

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will
Baptist**

**2008
ANNUAL REPORT**

2009 SESSION

**3 October 2009
Red Bay FWB Church**

CHURCH	PASTOR	Members Added	Members Dismissed	Members Baptised	Present Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Enrollment	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Associational Funds
Bethlehem	William L. Atkins	5	0	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	0	\$276
Brilliant	Heath Yielding	3	0	3	N/A	40	30	1	0	\$276
Free Water	Dwayne Hammontree	5	7	0	125	40	0	1	0	\$276
Hamilton	Tommy Franks	37	2	19	547	130	110	2	0	\$276
Landmark	Mark Collier	44	2	16	99	79	0	1	0	\$92
Liberty	Mark Riggs	4	1	1	92	60	0	2	0	\$276
Mt. Olive	Michael Beckon	5	8	0	334	90	0	4	0	\$276
Mt. Pleasant	Jamie Jeffreys	4	0	4	N/A	35	0	1	0	\$276
New Liberty	Darren Pollard	10	2	6	137	90	0	1	0	\$276
Red Bay	Mark McCraney	21	22	13	448	283	0	2	0	\$276
Union Chapel	Donald Smith	0	0	0	28	N/A	N/A	1	0	\$276
Union Hill	Michael Frederick	2	0	2	N/A	N/A	NO	5	1	\$276
Winfield	Danny J. Williams	7	3	14	295	255	0	5	1	\$276
	TOTALS	147	470	80	2105	1102	140	26	1	\$3,404

MINUTES

Of the *Twenty-Sixth*
**One Hundred & Twentieth
Annual Session**

Of the

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**WHEN CONVENED AT
HAMILTON FWB CHURCH
OCTOBER 4, 2008**

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

		TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR	Rev. Mark McCraney 303 McCarthy Drive Red Bay, AL 35582 (256) 356-2289	2010
ASST. MODERATOR	Rev. Darren Pollard 456 New Liberty Rd. Bankston, AL 35542 (205) 689-4102	2010
CLERK	Bro. Hugh M. Winsett P. O. Box 1258 Hamilton, AL 35570 (205) 921-4265 hugh019@centurytel.net	2010
ASST. CLERK	Bro. Bryan Silas 2088 County Hwy 45 Guin, AL 35563 (205) 468-2734	2010

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

State Board/Member	Rev. Mark McCraney	2010
Children's Home Trustee	Bro. Ted Sands	2010
Trinity FWB Camp Board	Rev. Mike Beckon	2009
	Bro. Bryan Silas	2010
	Rev. Tommy Franks	2011
Credentials Committee	Rev. Mark Collier	2009
	Rev. Darren Pollard	2010
	Rev. Danny J. Williams	2011
	Rev. Mark McCraney	2012
	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2013
Missions Board	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2009
	Bro. Harold Crowe	2010
	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2011
	Bro. Ernest Harris	2012
	Bro. Kip Madison	2013

Executive Committee	Rev. Mike Beckon	2009
	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2010
	Rev. Donald A. Smith	2011
	Rev. Jamie Jeffreys	2012
	Rev. Heath Yielding	2013

Nominating Committee	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2009
	Bro. Ted Sands	2010
	Bro. Billy Wisham	2011
	Bro. Fray Stone	2012
	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2013

Finance Committee	Rev. William L. Atkins	2009
	Rev. Darren Pollard	2010
	Rev. Freddie Miles	2011

General Board

ALL PASTORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD

<u>Church</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Bethlehem	Bently Crowe	2009
Brilliant	None Listed	2010
Free Water	Douglas Emerson	2009
Hamilton	Fray Stone	2010
Landmark	Roger Hall	2010
Liberty	Bro. Billy Wisham	2010
Mt. Olive	None Listed	2010
Mt. Pleasant	Allen Brasseal	2009
New Liberty	Ted Sands	2009
Red Bay	O'Neal Funderburk	2009
Union Chapel	Wayne Atkins	2009
Union Hill	None Listed	2009
Winfield	Roger Rye	2010

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

District Meeting, January 26, 2008

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

The session opened at 9:00 AM with the singing of *He Keeps Me Singing*. Bro. Darren Pollard led the group in prayer. Bro. James Carrington, host pastor gave the welcome and the devotion. He used two verses from Isaiah for his text. He brought a very challenging devotion about changing our thoughts. Bro. Carrington closed his devotion with prayer.

