

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will
Baptists**

**2000
ANNUAL REPORT**

2001 SESSION

5 October 2001

Hamilton FWB Church

6 September 2001

New Liberty FWB Church

MINUTES
of the ^{FOURTEENTH}
One Hundred & Twelfth
Annual Session

of the
JASPER
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When Convened at:
FREE WATER FWB CHURCH
And
NEW LIBERTY FWB CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 2000

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

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MODERATOR:	Rev. Donald Taggart 12272 County Hwy 42 Guin, Alabama 35563 205-468-2089	2002
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ASST. CLERK:	Rev. Jeffrey Skiles 2061 County Hwy 45 Guin, Alabama 35563 205-468-3522	2000

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

State Board Member:	Rev. Donald Taggart	2002
Children's Home Trustee:		2002
Trinity FWB Camp Board:	Bro. Bryan Silas	2001
	Rev. Darren Pollard	2002
	Rev. Danny J. Williams	2003
Credentials Committee:	Rev. Danny J. Williams	2001
	Rev. Edward Puckett	2002
	Rev. Mike Beckon	2003
	Rev. William E. Atkinson	2004
	Rev. Jeffrey Skiles	2005
Missions Board:	Rev. Philip Miles	2001
	Bro. Ernest Harris	2002
	Rev. Keith Spencer	2003
	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2004
	Rev Ricky Robinson	2005
Executive Committee:	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2001
	Rev. John E. Warren	2002
	Rev. Edward Puckett	2003
	Rev. Mike Beckon	2004
	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2005

Nominating Committee:	Bro. Billy Wisham	2001
	Bro. Fray Stone	2002
	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2003
	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2004
	Bro. Ted Sands	2005
Finance:	Rev. Darren Pollard	2001
	Rev. David Gilbert	2002
	Rev. William L. Atkins	2003

General Board:

ALL PASTORS are now members of the General Board.

Church Representatives

Bethlehem	Bro. Bentley Crow	2001
Brilliant	None Listed	
Carbon Hill First	Bro. Richard Griffin	2001
Cedrom Grove	Rev. Tim Barnes	2001
Free Water	None Listed	
Hamilton	Bro. Fray Stone	2001
Liberty	Bro. Billy Wisham	2001
Mt. Olive	Bro. Letus Atkinson	2001
Mt. Pleasant	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2002
New Liberty	Bro. Ted Sands	2002
Pocahontas	Bro. Pete Stewart	2002
Red Bay	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2002
Union Chapel	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2002
Union Hill	Bro. Paul Jaggars	2002
Winfield	None Listed	

**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists
District Meeting January 22, 2000
Pocahontas 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 *A Shelter in the Storm* followed by prayer by Rev. Jerry Williams, of the Winfield FWB Church. Bro. Brad Williams then led congregation in singing *I'll Fly Away*. Moderator and pastor of host church, Rev. Roger Lucas, gave opening remarks, explained facilities and then gave devotion using Psalms 15:1. He asked two questions (1) Why are you here? (2) To be seen or to see and worship God? He then pointed out that verse 2 answers both questions. He then closed with prayer.

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 foreign and home of Free Will Baptists. We will list them and highlights of their comments in the order in which they spoke in this meeting.

Rev. Rick Cash, State FWB Promotional Office and Trinity Youth Camp Director. Rev. Cash used Mark 10:17-22. Subject Why the church is not on the move for Christ. He stated the Church is at fault on the inside because of unbelief. He stated that we are blessed beyond measure but on the most part we are not going forward for Christ because un-belief and indifference. He then read from Ephesians 4:27-29 which says that God permits us to **have** so that we may **give** to those in **need**. He then gave an example of a small church at Lawley, Alabama who, when challenged, stepped out in **faith** and **gave** well beyond their means and is continuing to do so. He then gave report of how the Acts 1-8 Program is doing, **good** but cautioned we should never be satisfied.

