

**JASPER  
ASSOCIATION  
of  
Free Will  
Baptists**

**2003  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**2004 SESSION**

**2 October 2004  
Free Water 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	5	0	0		21		2	0	276
<b>Brilliant</b>	David Sanderson	7		7		58		1		276
<b>Free Water</b>		2	5	2	125	45		0	0	276
<b>Hamilton</b>	Edward Puckett	8	0	2	119	115		2	1	276
<b>Liberty</b>	James L. Carrington		6		141	60		2	0	276
<b>Mt. Olive</b>	Michael Beckon	1	0	1	334	90		6		276
<b>Mt. Pleasant</b>	Jamie Jeffreys		2	0	195	30		2		276
<b>New Liberty</b>	Darren Pollard	4	0	2	94	90		1		276
<b>Red Bay</b>	Barry Raper	21	5	13	419	265		2		276
<b>Union Chapel</b>	Donald A. Smith	1	0	1	29					276
<b>Union Hill</b>	Michael Frederick	1	1	1				2		276
<b>Winfield</b>	Danny J. Williams	6	7	6	276	194		4		276
	<b>Totals</b>	56	26	35	1732	968		25	1	\$3,312

# **MINUTES**

**Of the**

**One Hundred &  
Fifteenth Annual Session**

*SEVENTEENTH*

**Of the**

**JASPER ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**WHEN CONVENED AT**

**LIBERTY FWB CHURCH  
OCTOBER 4, 2003**

# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

		<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Rev. Edward Puckett 1126 Military St. S. Hamilton, Al. 35570 (205) 921-4428	2004
<b>ASST. MODERATOR</b>	Rev. Tom Scott P. O. Box 184 Red Bay, Al. 35582 (256) 356-2425	2004
<b>CLERK</b>	Bro. Hugh M. Winsett P. O. Box 1258 Hamilton, Al. 35570 (205) 921-4265 bwinsett@sonet.net	2004
<b>ASST. CLERK</b>	Bro. Letus Atkinson 321 Old Cooper Creek Road Guin, Al. 35563 (205) 468-2437	2004

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

<b>State Board Member</b>	Rev. Edward Puckett	2004
<b>Children's Home Trustee</b>	Bro. Ted Sands	2004
<b>Trinity FWB Camp Board</b>	Bro. Bryan Silas	2004
	Rev. Darren Pollard	2005
	Rev. Mike Beckon	2006
<b>Credentials Committee</b>	Rev. William Atkinson	2004
	Rev. Barry Raper	2005
	Rev. Danny J. Williams	2006
	Rev. Edward Puckett	2007
	Rev. Mike Beckon	2008
<b>Missions Board</b>	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2004
	Bro. Harold Crowe	2005
	Rev. Michael J. Frederick	2006



Bro. Ernest Harris	2007
Bro. Kip Madison	2008

<b>Executive Committee</b>	Rev. Mike Beckon	2004
	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2005
	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2006
	Rev. Jerry Williams	2008

<b>Nominating Committee</b>	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2004
	Bro. Ted Sands	2005
	Bro. Billy Wisham	2006
	Bro. Fray Stone	2007
	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2008

<b>Finance Committee</b>	Rev. Darren Pollard	2004
	Rev. Michael Frederick	2005
	Rev. William L. Atkins	2006

## **General Board**

### ALL PASTORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD

<u>Church</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Bethlehem	None Listed	2005
Brilliant	None Listed	2004
Free Water	Bro. Harold Crowe	2005
Hamilton	Bro. Fray Stone	2004
Liberty	Bro. Billy Wisham	2004
Mt. Olive	Bro. Letus Atkinson	2004
Mt. Pleasant	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2005
New Liberty	Bro. Ted Sands	2005
Red Bay	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2005
Union Chapel	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2005
Union Hill	None Listed	2005
Winfield	Rev. Jerry Williams	2004

