

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will
Baptists**

**1998
ANNUAL REPORT**

1999 SESSION

October 1

Cedrom Grove FWB Church

October 2

Mt. Olive 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	2	1	2	81	43		1		195.00
Brilliant ✓	Phillip Miles	3		1	70	58				195.00
Carbon Hill ✓	Ricky Robinson		1		40	36		1		195.00
Cedrom Grove ✓	John E. Warren	3		3	52	35		2		364.56
Free Water ✓	Don Taggart	4	5		199	60		3		195.00
Hamilton	Edward Puckett	8	1	2	321	80		1		195.00
Liberty ✓	Greg Rucker	9	3	8	156	90		2		195.00
Mt. Olive ✓	Michael Beckon	4		2	315	87		3		195.00
Mt. Pleasant ✓	Keith Spencer	8			192	35			1	195.00
New Liberty ✓	Darren Pollard*	2	4		256	80			1	195.00
Pocahontas ✓	Roger Lucas	12		2	155	62		1		195.00
Red Bay ✓	Tomas Scott	9	3	1	348	213		1		195.00
Shady Grove ✓	Tim Smith				85	54		1		195.00
Union Chapel ✓	Donald A. Smith	2		2	128	23		1		195.00
Union Hill	Michael Frederick	6	2	2	142	66		2		195.00
Winfield ✓	Danny J. Williams	9	6	13	245	203		3	2	195.00

*Interim Pastor

MINUTES
of the ^{Twelfth}
One Hundred & Tenth
Annual Session
of the
JASPER
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened at:
FREE WATER FWB CHURCH
And
WINFIELD FWB CHURCH
OCTOBER 2 & 3, 1998

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

		TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR:	Rev. Roger Lucas P.O. Box 699 Carbon Hill, Alabama 35549 205-924-4418	2000
ASST. MODERATOR:	Rev. Danny J. Williams 235 Meadowlark Road Winfield, Alabama 35594 205-487-6992	2000
CLERK:	Bro. Letus Atkinson 321 Old Cooper Creek Road Guin, Alabama 35563 205-468-2437	2000
ASST. CLERK:	Rev. Don Taggart 12272 County Hwy. 42 Guin, Alabama 35563 205-468-2089	2000

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

State Board Member:	Rev. Roger Lucas	2000
Children's Home Trustee:	Rev. Don Taggart	1999
Trinity FWB Camp Board:	Rev. Dennis Haygood	1999
	Rev. Danny Williams	2000
	Bro. Bryan Silas	2001
Credentials Committee:	Rev. W. B. Hughes	1999
	Rev. Thomas Scott	2000
	Rev. Danny Williams	2001
	Rev. Edward Puckett	2002
	Rev. Greg Rucker	2003
Missions Board:	Rev. Donald A. Smith, Chmn.	1999
	Rev. Ricky Robinson	2000
	Rev. Philip Miles	2001
	Bro. Ernest Harris	2002
	Rev. Tim Smith	2003
Executive Committee:	Bro. Tim Barnes	1999
	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2000
	Rev. Trellis Mayhall	2001
	Rev. John Warren	2002
	Rev. Edward Puckett	2003

Nominating Committee:	J. O. Erwin	1999
	Bro. Ted Sands	2000
	Bro. Billy Wisham	2001
	Bro. Fray Stone	2002
	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2003

Finance:	Rev. Dennis Haygood	1999
	Rev. Thomas Scott	2000
	Bro. Darren Pollard	2001

General Board:

ALL PASTORS are now members of the General Board.

Church Representatives

Bethlehem	Bro. Bentley Crow	1999
Carbon Hill First	Bro. Richard Griffin	1999
Cedrom Grove	Rev. Tim Barnes	1999
Liberty	Bro. Billy Wisham	1999
Mt. Pleasant	Bro. J. O. Erwin	1999
Pocahontas	Bro. Bryan Sparks	1999
Shady Grove		1999
Union Hill	Bro. Paul Jagers	1999
Brilliant		2000
Free Water		2000
Hamilton		2000
Mt. Olive	Bro. Letus Atkinson	2000
New Liberty	Bro. Ted Sands	2000
Red Bay	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2000
Union Chapel	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2000
Winfield First	Bro. B. P. Atkinson, Jr.	2000

**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists
District Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 1998 MEETING

The January Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Saturday, January 24, 1998 at the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church. Moderator, Rev. Danny Williams, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing "Kneel At The Cross" accompanied by Sis. Stephanie Sparks at the piano. We also sang "Rescue The Perishing". Prayer was rendered by Rev. Tom Scott of the Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church. Welcome was given by Rev. Roger Lucas, Pastor of the Host Church. Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing "Old Time Power".

Moderator then called for the seating of Delegates for this meeting. MSC that delegates be seated.

The January Meeting of the Jasper Association is used to hear from missionaries that are in the Annual Missionary Conference. We will list them and highlights of their comments in the order in which they spoke that day.

Rev. Dennis Haygood, Missionary to South Huntsville, Alabama. Gave greetings from the Southpark Free Will Baptist Church. Shared about how the Lord allowed them to get the building that they are using for services. It was the Lord's working things out. He used Deuteronomy 31:12-13 as his text. He spoke of men, women, children, strangers (foreigners), mixed that we are to reach. We must trust, fear, and honor the Lord.

Dave Franks, SR, Missionary to Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Bro. Franks used Matthew 13:37-43 as text. He emphasized that "...the field is the world...." He stated that it is worth every ounce of effort and every cent of money in going to these fields. He thanked Free Will Baptists for forty (40) years of help. God has blessed the efforts. He gave examples of God's working in the lives of Brazilians. Stated how that God is now calling "Nationals" to teach, preach, etc. In closing he stated that they would only be in Brazil two more years before retiring.