Rev. Roger Raper, Home Missionary to Fort Collins, Colorado who shared their blessings and also their not so good blessings. He then shared letter the church received concerning their church sign which had been vandalized. This letter stated that their church had their church sign vandalized also and they enclosed a check to help repair their church sign. Thanked all for helping in this ministry and asked all to pray for that ministry in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Rev. Fred Jones, Home Missionary to Prattville, Alabama. Bro. Jones in his opening remarks stated that any missionary work, foreign or home, is a cooperative work between God, the people and the missionary sent. Awesome what God has and is doing in Prattville, Alabama and also all over the world. Asked all to pray that *soon* the church in Prattville, Alabama would be self-supporting. Rev. Jones then used Acts 13:1-4 which is the starting point for the Apostle Paul's first missionary journey. Rev. Jones said that the Lord always

calls and uses **busy** people. The Lord issues calls to different **service** and to different **places**. Rev. Jones stated that all whom the Lord redeems, He intends them to be **missionaries**. Rev. Jones stated that often time we become comfortable in our comfort zones therefore we *hear not* the call of the Holy Spirit. He stated we must be willing to go and adapt to the culture where called to. *Present the Gospel wherever you are called. Just get busy and share the Gospel.* God calls and uses only busy people.

Moderator and host pastor, Rev. Roger Lucas sang *Our God Reigns*. He asked congregation to join in on the chorus. Bro. Brad Williams, with Mrs. Helen Lucas at the piano, led the congregation in singing *Kneel at the Cross*.

Rev. David Potette, Home Missionary to Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he receives more support from Alabama than any other state. He encouraged everyone to support the ACTS 1-8 Program. His work in Chicago has been *mixed* with blessings and also hardships while there. First two years there met in his living room. Now meeting in store front building, which is not very conducive to some who look for an elaborate building, he stated it is very hard to attract but only the Have Nots. He stated that often time when their church helps people they often take the help then leave to be seen no more. A different place to work in Chicago than a lot of other places. He stated the city drains one's time but that is no *Quit* in him. Thanked all for previous help and encouraged all to continue to help. *Sin is never pretty.*

Offering was taken \$145.25 to be given to ACTS 1-8 Program as voted by body. Prayer by Rev. Thomas Scott, Pastor of Red Bay FWB Church.

Break

Rev. Ken Bailey Foreign Missionary to Japan spoke and thanked all present for continued support down through the years. He then used Romans 10:12-15. We need to realize that there is but **One Way** to be saved **The Lord Jesus Christ**. Often times our feelings get in the way of presenting the Gospel to all people, *no exceptions*. He stated they must have a *call* from the Lord, they must *hear* the Gospel to be saved. He asked everyone present to continue their support but especially their prayers.

Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Foreign Missionary to Mongolia. Rev. Lunsford stated that Mongolia is a Communist country between Russia and China. They have adopted the English language as their secondary language so that they can enter the technology world as English is the language of technology the world over. Gave some facts concerning Mongolia. He stated that most of their population is under 25 years of age. Climate is extreme and conditions are primitive but *Christ has called* him and he has *answered that call*. He stated that when Christ calls, He also makes a way to not only survive but to present the *Gospel* to those who have not heard this wonderful Gospel.

Song Mission Field America was played. Service was closed with altar prayer honoring all missionaries and special prayer for Icie Mae Fredericks who was

in the hospital in Birmingham. Rev. Danny J. Williams, pastor of Winfield FWB Church led this prayer with all in altar praying also.

Lunch was provided by members of Pocahontas FWB Church.

Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists District Meeting

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2000 MEETING

The 17 June 2000 District Meeting of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened on 17 June 2000 at the Union Chapel FWB Church, Winfield, AL. The meeting began with the singing of *Rescue The Perishing* led by Bro. Danny Williams with Mrs. Phillip Miles at the piano, followed by prayer by Bro. Donald Taggart, pastor of Free Water FWB Church. Welcome was extended by host pastor, Bro. Donald A. Smith, Union Chapel FWB Church, who also gave informative and inspirational devotion.

Bro. Danny Williams then directed congregation in singing *I'm In The Glory Land Way* and *Standing On The Promises*. Association called to order by Moderator, Bro. Roger Lucas and the delegates seated. The following reports were given and all were accepted by the body - Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp and Alabama Free Will Baptist Promotional Office, both given by Bro. Rick Cash; Alabama FWB Missions and ACTS 1-8 Program given by Bro. Danny J. Williams; Free Will Baptists' Children's Home report was given by Bro. Donald Taggart.