## **JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**District Meeting, January 25, 2003**

**Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church**

At 9:00 AM the session was started with Bro. J. D. Jones leading the congregation in two hymns (1.) "Living By Faith" (2.) "Will You Meet Me Over Yonder." Dr. Don Taggart, Moderator then asked Rev. David Sanderson, Pastor of the Brilliant FWB Church to lead in prayer. Dr. Taggart then gave the Moderator's message. He read from Psalms 100. Rev. Donald Smith was then recognized to give a report on the Jasper Association's special missions project for last year. He stated that \$2,832 was raised for Bro. Jamie Lancaster, missionary to Uruguay during this project. Rev. Michael Frederick, host pastor, then gave the welcome and devotion. He used II Corinthians 1:3. Points he made were "God can & will give us comfort in times of trouble." I Thes. 5:14, "God will use us to give comfort." The moderator then called the Association to order. The clerk, Bro. Hugh M. Winsett called the roll of churches and read the names of the delegates. The moderator then asked the pastors and deacons to stand. MS/C to seat the delegates. Rev. Mike Beckon, Chairman of the Credentials Committee was recognized next. He gave the following report:

"The Credentials Committee has met twice since our last Associational meeting. On Nov. 12, 2002 we met with Bro. Whalon Jones, and on Jan. 6, 2003 we met with Bro. Barry Raper. Both men are seeking ordination. Upon meeting with these two brethren, and upon then meeting our Associational Requirements we recommend both of these men be ordained, as approved by the Jasper Association."

Bro. Ed Puckett

Bro. William Atkinson

Bro. Jeff Skiles

Bro. Danny Williams

Bro. Mike Beckon

MS/C for these two men to be ordained in their local churches.

The host church then provided the special music. Ms. Jamie Hamby sang "Higher Ground." Bro. Helms, Pastor of the Jasper FWB Church then sang a song he had written for the Acts 1:8 program entitled "Go or Send." Bro. Helms did a superb job on the song.

### **Speakers**

Bro. Danny Williams, pastor of the Winfield FWB Church and organizer of the Missions Conference was recognized next. He said that this was the 28<sup>th</sup> Missions Conference. He said that 75 FWB churches are involved in the conference with 200 services and 25 speakers. He encouraged all churches to get involved in some way. Bro. Williams used John 3:16 for his thought, asking the

congregation to repeat it with him. The points he made were: (1.) God's Grace was prompted by God's love. (2.) God loved the world unconditionally. (3.) God gave his Son freely.

Bro. Larry Powell, Director of Home Missions was next. He thanked the churches & the association for what is being done for missions. He stated that our young people are needed in the mission work.

Bro. Tim Keener spoke next. His family is going to France with three other couples. He requested prayer for the FWB Churches in Ohio that they might become involved in missions. They will be working with the Muslim people in France which number about 7 million.

Bro. Dennis Haygood, Home Missionary to South Huntsville spoke next. He gave a report on the work there. He used Phil. 1:12 for his thoughts. He requested prayer for the work in Huntsville.

The moderator then asked Bro. Ricky Robinson, pastor of the Carbon Hill FWB church to ask the blessings on the food and dismiss for break.

#### **Break-10:30 AM-11:05 AM**

At 11:05 AM Bro. J. D. Jones led the congregation in the hymn "Hide Me Rock of Ages." Bro. Michael Frederick then presented the special music. He sang "Lord Send A Refuge."

Bro. David Potete, missionary to Chicago was next. He thanked the Association for their support for the Acts 1:8 program. He then presented several thoughts about their work in Chicago.

Bro. Fred Jones, Missionary to the Hispanic people in North Alabama spoke next. He expressed his appreciation for the Acts 1:8 program. He used I Cor. 16:9 for his text. He told about the work being started in Albertville, AL. He stated that the Hispanic people are the #1 ethnic minority in the US.

Bro. Rick Cash, Alabama State Promotional Director was next. He presented some statistics on Alabama FWB missions giving. He thanked all churches for their support of missions.

Bro. Mike Corley, Missionary to Russia spoke next. He gave a PowerPoint presentation about the work in Russia. He thanked everyone for their support of the Acts 1:8 program. They will be returning to Russia in June, 2003.

