

**JASPER  
ASSOCIATION  
of  
Free Will  
Baptists**

**1999  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**2000 SESSION**

**29 September 2000**

**Free Water FWB Church**

**30 September 2000**

**New Liberty FWB Church**

		Members	Members Dismissed	Members Baptised	Present Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Enrollment	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Associational Funds
<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>PASTOR</b>									
<b>Bethlehem</b>	William L. Atkins	6	1	1	60	45		1		195.00
<b>Brilliant</b>	Phillip Miles	3	8	4	80	55		2		195.00
<b>Carbon Hill</b>	Ricky Robinson	5	9	1	38	12		2		195.00
<b>Cedrom Grove</b>	John E. Warren	3		2	45	38		1		195.00
<b>Free Water</b>	Don Taggart	7	1	2	205	60		1		195.00
<b>Hamilton</b>	Edward Puckett							1		195.00
<b>Liberty</b>	Jeff Skiles	14	5	2	157	80		2		195.00
<b>Mt. Olive</b>	Michael Beckon	14	4	3	321	94		4		195.00
<b>Mt. Pleasant</b>	Keith Spencer	7		1	199	35		1		195.00
<b>New Liberty</b>	Darren Pollard	25	7	17	274	90		1		195.00
<b>Pocahontas</b>	Roger Lucas	3		2	157	60		1		195.00
<b>Red Bay</b>	Tomas Scott	20	4	13	361	225		1		195.00
<b>Shady Grove</b>	Jerry Boyles	17	4	4	108	75		1		195.00
<b>Union Chapel</b>	Donald A. Smith	4		3				1		195.00
<b>Union Hill</b>	Michael Frederick	10	3	8	150	69		1		195.00
<b>Winfield</b>	Danny J. Williams	8	2	8	251	215		4	2	195.00

**MINUTES**  
of the <sup>THIRTEENTH</sup>  
**One Hundred & Eleventh**  
**Annual Session**

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

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

And  
**MOUNT OLIVE FWB CHURCH**  
**OCTOBER 1 & 2, 1999**

## ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

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

### BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

<b>State Board Member:</b>	Rev. Roger Lucas	2000
<b>Children's Home Trustee:</b>	Rev. Don Taggart	2000
<b>Trinity FWB Camp Board:</b>	Rev. Danny J. Williams	2000
	Bro. Bryan Silas	2001
	Rev. Darren Pollard	2002
<b>Credentials Committee:</b>	Rev. Don Taggart	2000
	Rev. Danny J. Williams	2001
	Rev. Edward Puckett	2002
	Rev. Mike Beckon	2003
	Rev. William E. Atkinson	2004
<b>Missions Board:</b>	Rev. Ricky Robinson	2000
	Rev. Philip Miles	2001
	Bro. Ernest Harris	2002
	Rev. Keith Spencer	2003
	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2004
<b>Executive Committee:</b>	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2000
	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2001
	Rev. John Warren	2002
	Rev. Edward Puckett	2003
	Rev. Mike Beckon	2004

<b>Nominating Committee:</b>	Bro. Ted Sands	2000
	Bro. Billy Wisham	2001
	Bro. Fray Stone	2002
	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2003
	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2004
<b>Finance:</b>	Rev. Thomas Scott	2000
	Bro. Darren Pollard	2001
	Rev. David Gilbert	2002

### **General Board:**

ALL PASTORS are now members of the General Board.

#### Church Representatives

Bethlehem	Bro. Bentley Crow	2000
Brilliant		
Carbon Hill First	Bro. Richard Griffin	2000
Cedrom Grove	Rev. Tim Barnes	2000
Free Water		
Hamilton	Bro. Fray Stone	2000
Liberty	Bro. Billy Wisham	2000
Mt. Olive	Bro. Letus Atkinson	2000
Mt. Pleasant	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2001
New Liberty	Bro. Ted Sands	2001
Pocahontas	Bro. Brian Sparks	2001
Red Bay	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2001
Shady Grove		
Union Chapel	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2001
Union Hill	Bro. Paul Jagers	2001
Winfield		



**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists  
District Meeting January 23, 1999  
Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church**

The District Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Roger Lucas at 9:00 AM. Bro. Brad Williams, Youth and Music Director of Red Bay FWB Church led congregation in singing *Victory In Jesus* and *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*, followed by prayer by Rev. Mike Beckon, Pastor of Mount Olive FWB Church. Welcome was given by Rev. Thomas Scott, Pastor of host church, Red Bay FWB Church.

The moderator then called for the seating of delegates for this meeting. MSC that delegates be seated.

The January District Meeting of the Jasper Association is used to hear from missionaries both home and foreign of Free Will Baptists. We will list them and highlights of their comments in the order in which they spoke in this meeting.