Bro. Danny J. Williams led congregation in singing *Sunlight, Sunlight* followed by prayer by Bro. Jerry Williams of the FWB Church of Winfield. Bro. Darren Pollard, pastor of Liberty FWB Church brought message using as his text Nehemiah 2:1-10. Subject: *Burdened for the Lord and His Cause*. Time to build back what has been **sin wrecked** and **torn down**. Follow and **obey the Eternal Word**. Walls that are build on the Eternal Word will **stand**. Those not built on the Eternal Word will **crumble**. We must be obedient to the Eternal Word and Live for Jesus no matter the cost.

BREAK

After break, the meeting began with congregation singing *The Lily Of The Valley* led by Bro. Michael Beckon, pastor of Mt. Olive FWB Church and *He Loves Me*. Prayer by Bro. Keith Spencer of Liberty FWB Church (Youth Pastor). The following were given: Credentials Committee report by Bro. Danny J. Williams and Jasper Association Missions Board report given by Bro. Donald A. Smith. MSC that these reports be accepted. Special song by Ms Emily Miles of Brilliant FWB Church, *He Is Father To Me*. Bro. Danny J. Williams, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church brought message using I Peter 5:1-4 making the following points 1) The role of the Under Shepherd (pastor) given in verses 1 and 2; 2) The responsibility of the Shepherd (pastor) given in verses 2-3; 3) The reward of the Shepherd (pastor) given in verses 3-4. *A truly well developed*

and expounded message for pastors and all lay people. This meeting was closed by announcements and altar prayer followed by dismissal and lunch.

**MINUTES
JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ANNUAL SESSION
DAY ONE
SEPTEMBER 29, 2000
FREE WATER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
GUIN, ALABAMA**

The 2000 Annual Session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Friday, September 29, 2000 at 9:00 AM at the Free Water Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening hymns were *Joy Unspeakable* and *Victory in Jesus* directed by Hugh Mac Winsett of the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church followed by prayer by Bro. Edward Puckett, pastor of Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening remarks were given by Assistant Moderator Bro. Danny J. Williams of the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church (pastor).

Welcome was given to all present by Bro. Donald Taggart, pastor of Free Water FWB Church who also gave devotion using Ephesians 1:3. Subject: We are saints because of Him.

MSC that the delegates be seated. Assistant Moderator Bro. Danny J. Williams appointed the following people to the Resolution and Appreciation Committee: Bro. Farrell Pollard, Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett and L. D. Perkins. To the Obituary Committee: Bro. William Norris, Bro. Jerry Williams, and Bro. Dave Franks, Sr.

Report of the Trinity FWB Youth Camp was given by Bro. Ashley Culp, Director of Trinity FWB Youth Camp. Report was positive and received as information by the body.

Report of Alabama Free Will Baptist Promotional Office was given by Bro. Danny J. Williams. Report was positive and received as information by the body.

Report of Free Will Baptist Childrens Home was given by Bro. Donald Taggart. Report was positive and received as information by the body.

Partial report of General Board was given by Bro. Letus Atkinson with remainder of said report tabled to be completed after break.

Bro. David Franks, Sr., former missionary to Brazil, South America, gave report on his recent activities since returning to the United States. Report was positive and received as information by the body.

Break at 10:00 AM

After break, hymn was sung, *When We All Get To Heaven*, directed by Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett.

Report of the Credentials Committee given by Bro. Michael Beckon, chairman. We have examined Bro. Ashley Culp and Bro. Kavel Smith and have received from both of them Letter of Good Standing from their previous association, and we do make the recommendation that both be accepted into this association. MSC by the body to accept both into this association.

Report of the Resolution and Appreciation Committee was given by Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett. We, the Resolution and Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the following churches for hosting our district and annual meetings for this reporting period: Pocahontas, Union Chapel, Free Water, and New Liberty.