The moderator then called for the offering. Rev. Edward Puckett prayed and asked the blessing on the offering. An offering of \$240.16 was received. Rev. Walter Jagers then prayed the prayer of dismissal and the blessing on the lunch. The moderator then adjourned this session of the Jasper Association of FWB.



# **JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**District Meeting, June 14, 2003**

## **Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church**

At 9:00 AM Bro. Hugh M. Winsett led the congregation in singing the opening hymn "To God Be The Glory" with Ms. Ilene Myers at the piano. The moderator, Rev. Edward Puckett, then asked Rev. Walter Jagers to lead in prayer. The congregation sang "Joy Unspeakable." Rev. Edward Puckett brought the Moderator's Message using II Tim. Chapter 6 and Job 19:25-27. He made many good comments about having peace in our lives and looking for the second coming of Jesus. He then gave the welcome as host pastor. Rev. Freddie Miles of the host church then gave the devotion. He used Jeremiah 33:1, 2, 3, and Isaiah 58: 9, 10, 11. He made many good points about getting prayers answered. (1.) Prayer saves Souls (2.) Prayer saves nations (3.) Churches must find a way to get the lost saved.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The roll call of the delegates was given by Hugh M. Winsett, Clerk of the association. M/S/C to seat all delegates as read.

The moderator then made a motion to elect an Assistant Moderator since he had moved up to moderator with the resignation of Dr. Donald Taggart. Nominations were: Rev. John E. Warren-Declined. Rev. Tom Scott-Declined. Rev. Jeffrey Skiles-Accepted. M/S/C for Rev. Skiles to serve as Assistant Moderator.

### **Reports**

#### **State Promotional Office**

Rev. Rich Cash used John 9 and Matthew 5 for his comments about the Christian being the Light of the World. He said the giving to the Acts 1:8 program was behind the budget for the year. If the giving doesn't improve, cuts will have to be made. He asked that everyone make this an item of prayer.

#### **Free Will Baptist Children's Home**

Rev. Randy Key, Director was present and gave the report. He stated that twenty-nine children now live at the home. They attend school at the Winfield City Schools and church at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church. Many of the children are involved in sports. He thanked the association for their support.

#### **Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp**

Rev. Ashley Culp challenged the churches to give steady financial support to the camp for the entire year. He stated that several new camps were being held this year.

Rev. Jeffrey Skiles presented a special, 'Jesus Has His Hand On Me.'

Rev. Jamie Jeffries, Pastor of Mt. Pleasant FWB Church brought the first message. He used Ezekiel 33:1-16. He made many good points about the



responsibility of the Christians and the churches to win the lost and focus on pointing people to God. Rev. Jeffrey Skiles then led the dismissal prayer for break and asked the blessing on the food.

Bro. Hugh M. Winsett with Mrs. Angie Jeffries at the piano led the congregation in the hymn "Victory In Jesus."

### Reports

#### Credentials Committee

Rev. Mike Beckon, Chairman, gave the report granting Rev. Donald Taggart a letter of good standing to the Mt. Moriah Association.

#### Mission's Board

Rev. Donald Smith explained the Summer Missionary Project in Russia and gave packets to all the churches and asked for all churches to participate.

Received an offering and M/S/C to give the entire offering of \$145.74 to the Missions Board.

Hugh M. Winsett sang a special "When He Was On The Cross, I Was On His Mind." Rev. Barry Raper, Pastor of the Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church brought the last message. He used Psalm 37:4. The theme of his message was how to insure that you hold out to the end. He also used Phil. 3 about "Delighting ourselves in the Lord."

After instructions about the meal to follow, the moderator asked Rev. W. B. Hughes to pray the prayer of dismissal and ask the blessing on the food. The meeting was then adjourned.