Rev. Len Blanchard, Missionary to Carlsbad, New Mexico. Bro. Blanchard used Psalm 17:15 as his text. Context was that we are not satisfied until we get to be with Jesus. He has been in Carlsbad two years and 10 months. as Associate Missionary. They are averaging 38. They started with four. They are involved in a Cross Cultural Ministry. Asked us to pray for them as they serve. Contributions are needed for their account because as Associate Ministry you don't get paid unless the money comes in to your account. He used Acts 5:20 - "Go, stand, speak in the temple all the words of this life." "Not only Saviour, but deliverer as well."

Rev. Walter "Dub" Ellison, Missionary to Uruguay, South America. Bro. Ellison went to Uruguay in 1964 and is now retired. He called to our remembrance that when he went to Uruguay in 1964 that Alabama was referred

to as a "sleeping giant" in our denomination. He stated that Alabama will be in the majority as far as workers in Uruguay are concerned. More staff from Alabama than any place else. Stated that he had just finished up his responsibilities there in Uruguay. He gave *thanks* for allowing him to serve and the support given for him to do so. He urged support for the ACTS 1:8 Plan adopted by the State Association. He used Acts 20:32 as his text.

After taking a break for fellowship and refreshments we continued the meeting with Bro. Brad Williams leading us in singing "Are You Washed In The Blood?"

Rev. Tim Johnson, Missionary to Spain. Bro. Johnson talked about his upcoming assignment to Spain. Spain has a reputation as being a hard country to evangelize with the Gospel. Less than 1% are Christians in Spain. He used Colossians 4:2-7 as his text as background for his call to go to Spain as a missionary. Stated that he needs to leave this summer.

Rev. Paul Collins, Missionary to Harrisonburg, Virginia. He used Romans 15:30 as his background. Gave account of his vision for mission work. Had an accomplished work in Darlington, South Carolina. Has received call to go to Harrisonburg, Virginia, a growing area with a vas opportunity for people to be won to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Carlos Rubio, Missionary to United States Hispanic Community. Bro. Rubio talked of our Missionaries who brought the Gospel to Mexico and won his Pastor to Jesus. He talked about all the missionaries that followed, especially Rev. Fred Jones who taught Mexican people to take over the work in Mexico. He shared about going to Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville and that he is now a graduate of that school. He has the call of God to be a Missionary to Spanish speaking people in Free Will Baptist churches here in the United States.

Rev. Kevin Stacy, Missionary/Teacher in Central Asia. Bro. Kevin stated that this is a new field for Free Will Baptists. He shared about his trip to the Uighur people group of Central Asia. Told about a man who wanted to have a Bible study and later came to Christ. That man also led his friend to Christ. Bro. Kevin stated, "I am excited about going for the Lord Jesus."

Rev. Tim Osborn, Missionary to Memphis, Tennessee. Bro. Osborn used as his text 1 Thessalonians 5:24. Bro. Tim is a native of the State of Alabama. His home church is the Russellville Free Will Baptist Church, Russellville, Alabama. He has been pastoring in the state of North Carolina, He is going to the city of Memphis, Tennessee which, of course, is a large metropolitan area. Pray for the Lord's leading as they follow Him.

Bro. Mike Corley, Missionary to Russia. Bro. Corley used Isaiah 55:11 as his text. Bro. Mike is a product of Home Missions. He is a member of the Madison Free Will Baptist Church, Madison, Alabama which was started as an Alabama

Home Mission project in 1987. He also gave thanks for the adoption of the ACTS 1:8 Program. He shared that he is a Free Will Baptist layman. He shared the story of a layman Sunday School teacher who was responsible for leading the late Rev. D. L. Moody to the Lord. He will be working in close relation with the Russian Baptists who, as we are, are Arminian in doctrine.

Rev. Roger Raper, Associate Missionary, Ft. Collins, Colorado. He, as Bro. Blanchard, is an Associate Missionary. They only receive what money comes in to their account each month. It is important that we be faithful in sending to their accounts. He gave *thanks* for our support to their ministry there in Ft. Collins. He used 2 Corinthians 5:19-21 as his text and dealt with the ministry of Reconciliation. He shared about a family in Colorado being reconciled after several years of feuding. We're in the greatest work on earth, the Ministry of Reconciliation. The precious thing of being a missionary is seeing people coming to Christ. *That* makes all the difference.

Rev. Jaimie Lancaster, Newly Appointed Missionary to Uruguay. Bro. Jaimie stated that he is leaving the *oldest* Free Will Baptist Church, (in Alabama) the Mt. Moriah Church to become the *newest* Free Will Baptist Missionary in Uruguay. The Mt. Moriah Church is his home church. Stated that in 1985 he knew that he could go to another country and serve. He spent a summer in Japan as Summer Missionary. Told of a missionary placing in his hands the strategy for Uruguay. Decided that they were going regardless of who is serving there with them. Shared about a three (3) hour service when they went to the field. Could feel the presence of the Lord. Gave thanks for the 34 years of service already given by our missionaries. He used Matthew 26:3-13 as his text.

Rev. Danny Williams in capacity as Chairman of the Alabama ACTS 1:8 Committee gave the following report. He used as his text for the comments Romans 10:13-15. ACTS 1:8 is short for **Alabama Coming Together** for the Saviour. He gave Bro Mike Dankson credit for the title. He stated that it costs 33% of money to raise monies. On top of that it takes 18-24 months to do it and get to the field of service. With this program in effect all of the above will be reduced significantly. The Budget for this year is \$192,000.00 Which is 70% of the Total Budget. It has been accepted well statewide since its adoption at the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists in November 1997.

