

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will
Baptist**

**2006
ANNUAL REPORT**

2007 SESSION

**2 October 2007
New Liberty FWB Church**

| | | Members Added | Members Dismissed | Members Baptised | Present Membership | Sunday School Enrollment | CTS Enrollment | Ordained Ministers | Licensed Ministers | Associational Funds |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| CHURCH | PASTOR | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem | William L. Atkins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | NA | 0 | 3 | 0 | \$276 |
| Brilliant | Heath Yielding | 7 | NA | 2 | NA | 31 | NA | 1 | 0 | 276 |
| Free Water | Benny McKinney | NA | 1 | 1 | 148 | 40 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 276 |
| Hamilton | Tommy Franks | 5 | 3 | 2 | 137 | 120 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 276 |
| Liberty | James L. Carrington | 3 | 4 | 1 | 142 | NA | 0 | 2 | 0 | 276 |
| Mt. Olive | Michael Beckon | 0 | 2 | 0 | 334 | 90 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 276 |
| Mt. Pleasant | Jamie Jeffreys | 2 | NA | NA | NA | 30 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 276 |
| New Liberty | Darren Pollard | 9 | 3 | 2 | 106 | 78 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 276 |
| Red Bay | Mark McCraney | 13 | 9 | 7 | 441 | 241 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 276 |
| Union Chapel | Donald A. Smith | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | NA | 0 | 1 | 0 | 276 |
| Union Hill | Michael Frederick | 8 | 2 | 9 | NA | NA | 0 | 2 | 0 | 276 |
| Winfield | Danny J. Williams | 6 | 3 | 15 | 285 | 282 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 276 |
| | TOTALS | 53 | 27 | 39 | 1681 | 912 | 0 | 24 | 0 | \$3,312 |

MINUTES

Of the

Twentieth
**One Hundred & Eighteenth
Annual Session**

Of the

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

WHEN CONVENED AT

**LIBERTY FWB CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

| | | TERM EXPIRES |
|------------------------|---|--------------|
| MODERATOR | Rev. Jerry Williams 180 Silverleaf Road Winfield, Al. 35594 (205) 487-6069 | 2008 |
| ASST. MODERATOR | Rev. Mark McCraney P. O. Box 457 Red Bay, Al 35582 (256) 356-9220 | 2008 |
| CLERK | Bro. Hugh M. Winsett P. O. Box 1258 Hamilton, Al. 35570 (205) 921-4265 hugh109@centurytel.net | 2008 |
| ASST. CLERK | Bro. Letus Atkinson 321 Old Cooper Creek Road Guin, Al. 35563 (205) 468-2437 | 2008 |

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------|
| State Board Member | Rev. Jerry Williams | 2008 |
| Children's Home Trustee | Bro. Ted Sands | 2008 |
| Trinity FWB Camp Board | Bro. Bryan Silas | 2007 |
| | Rev. Danny Williams | 2008 |
| | Rev. Mike Beckon | 2009 |
| Credentials Committee | Rev. Mark McCraney | 2007 |
| | Rev. Mike Beckon | 2008 |
| | Rev. Bennie McKinney | 2009 |
| | Rev. Darren Pollard | 2010 |
| | Rev. Danny J. Williams | 2011 |
| Missions Board | Bro. Ernest Harris | 2007 |
| | Bro. Kip Madison | 2008 |
| | Rev. Donald A. Smith | 2009 |
| | Bro. Harold Crowe | 2010 |
| | Rev. James Carrington | 2011 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------|
| Executive Committee | Rev. Jamie Jeffreys | 2007 |
| | Rev. Bennie McKinney | 2008 |
| | Rev. Mike Beckon | 2009 |
| | Bro. Wayne Atkins | 2010 |
| | Rev. Donald A. Smith | 2011 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------|
| Nominating Committee | Bro. Fray Stone | 2007 |
| | Bro. O'Neal Funderburk | 2008 |
| | Bro. Allen Brasseal | 2009 |
| | Bro. Ted Sands | 2010 |
| | Bro. Billy Wisham | 2011 |

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------|
| Finance Committee | Rev. Darren Pollard | 2007 |
| | Rev. Freddie Miles | 2008 |
| | Rev. William L. Atkins | 2009 |

General Board

ALL PASTORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD

| <u>Church</u> | <u>Representative</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Bethlehem | Bently Crowe | 2007 |
| Brilliant | None Listed | 2008 |
| Free Water | Bro. Harold Crowe | 2007 |
| Hamilton | Bro. Fray Stone | 2008 |
| Liberty | Bro. Billy Wisham | 2008 |
| Mt. Olive | Bro. Letus Atkinson | 2008 |
| Mt. Pleasant | Bro. Allen Brasseal | 2007 |
| New Liberty | Bro. Ted Sands | 2007 |
| Red Bay | Bro. O'Neal Funderburk | 2007 |
| Union Chapel | Bro. Wayne Atkins | 2007 |
| Union Hill | None Listed | 2007 |
| Winfield | Bro. Roger Rye | 2008 |