The association was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Jerry Williams at 9:20 AM. The roll call of delegates was given by the clerk, Bro. Hugh Winsett. M/S/C by standing delegates to seat these delegates for this session.

The missionary speakers for this session were then recognized.

MISSIONARY SPEAKERS

Bro. Danny Williams-Missionary Conference Coordinator spoke first. He stated that 75 out of 140 FWB churches participated in this year's conference. He thanked all the churches that helped and encouraged the others to consider joining in next year. Bro. Rick Cash then showed a short video about Free Will Baptist missions.

Bro. Dave Franks-Retired missionary to Brazil was recognized next. Bro. Franks and his family went to Brazil as missionaries in 1958. This year is the fiftieth anniversary and he will be returning for the celebration. He requested prayer for his trip.

Bro. Rick Cash-Alabama Promotional Director gave the next report. He stated that the Acts 1:8 program was doing well. The budget is \$560,000 and actual received is already \$561,482.22. Of this amount, \$88,905.68 was given by churches in the Jasper Association. He used Acts 1:8 for his thought. He made many good comments from this text. He also gave a short report about the Mobile Church and the Russian work. He thanked everyone for their support of the Acts 1:8 program.

Bro. Kent Nelson-Missionary to the Virgin Islands gave a very interesting report on their work there. They have a Christian school with 210 students. He used James 1:1 for his text. He thanked everyone for their support of the work in the Virgin Islands.

Bro. Matt Price-Missionary to France gave a very interesting report on the work in that country. He thanked the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church and

all other churches for their support of the work in France. He requested everyone's prayer for their work.

Bro. Tim Riggs-Missionary to Mobile spoke next. He thanked everyone for their prayers and gifts to the Mobile work. He talked about many of the needs still in Mobile and also about many of the families they are working with. He requested everyone's prayers for the work there.

Adjourned for break at 10:30 AM. Bro. Ashley Culp led in prayer, asking the blessing on the food.

The session reconvened at 11:00 AM with the singing of *Rescue The Perishing*. A special was presented by the host church, *Look For Me At Jesus Feet*.

Bro. David Sexton-Home missionary to Suffolk, Virginia gave many interesting facts about the work in Virginia. He stated that there was two families going with them to Suffolk. This is the fastest growing city in Virginia. He stated that they still need a building to rent. He thanked everyone for their support and prayers and requested that everyone continue to pray for them.

Bro. Mark Thomas-Missionary to Colorado spoke next. He talked about their plans to start their work in Pueblo, CO. He gave a very interesting report about this area and brought a very good message. He requested everyone's prayer for them and the work in Colorado.

The offering was received next.

After the offering, Bro. Danny Williams was recognized next to talk about the World Missions Offering Sunday. This will be the last Sunday in April. The goal is \$750,000. Each missionary will receive \$5,000 in their account from this offering. Bro. Rick Cash then showed a DVD about WMO.

With all business being disposed of for this session, M/S/C to adjourn. Bro. Mark McCraney led the congregation in prayer and offered the blessing on the food. Meeting Adjourned.

Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist

District Meeting, June 14, 2008

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

The session opened at 9:00 AM with Bro. Danny Franks leading the congregation in singing *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Mrs. Carolyn Pugh was at the piano. The moderator then asked Bro. Dave Franks, Sr. to lead in prayer. After the prayer, the congregation then sung *Come Thou Fount* led by Bro. Danny Franks with Mrs. Pugh at the piano. Bro. Ashley Culp then gave the welcome giving directions about their facilities. He then brought the devotion using Luke 15:11 for his text. He used the thought of "Father's Day" for his devotion. He made many good points about this text.