Obituary Committee report is as follows:

Brilliant	Mrs. Marge Gilliland, Mrs. Adene Garner
Free Water:	Mrs. Annie Otts, Mr. Alvin Morrow
Hamilton	Mrs. Doris Pope
Mt. Olive:	Mrs. Autie Franks, Mr. Muncie Franks
New Liberty:	Bro. Ray Baker, Sis. Blonnie Mae Moore, Bro. Clifton Garrison
Pocahontas	Bro. Jim Hunter
Red Bay:	Mrs. Doris Keeton, Sis. Emarene Keeton
Union Hill:	Sis Ann Nutt, Sis. Genevee Frederick, Bro. Hersheal Burleson, Bro. O. Z. Johnson
Winfield:	Bro. Morris Benton, Bro. B. P. Atkinson, Jr.

Report was respectfully and prayerfully submitted. Prayer by Bro. Phillip Miles, pastor of Brilliant FWB Church.

Finance Committee chairman Bro. William L. Atkins, pastor of Bethlehem FWB Church gave the Finance Report of the Jasper Association. Bro. Letus Atkinson read the complete report to the body. MSC to accept the report as read.

Missions Board report of the Jasper Association was given by Bro. Donald A. Smith, pastor of Union Chapel FWB Church and chairman of this committee. Report as positive and received as information by this association.

State Mission Board Report was given by Bro. Danny J. Williams concerning the mission churches at Huntsville and Prattville. Report was positive and received as information by the body.

General Board report (final) was given by Bro. Letus Atkinson. MSC to accept report and adopt item by item.

MSC to accept Budget for 2000-2001.

MSC to accept the recommended meeting places for 2001.

MSC to accept Nominating Committee report and adopt item by item.

Hymns *Love Lifted Me* and *My Savior's Love* directed by Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett.

The morning message was preached by Bro. Jeffrey Skiles, pastor, Liberty FWB Church, taking for his text II Timothy 3:10-17. Subject: Leaders that people can follow to accept Jesus Christ. Lives must be as an open book. Let

people see Christ in our everyday lives. We **must never** be ashamed of our Lord and Savior. Leaders must teach and preach right doctrine. Leaders must practice what they teach or preach. Leaders' purpose must be to honor and bring glory to Jesus. Leaders must realize that the Lord will never fail them. Service was closed by prayer by Bro. Donald Taggart who gave instructions for lunch. MSC to adjourn. Lunch was provided by the host church.

MINUTES
JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ANNUAL SESSION
DAY TWO
SEPTEMBER 30, 2000
WINFIELD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WINFIELD, ALABAMA

Day Two of the 2000 Annual Session of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Saturday, 30 September 2000 at 9:00 AM The session was opened by the congregation singing *I'm Going That Way*, directed by Bro. Ray Selman of New Liberty FWB Church, followed by prayer by Bro. Fray Stone of Hamilton FWB Church. Opening remarks by Moderator Bro. Don Taggart, pastor of Free Water FWB Church.

Welcome and devotion was given by Bro. Darren Pollard, pastor of New Liberty FWB Church. Bro. Pollard used as his text II Peter 1:12-15. Points of the devotion were 1) Obedience 2) Unruly Children 3) Remembrance of the Word and prayer.

Bro. Ray Selman led congregation in singing *Living By Faith* and *The Love Of God*.

Guest speaker, Bro. Duane Taylor, pastor, South Highland FWB Church, Muscle Shoals, AL brought message. Subject: **Playing Hurt**. Text taken from II Corinthians 4:8-9. He very ably stressed these points - When we are troubled, **look up**; When we are not sure, **look up**; We **should always** have hope in our **Lord** and **Saviour**; No trouble or problem is too big for our Lord; We are often persecuted but never forsaken by our Lord; We need to realize **if** we obey the Word the Lord is always with us; Christians should never enjoy or rejoice when other Christians fall or fail; Christians should ask for things to do instead of being begged to do things for the Lord.

Prayer by Bro. Donald A. Smith, pastor of Union Chapel FWB Church.
Break at 10:10

Bro. Ray Selman led congregation in singing *All Alone*, then Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett sang special, *Look For Me At Jesus; Feet*.