## **Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist Annual Session, October 4, 2003 Liberty Free Will Baptist Church**

Session opened at 9:00 AM by Bro. Harold Crowe who led the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Rev. M. H. Hollis, interim pastor at the Free Water FWB church. Bro. Crowe then led "I Would Not Be Denied" with Mrs. Linda Silas at the organ and Bro. Hugh M. Winsett at the piano.

Rev. Edward Puckett, Moderator, then brought the Moderator's message. He used Psalm 133:1 for his thoughts. He brought many good points from this scripture.

Rev. James Carrington, new pastor at the host church then gave the welcome. He gave instructions about the facilities and welcomed everyone to the church. He then gave the devotion using John 4:5-7, 10, 28, 39. He made many good comments about this scripture and closed with the following statement, "We've been called not to be firemen but to be water boys for Christ."

The moderator then asked for the visiting ministers to stand. Rev. James Carrington, Rev. M. H. Hollis, Rev. Rich Cash-Alabama State Promotional Director, Rev. Tim Baumgarten-Special Speaker for the day, and Rev. John Warren-Cedrom Grove FWB church stood, introduced themselves and were welcomed to the association.

A special group from the Bethlehem FWB Church sang a special, "I'm Not What I Was." They gave a beautiful rendition of the song.

The moderator then called the session to order. The clerk then gave a roll call of the delegates. M/S/C to seat the delegates.

The moderator then appointed Bro. Charles Cochran, Rev. Roger Bennett, & Rev. Barry Raper to the Resolution & Appreciation Committee, and Rev. W. B. Hughes, Rev. Tom Scott, and Rev. Freddie Miles to the Obituary Committee.

## Reports

### State Promotional Office & Acts 1:8

Bro. Rick Cash gave these reports and presented many interesting facts. The report was accepted at information.

### Mongolia Work

Bro. Jeff Lunsford was present and gave a brief report on the work in Mongolia. He thanked all the churches for their support of this work.

### Trinity Youth Camp

## **2003 Annual Report**

### **Jasper Association convening at Liberty FWB Church**

#### 1.) ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT

A. Attendance	1,784
B. Salvation	107
C. Rededications	258+
D. Preach	11
E. Missions	12

#### 2.) ANNUAL GIVING REPORT

A. Brilliant	\$ 161.06	G. Mt. Olive	\$1,625.00
B. First Carbon Hill	\$ 160.00	H. New Liberty	\$3,900.00
C. Cedrom Grove	\$ 88.39	I. Pocahontas	\$ 72.00
D. Free Water	\$ 1,085.74	J. Red Bay	\$1,893.02
E. Jasper Assn.	\$ 900.00	K. Union Chapel	\$ 600.00
F. Liberty	\$ 1,315.95	L. Winfield	\$1,688.00

### 3.) 2004 CALENDAR

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>-Teen Valentine Banquet-Heath Ferguson  
Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>-Adult Valentine Banquet-Gerald Gann  
Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>-Couple's Retreat-VanDale & Sandy Hudson  
Apr. 23-24-Ladies Retreat-Rosey Baumgarten & Carolyn Dwyer  
July 9-10-Olford Seminar-David Olford & Tim Seale  
Aug. 6-7-Men's Retreat-Cliff Donoho

### 4.) CAMP SESSIONS

Junior I	June 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Owens
Junior II	June 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Cash
Teen I	June 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Paul McKissick
Teen II	July 5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Rhudy
Teen III	July 26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	David Crowe

Bro. Ashley Culp, Camp Director, gave the annual report on the camp. He stressed that the most important thing needed at the camp was faithful monthly financial support and your prayers. The report was accepted as information.

### Children's Home Report

Bro. Ted Sands, Children's Home Trustee, gave the report for the home. He told of several projects which were ongoing at the Children's Home. He told of several ways in which they are raising money for the home.

### General Board Report

The General Board of the Jasper Association met on Monday night, August 11, 2003 at the Winfield FWB Church at 7:00 PM. The following churches were represented.