The moderator called the session to order at 9:25 AM. The clerk gave the roll call of delegates. M/S/C by the standing delegates to seat the delegates as read for this session. The reports for the day were next.

Alabama State Promotional Office-Bro. Rick Cash, Director, spoke first giving both the Promotional Office and the Acts 1:8 reports. He thanked all the churches for allowing him to serve in this capacity. He gave the giving report for Acts 1:8. Giving is behind last year and also behind budget for this year. Bro. Rick encouraged everyone to support Acts 1:8. He requested prayer for the work in Central Asia and in Russia. M/S/C to accept this report as information.

Children's Home-Bro. Ted Sands, Trustee gave the Children's Home report next. They currently have sixteen (16) children living at the home. He asked everyone to continue to remember the home in their prayers and financial support. M/S/C to accept this report as information.

Trinity Youth Camp-Bro. Ashley Culp, Director, gave this report. May 19th was the first camp week. He has six staff members for the summer. The first week there was 81 campers. Six salvation decisions were made. The second week of camp there were 167 campers with 11 salvation decisions made. He asked that everyone pray for the camp and the staff. M/S/C to accept this report as information.

Bro. Danny Franks led the congregation in singing *Heaven's Jubilee*. Bro. Darren Pollard, Pastor New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church brought the first message. He read the entire chapter of II Corinthians Chapter 5. The title of his message was "Living for Jesus." He brought a very inspiring message from this passage. He closed the message in prayer.

The moderator then dismissed in prayer for break asking the blessing on the food.

The moderator called the session into order at 10:50 AM. The reports for the day continued.

Mission's Board-Bro. Donald Smith gave the report about the special project for this year which is the Youth Camp. The project will run from June 14, 2008 through September 24, 2008. The goal is \$4,000. He gave the details about the special service to be held to help raise this money.

Credentials Committee-Bro. Mike Beckon, Chairman, gave this report. The credentials Committee met on March 31, 2008. Upon our examination we make the following recommendations to the Jasper Association. (1.) That the Landmark Free Will Baptist church be accepted into our association. (2.) That Bro. Mark Collier be accepted into our association as pastor of the Landmark Free Will Baptist Church pending a letter of good standing from his previous association. (3.) That Bro. Michael Nabors be accepted into our association serving at the Children's Home and a member of the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church pending a letter of good standing from his previous association. M/S/C to accept this report.

Bro. Danny Franks with Mrs. Carolyn Pugh at the piano and Bro. Harold Crowe on guitar led the congregation in singing *Oh, I Want To See Him*.

Bro. Danny Williams, Pastor of the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church brought the second message. He used Luke 14:25-35. The title of his message was "Not Contribution but Commitment." He used these five points in his message: (1.) Supremacy, Vs. 26 (2.) Submission, Vs. 27 (3.) Stability, Vs. 28-30 (4.) Surrender, Vs. 31 (5.) Saltiness, Vs. 34-35. Bro. Danny brought a very thought provoking message from this passage.

The moderator then called for any other business. No other business was brought forth. Prayer was requested for Bro. Darrell Burkett and Bro. James Walden.

The offering was received and then M/S/C to adjourn. Bro. Mark McCraney dismissed in prayer, asking the blessing on the food. The session was adjourned.

Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist

Annual Meeting, October 5, 2008

Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church

The annual session opened at 9:00 AM with Bro. Hugh Winsett leading the congregation in singing *Joy Unspeakable* with Mrs. Donita Shotts at the piano and Mrs. Sarah Ellis at the organ. After prayer, the congregation sang *He Keeps Me Singing*. Bro. Tommy Franks, host pastor, gave the welcome and then the devotion. He used John 4:34 for his text. He brought a very stirring devotion using this text.

The Moderator, Bro. Jerry Williams called the association to order at 9:20 AM. The clerk, Bro. Hugh M. Winsett gave the roll call of delegates. M/S/C by the standing delegates to seat the delegates for this session. The moderator then appointed the following two committees. (1.) The Resolution and Appreciation Committee-Sis. Bonnie Williams, Sis. Becky Brasseal and Sis. Emily Stidham. (2.) The Obituary Committee-Bro. Allen Brasseal, Bro. Charles Cochran, and Bro. Dave Franks. After the appointment of these committees, the reports began.