*Rev. Fred Warner, Director Church Relations, Foreign Missions, Nashville, TN.* Rev. Warner used as his text Romans 12:1-2. Subject: CONSECRATION Living the Word, knowing the Word, presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, the character of consecration (personal by choice). He stressed the point that it is our choice of how much we love and let Jesus use us and money or possessions will not interfere with a consecrated person. Consecration is always PURE and CLEAN - To be consecrated is reasonable for HIS blood bought people.

*Rev. Chris Fannin, Home Missionary to Puerto Rico.* Rev. Fannin used Ephesians 5:17 as his text. Subject: God has a plan for all his people. No longer is SIN a SIN (God has not changed but people have changed). All through God's Word He has warning signals but people are ignoring them over and over. We should live and speak as the Lord tells us to in His Word. In many instances we do not live as the Word tells us to. We must never give bad advice.

*Rev. Paul Creech, Foreign Missionary to Ivory Coast.* Rev. Creech used Phil 2:9-11 as his text. Subject: Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord. Christ is lifted up through the Word in the Bible. He gave remarks on market area in Ivory Coast - smell, crowds and the customs of the market people (Muslim people pray certain times each day) and challenged us to pray more.

We in America are guilty of not lifting up Jesus. We have changed, He has not and will never change. We must pray more (He challenged us to pray more in private.)

*Rev. Paul Park, Home Missionary Korean Ministry.* Rev. Park used John 20:1-10 as his text and gave the following points - (1) To be saved, one must believe in Jesus. (2) After salvation we are commanded to GO. Free Will

Baptists must send missionaries to the whole world. (3) Tell all the world about Jesus (His death, burial, and resurrection.)

*Rev. Kevin Stacy, Missionary to unreached people.* Rev. Stacy used Gen 12:1-3 and various other references in the Bible. Subject: Strategy of the church. God has always been interested in missions. To His created world He has always wanted to redeem His created human beings and bring them back to Him through redemption. For missions to succeed it is a daily responsibility for all of His people. All authority is given unto our Lord. Love and serve Him daily will get the job done. God never changes, people do. The Church must use good strategy.

Break 10:35 - 11:00

Bro. Brad Williams led congregation in singing *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*.

Rev. Thomas Scott, Pastor of Red Bay FWB Church and Chairman of Credentials Committee gave the following report. We, the Credentials Committee recommend that Rev. Mike Beckon, Pastor of Mount Olive FWB Church, be accepted into full fellowship in this association. MSC.

Special music was given by Mrs. Leslie Wright of Red Bay FWB Church, who sang *I Dreamed I Went to Heaven* and by Ms. Whitney Sparks, Pocahontas FWB Church, who sang *Thank You for Giving to the Lord*.

*Rev. Dennis Haygood, Home Missionary to South Huntsville, Alabama.* Rev. Haygood used Exodus 35:5-22. Subject: A willing heart. He made five points, (1) One must have a warm heart (2) A willing mind (3) a willing consecration (4) a willing trust or obedience (5) a willing will or submission. He then spoke on things that have and are happening in South Huntsville, AL to the South Park FWB Church, told about knocking on 7000 doors with no salvation decisions but that they would not give up. Told of two families who came to their church who were seeking a church that preached and taught the Word in truth and simplicity.

*Rev. Mike Corley, Foreign Missionary to Russia.* Rev. Corley used II Tim 1:12 as his text. Subject: How committed are we?? How deep is our commitment to and for Him. Our freedom and liberties could be taken from us at any time here in America. In Russia, most Christians know what persecution really is. He gave some examples of things that have and are happening. The window of opportunity to preach and teach the gospel is open now but only God knows for how long. Persecution may be the only way for Christians in America to get really committed like the early church in Acts was.

*Rev. Rick Cash, State FWB Promotional Office and Trinity Youth Camp Director.* Rev. Cash used Matthew 14:27-29 Subject: Come. He made the following points (1) He bid Peter to come (2) He still says come to all (3) all He calls He enables (4) a call to comfort (He comforts all He calls) (5) A call to

service (He empowers for service) With God we can do what He bids us do.

*Rev. David Crowe, National Home Missions Department.* Rev. Crowe used II Peter 1:1-14 Subject: The building process for the redeemed. He stated that edification produces evangelism and that evangelism produces results so we must not be barren or blind. There is an entrance abundantly into Heaven for all who do those things listed in these verses.

MSC to adjourn with altar call for all who would participate. Lunch was provided by the members of the red Bay FWB Church.