FREE WATER	Bro. Harold Crowe
HAMILTON	Bro. Fray Stone, Rev. Edward Puckett, Bro. Hugh Winsett
LIBERTY	Bro. Billy Wisham
MT. OLIVE	Bro. Letus Atkinson, Rev. Mike Beckon
MT. PLEASANT	Bro. Allen Brasseal, Rev. Ambers Aldridge
NEW LIBERTY	Bro. Ted Sands, Rev. Darren Pollard
RED BAY	Bro. Oneal Funderburk
UNION CHAPEL	Bro. Wayne Atkins, Rev. Donald Smith
WINFIELD	Rev. Jerry Williams, Rev. Danny Williams

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Edward Puckett who had a short devotion and then led the group in prayer. The following items were discussed and voted on by the General Board and recommended to the Jasper Association.



<u>Office</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trinity FWB Camp	Rev. Danny Williams	Rev. Mike Beckon	2006
Credentials Com.	Rev. Mike Beckon	Rev. Mike Beckon	2008
Missions Board	Rev. Ricky Robinson	Bro. Harold Crowe	2005
Missions Board	Rev. Keith Spencer	Bro. Kip Madison	2008
Executive Committee	Rev. Edward Puckett	Rev. Jerry Williams	2008
Nominating Comm.	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2008
Finance Committee	Rev. William L. Atkins	Rev. William L. Atkins	2006

M/S/C to change the Constitution of The Jasper Association, Article IV, deleting the last sentence which reads "No officer shall serve more than two(2) consecutive terms."

Recommended the following meeting sites for 2004

January 24, 2004	Mt. Olive FWB Church
June 12, 2004	Hamilton FWB Church
October 2, 2004	Free Water FWB Church

The body must select a Credentials Committee member and an Assistant Moderator due to Bro. Jeff Skiles leaving the area.

The above report was read to the body by the Clerk, Bro. Hugh M. Winsett. The report was tabled until later in the session.

### **Mission's Board Report**

Bro. Donald Smith gave the Mission's Report. He reported on the projects they were working on.

### **Break**

A special was presented by the host church immediately following the break. A song entitled "At Your Feet I Find a Resting Place." The young ladies did a very good job on this song.

### **Resolution & Appreciation Committee**

We, the Resolution and appreciation Committee of the Jasper Association, wish to express our thanks to the following churches for their excellent hospitality and meals provided while hosting the meetings of the Association during this reporting period. Those churches are as follows: Union Hill FWB Church, Hamilton FWB Church, and Liberty FWB Church. A very special thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity. May God richly bless you for your efforts.

Respectfully Submitted  
Charles Cochran  
Barry Raper  
Roger Bennett

M/S/C to accept the report

### **Obituary Committee**

We, the Obituary Committee of The Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist must report that the Lord has found it necessary to call from among us the following:

Brilliant	Rachel Tesney, Dale Evans, Elaine Fields, Helen Stanford
Free Water	Elmer Wilson, Jackie Cooper
Hamilton	Gerlene Lovett, Ural Crowe, Clytee Pitts
Red Bay	Marjories Williams, Morrison Fuller, Glover Garrison, Roger Raper, Jean Hammock, Lottie Grissom
Union Hill	Paul Jagers
Winfield	Mary Virginia Bly, Earlis Reese
	Respectfully & Prayerfully Submitted W. B. Hughes Tom Scott Freddie Miles

The report was given by Bro. W. B. Hughes after which he asked for a moment of silent prayer. Bro. Jeff Skiles then led the congregation in singing one verse of "When We All Get To Heaven."

### **Credentials Committee**

The Credentials committee met on September 9, 2003 at the Mount Olive F.W.B. Church. We met with Brother Freddie Miles from the Hamilton Church who is seeking ordination and with Brother David Sanderson from the Brilliant Church who desires to join this Association. At the conclusion of our meeting, we recommend that Brother Freddie Miles be ordained and that Brother David Sanderson be accepted into this Association pending a letter of Good Standing from his previous Association.

The Credentials Committee  
Danny Williams  
Jeff Skiles  
William Atkinson  
Edward Puckett  
Mike Beckon

The report was given by Bro. Mike Beckon. M/S/C to accept the recommendations of the Credentials Committee.

