

**JASPER  
ASSOCIATION  
of  
Free Will  
Baptists**

**2001  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**2002 SESSION**

**5 October 2002  
New Liberty FWB Church**

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>PASTOR</b>	Members Added	Members Dismissed	Members Baptised	Present Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Enrollment	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Associational Funds
<b>Bethlehem</b>	William L. Atkins							1		225.00
<b>Brilliant</b>	Keith Spencer	10	4	4	86	58	40	1		225.00
<b>Carbon Hill</b>	Ricky Robinson	11		3	50	42		1		225.00
<b>Cedrom Grove</b>	John E. Warren	1	2	1	37	31	20	1		225.00
<b>Free Water</b>	Don Taggart		3		195	55		1		225.00
<b>Hamilton</b>	Edward Puckett	11	2	7	165	99		1		225.00
<b>Liberty</b>	Jeffrey Skiles		3		153	78		2		225.00
<b>Mt. Olive</b>	Michael Beckon	4	2		330	108		5		225.00
<b>Mt. Pleasant</b>	Jamie Jeffreys	5	1		197	30		2		225.00
<b>New Liberty</b>	Darren Pollard	7	5	2	273	95		1		225.00
<b>Pocahontas</b>	Willie Coleman		6		240	45		1		225.00
<b>Red Bay</b>	Tomas Scott	26	4	20	404	244		1		225.00
<b>Union Chapel</b>	Donald A. Smith		1	1						225.00
<b>Union Hill</b>	Michael Frederick	10		7	160	60		2	1	225.00
<b>Winfield</b>	Danny J. Williams	18	3	14	279	218		4		225.00



**MINUTES**  
of the <sup>FIFTEENTH</sup>  
**One Hundred & Thirteenth**  
**Annual Session**

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

When Convened at:

**HAMILTON FWB CHURCH**

And

**NEW LIBERTY FWB CHURCH**  
**OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2001**

## ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

		TERM EXPIRES
<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Rev. Donald Taggart 12272 County Hwy 42 Guin, Alabama 35563 205-468-2089	2002
<b>ASST. MODERATOR:</b>	Rev. Danny J. Williams 235 Meadowlark Road Winfield, Alabama 35594 205-487-6992	2002
<b>CLERK:</b>	Bro. Letus Atkinson 321 Old Cooper Creek Road Guin, Alabama 35563 205-468-2437	2002
<b>ASST. CLERK:</b>	Rev. Jeffrey Skiles 2061 County Hwy 45 Guin, Alabama 35563 205-468-3522	2002

### BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

<b>State Board Member:</b>	Rev. Donald Taggart	2002
<b>Children's Home Trustee:</b>	Bro. Ted Sands	2002
<b>Trinity FWB Camp Board:</b>	Rev. Darren Pollard	2002
	Rev. Danny J. Williams	2003
	Bro. Bryan Silas	2004
<b>Credentials Committee:</b>	Rev. Edward Puckett	2002
	Rev. Mike Beckon	2003
	Rev. William E. Atkinson	2004
	Rev. Jeffrey Skiles	2005
	Rev. Danny J. Williams	2006
<b>Missions Board:</b>	Bro. Ernest Harris	2002
	Rev. Keith Spencer	2003
	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2004
	Rev. Ricky Robinson	2005
	Rev. Michael J. Frederick	2006
<b>Executive Committee:</b>	Rev. John E. Warren	2002
	Rev. Edward Puckett	2003
	Rev. Mike Beckon	2004
	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2005
	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2006

<b>Nominating Committee:</b>	Bro. Fray Stone	2002
	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2003
	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2004
	Bro. Ted Sands	2005
	Bro. Billy Wisham	2006
<b>Finance:</b>	Rev. Michael J. Frederick	2002
	Rev. William L. Atkins	2003
	Rev. Darren Pollard	2004

### **General Board:**

ALL PASTORS are now members of the General Board.

#### Church Representatives

Bethlehem	Bro. Bentley Crow	2002
Brilliant	None Listed	
Carbon Hill First	Bro. Richard Griffin	2002
Cedrom Grove	Rev. Tim Barnes	2002
Free Water	Bro. Harold Crow	2003
Hamilton	Bro. Fray Stone	2002
Liberty	Bro. Billy Wisham	2002
Mt. Olive	Bro. Letus Atkinson	2002
Mt. Pleasant	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2003
New Liberty	Bro. Ted Sands	2003
Pocahontas	Bro. Pete Stewart	2003
Red Bay	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2003
Union Chapel	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2003
Union Hill	Bro. Paul Jagers	2003
Winfield	None Listed	

**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists  
District Meeting January 27, 2001  
Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church**