Rev. Rick Cash in capacity as the new Alabama Free Will Baptist Promotional Secretary gave the following report. He used 1 Samuel 22:1-2 as his text. He shared that he will also continue to be the Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp Director as well as the State Promotional Secretary and shared how that the two are correlated. Noting the increase in the work load how that God is placing people to help with that. A secretary, maintenance worker and youth worker have all been secured to help with the ministry. The secretary is a part-time paid position. The others are volunteers.

In the area of Business the Association voted to receive Bro. Ricky Robinson into the Association. He was ordained by the Carbon Hill First Free Will Baptist Church. He was recommended after review by the Credentials Committee of the Jasper Association.

MSC -- That a round of applause be given for our Senior Missionaries present: Rev. Dave Franks, Sr., Missionary to Brazil and Rev. Walter Ellison, Retired Missionary, Uruguay.

After a time of announcements and prayer requests we had prayer for our missionaries and Rev. Trellis Mayhall who would be having surgery on Monday.

MSC -- To adjourn, with Bro. Bryan Silas praying the closing prayer.

Lunch was provided by the members of the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church.

Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists District Meeting

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 1998 MEETING

The June 1998 District Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened on June 20, 1998 at the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting began with the singing of "*I Must Tell Jesus*" led by Bro. Letus Atkinson.

After opening remarks by Moderator, Rev. Danny Williams welcome from the host church was rendered by Bro. Letus Atkinson. Bro. Atkinson used 1 Corinthians 10:31 - "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" --to set the tone for the meeting.

Bro. Letus Atkinson then led us in singing "He Has Been So Good To Me.

The morning devotion was rendered by Rev. Roger Lucas, clerk, using as his text Psalm 1.

Meeting was then called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Danny Williams. MSC that delegates be seated.

Report of Promotional Office of Alabama Free Will Baptists was rendered by Rev. Rick Cash, Promotional Director. Noted that he had traveled 23,000 miles and spoken in 50 churches. Gave update on the ACTS 1:8 Program and that we had reached 1065 shares. As of June \$102,000.00 had come through the office for ACTS 1:8. *What does that mean?* That Rev. Dave Franks, Sr., has already been able to go back to the work in Brazil and that Jaimie Lancaster and Mike Corley can possibly go to Uruguay and Russia this fall. *Praise the Lord!*

Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp Report was also given by Rev. Rick Cash, Camp Director. Bro. Cash stated that a total of 220 teenagers had attended camp this year. Out of that number 13 were saved, 2 answered the call to preach, one answered the call to be a missionary.

Rev. Dennis Haygood gave us a report on the work going on in South

Huntsville, Alabama at the Southpark Free Will Baptist Church. Stated that this is the hardest thing he has done in 26 years. He asked that we would pray that God would lead them to people that He is dealing with. The church has a good list of prospects and has 12 charter members. He shared some about the people they have in the church.

Bro. Danny Williams, Moderator, and Member of the Alabama Free Will Baptist Mission Board gave a report on the work in Prattville, Alabama. Stated that 160-75 attended the Dedication Service for the new building. Attendance is increasing. Pray for the Jones' as they labor there in Prattville.

Bro. Letus Atkinson then led us in singing "Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary".

Rev. Ricky Robinson, Pastor, Carbon Hill First Free Will Baptist Church, preached the first message of the morning. Bro. Robinson used as his text Ezekiel 9:1-7. He did a wonderful job.

At 10:05 we had a break for refreshments and fellowship. Prayer was rendered by Rev. Thomas Scott, Pastor, Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church. Refreshments were furnished by the host church.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:35 with bro. Danny Franks leading us in singing "O I Want To See Him".

Business

Rev. Thomas Scott, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave their report. It was recommended by the committee that Rev. Michael Frederick be granted a letter of good standing to the Mississippi State Line Association and that Rev. Donald Taggart, Pastor of the Free Water Free Will Baptist Church be accepted into the Association pending a letter of good standing from the Vernon Association and from the Free Water Church requesting that we accept him.

Rev. Danny Williams, Moderator, gave announcement concerning the Free Will Baptist Men's Retreat that would be held at Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp August 20-22. Encouraged as many men as possible to attend.

After several prayer requests, announcements, and praise reports prayer was rendered by Rev. Conrad Williford, Pastor, New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church.

Offering was then received. The total offering was \$100.07. MSC that today's offering be given to Alabama Free Will Baptist Home Missions. Offertory hymn was rendered by Mrs. Lisa Silas.

Bro. Danny Franks led us in singing "I Feel Like Traveling On".

Rev. Randall Tice, Pastor, Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church brought the final message of the day. Bro. Tice used as his text Luke 9:62. He preached a wonderful message. At the conclusion of the message we sang "Just As I Am" led by Bro. Danny Franks.

Concluded with altar prayer, that we keep our eyes on the tasks at hand and also prayed for the Lord's leading in the churches searches who are without pastors.

MSC that we adjourn.

After adjournment we had a bountiful lunch prepared by the host church.

Next meeting will be Friday October 2, 1998 at Free Water Free Will Baptist Church. We will meet the next day, October 3, 1998 at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church. Both meetings begin at 9:00 AM.

MINUTES
JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ANNUAL SESSION
DAY ONE
OCTOBER 2, 1998
FREE WATER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
GUIN, ALABAMA

The 1998 Annual Session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Friday, October 2, 1998 at 9:00 AM at the Free Water Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening hymn, "To God Be The Glory" was led by Bro. Brad Williams accompanied by Mrs. Julia Gardner.