Bro. Ashley Culp, youth pastor, Mt. Olive FWB Church and Director of Trinity FWB Youth Camp brought message, using as his text II Samuel 11:27. Subject: Being displeasing to the Lord. Points were 1) Idle Time (Not doing

what one is supposed to do); 2) Always begin small but soon become big; 3) He sees, he desires what he sees; 4) Because of his position and power He sends for Bathsheba and commits sin with her; 5) Our only guarantee not to commit sin is to be busy in the Lord's service; 6) Sin always shows itself sooner or later.

Bro. Ray Selman led congregation in singing *Trust And Obey*. Bro. Jeffrey Skiles, pastor of Liberty FWB Church, sang special *We Shall Be Like Him* (a very outstanding rendition.)

Guest Speaker, Bro. Duane Taylor, pastor of South Highland FWB Church, Muscle Shoals, AL brought message using as his text II Thessalonians 3:1-3. Subject: **Revival**. He made the following important points: 1) Prayer (time spent in prevailing prayer); 2) Prayer for success of the message; 3) Prayer for all (intercessory prayer); 4) Prayer for the *Word* to have *free* course; 5) Pray that the Word might be glorified. Bro. Taylor closed with prayer.

Bro. Darren Pollard gave instructions for lunch meal and prayed the closing prayer. MSC that meeting be adjourned.

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS AND BOARDS

OFFICE	PRESENT	NOMINEE	TERM
Moderator	Rev. Roger Lucas	Rev. Donald Taggart + + Voted by body at Annual Session	2002
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Danny Williams	Rev. Danny Williams	2002
Clerk	Bro. Letus Atkinson	Bro. Letus Atkinson	2002
Asst. Clerk	Rev. Don Taggart	Rev. Jeffrey Skiles + + Voted by body at Annual Session	2002
AL Gen. Board	Rev. Roger Lucas	Rev. Donald Taggart + + Voted by body at Annual Session	2002
(Moderator generally serves as AL General Board Member)			
Credentials Committee	Rev. Don Taggart	Rev. Jeffrey Skiles	2005
Trinity Camp Bd.	Rev. Danny Williams	Rev. Danny Williams	2003
Childrens Home Trustee	Rev. Don Taggart		2002
Missions Board	Rev. Ricky Robinson	Rev. Ricky Robinson	2005
Executive Board	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2005
Nominating Committee	Bro. Ted Sands	Bro. Ted Sands	2005
Finance	Rev. Tom Scott	Rev. William Atkins	2003
	Rev. David Gilbert	Rev. Michael Frederick	2002

Recommended Meeting Sites for 2001

January 27, 2001	Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church
June 16, 2001	Free Water Free Will Baptist Church
October 5, 2001	Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church
October 6, 2001	New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 1, 2000

The Nominating Committee of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists met on Tuesday, August 1, 2000 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was held at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Roger Lucas served as Moderator and Bro. Letus Atkinson served as Clerk.

The following committee members were present

Bro. Allen Brasseal, Bro. O'Neal Funderburk, Bro. Fray Stone, Bro. Ted Sands, and Bro. Billy Wisham

The following is a list of the 2000 Annual Session nominees.

OFFICE	PRESENT	NOMINEE	TERM
Moderator	Rev. Roger Lucas	Rev. Donald Taggart + + Voted by body at Annual Session	2002
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Danny Williams	Rev. Danny Williams	2002
Clerk	Bro. Letus Atkinson	Bro. Letus Atkinson	2002
Asst. Clerk	Rev. Don Taggart	Rev. Jeffrey Skiles + + Voted by body at Annual Session	2002

Other Boards/Committees

AL Gen. Board	Rev. Roger Lucas	Rev. Donald Taggart +	2002
(Moderator generally serves as AL General Board Member)			
Trinity Camp Bd.	Rev. Danny Williams	Rev. Danny Williams	2003
Childrens Home	Rev. Don Taggart		2002
Trustee			

The Committee recommends a Constitutional change to make this a two (2) year term.