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

#### **MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 1999 MEETING**

The June 1999 District Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened on June 19, 1998 at the Hamilton FWB Church, Hamilton, AL. The meeting began with the singing of *Stand Up For Jesus*, led by Bro. Brad Williams, Youth and Music Director of the Red Bay FWB Church with prayer by Rev. Jerry Williams of the Winfield FWB Church.

After opening remarks by Moderator, Rev. Roger Lucas, welcome given by host pastor, Rev. Edward Puckett of the Hamilton FWB Church, followed by devotion given by Bro. Ben Franklin who used Jonah 1-4:1. Subject: Share Jesus.

Bro. Brad Williams then led the congregation in singing *At Calvary* and *When The Roll is Called Up Yonder*. Rev. Roger Lucas, Moderator then called the meeting to order and seated the delegates.

The following reports were given: Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp, given by Rev. Rick Cash (also the Alabama State Promotional Office report; Alabama FWB Home Missions and Acts 1:8, given by Rev. Danny J. Williams; Free Will Baptist Children's Home report given by Rev. Don Taggart. MSC that these reports be received.

Special music was presented by Ms Emily Miles of the Brilliant FWB Church who sang *He's Even Blessing Me Now*.

Rev. Keith Spencer, pastor Mount Pleasant FWB Church brought the first message. He used Proverbs 22:6. Subject: Train Up a Child. He stated that children's first need is to know the Lord, then help in spiritual matters; then and only then will they not depart when they are old. God's Word has answers for all our needs never our wants. Outside of marriage, there is no such thing as safe sex. He stated that in no way can children be trained up properly in secular education but only in Christian homes and churches.

#### **BREAK**

Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett led the congregation in singing *My Saviour's Love* and *Victory in Jesus*. Rev. Thomas Scott then gave the Credentials Committee report which was accepted. Rev. Donald A. Smith then gave the Mission Board



report giving the organization of people who had agreed to help him promote raising funds for the church in South Huntsville. He asked that all churches in this association allow someone from the Mission Board to speak at their churches. Rev. Dennis then spoke briefly on the Huntsville work and showed a video of that work.

Special music by Hugh Mac Winsett, Hamilton FWB Church who sang *The Cross Made The Difference*.

Rev. Mike Beckon, pastor of Mount Olive FWB Church brought the second message. He used Revelation 3:14-22. He noted that John is exiled for refusing to quit preaching. He then made the following points: (1) The church at Laodicea's opinion of itself versus the Lord's opinion, which is vastly different. (They thought they were rich and increased with goods - God says they are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.) (2) I Kings 18:25-41, what we need is God's fire as proved by Elijah (God working through him) versus the prophets of Baal. Elijah repairs the altar of the Lord that was broken and with stones (twelve) he built an altar in the name of the Lord, he then made a trench about the altar, then put the word in order and cut the bullock to pieces. He then told them to fill four barrels with water and pour it on the sacrifice and on the wood. They repeated this process three times. Elijah prayed (a short prayer) and asked God to prove Himself. God answered. Fire fell and consumed everything plus the water in the trenches. The people then said that the Lord is God. (3) Prevailing prayer always brings results. (4) Lastly came abundant rain that ended the three and a half years without any rain. (5) Jesus knocks on heart's door but the people must answer their hearts to Him.

The meeting closed with altar prayer.

After being adjourned, a bountiful lunch was served by the host church.

**MINUTES**  
**JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**DAY ONE**  
**OCTOBER 1, 1999**  
**CEDROM GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**CARBON HILL, ALABAMA**

The 1999 Annual Session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Friday, October 1, 1999 at 9:00 AM at the Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening hymn, *Victory in Jesus* was led by Rev. Danny J. Williams accompanied by Mrs. John E. Warren.

Prayer was led by Rev. John E. Warren, pastor of the host church, Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening remarks were given by Rev. Roger Lucas, Moderator.

Welcome was given by Rev. John E. Warren, pastor, Cedrom Grove FWB Church.

Devotion was given by Bro. Michael Tittle, member of Cedrom Grove FWB Church. He used II Timothy 3:1-5, 10-14; and Revelation 3:1-6. *The Thought is to Continue*. Prayer was by the speaker.

MSC that the delegates be seated.

Resolution and Appreciation Committee appointed by the moderator.

Rev. Michael J. Frederick

Rev. W. A. Roberts

Bro. Fray Stone

Obituary Committee appointed by the moderator

Rev. William L. Atkins

Bro. Allen Brasseal

Bro. Frank Pugh

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

Report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Thomas Scott, Pastor, Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church. Committee recommended the acceptance of Rev. Jeffrey Skiles into this association.

MSC Rev. Jeffrey Skiles into this association.

Break at 10:00 AM

Report of the Resolution and Appreciation Committee was rendered by Rev. Michael J. Frederick, Chairman. Gave appreciation to the Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church and Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church for the use of their facilities and hospitality by the host churches.