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

District Meeting, January 21, 2006

Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church

The session opened at 9:10 AM with the host church Minister of Music leading the congregation in singing "We Have Come Into His House" and "His Name Is Wonderful." Bro. Jerry Williams, moderator, then brought the Moderator's message using Jeremiah 20:9 for his thought. He made many good points using this text. He made the point that the need in the local churches are: 1.) Broken heart for the lost. (2.) Burning heart-on fire for God and wanting to see people saved. (3.) Bold heart-one that is not afraid to stand up for Jesus. Bro. Williams led the congregation in prayer to end the moderator's message.

Bro. Mark McCraney, host pastor, came next with the welcome and the devotion. He gave directions for their facilities in regard to break and lunch. He used Luke 5:1-11 for his devotion. He brought a very inspiring devotion from this text. He used these thoughts in his devotion: (1.) Struggle in the night. (2.) Surrender in the light. (3.) Need to be surrendered totally to God. (4.) Success in plain sight. Bro. McCraney then led the group in prayer.

The moderator called the session to order @ 9:35 A.M. The Associational Clerk, Bro. Hugh M. Winsett, then read the roll call of delegates. M/S/C to seat the delegates as read.

MISSIONARY SPEAKERS

Bro. Bud Bivens, Missionary to Mexico was the first speaker. He used Numbers 27:15 for his thought. He requested prayer for the work in Mexico and for he and his wife.

Bro. Dana Booth, Home Missionary to New York was the next speaker. He introduced his daughter and son-in-law who had driven from Ohio to be with him in the service. Bro. Booth is going to Rochester, New York to start a new Free Will Baptist Church. He gave many interesting facts about churches in the New York area and requested prayer for them and their work in New York.

Bro. Rick Cash, Alabama State Promotional Director gave many interesting facts about the Acts. 1:8 program and Alabama missions. He thanked all the churches in the Jasper Association for their giving. He talked about the Russian work giving many interesting facts about that work.

Bro. Dexter Guin, Home Missionary to Colorado Springs was the next speaker. He related many things that had happened in their church and the many blessings that they had received. He thanked Alabama missions for their support and requested continuing prayer and support.

Bro. Jaime Lancaster, Missionary to Uruguay gave a very inspiring report on the work in Uruguay. He requested prayer for the work and the people of Uruguay.

Bro. Dennis Owen, Missionary to Uruguay presented a very interesting report on his work in Uruguay. He thanked everyone for their support of the work and requested prayer for them.

Bro. Larry Powell, Home Mission's General Director was the next speaker. He presented a very interesting report on all the home mission's works. He requested prayer for the military Chaplains.

Bro. Mark Riggs, Missionary to Spain came next with the report on the work in Spain. He told of their work in northern Spain, giving many interesting facts about the people and the area they work in. He thanked everyone for their prayers and support.

Bro. Steve Riggs, Missionary to France spoke next telling about the work in France. He gave many interesting facts about the area and the people. He told of some of the new couples going to France. He also gave a very informative power point presentation on the work in Nolte, France. He thanked everyone for their prayers and support and requested that the support continue.

Bro. Matthew Turnbough, Missionary to Spain spoke next thanking all the churches for their support of missions. He stated that less than 1% of the Spanish people are Christians. He gave a very informative report about their work in an area near Madrid, Spain. He also asked for everyone to pray for them as they go back to Spain.

After all the speakers had completed their reports, an offering was taken. Bro. Mark McCraney asked the blessing on the offering.

Bro. Mike Beckon, Chairman of the Credentials Committee was recognized next for a Credentials Committee Report. The recommendation from the Credentials committee was that Bro. Heath Yielding, pastor of the Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church be ordained to preach. M/S/C.

M/S/C for the meeting to adjourn. The moderator then asked Bro. Edward Puckett to dismiss in prayer and offer thanks for the food.

Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist

District Meeting, June 10, 2006

Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church

The session opened at 9:00 A.M. with Bro. Andy Stidham singing #398-"Glory to His Name" with Mrs Linda Silas at the piano. Bro. Fray Stone led in prayer. Bro. Stidham led the congregation in singing #104-"When I See the Blood."

Bro. Jerry Williams, moderator, then brought the Moderator's Message using 1 Peter 2:21-24. He brought a very inspiring message from this text

encouraging everyone to live as they should. Bro. Williams his thoughts in prayer.