Missions Board	Rev. Ricky Robinson	Rev. Ricky Robinson	2005
Executive Board	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2005
Nominating Committee	Bro. Ted Sands	Bro. Ted Sands	2005
Finance	Rev. Tom Scott	Rev. William Atkins	2003
	Rev. David Gilbert	Rev. Michael Frederick	2002

Credentials
Committee

Rev. Don Taggart

Rev. Jeffrey Skiles

2005

Thanks for allowing us to serve you.

Bro. Ted Sands

Bro. Billy Wisham

Bro. Fray Stone

Bro. Allen Brasseal

Bro. O'Neal Funderburk

Bro. Letus Atkinson

Bro. Roger Lucas

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Pastor

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Ira Baccus
Carl Atkinson
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2005-468-3262

Rev. Donald Taggart
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Rev. Danny Williams
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LICENSED MINISTERS **JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Waylon Jones	Licensed by Union Hill
Hackleburg, AL 35564	FWB Church
No Phone Listed	

Wayne Overton	Youth Director Winfield FWB
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Winfield, AL 35594	Winfield, AL 35594
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JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS **PROPOSED BUDGET 2000-2001**

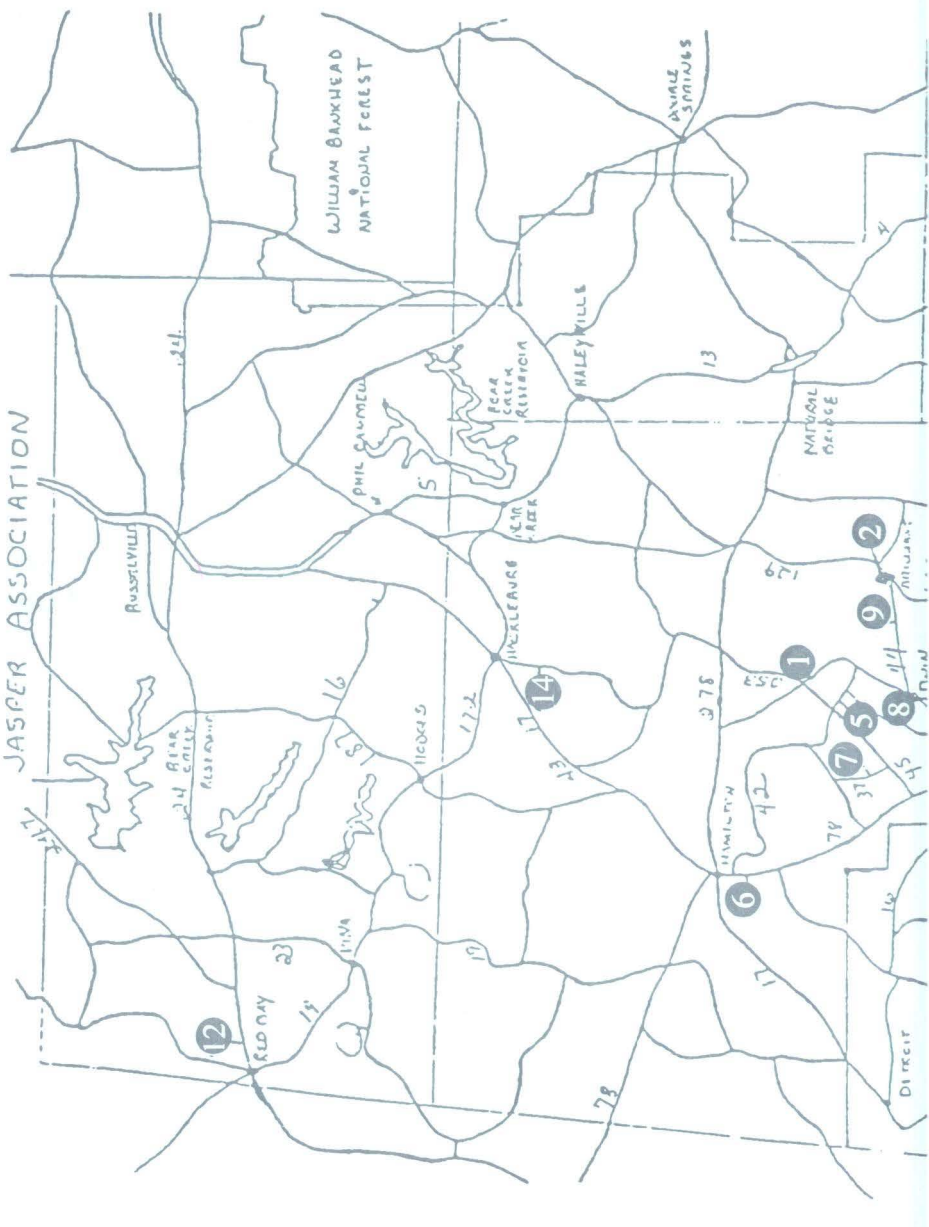
Proposed Income (Fees from 15 Local Churches)	\$3375.00
(Offerings)	<u>405.00</u>
Total Income	\$3780.00