The District Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Don Taggart at 9:00 A.M. Bro. Danny Franks led the congregation in singing "*He Loves Me*" with Mrs. Carolyn Pugh at the piano. After the completion of the hymn, Rev. Thomas Scott, pastor of Red Bay FWB Church led in prayer. The meeting was called to order by moderator and delegates were recognized and seated. Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Michael Beckon. Devotion was given by Rev. Ashley Culp, youth pastor of Mount Olive FWB Church who used Luke 6:46-49. He made two points (1) the foundation that lasts and (2) God always rewards faithfulness. Rev. Culp then closed with prayer. Mrs. Rachel Beckon, host pastor's wife, sang a special. Rev. Danny J. Williams, pastor of Winfield FWB Church and Director of Missionary Conferences in this area spoke on the importance of these conferences over the State of Alabama, with 75 churches having services. There are 25 missionaries both home and foreign, speaking in these services and many hearts and changed and souls won to the Lord. He used I Corinthians 3:5-9. God is the one who does anything in Christian service, foreign or home.

Andre Chirine, a Russian citizen, home missionary in Philadelphia, PA, told his background and how he came to be a missionary (home) organizing a church in the above city for Russian Americans. He stressed we should **never** take for granted the privilege to witness, teach and preach for the Lord Jesus.

Mike Corley, foreign missionary to Russia, thanked all for ACTS 1:8 Program. He said 23 churches have been started as a result of this program. Bro. Corley stated that one of the most important happenings was the establishment of the Bible Institute in Russia. This enables more churches to be started in Russia. He said that, as is true in any foreign work, there is great need for pastors.

Roger Raper, home missionary to the State of Colorado who thanked this association and the State of Alabama for encouraging his work with prayers and financial support. He has seen 17 salvation decisions during the last quarter. He asked for continued prayer and support.

Robert Bryan, foreign missionary to Ivory Coast explained his work and that too have a Bible Institute which is a tremendous help. It has a hospital which is also a great help. He then talked about what a large area they have in Ivory Coast and they now have an African pastor in his area. He closed by asking for continued prayer from all.

**BREAK**

Dave Franks, Sr., former foreign missionary to Brazil who tanked all for

support for the past 43 years. Rev. Franks asked everyone to turn to Genesis 12:1-3. He stated that the Lord used these verses to speak to him to go to a land that he had not seen (God said Brazil). He was confirmed by the Missions Board of Free Will Baptist. He stated that it was his hope that the Lord would call a new generation of missionaries in His service all over His world.

Dave Franks, Jr., former foreign missionary to Uruguay. He made all aware that he, at present, is not going back to Uruguay. He thanked all from Alabama for their support even before Acts 1:8 being brought into being. He thanked everyone for the joy and privilege of being their missionary to Uruguay. He talked about some problems with their children while in Uruguay. He used Luke 10:1-20.

Rick Bowling, home missionary, Hispanic Ministries, talked about reaching Hispanics in this country who desperately need the Lord Jesus. The Lord is raising up men to reach Hispanics and other nationalities who are now in our country. All need the Lord Jesus.

Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett from Hamilton FWB Church sang a special, "Broken Rose" which was enjoyed by all.

Cliff Donoho, home missionary to Tennessee, stated that this would be his third time to be a home missionary and that for the first time in 27 years there is a Fundamental FWB Church being started in Nashville, TN. He asked for support from Alabama where at all possible. They have land to purchase and need help with the down payment.

Fred Jones, home missionary to Prattville, AL, talked about being missionary minded since his conversion and that most of his support has and is now from Alabama. He used Daniel 3:17-18, making the following points: God will never leave us and every saved person is a missionary. He talked about the work in Prattville, that they have been through many trials and troubles but the Lord has seen them through all. He invited all to come and visit them.

Rich Cash, Alabama State Promotional Director, gave a comparison of how the State of Alabama has improved its giving (increased by 78 percent). We make most of our time, talents, and treasures by supporting the Lord's work. He stated that Alabama has given to missionaries in other states as well. He read John 15 stressing verses 2, 8, 11, and 16. (The joy in loving, obeying, and serving the Lord.) Invest now, enjoy in heaven. He then thanked all for allowing him to serve as promotional director for Alabama.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Major Bailey, new pastor at Pocahontas FWB Church, Carbon Hill, Alabama.

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

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH 16 JUNE 2001**



Mac Winsett of the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Dave Franks, Sr., prayed the opening prayer.

Bro. Winsett directed the congregation in "*Victory in Jesus*". Moderator and host pastor Rev. Don Taggart used Psalms 100. The topic: The Lord Is God.

Welcome was given by moderator and host pastor Don Taggart. He then called the Association to order and Clerk/Treasurer Letus Atkinson read the list of delegates from the 15 churches. MSC to seat delegates.