Reports

Alabama State Promotion Office-Bro. Rick Cash gave this report as well as the Acts 1:8 report. Bro. Cash stated that the giving for this year was behind last year and behind budget. He thanked the Association for allowing him to serve them in this capacity. Bro. Cash also gave an update on the Children's Home and requested prayer for that facility. M/S/C to accept this report as information.

Children's Home-No report available.

Trinity Youth Camp-Bro. Ashley Culp, Camp Director gave the report making everyone aware of some camp information available on the table in the foyer. He thanked Bro. Rick Cash for his help and service. He also announced that Dec. 5-6, 2008 was the Winter Retreat at the camp with Bro. Shiloh Hatchett, pastor of the South Highland Free Will Baptist Church, Muscle Shoals, as the speaker. He also told about the May men's retreat. Bro. Culp asked for some help in doing some fencing at the camp. The fencing project can be sponsored for \$10/ft. M/S/C to accept this report as information.

General Board Partial Report- The General Board of the Jasper Association met at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church on Monday August 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM for the annual meeting. Bro. Jerry Williams, Associational Moderator presided over the meeting. Bro. Jamie Jeffreys led in prayer. The following business was conducted at the meeting:

Item #1 - Proposed Budget

Bro. Hugh Winsett, Clerk/Treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2008-2009. There was a motion and a second to accept the budget as presented. The motion carried.

Item #2 - Meeting Sites for 2009

January Meeting-Winfield Free Will Baptist Church

June Meeting-To be determined at Annual Meeting

October Meeting-Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church

M/S/C to accept these meeting sites with the June meeting to be filled at the Annual Meeting.

Item #3 - Association Officers for 2008-2009

The nominating committee's report was presented to the General Board. The board passed all the appointments with the exception of the Credentials Committee. Bro. Mike Beckon declined to accept his reappointment. The General Board nominated Bro. Donald Smith to fill this position. M/S/C as listed below:

Office/Board	Present	Recommendation	Term Expires
Moderator	Bro. Jerry Williams	Bro. Mark McCraney	2010
Asst. Moderator	Bro. Mark McCraney	Bro. Darren Pollard	2010
Clerk	Bro. Hugh Winsett	Bro. Hugh Winsett	2010
Asst. Clerk	Bro. Letus Atkinson	Bro. Bryan Silas	2010
State Board Member	Bro. Jerry Williams	Bro Mark McCraney	2010
Children's Home Trustee	Bro. Ted Sands	Bro. Ted Sands	2010

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Trinity FWB Camp Bd.	Bro. Danny Williams	Bro. Tommy Franks	2011
Credentials Committee	Rev. Mike Beckon	Rev. Donald Smith	2013
Credentials Committee	Bro. Bennie McKinney	Bro. Mark Collier	2009
Mission's Board	Bro. Kip Madison	Bro. Kip Madison	2013
Mission's Board	Bro. James Carrington	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2011
Executive Committee	Bro. Bennie McKinney	Bro. Heath Yielding	2013
Nominating Committee	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2013
Finance Committee	Bro. Freddie Miles	Bro. Freddie Miles	2011

Item #4-Speakers for Upcoming Meetings

October 4, 2008-Bro. Jeff Fleming with Bro. Tim York as backup

June 2009-Bro. Mark Collier and Bro. Dwayne Hammontree

October 2009-Bro. Tim York with Bro. Tim Baumgarten as backup.

The moderator asked if there was any more business to be conducted. With no other business brought up, he asked for a motion and a second to adjourn. M/ S/C to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted

The General Board of the Jasper Association M/S/C to accept this report.

Mission's Board Report-Bro. Donald Smith presented the report as Chairman of the Board. He gave a report on the summer project of the Trinity Youth Camp. He gave a report on the special day on August 2, 2008 at the camp. He thanked everyone who had helped but requested that those who have not contributed to the project to please do so. M/S/C to accept this report.

