLOW REPORT 9/1/96 THROUGH 8/31/97 TRINITY FWB CAMP

INFLOWS

AL State

Brilliant	228.45
Cave Springs	96.76
Cedar Creek	100.00

Cedrom Grove	297.17	
Cooper	256.46	
Ebenezer	250.00	
Forestdale	325.00	
Liberty J	624.00	
Madison FWB	200.00	
Mt. Olive	1,360.00	
Pocahontas	811.32	
South Highland	1,025.00	
Springfield V	765.30	
<u>Vernon FWB</u>	<u>803.54</u>	
Total AL State		71,43.00
Amory FWB		563.68
Belk FWB		745.80
Bethel Montv.		225.00
Camp Fees		28,782.85
Camp Offerings		301.25
Camp Rental		6,740.63
Cave Springs		74.00
Community FWB		289.70
Cooper FWB		221.90
Davis Chapel		200.00
Dovertown FWB		138.00
Faith FWB Ad		82.96
Fayette FWB		4,974.90
Florence FWB		150.00
Forestdale FWB		461.00
Free Will Chapel		891.16
Free Water FWB		800.52
Freedom Bapt.		150.00
Gateway FWB		947.64
Hamilton FWB		566.34
Individuals		4,158.37
Jasper Assoc.		647.62
Jasper FWB		1,340.02
Landmark FWB		462.00
Lighthouse FWB		500.00
Macedonia FWB		79.00
Madison FWB		400.00
Mt. Harmony FWB		692.84
Mt. Olive FWB		142.00
Mt. Pleasant		200.00
Mt. Willing FWB		500.00

New Center Point	737.94
New Liberty FWB	1,775.00
Northport FWB	40.00
Other Inc.	361.00
Ozark FWB	253.01
Piney Grove FWB	2,295.00
Pocahontas FWB	76.12
Prattville FWB	200.00
Progressive As.	350.00
Red Bay FWB	1,315.78
Russelville	637.00
Shady Grove FWB	941.36
Snack Shop	7,929.57
Soul's Harbor	38.00
Splunge FWB	78.00
Springfield	100.00
Sulligent FWB	7,297.50
Sulligent Lo Tn	75.00
Sulphur Springs	300.00
Teen III	175.00
Union Chapel J	225.00
Union Chapel V	300.00
Vernon FWB	1,680.58
Winfield FWB	5,537.93
WNAC Tn.	199.00

TOTAL INFLOWS

96,489.97

OUTFLOWS

Advertisement	691.75
Board	26.88
Bus. Insurance	6,067.00
Cleaning Supplies	267.60
Concessions	3,758.87
Construction	7,352.26
Equipment	252.76
Food	12,053.71
Honoraria	4,500.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Life Guard	1,075.00
Loan	3,752.00
Love Offering	301.25
Medical	34.48
Misc.	1,055.53
Office	475.25

Paper Supplies	2,919.67
Pool	1,282.98
Postage	599.29
Program	551.95
Recreation	1,118.04
Repairs-Upkeep	7,061.20
Retirement	1,700.00
Salary	22,025.00
Scholarship	1,500.00
Tax:	
Social Security	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Tax	2,000.00
Telephone	1,543.28
Travel	2,146.53
Travel - Evg.	580.00
Utilities:	
Electric	7,499.62
Gas	974.44
Trash	171.00
Water	<u>1,193.79</u>
Total Utilities	9,838.85
Wages	3,375.00
Outflows-Other	<u>00.00</u>

TOTAL OUTFLOWS

101,158.63

OVERALL TOTAL

-4,668.66

9/1/96 Beginning Balance

\$4,741.72

8/31/97 Ending Balance

\$73.06

YOUTH CAMP ATTENDANCE:

CAMP	ATTEND.	SAVED	PREACH	MISSIONS	REDED.	FULL TIME
MIDSOUTH	60	1			35	
VDBANQUET	181					
SPRETREAT	46					
TEEN I	46	2			30	
JUNIOR I	60	14			16	
TEEN II	80	1	2			14
JUNIOR II	77	12			14	
JUNIOR III	60				15	
JUNIOR IV	50	8			20	
TEEN III	146	8	3	1	80	14
WIVES	21					
FREEDOM	85					
CALVARY	120	3			30	
NEW HOPE	90	8				
LCA	73				50	
PASTOR'S	34					
TOTALS	1229	57	5	1	290	28

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; 1 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 whom shall be elected every two (2) years with the election coming on even years. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

ARTICLE V BOARDS

SECTION I. General Board (a) Composition. The General Board shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk/treasurer, assistant clerk/treasurer, 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. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) members elected for a period of three years, with the senior member in point of service expiring each year. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to examine the financial report and bank statements of the Association, verify their accuracy, and report to the Association at the Annual Session. SECTION IV. 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 F.W.B Church and General Board to meet annually on second Monday Night of August at seven p.m. at Winfield F.W.B 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 two (2) other District Meetings during the Associational year. The meetings will be held in January and June.

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