### **Finance Committee**

We your committee on Finance find the financial reports to be in good order.

Yours In Christ  
William L. Atkins  
Michael Frederick  
Darren Pollard

M/S/C to accept the report.

### **General Board Final Report**

M/S/C to accept the recommendations contained in the General Board report. Proceeded to fill the opening in the Credentials Committee and the Assistant Moderator. Nominations were taken from the floor for the Credentials Committee. Rev. Barry Raper was the only nominee. M/S/C to elect Bro. Raper with his term to expire in 2005. The election of an Assistant Moderator was then brought to the floor. Rev. Tom Scott was the only nominee. M/S/C to elect Bro. Scott with that term to expire in 2004.

Another special was presented by the host church. "I'm So Thankful for the Gift of Grace."

An offering was received. M/S/C to deposit the offering into the general fund to help defray some of the expenses.

A special was then presented by Bro. Hugh M. Winsett. He sang "He Looked Beyond My Faults and Saw My Needs."

The special speaker for the Annual Session was Bro. Tim Baumgarten, pastor of the Northport Free Will Baptist Church. He used Revelation 3:20 as the text for his message titled "The Knock Against The Church." He made the following points in his message; (1.) Christ's Position, (2.) Loss of Perspective, and (3.) His Promise. He brought a very inspiring message from this text. He closed the message with prayer.

After various announcements and remarks from the host pastor about the meal, he closed the session in prayer.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

The nominating committee of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist met on Tuesday night, August 5, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church.

All members of the Nominating Committee were present and they are as follows: Bro. Allen Brasseal, Bro. O'Neal Funderburk, Bro. Ted Sands, Bro. Fray Stone, Bro. Billy Wisham, and Bro. Letus Atkinson, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer. Bro. Hugh M. Winsett, Clerk/Treasurer served as Clerk of the meeting. Our recommendations will be presented to the General Board on August 11, 2003.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Association as your Nominating Committee:

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

Bro. Billy Wisham  
Bro. Letus Atkinson  
Bro. Hugh M. Winsett



## JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church State Highway 253 Guin, Al. 35563 Phone: None Listed Clerk: Mrs. Angie Crow 528 County Hwy 54 Guin, Al. 35563 (205) 468-2121</p>	<p>Pastor: Rev. William L. Atkins 10229 County Hwy 42 Guin, Al. 35563 (205) 468-2423  Deacons: Roy Crow Mike Tittle Allen Atkins</p>
<p>Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church P. O. Box 246 Brilliant, al. 35548 Phone: None Listed Clerk: Mrs. Nancy Webster 14036 St. Hwy. 129 Brilliant, Al. 35548 (205) 465-2500 Bill Linley</p>	<p>Pastor: Rev. David Sanderson 415 County Hwy. 75 Hamilton, Al. 35570 (205) 952-9020  Deacons: Blaine Doss Kermit Cagle Bob Linley</p>
<p>Free Water Free Will Baptist Church 12272 County Hwy. 42 Guin, Al. 35563 Phone: (205) 468-2089 Clerk: Mrs. Janie Miller 8864 State Hwy. 253 Guin, Al. 35563 (205) 468-3641</p>	<p>Pastor:    Deacons: Douglas Emerson Hubbard Estes Harold Crowe Burgess "Joe" Taylor</p>
<p>Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church 1132 Military St. South Hamilton, Al. 35570 Phone: (205) 921-4428 Clerk: Mrs. Dorothy Winsett P. O. Box 1258 Hamilton, Al. 35570 (205) 921-4265</p>	<p>Pastor: Rev. Edward Puckett 1126 Military St. S. Hamilton, Al. 35570 (205) 921-4428  Deacons: Fray Stone Lowell Parker Dewel Emerson Hugh M. Winsett</p>

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Pastor: Rev. James Carrington  
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Guin, Al. 35563  
(205) 468-3262  
Deacons: Billy Norris  
Morgan Bozeman  
Don Wilson