Prayer was led by Rev. William Atkins, Pastor, Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening remarks were given by Rev. Danny Williams, Moderator.

Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Donald Taggart, Free Water Free Will Baptist Church.

Devotion was rendered by Bro. Keith Rhudy, member of Free Water Free Will Baptist Church. He used as his text John 4:45-53. Prayer was by the speaker.

MSC that the delegates be seated.

Resolution and Appreciation Committee Appointed by the Moderator.

Rev. W. B. Hughes

Rev. Michael Frederick

Bro. Farrell Pollard

Obituary Committee Appointed by the Moderator

Mrs. Helen Tittle

Mrs. Maxine Stone

Mr. Harold Crowe

Reports of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp and Alabama Free Will Baptist Promotional Office were given by Rev. Rick Cash, Director of Trinity Camp and State Promotional Director. Both reports were positive and received as information by the body.

Dr. Roger Bennett, Superintendent (Interim) of the Free Will Baptist Childrens' Home gave us a report of the things going on there at the campus in Eldridge. Bro. Levy Corey had resigned in April New building is being constructed. Bro. Carlton Lambert is serving two days per month to satisfy the demands of the State of Alabama.

Report of the Credentials Committee was rendered by Chairman, Rev. Thomas Scott, Pastor, Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church. Committee recommended the ordination of Bro. Keith Spencer and Bro. Keith Rhudy.

MSC that they be ordained.

Also informed the Association that the Guin Free Will Baptist Church due to not meeting the requirements of the Association had withdrawn from the Association.

Break at 10:05 AM

Report of the Resolution and Appreciation Committee was rendered by Rev. W. B. Hughes, Chairman. Gave appreciation to the Free Water Free Will Baptist Church and Winfield Free Will Baptist Church for the use of their facilities and hospitality rendered by the hosts.

MSC that report be accepted.

Obituary Committee report was rendered by Bro. Harold Crowe. The report is as follows:

Bethlehem:	Bro. Woodrow Sullens
Carbon Hill First:	Bro. Kenneth Atkins
Free Water:	Rev. Trellis Mayhall
Hamilton:	Bro. Hobert Gardner
Liberty:	Bro. Larry Dean Norris, Bro. Grady Green
Mt. Olive:	Bro. Don Markham
Mt. Pleasant	Sis. Nellie Jones
New Liberty:	Bro. Sid Moore, Sis. Delphia Gardner
Red Bay:	Bro. Jessie Milan, Bro. Roy Stepp Sis. Lucille Gahagan.
Union Hill:	Sis. Lucille Watkins Bro. Justice Watkins
Winfield:	Sis. Faye McDonald, Sis. Eloise Norris, Bro. Fletcher Williams, Sis. Mary Berryhill, Sis. Dena Godsey Jagggers.

Report was respectfully and prayerfully submitted. Prayer was rendered by Rev. Edward Puckett, Pastor, Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church.

Finance Committee Report was rendered by Bro. Allen Brasseal in the absence of Chairman, Rev. Thomas Scott. Bro. Letus Atkinson read the report to the Association. Committee reported that the records were in order.

MSC to receive committee's report.

General Board report was rendered by Bro. Letus Atkinson, Assistant Clerk.

MSC to accept report of the General Board and adopt item by item.

MSC to accept Budget for 1999.

MSC to approve meeting places for 1999.

MSC to approve report of the Nominating Committee.

Adopted item by item.

Bro. Harold Crowe led us in singing the hymn "The Lily of the Valley" accompanied by Mrs. Julia Gardner at the piano.

Offering was received, led in prayer by Rev. Don Taggart, Pastor, Free Water Free Will Baptist Church. The offering total was \$90.00

MSC that the offering be given to Rev. Roger Raper, Missionary to Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Bro. Harold Crowe led us in singing "Are You Washed In The Blood?" Accompanied by Mrs. Julia Gardner at the piano.

The morning message was rendered by Rev. Rick Cash, Director of Trinity Camp and Promotional Director of Alabama Free Will Baptists. Bro. Cash used as his text, John 18:19-21. Key phrase was "...behold, they know what I said...." It was a great message. Prayer was rendered by the speaker.

MSC to adjourn. Lunch was provided by the host church.

Prayer was rendered by Bro. Keith Spencer, Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church.

**MINUTES
JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ANNUAL SESSION
DAY TWO
OCTOBER 3, 1998
WINFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WINFIELD, ALABAMA**

Day Two of the 1998 Annual Session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Saturday, October 3, 1998 at 9:00 AM. The session was hosted by the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening hymn, "Brethren We Have Met To Worship" was led by Bro. Wayne Overton accompanied by Mrs. Amy Overton at the piano.

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

Rev. Danny Williams, Pastor, Winfield Free Will Baptist Church, and Moderator gave welcome from the host church.

Bro. Wayne Overton led us in singing the hymn "To God Be The Glory" accompanied by Mrs. Amy Overton at the piano.

Special music was rendered by Rev. Roger Lucas, Pastor, Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church. He sang "The Middle Man" using an accompaniment track.

Prayer was rendered by Rev. Danny Williams, Moderator.

The first message of the day was brought by our special guest, Rev. Randy Wright, Pastor, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Guin, Alabama.

Bro. Wright used as his text 1 Cor. 15:58. After a great message we closed in prayer at the altar.

Break at 10:05.

After the break Bro. Wayne Overton led us in singing "When We All Get To

Heaven" and "Victory In Jesus" accompanied by Mrs. Amy Overton at the piano.

Testimonies were rendered by the following: Bro. Keith Spencer, Rev. John Warren, and Rev. Ricky Robinson.