Rev. Jeff Lunsford, foreign missionary to Mongolia, explained his mission work in Mongolia and his uniform of that country. He thanked this association for prayers and support for the work in Mongolia. He requests prayer for the church he is working with.

### REPORTS

Rev. Dave Franks, Jr., gave remarks on his new project, ministry to Spanish-speaking people. Great need is for the Lord's people to pray, then give their support.

Rev. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director gave a report on the Promotional Office and the Acts 1:8 Program. He stated that the intern program is going well.

Bro. Ted Sands, Children's Home Trustee for the Jasper Association, gave a report that a new three-storey building will hopefully be completed by November 01. The present capacity is 29 until the new building is completed. He requests prayer.

Rev. Ashley Culp, Trinity Youth Camp Director, gave a report on new additions at the camp. Camps held have been very good. He requests prayer for a new building to house staff and workers.

Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett led the congregation in singing "*Praise Him*."

Rev. John E. Warren, pastor of Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church brought the message using as his text Romans 8:28-32. The main point was *If God be for us, we can be against us?* Various other scriptures were used to support this point. He emphasized for us to stay in God's Word. Other books are good, but the Bible is above and beyond all books. *A good challenging message.*

### BREAK

Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett led the congregation in singing "*Joy Unspeakable*." Prayer was by Rev. Keith Spencer, pastor of Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church.

The Credentials Committee gave a report on the following actions:

1) Granted Rev. Roger Lucas a letter of good standing to the Mt. Moriah Association on 2-4-2001.

2) Presented Rev. Jamie Jeffeys a questionnaire for acceptance into the Jasper Association.

3) Voted to hold up on ordination of Bro. Whalon Jones of Union Hill FWB Church until such time as all members of this committee has time to review his questionnaire.

Rev. Donald A. Smith, pastor of Union Chapel FWB Church and chairman of Jasper Association Missions Board urged all churches of the association to



of Jasper Association Missions Board urged all churches of the association to help in the goal of raising \$5,000.00 and to send their contributions in no later than 4 Sep 01.

Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett led the congregation in singing "*Just Over in the Glory Land*".

A special song by Mrs. Donald Taggart "*What Would Jesus Do?*"

Rev. Donald A. Smith, pastor of Union Chapel FWB Church brought the message using Ephesians 6:4. *A Good father gives example both physically and spiritually.*

The closing prayer was by the host pastor.

**MINUTES**  
**JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**DAY ONE**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2001**  
**HAMILTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**HAMILTON, ALABAMA**

Opening hymn, "*Redeemed*" led by Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett of Hamilton Church with Mrs. Carolyn Pugh at the piano, followed by prayer by Michael J. Frederick, pastor of Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Hymn "*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*" directed by Bro Winsett. Welcome was given by Bro. Charles Cochran of the host church. The moderator gave some thoughts using Psalms 101: 1-4.

The association was called to order by the moderator. Roll call of letters and delegates was given by Clerk/Treasurer Bro. Letus Atkinson, MSC to seat the delegates.

The moderator appointed the following people to the Resolution and Appreciation Committee: Kermit Cagle, Mrs. Martha Warren, Mrs. Lucille Flynn. To the Obituary Committee: Bro. Charles Cochran, Bro. Frankie Hendrix, Bro. Allen Brasseal.

Report of the State of Alabama Promotional Office has given by Rev. Rick Cash. The report was very positive and received as information by the body.

Report of the Trinity Youth Camp was given by Rev. Ashley Culp, director of the camp. The report was positive and received as information by the body.

A partial report of the General Board was given by Bro. Letus Atkinson with the the remainder of said report tabled to be completed after the lunch meal.

**BREAK**

Hymn "*Love Lifted Me*" directed by Hugh Mac Winsett.

Report of the Resolution and Appreciation Committee was given by Bro. Letus Atkinson.

We, the Resolution and Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks

meetings for this reporting period: Mt. Olive, Free Water, Hamilton, and New Liberty.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kermit Cagle, Mrs. Martha Warren,  
Mrs. Louise Flynn.

Obituary Committee report is as follows:

Brilliant	R. D. Dickinson
Free Water:	Martha Gail Emerson, Lucille Lawrence
Hamilton	Minnie Mae Peoples, Henry Stidham, Letha Steivener
Liberty:	Earlie Dickinson, Roger Grubbs, Fred Bozeman
Mt. Olive:	Howard Franks, Clark Flippo
Mt. Pleasant:	Jettie Mae Erwin, Flossie Reddin, Nathaniel Tittle
New Liberty:	Doris Sands, Laura Williams, Victor Smith, Ellis Burkett
Red Bay:	James Green, Hubert Raper

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted:  
Charles Cochran, Allen Brasseal,  
James F. Hendrix

Finance Committee Chairman Rev. William L. Atkins, pastor of Bethlehem FWB Church gave the finance report to the body. Bro. Letus Atkinson read the complete report to the body. MSC to accept report as read.