Bro. Edward Puckett, host pastor, gave the welcome and the devotion. He used Col. 3:1-4 for his thoughts. He made many good remarks from this passage. He closed his thoughts by leading the congregation in prayer.

The moderator then called the session to order. The Associational Clerk then gave the roll call of delegates. M/S/C by the standing delegates to seat these delegates for this session. M/S/C.

Reports

Alabama State Promotional Office

Bro. Rick Cash gave the report on the Acts 1:8 program. And the State Promotional Office combined. He stated that \$237,465 had been given by Alabama Free Will Baptist so far this year. He thanked the Jasper Association for their giving so far. He made many good remarks in his report. He encouraged everyone to send their children to Youth Camp this year. M/S/C to accept the report as information.

Children's Home Report

Bro. Ted Sands, Trustee to the Children's home gave the report. He stated that the board was looking for a new director and encouraged anyone who might have a suggestion to call the Children's Home. M/S/C to accept the report as information.

Trinity Youth Camp Report

Bro. Ashley Culp, director, was not present at the meeting. Bro. Rick Cash told about the camps for the following week.

Special Music

Mrs. Alesa Yielding presented the special music next. She did a splendid job on singing "The Cross."

Message #1

Bro. Heath Yielding brought the first message. He used I Kings 19:19-21 for his text. He titled his message "It's Time To Minister." He brought a very moving message from this text. He closed his message with prayer.

Break

At 10:50 A.M. Bro. Andy Stidham led the congregation in singing Hymn # 361-"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" with Mrs. Sarah Ellis at the organ and Hugh M. Winsett at the piano.

Reports Continue

Credentials Committee Report

Bro. Danny Williams gave this report. The Credentials Committee recommended that Bro. Jason Martin be ordained to preach. M/S/C. They also recommended that Bro. Mark McCraney be received from the Vernon Association pending a Letter of Good Standing from that association. M/S/C.

Mission Board Report

Bro. Donald Smith gave the Mission Board report and informed everyone about the summer project to help Bro. Dexter Guin build a new sanctuary in Colorado Springs, Co. He informed everyone about the fund raiser to be held on August 19th for this project. M/S/C to accept this report as information.

Special Music

Mrs. Yielding was recognized next to present the next special music. She sang "The Half Has Been Told."

Message #2

Bro. Mark McCraney, pastor at Red Bay brought the next message. He used Exodus 14:1-4, 10-17, 19-28 for his text. He used the theme of "Obedience." Bro. McCraney brought a very inspiring message from this text. Hymn #39, "Trust and Obey" was used for the invitation.

An offering was received with Mrs. Sarah Ellis at the organ. Bro. Andy Stidham then gave a short report on the "Operation Renovation" project in Russia. The announcements were given and M/S/C to adjourn. Bro. Rick Cash led the closing prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist **Annual Meeting, September 30, 2006** **New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church**

The session opened at 9:00 AM with the congregation singing #589 in the Rejoice Hymnal, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" with Mrs. Silas at the organ and Mrs. Kelly at the piano. Bro. Bryan Silas led in prayer. The congregation was then led in hymn #335, "Love Lifted Me." Bro. Jerry Williams, moderator, brought the Moderator's Message next using James 4:14 for his text. His thought was "Taking Time". He made many good points from this text: (1.) Take time to listen. (2.) Take time to learn. (3.) Take time to love.

Bro. James Carrington, host pastor, then gave the welcome and brought the devotion. He used Ephesians Chapter 6 for his text. He brought a very inspiring devotion. He closed the devotion with prayer.

The moderator then called the session to order and asked the clerk, Bro. Hugh M. Winsett for the roll call of delegates. M/S/C by the standing delegates to seat all delegates. Bro. Williams then appointed the Obituary Committee and the Resolutions & Appreciation Committee. They are as follows: Obituary Committee-Bro. Freddie Miles, Sis. Faye Franks, & Bro. Ted Sands. Resolution & Appreciation Committee-Bro. Andy Stidham, Sis. Della Brasseal, Sis. Bonnie Williams.

REPORTS

Alabama State Promotional Office & Acts 1:8

Bro. Danny Williams gave this report in the absence of Bro. Rick Cash. He said that the Acts 1:8 program was below budget at the end of September by \$14,000. Bro. Williams also reminded everyone that the Alabama State Association would be held Nov. 8, 9, & 10, 2006 at the New Oak Grove FWB Church at Nauvoo. He also stated that Bro. Wayne Wilson had resigned the work at Prattville. He also reported that Bro. Dennis Haygood and the congregation in Huntsville would go self supporting at the end of March, 2007.

Children's Home

Bro. Ted Sands gave the report for the Children's Home. He stated that they are still looking for a new director. They also have 19 children at the home at the present time. He requested prayer and financial support for the home.