Special music was rendered by Rev. Danny Williams and his daughter, Bethany, of the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church. They sang "What A Lovely Name".

The second message of the day was rendered by Rev. Don Taggart, Pastor, Free Water Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Taggart used as his text 1 Tim. 6:11. Sermon was entitled "But thou o man of God. It was a great message and reminded us of our responsibilities as the children of God. Prayer was rendered by the speaker.

Bro. Wayne Overton led us in singing "Glory To His Name" accompanied by Mrs. Amy Overton.

Received offering in the amount of \$113.42 to be sent to Rev. Roger Raper, Missionary to Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Special music was rendered by Ms. Bethany Williams, Winfield Free Will Baptist Church. She sang "One Holy Lamb" using an accompaniment track. She did a great job.

The third message was rendered by Rev. Randy Wright, Pastor, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Wright used as his text Jude 24-25. As earlier it was a great message.

Invitation as given with Sis. Sharon Williams at the piano. Song was "I Surrender All".

Closing prayer was by Moderator, Rev. Danny Williams

MSC to adjourn with lunch being provided by the host church.

NOTE: We will reconvene on January 23, 1999, at the Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church at 9:00 AM.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened August 10, 1998 at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Danny J. Williams served as Moderator.

Bro. Letus Atkinson 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: Rev. John E. Warren, Rev. Don Taggart, Rev. Edward Puckett, Fray Stone, Rev. Mike Beckon, Letus Atkinson, Ted Sands, Rev. Tom Scott, O'Neal Funderburk, Rev. Donald A. Smith, Rev. Danny J. Williams, B. P. Atkinson.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Danny J. Williams, Moderator with prayer being offered by Rev. Edward Puckett, Pastor of the Hamilton Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. Danny J. Williams gave devotion with scripture from 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. *Very informative and challenging devotion.*

It was stated that our Annual Session will be October 1-2, 1999.

October 1 meeting will convene at Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

October 2 meeting will convene at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church.

Report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Danny J. Williams.

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. John E. Warren at the Annual Session

MSC -- That Officer Honoraria for 1998-99 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 31 July 1998 was \$1403.84.

Meetings for the coming year:

January 23, 1999 Red Bay Free Will Baptist

June 19, 1999 Hamilton Free Will Baptist

Annual Meeting

October 1, 1999 Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church

October 2, 1998 Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

Budget

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

Adjournment

MSC - That we adjourn.

Closing prayer by Rev. Don Taggart, Pastor of the Free Water Free Will Baptist Church.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The following is a report of the Nominating Committee of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists. The Committee met on Tuesday, August 04, 1998 at the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. The following Committee members were present: Bro. O'Neal Funderburk, Bro. Ted Sands.

Rev. Roger Lucas, Clerk, met with the Committee to record the proceedings.

The following nominations were forwarded to, and approved by, the General Board of the Jasper Association.

POSITION	NOMINEE	TERM EXPIRES
Moderator	Rev. Roger Lucas	2000
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Danny Williams	2000
Clerk/Treasurer	Bro. Letus Atkinson	2000

Assistant Clerk Treasurer	Rev. Donald Taggart	2000
Children's Home Trustee	Rev. Donald Taggart	1999
Trinity Camp Board	Bro. Bryan Silas	2001
Credentials Committee	Rev. W. B. Hughes	1999
	Rev. Greg Rucker	2003
Missions Board	Rev. Ricky Robinson	2000
	Rev. Phillip Miles	2001
	Rev. Tim Smith	2003
Executive Committee	Rev. Williams Atkins	2001
	Rev. Edward Puckett	2003
Nominating Committee	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2003
Finance Committee	Bro. Darren Pollard	2001

The following churches need to elect General Board Members:

Brilliant, Free Water, Hamilton, Mt. Olive, New Liberty, Red Bay, Union Chapel, Winfield.

Thank you, Bro. Moderator for the opportunity to serve on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. O'Neal Funderburk, Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Ted Sands, New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. Roger Lucas, Clerk

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church	Pastor	Rev. William Atkins
178 County Hwy 3		10229 County Hwy 42
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Phone: None Listed		205-468-2423
Clerk: Ms. Lisa Conway	Deacons:	Row Crow
178 County Hwy 83		Mike Tittle
Guin, Alabama 35563		J. P. Franks
205-468-2081		Alan Atkins
Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church	Pastor	Rev. Phillip Miles
P. O. Box 246		232 Crestwood Drive
Brilliant, Alabama 35548		Winfield, Alabama 35594
Phone: None Listed		205-487-3621
Clerk: Mrs. Nancy Webster	Deacons	Blane Doss
14036 Hwy 139		Kermit Cagle
Brilliant, Alabama 35548		
Phone: None Listed		
Carbon Hill Free Will Baptist Church	Pastor:	Rev. Ricky Robinson
701 Mackey Boshell Road		701 Mackey Boshell Road

Jasper, Alabama 35501

Phone: None Listed

Clerk Mrs. Janice Perkins

475 Pierce Road

Carbon Hill, Alabama 35549

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Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church