Hymn "*To God be the Glory*" directed by Hugh Mac Winsett. Offering was received.

Hymn "*Victory in Jesus*" and "*I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*" directed by Hugh Mac Winsett.

Rev. William L. Atkins brought the message using Jonah 1:1-16. He made the following points: (1) He paid the price trying to flee from God; (2) No way can a human flee from God's presence; (3) God always makes His presence known to His servants trying to flee; (4) Their gods do not hear so they awake Jonah; (5) They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah; (6) They ask Jonah "Why have you done this, for you have endangered us?"; (7) Jonah tells them to cast him into the sea, which they do; (8) They then feared the Lord and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord and made vows. All need repentance. Hymn "*When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*" was sung, directed by Bro. Hugh Mac Winsett. Closing prayer was prayed by Rev. Michael J. Frederick.

Broke for lunch, the to reassemble to take action on tabled item from General Board Report.

After lunch, session was reconvened and the tabled item from the General Board report was taken off the table which reads: MSC to recommend changing annual session from two half days to one full day (Saturday) of each year. Note this item, if passed, would change Article VII Meetings and also Rules of Decorum item 11. After much discussion, MSC to vote on this item. Item passed by majority vote (well over the required two-thirds majority needed for approval. ) Closing prayer was by Rev. Donald Taggart. Session was then adjourned.

**MINUTES**  
**JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**DAY TWO**  
**OCTOBER 6, 2001**  
**NEW LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**BANKSTON, ALABAMA**

Session opened with hymn, "*My Savior First of All*" directed by Rev. Hugh Mac Winsett, with Mrs. Donald Taggart at the piano. Prayer was by Rev. Edward Puckett, pastor of Hamilton FWB Church.

Hymn "*Victory in Jesus*" directed by Hugh Mac Winsett with Mrs. Donald Taggart at the piano. Moderator, Rev. Donald Taggart made remarks from Psalms 106:1. Welcome and devotion was given by host pastor, Rev. Darren Pollard using II Timothy 4:6-8. He spoke of Paul finishing his course. He had great faith and stood on God's word. He realized there was no quitting place. He knew his reward was near. Closed with prayer.

Hymn "*Joy Unspeakable*" directed by Hugh Mac Winsett with Mrs. Taggart at piano. Rev. Fred Jones, former home missionary to Prattville, AL asked for prayer for success in Hispanic ministry and for the Lord's wisdom in locating in Cullman County. His message was God's Missionary Church using Acts 11:19-27. After reading the text and prayer, he began preaching. Barnabas and Paul launched a great crusade to all the people in Antioch. And the disciples were called Christians **first** in Antioch. The greatest compliment any born-again believer can receive is to be called a Christian. All of us should be Christ-like. Christians love Christ so, therefore, we should love people in and outside our churches. All of our churches should be missionary minded. Barnabas was so minded. We, as Christians, should focus our hearts and minds on Jesus. Always remember to present the Lord Jesus Christ to the lost.

**BREAK**

Hymn "*All Alone*" directed by Hugh Mac Winsett with Mrs. Ilene Myers at piano. Special song by Mrs. Donald Taggart, "*Heaven's Sounding Sweeter*." An offering was taken.



Rev. Phillip Miles brought the message using as his text II Chronicles 7:14. After reading his text, he prayed then began to preach. Repentance **must** happen before revival can come. Revival happens among the Lord's people not the unsaved. When His people in our churches get revived, **then** the lost will be saved. Sin must be forsaken and forgiveness sought from the Lord then revival will come. All unsaved people are on their way to eternal torment -- for everyone in Heaven, Christ suffered their torment on the cross. He closed by saying our churches must take stands according to God's word.

Hymn "At The Cross" directed by Hugh Mac Winsett.

Special song by Rev. Jeffrey Skiles, pastor of Liberty FWB Church, "The Love Of God." Rev. Fred Jones brought the message *The Measure of Our Commitment* using John 15:12-14. Without total commitment, there can be no love -- this commitment and then love was the reason Jesus gave his life for the sins of this world. Because of this love and commitment for us, we should lay our lives out to him to use as he sees fit. The saved are Jesus! Friend, if they keep the Lord's commandment. Are we willing to give our life to the Lord for his use? Are we willing to give our life for the brethren? (He did.) We that have been redeemed owe our loyalty, our faithfulness, and our truthfulness to Jesus.