Expenditures:

Moderator	\$ 65.00
Assistant	20.00
Clerk	200.00
Assistant Clerk	85.00
Guest Speakers	500.00
Trinity Camp	500.00
State Promo Office	300.00
Pastors and Workers Conference	200.00
Printing of Minutes	500.00
Postage/Miscellaneous	100.00
State/National Dues	<u>1275.00</u>

TOTAL	\$3780.00
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JASPER ASSOCIATION





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

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

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

1 SEP 99 - 31 AUG 00

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$2,712.11

RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD

4 Sep 99	Offering and Dues from Churches	\$1,358.00
3 Dec 99	Retired Ministers (Cedrom Grove)	81.38
24 Jan 00	Offering and Dues from Churches	1,270.25
9 Mar 00	Retired Ministers (Cedrom Grove)	62.03
22 Jun 00	Dues from Churches	1,050.00
10 Aug 00	Retired Ministers	65.05

TOTAL \$6,589.82

EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD

DATE CHECK #

1 Oct 99	265	Letus Atkinson (Clerk-Treasurer)	200.00
1 Oct 99	266	Rev. Don Taggart (Asst. Clk/Treasurer)	85.00
1 Oct 99	267	Rev. Roger Lucas (Moderator)	65.00
1 Oct 99	268	Rev. Danny J. Williams (Asst. Moderator)	20.00
1 Oct 99	269	Rev. William E. Atkinson (1/2 Ret. Minister) ..	360.42
1 Oct 99	270	Rev. O. Z. Johnson (1/2 Ret. Minister)	360.42
1 Oct 99	271	Rev. Danny Thompson (Guest Speaker)	300.00
1 Oct 99	272	Rev. James Walden (Guest Speaker)	200.00
6 Oct 99	273	AL State Promotional Office (Offering)	139.00
22 Oct 99	274	AL State Assn. of FWB (Dues for Churches) ..	1,360.00
30 Dec 99	275	U.S. Postal Service (Postage)	66.00
20 Jan 00	276	Thumb Print (Printing Minutes)	520.67
25 Jan 00	277	AL FWB Promotional Office (ACTS 1:8)	145.25
25 Jan 00	278	AL FWB Promotional Office (Budgeted Item, F/TNG CMP)	500.00
25 Jan 00	279	AL FWB Promo Office (Budgeted Item)	300.00
25 Jan 00	280	AL FWB Promo Office (Pastors & Workers) ..	200.00
23 Jan 00	281	Bro. Roger Lucas (Postage)	13.86
7 Feb 00	282	Bro. Roger Lucas (Phone Calls)	6.53
14 Jun 00	283	Winfield First Baptist Church (BX Copying Paper)	30.78