Trinity Youth Camp Report

A report was read in the absence of Bro. Ashley Culp, Trinity Youth Camp Director.

General Board Partial Report

The General Board of the Jasper Association met at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church on Monday August 7, 2006 at 7:00 PM for the Annual Meeting.

The following churches were represented:

Liberty-Bro. Billy Wisham

New Liberty-Rev. Darren Pollard, Bro. Ted Sands

Union Chapel-Rev. Donald Smith, Bro. Wayne Atkins

Winfield-Rev. Danny Williams, Rev. Jerry Williams

Mt. Olive-Rev. Mike Beckon

Red Bay-Rev. Mark McCraney, Bro. Oneal Funderburk

Hamilton-Bro. Fray Stone, Bro. Hugh M. Winsett

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Jerry Williams who then brought the devotion using Luke 2:48, 49 for his thought. He made many good remarks using the thought "Our Father's Business." Bro. Mike Beckon then led in prayer.

Item #1-Meeting Sites for 2007

January 27, 2007-Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church

June 9, 2006-To be determined at Annual Session in September.

October 6, 2007-New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

M/S/C to recommend to Association

Item #2-Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for 2007 was presented by the clerk. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to make the following adjustments to the pay for Associational officers:

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Currently</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Moderator | \$65.00 | \$80.00 |
| Assistant Moderator | \$55.00 | \$50.00 |
| Clerk | \$200.00 | \$225.00 |
| Assistant Clerk | \$85.00 | \$50.00 |
| Total | \$405.00 | \$405.00 |

M/S/C to approve budget.

Item #3-Associational Officers

The Nominating Committees recommendation for Associational Officers for 2007 was presented next. M/S/C to accept the officers as presented. The officers are as follows:

| Office/Board | Present | Recommendation | Term Expires |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Moderator | Rev. Jerry Williams | Rev. Jerry Williams | 2008 |
| Asst. Moderator | Rev. James Carrington | Rev. Mark McCraney | 2008 |
| Clerk | Bro. Hugh Winsett | Bro. Hugh Winsett | 2008 |
| Asst. Clerk | Bro. Letus Atkinson | Bro. Letus Atkinson | 2008 |
| Childrens Home Trustee | Bro. Ted Sands | Bro. Ted Sands | 2008 |
| Trinity FWB Camp Bd. | Rev. Mike Beckon | Rev. Mike Beckon | 2009 |
| Missions' Board | Rev. Mike Frederick | Rev. James Carrington | 2011 |
| Credentials Committee | Rev. Danny Williams | Rev. Danny Williams | 2011 |
| Executive Committee | Rev. Donald Smith | Rev. Donald Smith | 2011 |
| Nominating Committee | Bro. Billy Wisham | Bro. Billy Wisham | 2011 |
| Finance Committee | Rev. William Atkins | Rev. William Atkins | 2009 |

In addition to the above officers, it was brought to the floor that Rev. Edward Puckett had left the Jasper Association and needed to be replaced on

the Credentials Committee. Rev. Mark McCraney was nominated from the floor to fill this position. No other nominations were presented. M/S/C for Rev. McCraney to fill this position for the remaining term of Bro. Puckett, which will expire in 2007.

Item #4-Retired Ministers Fund

The Guidelines for Retired Ministers was discussed next. A motion was made to make the following changes to the guidelines to help clarify the qualifications and also to help insure stable funding for the Retired Minister's Fund.

Guidelines for Retired Ministers

I. Qualifications

- A. The minister must be at least 65 years old or totally disabled.
- B. He must have served in the Jasper Association for at least 10 years as pastor of affiliated churches.
- C. He must not be in the pastorate at present.
- D. He must maintain membership in a local church in the Jasper Association.

II. Procedure for Participation

- A. The local church of which the retired minister is a member, must make a WRITTEN REQUEST to the Jasper Association ANNUALLY recommending the minister and stating his qualifications to participate in the Jasper Association Retired Ministers fund. No funds will be given any retired minister without this written request.
- B. Each retired minister who meets the qualifications will receive \$600 annually as the funds are available.

III. Funding of the Account

- A. It is recommended that each church in the Jasper Association send at least \$100 annually for the Retired Ministers Fund to provide funding for the account.

With all business disposed of, M/S/C to adjourn meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

General Board of the Jasper Association

Mission Board

Bro. Donald Smith gave the Mission Board Report next. He gave the report of the special project for this year which was Bro. Dexter Guin and the work in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He reported that the singing held at the Free Water Church brought in \$2,305. Their goal for this project is \$4,000 and at present they

have \$3,353. He stated that Bro. Guin was very appreciative of all that is being done for them. Bro. Smith thanked the Mission Board for all their help.

Visitors

The moderator then recognized the visitors. Bro. Ken Bozeman and Curtis Allen were visiting.