Closing prayer was by L. D. Perkins, deacon of Carbon Hill FWB Church. Adjourned for lunch.

## JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The report of the General Board of the Jasper Association of FWB met Monday night August 13, 2001 at Winfield FWB Church. The following were represented:

FREE WATER	Rev. Donald Taggart and Bro. Harold Crow
HAMILTON	Bro. Fray Stone
LIBERTY	Bro. Jeffrey Skiles
MT. OLIVE	Rev. Mike Beckon, Rev. Ashley Culp, and Bro. Letus Atkinson
NEW LIBERTY	Rev. Darren Pollard
RED BAY	Rev. Thomas Scott
UNION CHAPEL	Rev. Donald A. Smith and Bro. Wayne Atkins
WINFIELD	Rev. Danny J. Williams

MSC that offerings at the annual meetings be given to Jasper Association Missions Board.

MSC to recommend changing annual sessions from two half days to one

MSC to recommend changing annual sessions from two half days to one whole day to be held on Saturday each year (Article VII - Meetings in Constitution. And Article X - Amendments and Rules of Decorum, Item # 11.

The General Board approved the Nominating Committees Report in its entirety. Recommended meeting sites for 2002

January 26, 2002: Liberty FWB Church

June 15, 2002: Union Chapel FWB Church

October 5, 2002 (Saturday): New Liberty FWB Church

### NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS AND BOARDS

The nominating committee of the Jasper Association of FWB met on Tuesday August 7, 2001 at 6:30 P.M. Meeting was at Hamilton FWB. Bro. Letus Atkinson served as clerk.

The following committee members were present: Bro. Fray Stone, Bro. Ted Sands, Bro. O'Neal Funderburk, and Bro. Billy Wisham.

The following is a list of the 2001-2002 nominees:

OFFICE	PRESENT	NOMINEE	TERM
Moderator	Rev. Donald Taggart	Rev. Donald Taggart	2002
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Danny Williams	Rev. Danny Williams	2002
Clerk	Bro. Letus Atkinson	Bro. Letus Atkinson	2002
Asst. Clerk	Rev. Jeffery Skiles	Rev. Jeffery Skiles	2002
AL Gen. Board	Rev. Donald Taggart	Rev. Donald Taggart	2002
(Moderator generally serves as AL General Board Member)			
Trinity Camp Bd.	Rev. Bryan Silas	Rev. Bryan Silas	2004
Childrens Home	Rev. Ted Sands	Rev. Ted Sands	2002
Credentials	Rev. Danny J. Williams	Rev. Danny J. Williams	2006
Missions Board	Rev. Michael J. Frederick	Rev. Michael J. Frederick	2006
Executive	Rev. Donald A. Smith	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2006
Nominating	Bro. Billy Wisham	Bro. Billy Wisham	2006
Finance	Rev. Darren Pollard	Rev. Darren Pollard	2004
	Rev. Michael Frederick	Rev. Michael Frederick	2002

Thanks for allowing us to serve you.

Bro. Fray Stone Bro. Ted Sands

Bro. O'Neal Funderburk Bro. Billy Wisham

Bro. Letus Atkinson

## JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church State Highway 253 Guin, Alabama 35563 Phone: None Listed Clerk: Mrs. Angie Crow 528 County Hwy 54 Guin, Alabama 35563 205-468-2121	Pastor	Rev. William Atkins 10229 County Hwy 42 Guin, Alabama 35563 205-468-2423 Deacons: Row Crow Mike Tittle Alan Atkins
Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church P. O. Box 246 Brilliant, Alabama 35548 Phone: None Listed Clerk: Mrs. Nancy Webster 14036 Hwy 129 Brilliant, Alabama 35548 205-465-2500	Pastor	Keith Spencer 3950 County Hwy 57 Brilliant, Alabama 35548 205-468-9012 Deacons: Blane Doss Kermit Cagle Bob Linley J. B. Hawkins
Carbon Hill Free Will Baptist Church Dogtown Road Jasper, Alabama 35549 Phone: None Listed Clerk Mrs. Janice Perkins 475 Pierce Road Carbon Hill, AL 35549 205-924-4158	Pastor:	Rev. Ricky Robinson 701 Mackey Boshell Rd. Jasper, Alabama 35501 205-221-6574 Deacons: L. D. Perkins John. D. Burkett
Cedrom Grove Free Will Baptist Church 239 Cedrom Road Carbon Hill, AL 35549 Phone: None Listed Clerk: Mrs. Helen Tittle 239 Cedrom Road Carbon Hill, AL 35549 205-924-8132	Pastor:	Rev. John E. Warren 430 Cedrom Road Carbon Hill, AL 35549 205-924-9373 Deacons: None Listed
Free Water Free Will Baptist Church 12272 County Hwy 42 Guin, AL 35563 Phone: 205-468-2089	Pastor:	Rev. Donald Taggart 12272 County Hwy 42 Guin, AL 35563 205-468-2089