TOTAL EXPENDITURE DURING PERIOD \$4,872.93

Bank Book Balance as of 31 Aug 00 \$1,716.89

Letus Atkinson, Clerk/Treasurer, Jasper Assn FWB

CASH FLOW REPORT
9/1/99 THROUGH 8/31/00
TRINITY FWB CAMP

INFLOWS

AL State	
Brilliant	250.44
Cedrom Grove	199.46
Cooper	345.00
Fayette	2,585.76
First, Jasper	192.16
Florence	100.00
Forestdale	210.00
Free Water	324.41
Jasper Assn.	500.00
Liberty FWB J	1,976.66
Mt. Harmony	1,290.00
Mt. Olive	1,000.00
New Center Point	1,075.00
New Liberty, Bankston	300.00
Piney Grove	1,180.00
Pocahantas	153.24
Red Bay	1,609.44
South Highland	620.00
Southpark	100.00
Springfield FWB	275.00
Sulligent	1,765.88
Sulphur Springs	325.00
Union Ch. W.	275.00
Vernon FWB	472.38
Winfield	2,090.00
<u>WNAC</u>	<u>108.00</u>

Total AL State	19,323.93
Amory FWB	967.70
Beaverton FWB	1000.00
Belk	803.73
Cahaba River Assn.	2,000.00
Camp Fees	31,935.00
Camp Rental	5,893.50

Charity FWB, Wendell	1,277.00.00
Citizens Bank	25.00
Fayette FWB	1,887.40
Free Will Chapel	860.32
Free Water FWB	246.80
Freedom Baptist	350.00
Grace Bapt.	25.00
Individuals	1,710.00
Int Inc	2,488.56
Jasper FWB	702.98
Misc. Income	3,626.37
New Liberty FWB	5,250.00
Piney Grove FWB	440.00
Shady Grove FWB	1,141.15
Snack Shop	5,700.00
Vernon FWB	888.04
WNAC	48.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	88,239.98

OUTFLOWS

Advertising	75.00
Bank Chrg	128.29
Board	39.53
Bus. Insurance	6,337.00
Cleaning Supplies	534.04
Concessions	2,504.90
Construction	6,268.03
Equipment	17,631.05
Food	11,967.46
Honoraria	4,200.00
Life Guard	1,160.00
Medical	170.00
Misc.	1,307.23
Music Tape	1,448.25
Office	1,851.47
Paper Supplies	2,950.42
Pool	1,778.75
Postage	707.67
Program	957.84
Recreation	1,645.44

Renovation	46,439.74
Repairs-Upkeep	2,893.21
Salary	
Bonus	1,000.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Retirement	2,200.00
Salary	5,650.00
Scholarship	1,500.00
Total Salary	11,550.00
Telephone	1,784.20
Travel	1,301.97
Travel - Evg.	1,343.00
Utilities:	
Electric	8,659.67
Garbage	171.00
Gas	2,239.31
Water	1,835.46
Utilities-Other	<u>0.00</u>
Total Utilities	11,905.44
Wages	
Maintenance	1,037.00
Secretary	1,114.50
Staff	<u>7,855.00</u>
Total Wages	<u>10,006.50</u>
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	<u>150,886.43</u>
OVERALL TOTAL	-62,646.45
9/1/99 Beginning Balance	\$77,213.24
8/31/00 Ending Balance	\$14,566.79

YOUTH CAMP ATTENDANCE:

CAMP	ATTEND.	SAVED	PREACH	MISSIONS	REDED.	FULL TIME	COLLEGE
MIDSOUTH	50						
TNVD BANQ	80						
ADULT BANQ	130						
P. WIVES							
SPR RETREAT	46						
TEEN I	28						
TEEN II	88	5		4			
JUNIOR I	108	16					
JUNIOR II	98	8					
JUNIOR III	64	6	2	5		3	
TEEN III	168	3	8	9		68	11
FREEDOM	80	3			15		
GATEWAY							
CALVARY	1 14	4			70		
NEW HOPE	90	11			35		
LCA	64				15		
ACA	52	1			35		
MEN	30						
PASTORS							
LADIES							
TOTALS	1290	57	10	18	170	71	11

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists recommends that the following change be made to the Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE V SECTION V

Children's Home Trustee

As reads presently: This person shall represent the Jasper Association on the Children's Home Board of Trustees. This member to be elected each year and give a report during each annual session of this association.

Recommended to read: This person shall represent the Jasper Association on the Children's Home Board of Trustees. This member shall serve a term of Two (2) years and give a report at each annual session of the Jasper Association.

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 Shall serve a term of Two (2) Years and give a report to each annual session of the Jasper 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.

Dave Franks

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