Break

10:05 AM-10:30 AM

At 10:30 AM the congregation was led in #649, "A Mansion Over The Hilltop to reopen the session.

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 Jasper Association in 2006. Those churches are as follows: Red Bay FWB Church, Hamilton FWB Church, and Liberty FWB Church. Thank you for inviting us into your church for the meetings this year. May God richly bless you for your efforts.

Respectfully Submitted

Bro. Andy Stidham

Sis. Della Brasseal

Sis. Bonnie Williams

Report read by Bro. Stidham and a M/S/C to accept report.

Obituary Committee Report

We, the Obituary Committee of The Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist must report that the Lord has called from among us the following:

Brilliant

Free Water
Hamilton

Liberty

Kermit Cagle
Martha Franks
J. B. Holcombe
Vertha Mae Adams
Eva Plunkett
Ralph Lee
Julia Lewis
Cordie Lewis
Justin Knight
Ray Bozeman
Houston Nix
Vina Gilbreath

Red Bay

Williard Purser
Heather Porter
Christopher Martin
Wanda Pendergraph
Lillian Bull
Audrey Johnson
Icie Franks

Winfield

Respectfully & Prayerfully Submitted

Bro. Freddie Miles

Sis. Faye Franks

Bro. Ted Sands

Report read by Bro. Miles. The moderator asked for a moment of silence in memory of the above. He then led in prayer.

Credentials Committee

Upon recommendation from the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church and after having met with Bro. Tommy Franks, we recommend to accept Bro. Franks into the Jasper Association pending a Letter Of Good Standing from the Tidewater Association in Virginia

Bro. Darren Pollard

Bro. Benny McKinney

Bro. Danny Williams

General Board Final Report

M/S/C to accept the Association Officers List as presented. A motion was made from the floor to include full time missionaries in the Retired Minister's fund also. M/S/C to add the missionaries to the Retired Ministers Fund. Item #1 B under qualifications would read as follows: "He must have served in the Jasper Association for at least 10 years as pastor of affiliated churches or full time missionary work, sanctioned by the National Association of Free Will Baptist and meet all other qualifications. M/S/C to accept after much discussion.

Meeting Sites for 2007

January 27, 2007-Red Bay FWB Church

June 9, 2007-Union Hill FWB Church

October 6, 2007-New Liberty FWB Church

M/S/C to accept the meeting sites for 2007.

Financial Committee Report

After reviewing the records and reports of the Associational Clerk, we find that the financial records are in good order.

Sincerely
Bro. William L. Atkins
Bro. Freddie Miles
Bro. Darren Pollard

M/S/C to accept report at read.

At 11:05 AM the congregation was led in Hymn # 541 "He Keeps Me Singing." The offering was received next with Bro. Bryan Silas leading in prayer. The host church then provided the special music "Calvary Is The Reason Why."

Bro. Micky Crane, pastor of New Oak Grove FWB Church was the special speaker for this session. Bro. Crane used Matthew 16:13 as his text. The title of his message was "What's Wrong With The Church?" He brought a very thought provoking message from this text. Bro. Crane closed in prayer at the conclusion of his message.

Delegates to State Association

The following delegates to the Alabama State Association Nov. 8-10, 2006 at the New Oak Grove FWB Church was elected: Sis. Bonnie Williams, Bro. Roger Rye, Bro. Letus Atkinson, Sis. Faye Franks, Bro. Ted Sands, Bro. Andy Stidham, alternate.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist met on Tuesday August 1, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church with all members present. The committee consists of Bro. Allen Brasseal, Bro. Oneal Funderburk, Bro. Ted Sands, Bro. Fray Stone, & Bro. Billy Wisham. Rev. Jerry Williams, Associational Moderator was present at the meeting. The clerk, Bro. Hugh M. Winsett served as moderator. The following is a list of the expiring terms for this year and the recommendations for those offices:

| Office/Board | Present | Recommendation | Term Expires |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Moderator | Rev. Jerry Williams | Rev. Jerry Williams | 2008 |
| Asst. Moderator | Rev. James Carrington | Rev. Mark McCraney | 2008 |
| Clerk | Bro. Hugh Winsett | Bro. Hugh Winsett | 2008 |
| Asst. Clerk | Bro. Letus Atkinson | Bro. Letus Atkinson | 2008 |
| Childrens Home Trustee | Bro. Ted Sands | Bro. Ted Sands | 2008 |
| Trinity FWB Camp Bd. | Rev. Mike Beckon | Rev. Mike Beckon | 2009 |
| Missions' Board | Rev. Mike Frederick | Rev. James Carrington | 2011 |
| Credentials Committee | Rev. Danny Williams | Rev. Danny Williams | 2011 |
| Executive Committee | Rev. Donald Smith | Rev. Donald Smith | 2011 |
| Nominating Committee | Bro. Billy Wisham | Bro. Billy Wisham | 2011 |
| Finance Committee | Rev. William Atkins | Rev. William Atkins | 2009 |

Respectively Submitted,

The Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist Nominating Committee

Bro. Allen Brasseal

Bro. Oneal Funderburk

Bro. Ted Sands

Bro. Fray Stone

Bro. Billy Wisham

Bro. Hugh M. Winsett, Clerk/Treasurer

The announcements were given next and then the moderator asked Bro. Donald Smith to close in prayer and ask the blessing on the food. After this the session was adjourned.