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Clerk: Mrs. Bryan Silas  
2088 County Hwy 45  
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205-468-2734

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church  
6909 State Hwy 253  
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Phone: 205-468-2325

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  
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Guin, Alabama 35563  
205-468-2863

Deacons: Douglas Emerson  
Hubbard Estes  
Harold Crowe  
Burgess "Joe" Taylor

Pastor: Rev. Edward Puckett  
1126 Military Street  
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Deacons: Fray Stone  
Lowell Parker  
Hugh Mac Winsett  
Dewel Emerson

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Skiles  
2061 County Hwy 45  
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Deacons: Billy Norris  
Morgan Bozeman  
Don Norris

Pastor: Rev. Michael Beckon  
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Deacons: Danny Franks  
Edgar Atkinson  
Lowell Franks  
Milton Rhudy  
Frank Pugh  
Danny Green

Pastor: Rev. Jamie Jeffreys  
1299 County Hwy. 51  
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Deacons: Terry O. May

<p>New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church            456 New Liberty Road            Bankston, AL 35542            Phone: 205-689-4102</p> <p>Clerk: Ms. Angie Smith            12450 Hwy 13 North            Bankston, AL 35542            205-689-4453</p>	<p>Pastor: Bro. Darren Pollard            456 New Liberty Road            Bankston, AL 35542            205-689-4102</p> <p>Deacons: Ted Sands            Ray Selman            Kip Madison            Daniel Smith            Marty Lowery</p>
<p>Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church            225 Rubley Road/PO Box 699            Carbon Hill, AL 35549            Phone: 205-924-3184</p> <p>Clerk: Mrs. Bernice Atkins            1883 McDade Road            Carbon Hill, AL 35549            205-924-9978</p>	<p>Pastor: Rev. Willie Coleman            261 Rubley Road            Carbon Hill, AL 35549            205-924-9978</p> <p>Deacons: Donald Sparks            Peter Stewart</p>
<p>Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church            PO Box 457            Red Bay, Alabama 35582            Phone: 256-356-9920</p> <p>Clerk: Mrs. Agnes J. White            1821 Hwy 124            Red Bay, AL 35582            256-356-4307</p>	<p>Pastor: Rev. Thomas Scott            PO Box 457            Red Bay, AL 35582            256-356-2425</p> <p>Deacons: Ross White            Willard Purser            Ralph Purser            Robert Newell            Raymon Blackburn            Elmer Lee Self            Mike Jones</p>
<p>Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church            PO Box 1021            Winfield, AL 35594            Phone: None Listed</p> <p>Clerk: Mrs. Mary Ann Wiginton            4716 County Road 47            Brilliant, AL 35548            205-465-9219</p>	<p>Pastor: Rev. Donald A. Smith            1321 Arthur Smith Road            Bankston, AL 35542            205-689-4845</p> <p>Deacons: Wayne Atkins</p>
<p>Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church            28180 State Hwy 253            Hackleburg, Alabama 35564            Phone: None Listed</p>	<p>Pastor: Rev. Michael Frederick            27978 State Hwy 253            Hackleburg, AL 35564            256-935-5197</p>

Clerk: Mrs. Lucille Anglin  
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Deacons: Bill Overton  
Ira Baccus  
Carl Atkinson  
Garlon Holliman

### **ORDAINED MINISTERS OTHER THAN PASTORS OF MEMBER CHURCHES**

Rev. William E. Atkinson  
6355 State Hwy. 253  
Guin, AL 35563  
205-468-2022

Rev. Ashley Culp  
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Guin, AL 35563  
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Rev. Dave Franks, Sr.  
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Rev. Dexter Guin  
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Home Missionary to  
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Rev. Dennis Haygood  
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Rev. William B. Hughes  
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Rev. Jerry Williams  
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Rev. Phillip Miles  
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Rev. William A. Roberts  
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Carbon Hill, AL 35549  
205-924-8826

**JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
PROPOSED BUDGET 2001-2002**

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

Expenditures:

Moderator .....	\$ 65.00
Assistant .....	55.00
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

A hand-drawn map of the Jasper Association area in British Columbia, Canada. The map shows a network of roads, rivers, and lakes. Key locations labeled include Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff, and the town of Jasper. The map is divided into numbered sections (1-12) and includes a legend for 'Jasper Association' and 'Jasper National Park'. The map is oriented with North at the top.