Obituary Committee report was rendered by Bro. Allen Brasseal. The report is as follows:

Bethlehem:	Bro. Woodrow Franks
Brilliant	Bro. Claude Pridmore, Bro. Rufus Fields, Sis. Iva Lee Beauchamp
Carbon Hill:	Bro. George Capps
Free Water:	Bro. Grady Kivette
Liberty:	Sis. Mary Evelyn Harris
Mt. Olive:	Sis. Sara Nell Flippo, Bro. Paul Wilson, Sis. Lellia Berryhill, Bro. Ozell Eads
New Liberty:	Sis. Gwendolyn Buckner, Sis. Florence Whitson, Sis. Willodean Burkett, Sis. Celia Nairmore, Bro. Arthur Smith
Red Bay:	Bro. Keith Stone, Bro. Ernest Thorn, Bro. Houston McKinney
Union Hill:	Sis. Aggie Lacy, Sis. Fay Nell Jones, Sis. Etma Carter

Winfield:

Sis. Nettie Hughes, Bro. Leburn Stovall

Report was respectfully and prayerfully submitted. Prayer was by Rev. Michael Beckon, Pastor, Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church.

Finance Committee chairman Rev. Thomas Scott, Pastor, Red Bay FWB Church gave the Finance Report of the Jasper Association. Bro. Letus Atkinson read the report to the body.

MSC to receive committee's report.

Mission Board Report was given by Rev. Danny J. Williams, Pastor, Winfield FWB Church. He stated that the Huntsville Land Fund Project was being pushed by this association and that there is more help needed so that land can be gotten for this project. he stated that the Prattville Mission is doing well, but that Mr. and Mrs. Jones are having some physical problems. He stated that all donations should be sent through the State Promotional Office, Rev. Rick Cash.

General Board report was given by Bro. Letus Atkinson, Clerk/Treasurer MSC to accept report of the General Board and adopt item by item.

MSC to accept Budget for 2000.

MSC to approve meeting places for 2000.

MSC to approve report of the Nominating Committee.

Adopted item by item.

Bro. Brad Williams led us in singing *Joy Unspeakable* and *Amazing Grace* accompanied by Mrs. John E. Warren at the piano. Rev. Roger Lucas then sang *Thank You Lord*, which was very good.

The morning message was rendered by Rev. Danny Thompson, Pastor, Oaklawn FWB Church, Chapmansboro, TN. He used Proverbs 30:11-14; Acts 13:36; and I Samuel 16:11-12. Title: Making A Difference in Our Generation. He stressed responsibility and accountability. He then used three points in the following order (1) a servant's heart (2) by God's will (3) serve till death. Service was closed with altar prayer led by Rev. Danny J. Williams, Pastor, Winfield FWB Church.

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

**MINUTES**  
**JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**DAY TWO**  
**OCTOBER 2, 1999**  
**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 2, 1999 at 9:00 AM. The session was opened by the congregation singing Victory in Jesus, led by Bro. Brad Williams



with Mrs. Carolyn Pugh at the piano.

Rev. Roger Lucas gave us some thoughts using Psalms 142:5. Prayer was by the speaker. Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Michael Beckon of Mount Olive FWB Church, who closed his remarks with prayer. Bro. Brad Williams then led the congregation in singing *His Grace Is Sufficient*.

Rev. James Walden, retired pastor from Kennedy, AL, brought us a message entitled Offence of the Cross using scripture from Galatians 5:1-4, 11. He stressed five points (1) the Cross offends pride, (2) the Cross excludes all false religions, (3) the Cross is inclusive and exclusive, (4) the simplicity of the Cross, and (5) the Cross offends because of the holiness it creates.

Break

Bro. Brad Williams, with Mrs. Carolyn Pugh at the piano and Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett at organ, led the congregation in singing *A New Name Written Down in Glory*. Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett sang a special, *The Greatest of Miracles*.

Rev. Danny Thompson, Pastor, Oaklawn FWB Church, Chapmansboro, TN brought the message using Philippians 4:6-13, God's Prescription for Worry, a very informative and challenging message.

Bro. Brad Williams led the congregation in singing *He Touched Me*. Prayer was by Rev. Edward Puckett, Pastor of Hamilton FWB Church. Offering was received with MSC to use for ACTS 1-8. \$139.00 was received. Special music was rendered by Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett who sang *When He Was on The Cross*. (Very good.)

Rev. James Walden, retired minister from Kennedy, brought the message from Titus 1:1-16. The subject: Being Faithful in All Things. A good message. MSC to adjourn with lunch being provided by the host church. Closing prayer was by Rev. Keith Spencer, Pastor, Mt. Pleasant FWB Church.