The moderator then called for any new business with none being brought forth.

The session dismissed at 9:55 for break.

The session reconvened at 10:30 AM singing *When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder*.

Resolutions and Appreciation Report-read by Sis. Bonnie Williams. 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 2008. Those churches are as follows: Liberty FWB Church, Mt. Olive FWB Church, and Hamilton 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

Sis. Bonnie Williams

Sis. Emily Stidham

Sis. Becky Brasseal

M/S/C with a standing vote to show appreciation to these churches.

Obituary Committee Report-read by Bro. Allen Brasseal.

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

Hamilton	Bea Harris
	Rev. Howard Simmons
	Ludene Simmons
Liberty	Nell Green
Mt. Olive	Margaret Johnson
	Bobby White
Mt. Pleasant	Lexie Thompson
Red Bay	Jess Herbster
	Gaitrus Collier
	Brenda K. Ozbirn.
	Roland Yielding
	Mary Green
Union Hill	German Hudson
Winfield	Claude Cole
	Judy Perry
	James Johnson

Respectfully & Prayerfully Submitted

Bro. Dave Franks

Bro. Allen Brasseal

Bro. Charles Cochran

A moment of silence was observed in memory of these with Bro. Danny Williams leading in prayer after the time of silence. M/S/C to accept this report.

Financial Committee-Bro. Freddie Miles gave this report. The financial records were reviewed and found to be in proper order.

Prayerfully Submitted

Bro. Freddie Miles

Credentials Committee-No report

Other Business-The Landmark Free Will Baptist Church has requested that the June meeting meet with them. M/S/C.

Meeting Sites for 2009

January 24, 2009-Winfield Free Will Baptist Church

June 13, 2009-Landmark Free Will Baptist Church

October 3, 2009-Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church

The congregation was led in the song *When We All Get To Heaven* by Bro. Winsett with Mrs. Shotts and Mrs. Ellis at the instruments.

The offering was received next with Bro. Mark Riggs praying the offerentory prayer. Mrs. Donita Shotts played the piano during the offering.

Bro. William Atkinson, retired pastor, thanked all the churches of the association for their support of the Jasper Associations Retired Ministers fund. He also thanked Bro. Danny Williams and the congregation of the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church for their recognition as a former pastor of this church.

Mrs. Donita Shotts of the host church who sang *Glory Road* presented the special music.

Bro. Jeff Fleming, pastor of Barnesville Free Will Baptist Church was the guest speaker for this session. He used Romans 1:16 and II Timothy 1:8 for his text. He brought a very stirring message from this text. He made many good points including the following: (1.) Don't be ashamed of the truth

(2.) We have the power

(3.) We have the source of the power-The Gospel

After the message, Bro. Fleming led in prayer to close.

Election of Delegates to the Alabama State Association-The moderator then asked for volunteers to be delegates to the state association. Bro. Roger Rye, Bro. Dick Williams, and Sis. Bonnie Williams said they would go. M/S/C for these to represent at the State Association.

Bro. Jerry Williams, Moderator, then turned the session over to Bro. Mark McCraney, incoming Moderator to close the session. Bro. McCraney asked for announcements with no announcements given, he asked for a motion and second to adjourn. M/S/C to adjourn. Bro. Mark Riggs dismissed and asked the blessing on the food. Session Adjourned.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of the Jasper Association met on Tuesday night August 5, 2008 at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church for their annual meeting. The following members were present: Bro. Allen Brasseal, Bro. Ted Sands, Bro. O'Neal Funderburk, and the associational clerk, Hugh Winsett. The following is the recommendations of the committee to fill the Associational Offices for the next term.