239 Cedrom Road

Carbon Hill, Alabama 35549

Phone: None Listed

Clerk: Mrs. Hellen Tittle

239 Cedrom Road

Carbon Hill, Alabama 35549

205-924-8132

Free Water Free Will Baptist Church

12272 County Hwy 42

Guin, Alabama 35563

Phone: 205-468-2089

Clerk: Mrs. Janie Miller

8864 State Why 253

Guin, Alabama 35563

205-468-3641

Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church

1126 Military Street

Hamilton, Alabama 35570

Phone: 205-921-4428

Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Burleson

450 County Hwy 1

Hamilton, Alabama 35570

205-921-4395

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

2061 County Hwy 45

Guin, Alabama 35563

Phone: 205-468-3522

Clerk: Mrs. Bryan Silas

2088 County Why 45

Guin, Alabama 35563

205-468-2734

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

6909 State Hwy 253

Guin, Alabama 35563

Phone: 205-468-2325

Jasper, Alabama 35501

205-221-6574

Deacons: L. D. Perkins

John. D. Burkett

Pastor: Rev. John Warren

430 Cedrom Road

Carbon Hill, AL 35549

205-924-9373

Deacons: None Listed

Pastor: Rev. Donald Taggart

12272 County Hwy 42

Guin, Alabama 35563

205-468-2089

Deacons: Douglas Emerson

Hubbard Estes

Harold Crowe

Burgess "Joe" Taylor

Pastor: Rev. Edward Puckett

1126 Military Street

Hamilton, Alabama 35570

205-921-4428

Deacons: Lowell Parker

Fray Stone

Dewel Emerson

Hugh Mac Winsett

Pastor: Rev. Greg Rucker

2061 County Hwy 45

Guin, Alabama 35563

205-468-3262

Deacons: Morgan Bozeman

Billy Norris

Don Norris

Pastor: Rev. Mike Beckon

6909 State Hwy 253

Guin, Alabama 35563

205-468-2325

Clerk: Mrs. Carolyn Franks
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Guin, Alabama 35563
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Lowell Franks
Edgar Atkinson
Milton Rhudy
Danny Franks

Honorary: Howard Franks

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Phil Campbell, Alabama 35581
Phone: 256-993-8090

Pastor: Rev. Tim Smith
29 Hwy 59
Phil Campbell, AL 35581
256-993-5434

Clerk: Mrs. Dee Dee Smith
29 Hwy 59
Phil Campbell, Alabama 35581
256-993-5434

Deacons: Charles Nix
Clyde Freeman

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PO Box 1021
Winfield, Alabama 35594
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Pastor: Rev. Donald Smith
1321 Arthur Smith Road
Bankston, AL 35542
205-689-4845

Clerk: Mrs. Mary Ann Wiginton
4716 County Road 47
Brilliant, Alabama 35548
205-465-9219

Deacons: Wayne Atkins

Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church
28180 State Hwy 253
Hackleburg, Alabama 35564
Phone: None Listed

Pastor: Rev. Michael Frederick
120 Nix Road
Hackleburg, AL 35564
256-935-5197

Clerk: Mrs. Lucille Anglin
28180 State Hwy 253
Hackleburg, Alabama 35564
256-935-3795

Deacons: Paul Jagers
Jerry Anglin
J. D. Jones
Leburn Hudson
Donald McKinney

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1960 U. S. Hwy 43
Winfield, Alabama 35594
Phone: 205-487-6548

Pastor: Rev. Danny Williams
235 Meadowlark Road
Winfield, AL 35594
205-487-6992

Clerk: Mrs. Leatrice Overton
341 Meadowlark Road
Winfield, Alabama 35594
205-487-3330

Deacons: Bill Overton
B. P. Atkinson, Jr.
Ira Baccus
Carl Atkinson
Garlon Holliman

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Rev. Hershel Beard

241 Airport Road

Russellville, Alabama 35653

205-332-5675

Rev. Richard Cordell

919-580-9560

Rev. Dave Franks, Sr.