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Guin, Al. 35563  
(205) 468-2325  
Clerk: Mrs. Carolyn Franks  
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Guin, Al. 35563  
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Pastor: Rev. Mike Beckon  
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(205) 468-8169  
Deacons: Danny Franks  
Edgar Atkinson  
Lowell Franks  
Milton Rhudy  
Frank Pugh  
Danny Green

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

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Red Bay, Al. 35582  
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Pastor: Rev. Barry Raper  
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Red Bay, Al. 35582  
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Clerk: Mrs. Agnes J. White  
1821 Hwy. 124  
Red Bay, Al. 35582  
(256) 356-4307

Deacons: Ross White  
Willard Purser  
Ralph Purser  
Robert Newell  
Raymon Blackburn  
Elmer Lee Self  
Mike Jones

Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church  
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Brilliant, Al. 35548  
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Pastor: Rev. Donald A. Smith  
1321 Arthur Smith Road  
Bankston, Al. 35542  
(205) 689-4845  
Deacons: Wayne Atkins

Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church  
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Hackleburg, Al. 35564  
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Clerk: Mrs. Lucille Anglin  
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Hackleburg, Al. 35564  
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Pastor: Rev. Michael Frederick  
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Deacons: J. D. Jones  
Donald McKinney  
Jerry Anglin

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Garlon Holliman  
Carl Atkinson  
Joe Johnson  
Ira Baccus

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**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist  
Proposed Budget for 2003-2004**

Income

Fees from 12 Local Churches	\$3,312.00
Offerings	<u>405.00</u>

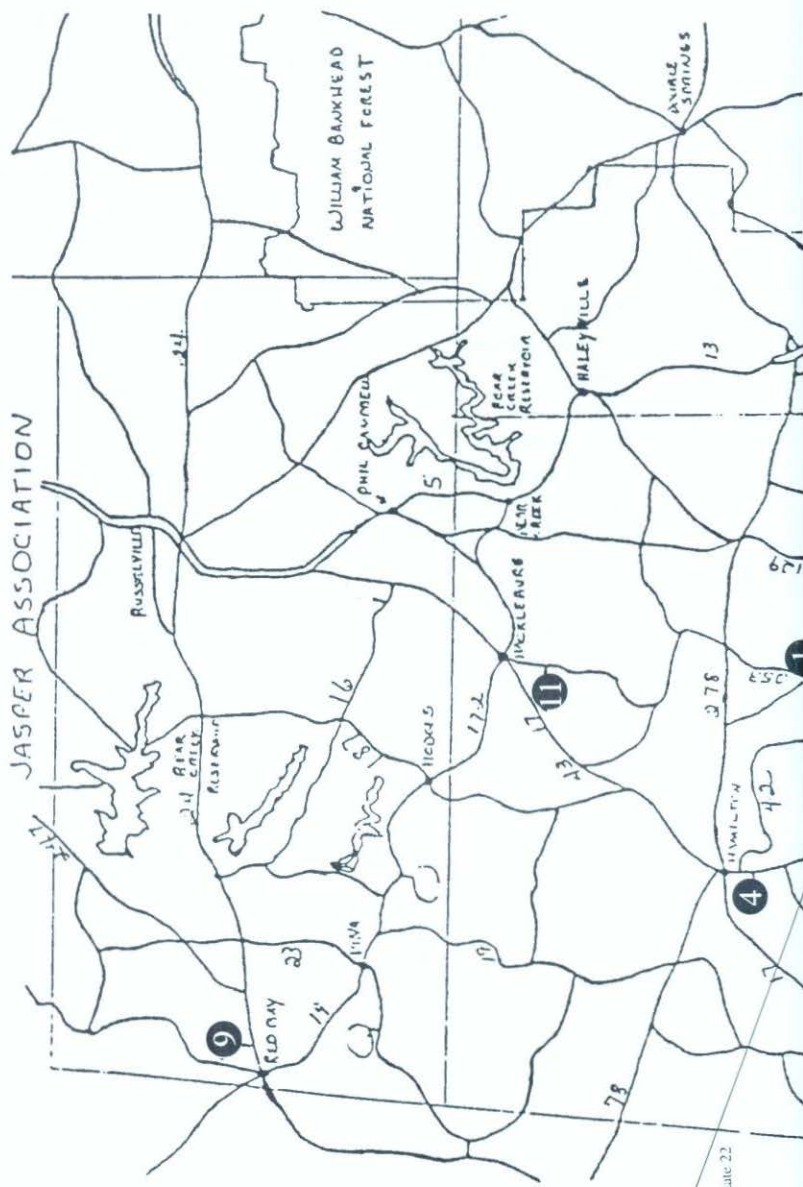
Total Income	\$3,317.00
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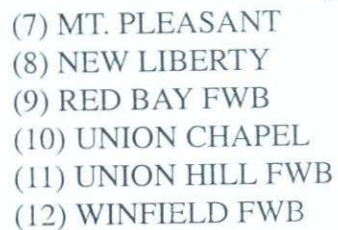
Expenditures