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church

528 County Hwy 54

Guin, Al. 35563

Phone: None Listed

Clerk: Mrs. Angie Crow

528 County Hwy 54

Guin, Al. 35563

(205)468-2121

Pastor: Rev. William L. Atkins

10229 County Hwy 42

Guin, Al. 35563

(205)468-2423

Deacons: Roy Crow

Mike Tittle

Allen Atkins

Bentley Crow

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

Pastor: Rev. Heath Yielding

(205)712-4653

Deacons: Blaine Doss

Bob Linley

Bill Linley

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

Pastor: Rev. Benny McKinney

12272 County Hwy. 42

Guin, Al. 35563

(205)468-2089

Deacons: Douglas Emerson

Harold Crowe

Burgess "Joe" Taylor

Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church
1132 Military St. South
Hamilton, Al. 35570
Phone: (205)921-4428
Clerk: Mrs. Dottie Stidham
2075 Co. Hwy. 122
Hamilton, Al. 35570
(205)921-4265

Pastor: Rev. Tommy Franks
1126 Military St. S.
Hamilton, Al. 35570
(205)921-4428
Deacons: Fray Stone
Lowell Parker
Hugh M. Winsett
Olen Rye
Rex McCarley
James Stidham

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church
2061 County Hwy. 45
Guin, Al. 35563
Phone: (205)468-3522
Clerk: Mrs. Bryan Silas
2088 County Hwy. 45
Guin, Al. 35563
(205)468-2734

Pastor: Rev. James Carrington
2061 County Hwy. 45
Guin, Al. 35563
(205)468-3262
Deacons: Billy Norris
Morgan Bozeman
Don Wilson

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church
6909 State Hwy. 253
Guin, Al. 35563
(205)468-2325
Clerk: Mrs. Ann Barnes
8663 State Hwy. 253
Guin, Al. 35563
(205)468-8001

Pastor: Rev. Mike Beckon
6909 State Hwy. 253
Guin, Al. 35563
(205)468-8169
Deacons: Danny Franks
Lowell Franks
Milton Rhudy
Frank Pugh
Danny Green

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

Pastor: Rev. Jamie Jeffreys
122 Woods Creek Rd.
Hamilton, Al. 35570
(205)921-7668
Deacons: Terry O. May

New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church
456 New Liberty Road
Bankston, Al. 35542
Phone: (205) 689-4102

Clerk: Mrs. Angie Smith
12450 Hwy. 13 North
Bankston, Al. 35542
(205) 689-4453

Pastor: Rev. Darren Pollard
456 New Liberty Road
Bankston, Al. 35542
(205) 689-4102

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

Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church
P. O. Box 457
Red Bay, Al. 35582
(256) 356-9220

Clerk: Mrs. Agnes J. White
821 Hwy. 124
Red Bay, Al. 35582
(256) 356-4307

Pastor: Rev. Mark McCraney
P. O. Box 457
Red Bay, Al. 35582
(256) 356-9220

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

Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
P. O. Box 1021
Winfield, Al. 35594
Phone: None Listed

Clerk: Mrs. Mary Ann Wiginton
4716 Co. Hwy. 47
Brilliant, Al. 35548
(205) 487-8790

Pastor: Rev. Donald A. Smith
1321 Arthur Smith Road
Bankston, Al. 35542
(205) 689-4845

Deacons: Wayne Atkins

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

Clerk: Mrs. Donna McKinney
7710 State Hwy. 172
Hackleburg, Al. 35564
(205) 935-3176

Pastor: Rev. Michael Frederick
27978 State Hwy. 253
Hackleburg, Al. 35564
(205) 935-5197

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

Winfield Free Will Baptist Church
1960 U. S. Hwy. 43
Winfield, Al. 35594
Phone: (205)487-6548
Clerk: Mrs. Janet Aldridge
P. O. Box 784
Winfield, Al. 35594
(205)487-2178