WILLIAM BANKHEAD  
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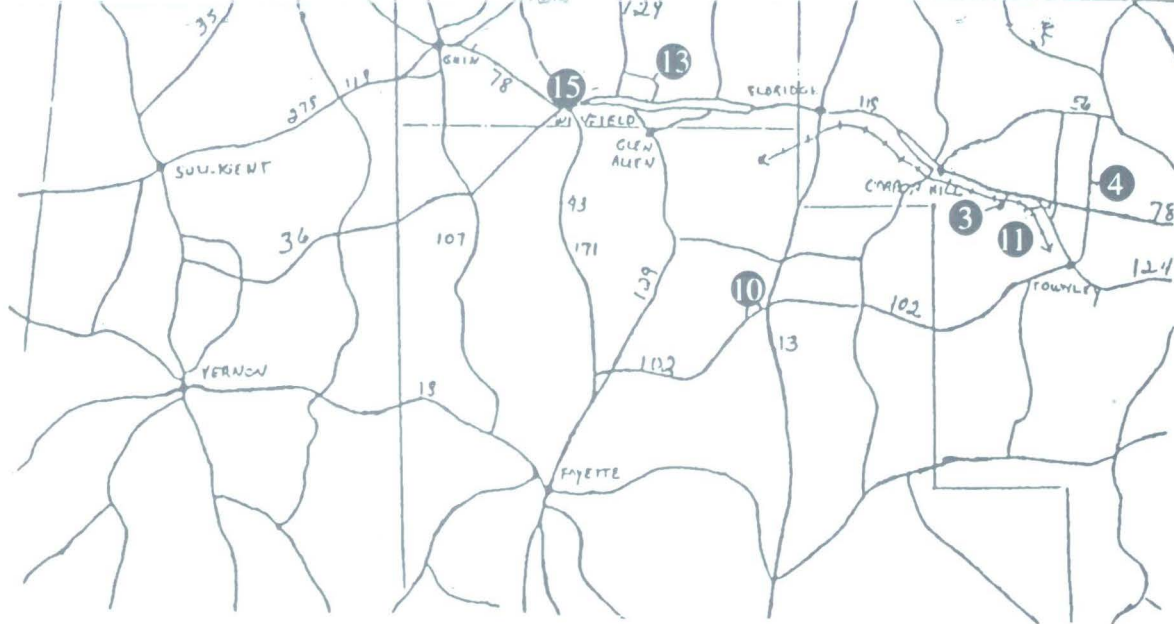
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- (3) CARBON HILL FWB
- (4) CEDROM GROVE FWB
- (5) FREE WATER FWB
- (6) HAMITLON FWB
- (7) LIBERTY FWB
- (8) MT. OLIVE FWB

- (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 00 - 31 AUG 01**

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AS OF 1 SEP 00 ..... \$1,716.89**

**RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD**

2 Oct 00	Offering and Dues from Churches .....	\$1,148.800
11 Nov 00	Retired Ministers (Cedrom Grove) .....	63.83
25 Jan 01	Dues from Churches .....	1,100.00
29 Jan 01	Offering .....	196.00
29 Mar 01	Retired Ministers (Cedrom Grove) .....	67.22
19 Jun 01	Offering and Dues from Churches .....	1,236.85

**TOTAL** **\$5,829.59**

**EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD**

**DATE CHECK #**

22 Sep 00	284	Letus Atkinson .....	200.00
22 Sep 00	285	Rev. Don Taggart .....	85.00
22 Sep 00	286	Rev. Roger Lucas .....	65.00
22 Sep 00	287	Rev. Danny J. Williams .....	20.00
22 Sep 00	288	Rev. William E. Atkinson .....	208.46
22 Sep 00	289	Bro. Duane Taylor .....	300.00
30 Sep 00	290	Bro. Duane Taylor .....	50.00
5 Oct 00	291	AL State Promotional Office .....	298.80
19 Oct 00	292	AL State Assn. of FWB .....	1,275.00
23 Jan 01	293	Thumb Print .....	475.38
21 May 01	294	U.S. Postal Service .....	40.80

**TOTAL** **\$3,018.44**

**Bank Book Balance as of 31 Aug 01** **\$2,811.15**

Letus Atkinson, Clerk/Treasurer, Jasper Assn FWB

**CASH FLOW REPORT**  
**1/1/01 THROUGH 11/26/01**  
**TRINITY FWB CAMP**

**INFLOWS**

AL State

Beaverton	1,000.00
Belk FWB	558.23
Brilliant	262.17
Carbon Hill First	200.00
Cedrom Grove	67.22
Cooper	438.11
Fairview, Hamilton	250.00
Fayette	3,764.00
First, Jasper	355.72
Florence	227.60
Forestdale	30.00
Free Water	544.92
Individuals	200.00
Jasper Assn.	500.00
Liberty FWB J	1,894.03
Mt. Harmony	1,450.90
Mt. Olive	1,545.00
New Center Pt.	1,520.16
New Liberty, Bankston	1,100.00
Northport	10.00
Piney Grove	1,485.00
Pocahontas	402.00
Red Bay	1,770.29
South Highland	800.00
Springfield FWB	275.00
State Line Assn.	24.46
Sulligent	1,657.66
Union Ch., W	275.00
Vernon FWB	1,137.98
<u>Winfield</u>	<u>1,185.00</u>