Moderator	\$ 65.00
Asst. Moderator	55.00
Clerk	200.00
Asst. Clerk	85.00
Guest Speakers	500.00
Trinity Youth Camp	500.00
State Promotional Office	300.00
Pastor's & Worker's Conference	200.00
Printing of Associational Minutes	525.00
Postage/Miscellaneous Expense	182.00
State/National Dues	<u>1,620.00</u>

Total	\$3,717.00
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# JASPER ASSOCIATION







**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist  
Annual Treasurer's Report  
Sept. 1, 2002-Aug. 31, 2003**

02-Sept-02	Beginning Balance	\$1,855.15
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**Receipts For Reporting Period**

05-Oct-02	Dues and Offering from Annual Session	1,405.75
07-Nov-02	Cedrom Grove-Retired Ministers Fund	77.21
25-Jan-03	Dues and Offering from Jan. 2003 Mtg.	1,620.16
14-Jun-03	Dues and Offering from June Mtg.	1,525.74
01-July-03	Cedrom Grove Check #2409 for Missions	689.23
02-Sept-03	Ala. State Prom. Office-N. Liberty Ret. Min. Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$8,173.24</u></b>

**Expenditures For Reporting Period**

03-Oct-02	312	Letus Atkinson-Clerk	\$ 200.00
03-Oct-02	313	William Atkinson-Retired Min.	304.50
03-Oct-02	314	Don Taggart-Moderator	65.00
03-Oct-02	315	Jeffrey Skiles-Asst. Clerk	85.00
03-Oct-02	316	Randy Wright-Speaker for Annual Session	200.00
03-Oct-02	317	Danny J. Williams-Asst. Moderator	55.00
03-Oct-02	318	Al. Assn. of FWB-Ann. Dues 15 Churches	1,275.00
27-Dec-02	319	US Postal Service-Postage	22.20
27-Dec-02	320	Winfield First Baptist-Copy Paper	22.47
21-Jan-03	321	Thumb Print Printing-Minutes	493.67
23-Jan-03	322	Al. Assn. Of FWB-Prom. Off.-Trinity Camp	400.00
10-Feb-03	101	Al. State Association-Promotional Office	300.00
10-Feb-03	102	Al. State Association-Trinity Camp	500.00
10-Feb-03	103	Al. State Association-Pastors & Workers	200.00
13-Feb-03	BC	Southtrust Bank-Check Order	14.95
10-May-03	104	H. M. Winsett-Reimbursement for paper labels, envelopes	28.95
10-Jun-03	105	US Postal Service-Postage	22.20
10-Jun-03	106	Al. State Association-Off. From June Mtg. Designated for Gololobov Russian Fund	145.74
07-Jul-03	107	Al. State Assn.-Dist. Of Cedrom Grove Check	<u>600.84</u>
		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$4,935.52</u></b>
		<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$3,237.72</u></b>

Hugh M. Winsett, Clerk/Treasurer

## 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.

## **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.

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 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

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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