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Moderator	Bro. Jerry Williams	Bro. Mark McCraney	2010
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Respectfully Submitted

Jasper Association Nominating Committee

Hugh M. Winsett, Clerk/Treasurer

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Mike Tittle
Allen Atkins
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Bob Linley
Bill Linley

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Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church P. O. Box 1021 Winfield, Al. 35594 Phone: None Listed Clerk: Mrs. Mary Ann Wiginton P.O. Box 1552 Winfield, Al 35594 (205)487-8790	Pastor: Rev. Donald A. Smith 1321 Arthur Smith Road Bankston, Al. 35542 (205)689-4845 Deacons: Wayne Atkins
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Winfield Free Will Baptist Church 1960 U. S. Hwy. 43 Winfield, Al. 35594 Phone: (205)487-6548 Clerk: Mrs. Kaye McDonald 12295 Hwy. 107 Winfield, Al. 35594 (205)487-2990	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

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Nashville, TN

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A hand-drawn map of Jasper National Park, oriented horizontally. The map shows several towns and locations: Russellville, Phil Simeau, Huleburg, Haleville, and Waleville. It also depicts William Buxhead National Forest, Bear Creek, and the National Bridge. Numbered points of interest are marked with circles containing numbers: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. The map includes a grid system with letters A through Z along the top and bottom edges.

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| (1) BETHLEHEM FWB | (7) MT. PLEASANT |
| (2) BRILLIANT FWB | (8) NEW LIBERTY |
| (3) FREE WATER FWB | (9) RED BAY FWB |
| (4) HAMILTON FWB | (10) UNION CHAPEL |
| (5) LIBERTY FWB | (11) UNION HILL FWB |
| (6) MT OLIVE FWB | (12) WINFIELD FWB |
| (13) LANDMARK FWB | |

**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist
Budget for 2008-2009**

PROPOSED INCOME

FEES FROM 13 LOCAL CHURCHES	\$3,588.00
OFFERINGS	\$563.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,151.00

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

MODERATOR	\$80.00
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	\$50.00
CLERK	\$225.00
ASSISTANT CLERK	\$50.00
GUEST SPEAKERS	\$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	\$1,755.00

Total Expenditures \$4,010.00

Variance \$141.00

Hugh M. Winsett, Clerk/Treasurer

**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists
Annual Treasurers Report
Sept. 1, 2007-August 31, 2008**

01-Sep-07	Beginning Balance	\$4,242.26
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RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD

09-Feb-08	Annual Mtg. Dues - 11 Churches	1,012.00
09-Feb-08	Offering at Annual Mtg.	145.00
09-Feb-08	Ret. Ministers - \$100 - Red Bay, \$100.00-Hamilton, \$100-Liberty	300.00
09-Feb-08	Jan. Mtg. Dues - 11 Churches	1,012.00
09-Feb-08	Offering at Jan. Mtg.	213.00
25-Feb-08	Brilliant FWB Church-Make-up Check 3 Sessions	2.76.00
11-Aug-08	June Mtg. Dues - 12 Churches	1,104.00
11-Aug-08	Offering at June '08 Mtg.	142.10
11-Aug-08	AL State Assn. - Ret. Min- Union Chapel-\$100, C. Grove-\$100	225.00
	Ret. Ministers -\$100-Free Waters	100.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,771.36

EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD

06-Oct-07	191	Bro. Jerry Williams-Moderator	\$80.00
06-Oct-07	192	Bro. Mark McCraney-Asst. Moderator	50.00
06-Oct-07	193	Hugh Winsett-Clerk/Treasurer	225.00
06-Oct-07	194	Bro. Letus Atkinson-Asst. Clerk/Treas.	50.00
06-Oct-07	195	Bro. Allen Austin-Special Speaker/Fall	250.00
12-Oct-07	196	Rev. William E. Atkinson- Retired Ministers for 2007	600.00
12-Oct-07	197	Rev. Dave Franks Retired Ministers for 2007	600.00
31-Oct-07	198	AL State Assoc. Annual Church Dues/12 Churches	1,620.00
15-Jan-08	199	US Postal Service-Stamps	16.40
07-Feb-08	200	Thumbprint Printing-Printing of Minutes	459.00
13-Jun-08	201	AL State Assoc.-Budgeted Items-2008	1,000.00
		Total Expenditures	\$4,950.40
		Balance	\$3,820.96
		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.

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 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. _____ 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.