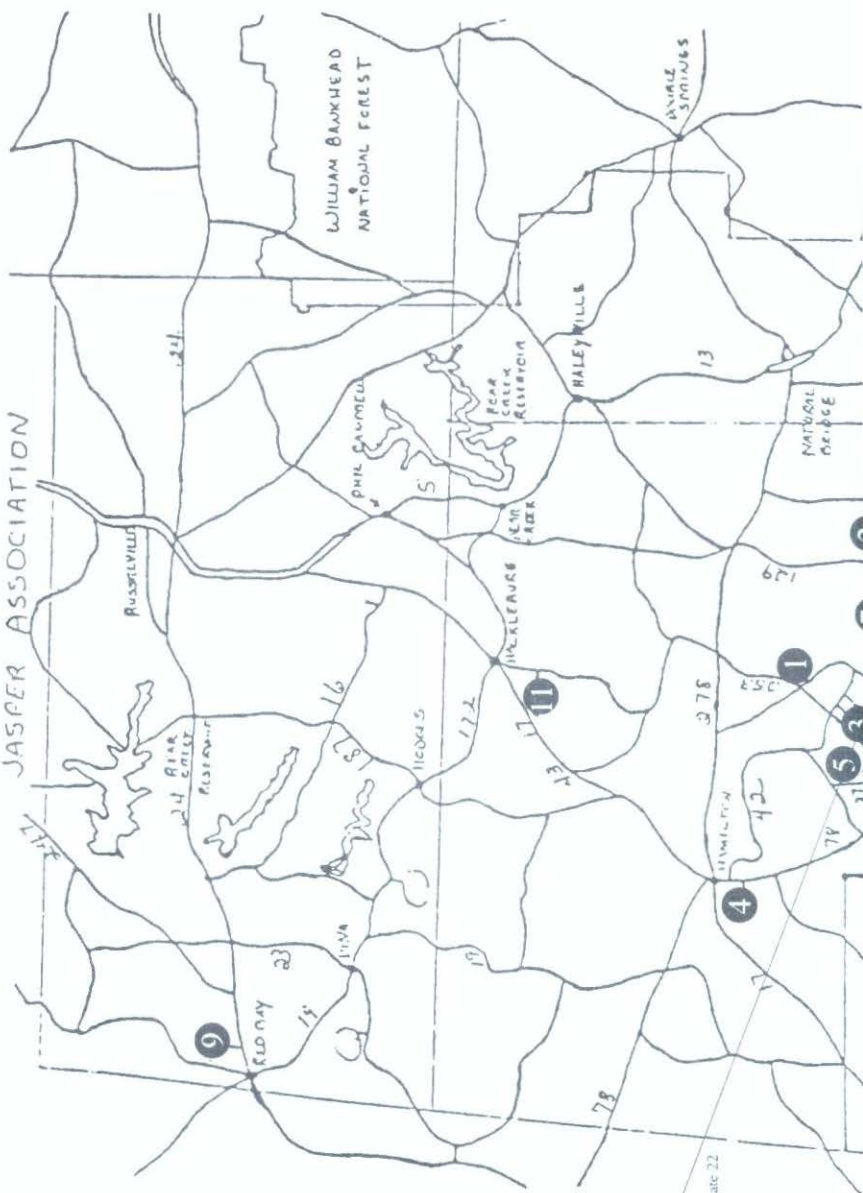
Pastor: Rev. Danny J. Williams
235 Meadowlark Road
Winfield, Al. 35594
(205)487-6992
Deacons: Bill Overton
Garlon Holliman
Carl Atkinson
Joe Johnson
Ira Baccus

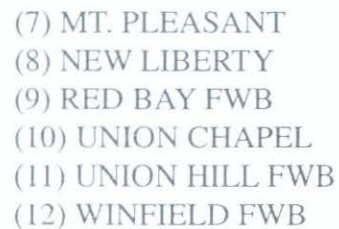
OTHER MINISTERS

Rev. William E. Atkinson
6355 State Hwy. 253
Guin, Al. 35563
(205)468-4282
Rev. Roger Bennett
P. O. Box 8
Eldridge, Al. 35554
(205)924-9917
Rev. Freddie Miles
210 Reese Road
Hamilton, Al. 35570
(205)921-7983
Rev. William Norris
P. O. Box 256
Guin, Al. 35563
(205)468-3540
Rev. Jason Martin
P.O. Box 806
Winfield, Al. 35594
(205)487-1003
Rev. Doug Swann
1978 Co. Hwy. 90
Hamilton, Al. 35570
(205)921-5245
(719)228-8794
Rev. Walter D. Jagers
132 Co. Hwy. 112
Hackleburg, Al. 35564
(205)935-3767