Total AL State	24,930.45
Amory FWB	372.40
Belk FWB	123.77

Camp Fees	30,221.84
Camp Rental	12,825.76
Charity FWB, Wendell	106.37
Free Will Chapel	481.31
Individuals	712.33
Int Inc	3.61
Misc. Income	26.00
Miss. State Assoc.	64.00
Mt. Olive	127.81
New Center Pt.	125.00
Piney Grove FWB	5,110.00
Progressive Assoc.	200.00
Shady Grove FWB	1,317.94
Snack Shop	6,284.47
Vernon FWB	500.00
WNAC	210.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>83,743.06</b>

#### OUTFLOWS

Advertising	29.00
Bank Chrg	53.00
Board	88.06
Bus. Insurance	6,481.00
Cleaning Supplies	202.22
Concessions	3,188.55
Equipment	1,651.24
Food	13,753.48
Honoraria	3,550.00
Life Guard	1,875.00
Medical	67.14
Misc.	1,356.31
Office	919.37
Paper Supplies	3,034.71
Pool	1,720.32
Postage	367.85
Program	868.90
Recreation	879.88
Renovation	3,798.00
Repairs-Upkeep	2,839.77
Salary	



Insurance	935.00	
Salary	9,163.00	
Tax S.S.	251.00	
Total Salary		10,349.00
Telephone		973.32
Travel		1,178.78
Travel - Evg.		820.00
Utilities:		
Electric	11,295.04	
Garbage	321.00	
Gas	1964.37	
Water	<u>2090.22</u>	
Total Utilities		15,670.63
Wages		
Maintenance	45.00	
Secretary	1,372.50	
Staff	<u>9,925.00</u>	
Total Wages		11,342.50
Uncategorized Outflows		0.00
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<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>		<u><b>88,392.60</b></u>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>		<b>-4,649.54</b>

#### YOUTH CAMP ATTENDANCE:

CAMP	SAVATION	PREDEDICATION	CALL TO PREACH	CALL TO MISSIONS
Junior 1	11	8		
Junior 2	10			
Junior 3	10	10		
Teaen 1	3	14		1
Teen 2	14	30	8	22
Teen 3	3	3		
Totals:	51	75	8	23

Overall Total of Decisions for All in Attendance:

Salvations: 77      Rededication: 135      Preach: 10      Missions: 25

Countless numbers of person decisions and commitments were made.

Attendance:

Total Attendance Since	Number of States
1,681	8

**God's continued blessings on Trinity:**

Year	Attendance	Saved	Rededication	Preach	Missions
1996	1303	73	242	7	5
1997	1266	58	240	5	1
1998	1424	73	313	5	4
1999	1416	52	80	14	2
2000	1174	56	85	10	18
2001	1681	77	135	10	25

## **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 VII MEETINGS**

As reads presently: This Association shall meet annually on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October at places determined on 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 is 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.

Recommended to read: This Association shall meet annually on Saturday (whole day) before the first Sunday in October at places determined at previous sessions; and shall not adjourn until all business is transacted. 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.

### **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

As reads presently: This Constitution may be amended at any session of this association by two-thirds vote of body present, provided proposed amendment is presented in writing, read, placed on the table, and acted upon during later session.

Recommended to read: This Constitution may be amended at any session of this association by two-thirds of body present, provided proposed amendment is presented in writing, read, and placed on table during morning session and acted upon during afternoon session.

#### **RULES OF DECORUM Item Number 11**

As reads presently: These Rules of Decorum may be amended at any annual session of this association by 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.

Recommended to read: These Rules of Decorum may be amended at any annual session of this association by two-thirds vote of delegates present, provided proposed amendment is presented in writing, read, placed on the table during morning session, and acted upon during afternoon session..

### **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 this body, shall become members.

SECTION II. A local church that wishes to become a member of this Association must adopt the National Treatise 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 Saturday (Whole Day) before the first Sunday in October at places determined at the previous session; and shall not adjourn until all business is transacted. 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.



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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

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 during morning session, and acted upon during afternoon 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 session of this association

by the two-thirds vote of body present, provided proposed amendment is presented in writing, read, placed on the table during morning session, and acted upon during afternoon session.

## **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**



## 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.



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