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened August 9, 1999 at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Roger Lucas served as moderator.

Bro. Letus Atkinson served clerk.

The following board members were present: Rev. Ricky Robinson, Mrs. John E. Warren, representing husband, Rev. John E. Warren, Rev. Don Taggart, Bro. Fray Stone, Rev. Jeffrey Skiles, Bro. Billy Norris, representing Bro. Billy Wisham, Rev. Mike Beckon, Bro. Letus Atkinson, Bro. J. O. Erwin, Rev. Darren Pollard, Bro. Ted Sands, Rev. Roger Lucas, Rev. Thomas Scott, Bro. O'Neal Funderburk, Rev. Donald A. Smith, Bro. Wayne Atkins, Rev. Danny J. Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Roger Lucas, moderator with prayer by Rev. Mike Beckon, pastor of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Roger Lucas gave a message entitled, The Way Ahead using Isaiah

30:20-21, with other scriptures. A very challenging and informative message.  
It was stated that our next annual session will be held on September 29 and 30, 2000

September 29 meeting will be held at Free Water Free Will Baptist Church.

September 30 meeting will be held at New Liberty 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 be presented at the annual session.

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

Report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by Rev. Don Taggart as information.

MSC -- That honoraria for 1999-2000 (officers of association) 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 balance as of 31 July 1999 was \$2712.11

#### **Meetings for the coming year:**

January 22, 2000 Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church

June 17, 2000 Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

#### **Annual Meeting**

September 29, 2000 Free Water Free Will Baptist Church

September 30, 2000 New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

#### **Budget**

MSC - That previously budgeted items remain the same, i.e. Officer Honoraria, Trinity Free Will Baptist Camp, State Promotional Office, Pastors and Workers Conference.

MSC - That we adjourn.

Closing prayer by Rev. Thomas Scott, pastor of the Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Nominating Committee of the Jasper Association of FWB's met at the Hamilton FWB Church on August 3, 1999, with the following members present:

J. O. Erwin (Mt. Pleasant) Allen Brasseal (Guest - Mt. Pleasant)

Ted Sands (New Liberty) Terry May (Guest - Mt. Pleasant)

Billy Wisham (Liberty) Letus Atkinson (Clerk - Mt. Olive)

Fray Stone (Hamilton)

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

POSITION	NOMINEE	TERM EXPIRES
Children's Home Trustee	Rev. Don Taggart	2000



Credentials Committee	Rev. William E. Atkinson	2004
	Rev. Mike Beckon	2003
	Rev. Don Taggart	2000
Missions Board	Rev. Donald Smith	2004
	Rev. Keith Spencer	2003
Trinity Youth Camp	Rev. Darren Pollard	2002
Executive Committee	Rev. Mike Beckon	2004
	Donald Smith	2001
Nominating Committee	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2004
Finance Committee	Bro. David Gilbert	2002

The following churches need to elect General Board Members:

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

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Erwin

Ted Sands

Fray Stone

Billy Wisham

Letus Atkinson, Recorder

## JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church	Pastor	Rev. William Atkins
State Highway 253		10229 County Hwy 42
Guin, Alabama 35563		Guin, Alabama 35563
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, AL 35594
Phone: None Listed		205-487-3621
Clerk: Mrs. Nancy Webster	Deacons	Blane Doss
14036 Hwy 139		Kermit Cagle
Brilliant, Alabama 35548		
205-465-2500		
Carbon Hill Free Will Baptist Church	Pastor:	Rev. Ricky Robinson
701 Mackey Boshell Road		701 Mackey Boshell Rd.
Jasper, Alabama 35501		Jasper, Alabama 35501
Phone: None Listed		205-221-6574

Clerk Mrs. Janice Perkins  
475 Pierce Road  
Carbon Hill, AL 35549  
Phone: 205-924-4158

Deacons: L. D. Perkins  
John. D. Burkett

Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church Pastor: Rev. John E. Warren  
239 Cedrom Road 430 Cedrom Road  
Carbon Hill, AL 35549 Carbon Hill, AL 35549  
Phone: None Listed 205-924-9373

Clerk: Mrs. Helen Tittle Deacons: None Listed  
239 Cedrom Road  
Carbon Hill, AL 35549  
205-924-8132

Free Water Free Will Baptist Church Pastor: Rev. Donald Taggart  
12272 County Hwy 42 12272 County Hwy 42  
Guin, AL 35563 Guin, AL 35563  
Phone: 205-468-2089 205-468-2089

Clerk: Mrs. Janie Miller Deacons: Douglas Emerson  
8864 State Why 253 Hubbard Estes  
Guin, Alabama 35563 Harold Crowe  
205-468-3641 Burgess "Joe" Taylor

Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church Pastor: Rev. Edward Puckett  
1126 Military Street 1126 Military Street  
Hamilton, Alabama 35570 Hamilton, AL 35570  
Phone: 205-921-4428 205-921-4428

Clerk: Mrs. Dorothy Winsett Deacons: Fray Stone  
P. O. Box 1258 Lowell Parker  
Hamilton, AL 35570 Hugh Mac Winsett  
205-921-42655 Dewel Emerson

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Skiles  
2061 County Hwy 45 2061 County Hwy 45  
Guin, Alabama 35563 Guin, Alabama 35563  
Phone: 205-468-3522 205-468-3522

Clerk: Mrs. Bryan Silas Deacons: Billy Norris  
2088 County Why 45 Morgan Bozeman  
Guin, Alabama 35563 Don Norris  
205-468-2734 Earlie Dickinson (Inactive)

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church Pastor: Rev. Mike Beckon  
6909 State Hwy 253 6909 State Hwy 253  
Guin, Alabama 35563 Guin, Alabama 35563  
Phone: 205-468-2325 205-468-8169

Clerk: Mrs. Carolyn Franks  
5178 State Hwy 44  
Guin, Alabama 35563  
205-468-2435

Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church  
5072 State Hwy 44  
Guin, Alabama 35563  
Phone: None Listed  
Clerk: Mrs. Reba May  
5072 State Hwy 44  
Guin, Alabama 35563  
205-468-2863

New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church  
456 New Liberty Road  
Bankston, AL 35542  
Phone: 205-689-4102  
Clerk: Ms. Angie Smith  
12450 Hwy 13 North  
Bankston, AL 35542  
205-689-4453

Pocahontas Free Will baptist Church  
225 Rubley Road/PO Box 699  
Carbon Hill, AL 35549  
Phone: 205-924-3184  
Clerk: Mrs. Bernice Atkins  
1883 McDade Road  
Carbon Hill, AL 35549  
205-924-9978

Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church  
PO Box 457  
Red Bay, Alabama 35582  
Phone: 256-356-9920  
Clerk: Mrs. Agnes J. White  
1821 Hwy 124  
Red Bay, AL 35582  
256-356-4307

Deacons: Danny Franks  
Edgar Atkinson  
Lowell Franks  
Milton Rhudy  
Howard Franks (Inactive)

Pastor: Rev. Keith Spencer  
3950 County Hwy 57  
Brilliant, AL 35548  
205-468-9012

Deacons: Terry O. May

Pastor: Bro. Darren Pollard  
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Bankston, AL 35542  
205-689-4102

Deacons: Ted Sands  
Victor Smith  
Ray Selman  
Kip Madison  
Daniel Smith  
Marty Lowery  
Charles Odom

Pastor: Rev. Roger Lucas  
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Deacons: Ross White  
Willard Purser  
Ralph Purser  
Robert Newell  
Raymon Blackburn  
Elmer Lee Self  
Mike Jones

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Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church PO Box 1021 Winfield, AL 35594 Phone: None Listed	Pastor: Rev. Donald ASmith 1321 Arthur Smith Road Bankston, AL 35542 205-689-4845
Clerk: Mrs. Mary Ann Wiginton 4716 County Road 47 Brilliant, AL 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, AL 35564 256-935-3795	Deacons: Paul Jagers J. D. Jones Leburn Hudson Donald McKinney
Winfield Free Will Baptist Church 1960 U. S. Hwy 43 Winfield, AL 35594 Phone: 205-487-6548	Pastor: Rev. Danny Williams 235 Meadowlark Road Winfield, AL 35594 205-487-6992
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### JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS PROPOSED BUDGET 1999-2000

Proposed Income (Fees from 16 Local Churches)	
(\$75 per session) . . . . .	\$3600.00
(Offerings) . . . . .	<u>300.00</u>
Total Income . . . . .	\$3900.00
Expenditures:	
Moderator . . . . .	\$ 65.00
Assistant . . . . .	20.00
Clerk . . . . .	200.00
Assistant Clerk . . . . .	85.00
Guest Speakers . . . . .	500.00
Trinity Camp . . . . .	500.00
State Office . . . . .	300.00
Pastors and Workers Conference . . . . .	200.00
Printing of Minutes . . . . .	500.00
Postage/Supplies . . . . .	100.00
State Associational Dues . . . . .	850.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	70.00
State Association Dues . . . . .	<u>1360.00</u>
TOTAL . . . . .	\$3900.00



**JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT**

**1 SEP 98 - 31 AUG 99**

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD ..... \$1403.84**

**RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD**

10 Sep 98	Jasper Assn Retired Ministers (Cedrom Grove) .....	\$ 88.68
08 Oct 98	Retired Ministers, Offering, Dues from Churches .....	1,245.00
22 Oct 98	Offering, 03 Oct 98 .....	138.42
28 Nov 98	Retired Ministers Fund, Jasper Assn (Cedrom Grove) .....	69.13
07 Jan 99	Retired Ministers, Jasper Assn (Shady Grove Church) ....	500.00
26 Jan 99	Dues from Churches and Offering .....	1,267.51
11 Mar 99	Retired Ministers, Jasper Assn. (Cedrom Grove) .....	74.86
22 Jun 99	Dues from Churches and Offering .....	1,260.00
96 Jul 99	Retired Ministers, Jasper Assn. (Cedrom Grove) .....	64.28

**TOTAL ..... \$6,122.72**

**EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD**

**DATE CHECK #**

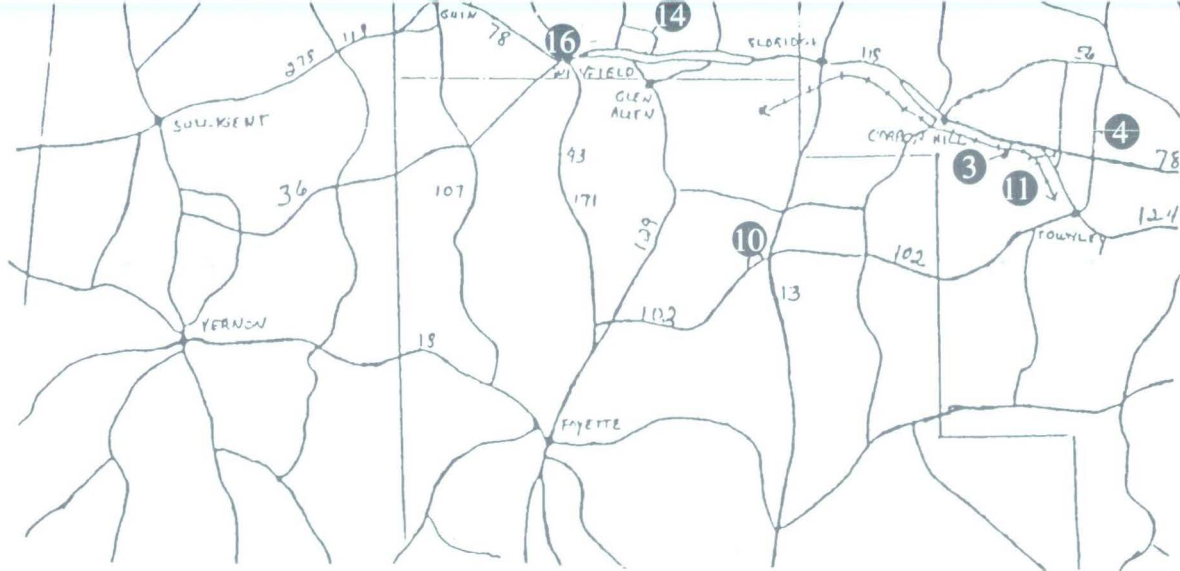
10 Sep 98	246	Rev. Roger Lucas (Postage) .....	24.52
01 Oct 98	247	Rev. Danny J. Williams (Moderator) .....	65.00
01 Oct 98	248	Rev. Greg Rucker (Asst. Moderator) .....	20.00
01 Oct 98	249	Rev. Roger Lucas (Clerk/Treasurer) .....	200.00
01 Oct 98	250	Letus Atkinson (Asst. Clerk/Treasurer) .....	85.00
91 Oct 98	251	Rev. Randy Wright (Guest Speaker) .....	300.00
06 Oct 98	252	Rev. Roger Lucas (Postage) .....	11.25
10 Oct 98	253	Al State Assn of FWB (Dues 16 Churches) ....	800.00
10 Oct 98	254	Rev. Roger Lucas (Labels) .....	5.00
10 Oct 98	255	AL FWB Prom Office (Ft. Collins) .....	228.42
07 Nov 98	256	Rev. O.Z. Johnson (1/2 Jasper Assn. Retired Fund) ..	84.78
08 Nov 98	257	Rev. William Atkinson (1/2 Jasper Assn. Retired Fund)	84.78
21 Jan 99	258	Thumb Print (Printing of Minutes) .....	468.83
04 Feb 99	259	AL Prom Office (Pastors/Workers Conf.) ....	200.00
04 Feb 99	260	AL Prom Office (Trinity Youth Camp) .....	500.00
11 Mar 99	261	AL Prom Office (Cedrom Grove) .....	37.43
17 May 99	262	Mary Ruth Atkinson (Long Distance Calls) ....	25.00
18 May 99	263	US Postal Service (Postage) .....	39.60
19 Jun 99	264	AL Prom Office (Offering 6-19-99) .....	220.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE DURING PERIOD ..... \$3,409.61**