Rev. Ashley Culp
1855 County Hwy. 43
Guin, Al. 35563
(205)468-2610(Home)
(205)468-2325(Church)
(205)468-3057(Camp)
Rev. Dave Franks, Sr.
405 Eagles Circle
Jasper, Al. 35504
(205)295-0135
Rev. Howard Simmons
171 County Hwy. 22
Hamilton, Al. 35570
(205)921-3461
Rev. Jerry Williams
180 Silverleaf Road
Winfield, Al. 35594
(205)487-6069
Rev. Keith Spencer
3950 Co. Hwy. 54
Brilliant, Al. 35548
(205)412-9702
Rev. Dexter Guin
6545 Montarbor Dr.
Colorado Springs, Co 80918

JASPER ASSOCIATION





**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist
Budget for 2006-2007**

INCOME

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| FEES FROM 12 LOCAL CHURCHES | \$3,312.00 |
| OFFERINGS | \$563.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$3,875.00 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| MODERATOR | \$80.00 |
| ASSISTANT MODERATOR | \$50.00 |
| CLERK | \$225.00 |
| ASSISTANT CLERK | \$50.00 |
| GUEST SPEAKER | \$250.00 |
| TRINITY YOUTH CAMP | \$500.00 |
| ALABAMA STATE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE | \$300.00 |
| PASTORS AND WORKERS CONFERENCE | \$200.00 |
| PRINTING OF ASSOCIATIONAL MINUTES | \$500.00 |
| POSTAGE/MISCELLANEOUS | \$100.00 |
| STATE/NATIONAL DUES | \$1,620.00 |

Total Expenditures \$3,875.00

Variance \$0.00

Hugh M. Winsett, Clerk/Treasurer

Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists
Annual Treasurers Report
Sept. 1, 2005-August 31, 2006

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| 01-Sep-05 | Beginning Balance | \$3,143.67 |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|

RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD

| | | |
|-----------|---|------------|
| 03-Oct-05 | Dues from 12 Churches - Annual Session | \$1,104.00 |
| 03-Oct-05 | Dues and Offering from Annual Session | \$198.00 |
| 10-Nov-05 | Offering for Retired Ministers | |
| | Cedrom Grove Church | \$93.12 |
| 24-Jan-06 | Dues from 12 Churches - January Meeting | \$1,104.00 |
| 24-Jan-06 | Offering from January Meeting | \$226.75 |
| 14-Aug-06 | June Meeting Dues - 12 Churches | \$1,104.00 |
| 14-Aug-06 | June Meeting Offering | \$160.75 |
| 14-Aug-06 | Retired Ministers Fund - Union Chapel | \$100.00 |
| 13-Feb-06 | New Liberty FWB Church-Extra Minutes | \$42.00 |

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$7,276.29 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|

EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD

| | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 28-Sep-05 | 129 | WalMart - Copy Paper | \$3.70 |
| 01-Oct-05 | 130 | Jerry Williams-Moderator | \$65.00 |
| 01-Oct-05 | 131 | James Carrington-Asst. Moderator | \$55.00 |
| 01-Oct-05 | 132 | Letus Atkinson-Asst. Clerk | \$85.00 |
| 01-Oct-05 | 133 | Rev. Danny Thompson-Guest Speaker | \$250.00 |
| 01-Oct-05 | 134 | Hugh M. Winsett-Clerk/Treasurer | \$200.00 |
| 04-Nov-05 | 135 | Alabama State Assoc. - Dues | \$1,620.00 |
| 23-Jan-06 | 136 | ThumbPrint - Printing of Minutes | \$459.00 |
| 13-Aug-06 | 137 | Ala. State Assn.-Budg. Items 2005 | \$1,000.00 |

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Expenditures | \$3,737.70 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Balance | \$3,538.59 |
|----------------|-------------------|

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 by 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 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.

ARTICLEIX 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.

ARTICLEX 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 of 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 FUND

I. Qualifications

- A. The minister/missionary must be at least 65 years old or totally disabled.
- B. He must have served in the Jasper Association for at least 10 years as pastor of affiliated churches or in full time missionary work, sanctioned by the National Association of Free Will Baptist and meet all other qualifications.
- C. He must not be in the pastorate or missionary at the present.
- D. He must maintain membership in a local church affiliated with the Jasper Association.

II. Procedure for Participation

- A. The local church, of which the retired minister/missionary is a member, must make a WRITTEN REQUEST to the Jasper Association ANNUALLY recommending the minister/missionary and stating his qualifications to participate in the Jasper Association Retired Ministers Fund. No funds will be given any retired minister/missionary without this written request.
- B. Each retired minister/missionary, which meets the qualifications, will receive \$600 annually as the funds are available.

III. Funding of the Account

- A. We recommend that each church in the Jasper Association send at least \$100 annually for the Retired Ministers Fund to provide funding for the account.

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
5. Pastoral theology and church administration
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. _____ Modera-
tor _____ 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.