PO Box 5002

Antioch, Tennessee 37011-5002

615-7312-6812

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Rev. Nicholas Hollis

Rev. O. Z. Johnson

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Amory, Mississippi 38821

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205-487-4272

Rev. William Norris

PO Box 256

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205-468-3540

Rev. Ron Scott

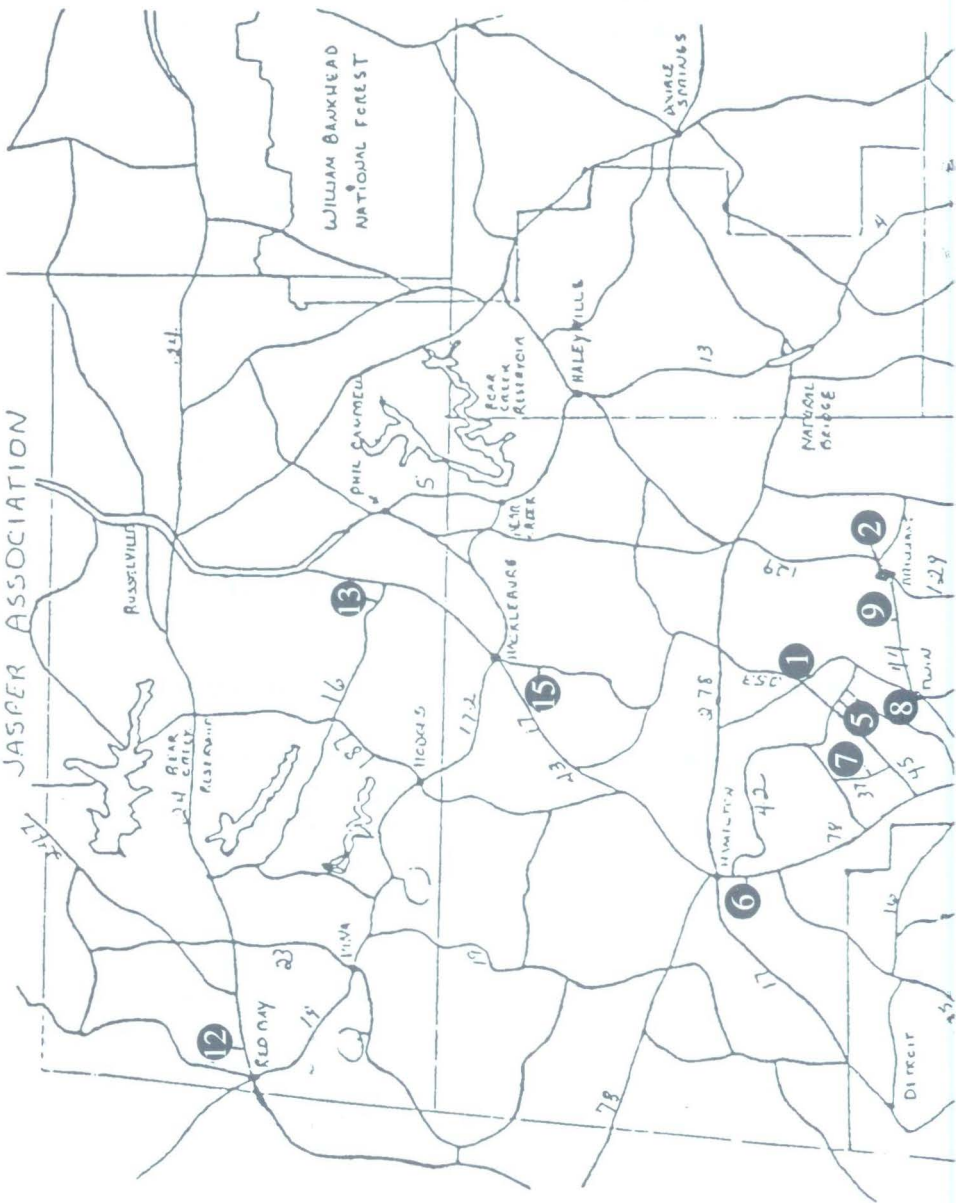
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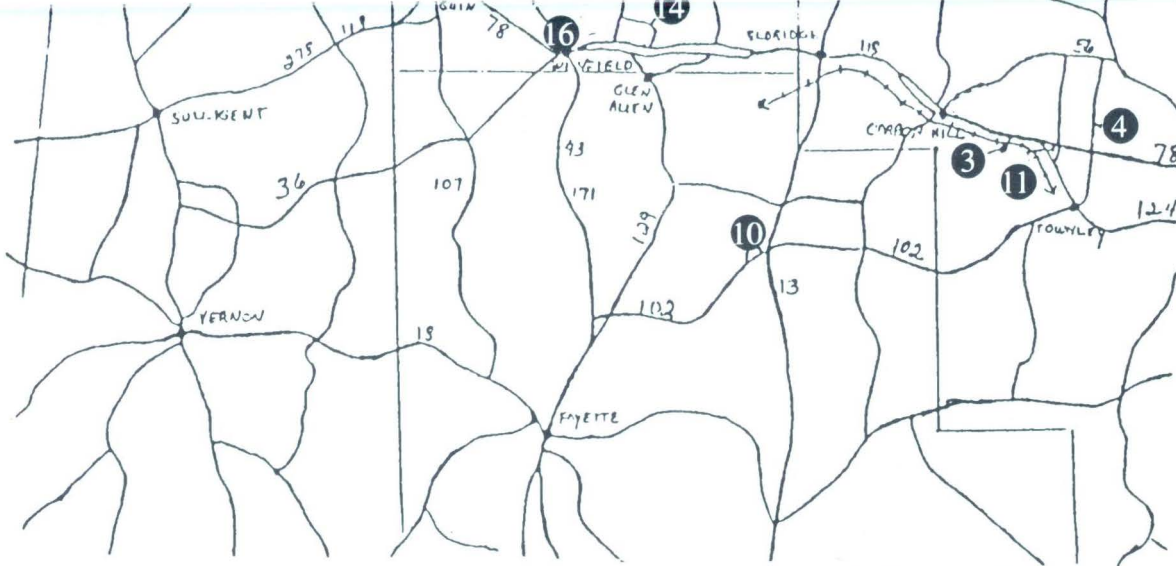
Rev. Randall Tice

2082 County Road 90

Hamilton, Alabama 35570

205-821-4034

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

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

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JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1998-1999 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	200.00
Minutes	500.00
Postage and Supplies	100.00
State Associational Dues	850.00
TOTAL	\$3120.00

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

1 OCTOBER 1997 - 31 AUGUST, 1998

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$2000.81

RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD

9 Oct. 97	Annual dues for 17 churches	\$ 850.00
9 Oct. 97	Retired Ministers (By Cedrom Grove Church)	59.84
6 Jan. 98	Retired Ministers (By Cedrom Grove Church)	59.17
26 Jan. 98	Dues for 11 Churches	700.00
	Offering	223.22
5 Feb. 98	Dues for 4 Churches	260.00
12 Feb. 98	Dues for 2 Churches	130.00
12 Mar 98	Retired Ministers	50.55
23 Jun. 98	Dues from Churches	1035.00
	Offering	100.10