**Bank Book Balance as of 31 Aug 99 ..... \$2,712.11**

Letus Atkinson, Clerk/Treasurer, Jasper Assn FWB





- (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

**CASH FLOW REPORT  
9/1/98 THROUGH 8/31/99  
TRINITY FWB CAMP**

**INFLOWS**

AL State

Belk FWB	68.21
Brilliant	263.43
Cedrom Grove	133.41
Cooper	192.83
Eastside, Dothan	40.00
Fairview, Hamilton	125.00
Fayette	2,198.99
Florence	55.00
Forestdale	570.00
Jasper Assn.	500.00
Liberty FWB J	1,741.16
Madison	10.00
Mt. Harmony	992.87
Mt. Olive	1,160.00
New Center Point	722.26
New Liberty, Bankston	100.00
Piney Grove	100.00
Pocahantas	141.12
Prog. Assn.	100.00
Red Bay	786.65
South Highland	647.20
Southpark	235.00
Springfield FWB	300.00
Sulligent	2,199.23
Sulphur Springs	248.00
Union Ch. W.	150.00
Winfield	2,855.00
WNAC	32.00
<u>AL State-Other</u>	<u>191.40</u>

Total AL State	16,864.76
Amory FWB	524.73
Beaverton FWB	500.00
Belk	785.76
Bethlehem FWB	100.00
Brilliant FWB	150.00

Camp Fees	31,901.00
Camp Rental	7,373.82
Carbon Hill	100.00
Cave Springs	120.00
Cedrom Grove	150.00
Citizens Bank	25.00
Dovertown	100.00
Eldridge FWB	200.00
First, Pearl	600.00
Forestdale FWB	100.00
Free Will Chapel	573.79
Free Water FWB	349.44
Freedom Baptist	350.00
Gateway FWB	10.00
Individuals	302,210.52
Int Inc	3,139.06
Jasper FWB	1,197.59
Misc. Income	60.00
New Liberty FWB	800.00
Piney Grove FWB	9,835.00
Red Bay FWB	960.56
Russelville FWB	430.53
Shady Grove FWB	1,344.81
Snack Shop	5,827.15
South Highland	400.00
Townley FWB	200.00
Union Chapel J	325.00
Vernon FWB	1,191.23
Winfield FWB	975.00
WNAC	<u>102.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>389,526.75</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
Advertising	292.73
Bank Chrg	246.98
Board	83.69
Bus. Insurance	6,398.00
Cleaning Supplies	1,309.55
Concessions	3,655.11
Construction	199,790.90
Equipment	8,072.38



Food	12,725.09
Honoraria	3800.00
Life Guard	900.00
Loan	10,399.11
Misc.	359.98
Music Tape	12,510.00
Office	312.47
Paper Supplies	3,340.84
Pool	2,677.60
Postage	596.24
Program	941.79
Recreation	2,583.55
Repairs-Upkeep	7,622.80
Salary	
Bonus	1,000.00
Insurance	1,100.00
Retirement	2,200.00
Salary	1,500.00
Scholarship	1,500.00
Total Salary	7,300.00
Telephone	2,021.46
Travel	1,462.39
Travel - Evg.	1,456.00
Utilities:	
Electric	8,012.29
Garbage	246.00
Gas	898.64
Water	<u>1,766.85</u>
Total Utilities	10,823.78
Wages	
Maintenance	2,192.00
Secretary	1,165.50
Staff	<u>7,950.00</u>
Total Wages	<u>11,307.50</u>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b><u>313,089.94</u></b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>76,436.81</b>
9/1/98 Beginning Balance	\$776.43
8/31/99 Ending Balance	\$77,213.24

# **YOUTH CAMP ATTENDANCE:**

CAMP	ATTEND.	SAVED	PREACH	MISSIONS	REDED.	FULL TIME
MIDSOUTH	50					
TNVD BANQ	86					
ADULT BANQ	160					
P. WIVES	12					
SPR RETREAT	45					
TEEN I	36	1	1	1	25	1
TEEN II	62	4		1		
JUNIOR I	142	15	1			
JUNIOR II	26	1			15	
JUNIOR III	88	12	1	1		
TEEN III	174	2	12			13
FREEDOM	92	1				
GATEWAY	75	6				
CALVARY	92				40	
NEW HOPE	78	8				
WOODWARD	33					
LCA	95	2				
MEN	50					
PASTORS	15					
LADIES	70					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1481</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>14</b>

## 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.