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD \$5,689.97

EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD

CHECK #	DATE		
227	25 Sep. 97	Rev. Danny J. Williams (Duties for period)	\$65.00
228	25 Sep. 97	Rev. Greg Rucker (Duties for period)	20.00
229	25 Sep. 97	Rev. Roger Lucas (Duties for period)	200.00
230	25 Sep. 97	Letus Atkinson (Duties for period)	85.00
231	4 Oct. 97	Rev. Al Hamm (Speaker for Annual Session) . .	300.00
232	21 Oct. 97	Alabama State Assn. of FWB	850.00
233	21 Oct. 97	Gideons International	145.00
234	21 Oct. 97	Alabama State Promotional Office	76.28
235	24 Oct. 97	Rev. O. Z. Johnson (1/2 Retired Ministers Fund)	302.27
236	24 Oct. 97	Rev. William E. Atkinson (1/2 Retired Ministers Fund)	302.26
237	8 Jan. 98	Mary Ruth Atkinson (Long Distance Phone Calls)	30.00
238	23 Jan. 98	Thumbprint (Printing of Mintues)	520.00
239	27 Jan. 98	AL Promotional Director	223.22
240	5 Feb. 98	Barbara's Flower Shop (Bro Mayhall)	35.00
241	13 Feb. 98	Pastors & Workers Conference	200.00
242	13 Feb. 98	Trinity FWB Youth Camp (Budgeted Item)	500.00
243	13 Feb. 98	FWB State Pmotional Office (Budgeted Item)	300.00
244	30 Feb. 98	Rev. Roger Lucas (Stamps)	32.00
245	24 Jun. 98	Alabama FWB Home Missions (Vote of Body 6-20-98)	100.10

TOTAL EXPENDITURE DURING PERIOD **\$4,286.13**

BALANCE IN BANK 31 AUGUST 1996 **\$1403.84**

Letus Atkinson Clerk/Treasurer Jasper Assn FWB

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

INFLOWS

AL State	
Brilliant	195.57
Cedrom Grove	258.24
Cooper	94.00
Eldridge	15.00
Forestdale	500.00
Free Water	105.00
Free Will Chapel	132.28
Harvest	10.00
Individuals	220.00
Jasper Assn.	500.00
Liberty FWB J	10,352.97

Macedonia	2.00	
Mt. Harmony	400.00	
Mt. Olive	1,205.00	
New Center Point	444.66	
Phillips Chapel	10.00	
Pocahontas	328.64	
Poplar Log	4.00	
Prattville	21.00	
South Highland	500.00	
Springfield FWB	342.48	
Tabernacle	100.00	
Union-Abbeville	35.00	
Vernon FWB	70.41	
Winfield	1,411.00	
<u>WNAC</u>	<u>32.00</u>	
Total AL State		17,289.25
Amory FWB		523.98
Belk FWB		862.73
Calvary Baptist		500.00
Camp Fees		33,262.10
Camp Rental		5,758.00
Cedrom Grove		25.00
Citizens Bank		37.50
Davis Chapel		40.00
Fayette FWB		4,476.41
FCA		157.50
First Guin		224.71
Florence FWB		100.00
Forestdale FWB		150.00
Free Will Chapel		273.60
Free Water FWB		200.00
Freedom Baptist		350.00
Gateway FWB		860.04
Hamilton, FWB		110.00
Hilltop FWB		230.00
Individuals		3,757.95
Insurance Ref.		2,271.67
Jasper FWB		1,353.59
Landmark FWB		382.05
Madison FWB		200.00
Misc. Income		904.18
Mt. Harmony FWB		180.00
Mt. Moriah		50.00

New Center Point	370.67
New Liberty FWB	650.00
Offerings	598.16
Pearl FWB	332.73
Piney Grove FWB	5,310.00
Prattsville FWB	5.00
Progressive As.	100.00
Red Bay FWB	1,464.43
Shady Grove FWB	1,229.17
Snack Shop	7,938.55
South Highland	343.00
Southpark FWB	25.00
Sulligent FWB	1,075.00
Townley FWB	200.00
Union Chapel J	410.00
Union Chapel V	50.00
Vernon FWB	771.61
Winfield FWB	603.00
WNAC Tn.	<u>815.00</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS	96,821.58
OUTFLOWS	
Advertising	1,094.93
Bank Chrg	28.00
Board	40.88
Bus. Insurance	8,133.67
Camp Offering	175.00
Cleaning Supplies	261.44
Concessions	5,567.45
Construction	891.05
Equipment	6,433.54
Food	12,398.10
Honoraria	4,500.00
Life Guard	1,175.00
Loan	4,000.00
Misc.	1,220.76
Office	613.33
Paper Supplies	2,830.80
Pool	1,108.26
Postage	531.81
Program	1,057.48
Recreation	2,752.75
Repairs-Upkeep	3,057.38

Retirement	1,700.00	
Salary		
Insurance	1,300.00	
Retirement	2,300.00	
Salary	9,600.00	
Tax S.S.	1,000.00	
Total Salary		14,200.00
Scholarship		1,500.00
Telephone		1,932.39
Travel		993.40
Travel - Evg.		1,611.00
Utilities:		
Electric	8,021.57	
Garbage	06.00	
Gas	1,291.79	
Water	<u>1,634.07</u>	
Total Utilities		11,043.43
Wages		
Maintenance	462.00	
Secretary	579.36	
Staff	<u>5,925.00</u>	
Total Wages		<u>6,966.36</u>
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		<u>96,118.21</u>
OVERALL TOTAL		703.37
9/1/97 Beginning Balance	\$73.06	
8/31/98 Ending Balance	\$776.43	

YOUTH CAMP ATTENDANCE:

CAMP	ATTEND.	SAVED	PREACH	MISSIONS	REDED.	FULL TIME
MIDSOUTH	57	2			40	
VDBANQUET	200					
P. WIVES	12					
SPRETREAT	75					
TEEN I	95	2		1	39	
TEEN II	125	10	1	1		
JUNIOR I	141	17			60	
JUNIOR II	85	12		1	29	
JUNIOR III	46	5	1	1		
TEEN III	95	5	3			4
FREEDOM	115	1			45	
CALVARY	110	3			40	
NEW HOPE	100	13			60	1
LCA	95	2				
MEN	50					
PASTORS	20					
TOTALS	1421	72	5	4	313	5

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 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 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 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.



