

**JASPER  
ASSOCIATION  
of  
Free Will  
Baptist**

**2011  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**2012 SESSION**

**6 October 2012  
Mt. Olive 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	4	3	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	\$276
Brilliant	Heath Yielding	3	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	\$276
Free Water	Dwayne Hammontree	1	3	0	127	N/A	N/A	1	0	\$276
Hamilton	Tommy Franks	23	4	14	413	180	N/A	3	0	\$276
Landmark	Mark Collier	18	1	12	96	40	N/A	1	0	\$276
Liberty	Mark Riggs	7	1	2	80	NA	N/A	2	0	\$276
Mt. Olive	Michael Beckon	3	0	3	338	90	N/A	6	0	\$276
Mt. Pleasant	Grant Webb	7	0	1	N/A	40	N/A	1	0	\$276
New Liberty	Darren Pollard	18	1	11	163	90	N/A	1	0	\$276
Red Bay	Steve Lindsey	13	7	13	484	290	N/A	2	0	\$276
Union Chapel	Donald Smith	0	1	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	\$276
Winfield	Joe Tolbert	15	47	6	275	123	N/A	3	0	\$276
	<b>TOTALS</b>	112	68	64	1976	853	0	23	0	\$3,312

# **MINUTES**

Of the  
One Hundred & Twenty-<sup>FIFTH</sup>Third  
Annual Session

Of the

**JASPER  
ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**WHEN CONVENED AT**

**LANDMARK FWB CHURCH  
OCTOBER 1, 2011**

# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

## 2011- 2012

		TERM EXPIRES
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Rev. Darren Pollard 456 New Liberty Rd. Bankston, AL 35542 (205)689-4102	2012
<b>ASST. MODERATOR</b>	Rev. Dwayne Hammontree 12272 County Hwy. 42 Guin, AL 35563 (205)468-2089	2012
<b>CLERK</b>	Rev. Donald Smith 1321 Arthur Smith Road Bankston, AL 35542 (205)689-4845	2012
<b>ASST. CLERK</b>	Bro. Bryan Silas 2088 County Hwy. 45 Guin, AL 35563 (205)468-2734	2012

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

<b>State Board/Member</b>	Rev. Darren Pollard	2012
<b>Children's Home Advisory BD</b>	Bro. Roger Rye	2012
<b>Trinity FWB Camp Board</b>	Rev. Mark Riggs Bro. Bryan Silas Rev. Joe Tolbert	2012 2013 2014
<b>Credentials Committe</b>	Rev. Mark Riggs Rev. Donald A. Smith Rev. Tommy Franks Rev. Darren Pollard Rev. Joe Tolbert	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016
<b>Missions Board</b>	Rev. Mark Riggs Bro. Kip Madison Rev. Donald A. Smith Bro. Harold Crowe Bro. Wayne Atkins	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

<b>Executive Committee</b>	Rev. Dewayne Hammontree	2012
	Rev. Heath Yielding	2013
	Rev. Mark Collier	2014
	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2015
	Rev. Joe Tolbert	2016

<b>Nominating Committee</b>	Bro. Fray Stone	2012
	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2013
	Bro. Allen Brasseal	2014
	Bro. Ted Sands	2015
	Rev. Mark Collier	2016

<b>Finance Committee</b>	Bro. O'Neal Funderburk	2012
	Rev. Mark Collier	2013
	Rev. Freddie Miles	2014

## **General Board**

### **ALL PASTORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD**

<u>Church</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Bethlehem	None Listed	2013
Brilliant	None Listed	2012
Free Water	Douglas Emerson	2013
Hamilton	Charles Cochran	2012
Landmark	Roger Hall	2012
Liberty	Eustace Riggs	2012
Mt. Olive	None Listed	2012
Mt. Pleasant	None Listed	2013
New Liberty	Ted Sands	2013
Red Bay	O'Neal Funderburk	2013
Union Chapel	Wayne Atkins	2013
Winfield	Charles Lynn	2012



# JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

District Meeting, January 22, 2011

Winfield Free Will Baptist Church

The session opened at 9:00 AM with Bro. Dick Williams leading the congregation in singing hym #371 *Send the Light*. Moderator, Bro. Darren Pollard called on Bro. William Atkins to lead in prayer. Bro. Joe Tolbert gave the welcome and devotion with scripture from 1 Timothy 6:11-16 and discussing our "Godly Pursuit".

Moderator Bro. Darren Pollard called the session to order. The clerk, Bro. Donald Smith, gave the roll call of delegates. M/S/C by the standing delegates to seat the delegates for this session. M/S/C to accept this information.

**Bro. Danny Williams**, Mission's Conference Director was recognized next. He stated this was the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Conference for the state of Alabama. Sixty-two churches across the state are participating in the conference with about 23 different speakers. He stated because the conference had become so large during the month of January they could not provide enough speakers. The conference would be split with weekend conferences being held in different areas of the state throughout the year. He thanked the churches for participating. Then he read from Matthew 5:13-16 and shared some thoughts regarding our 'Christian Light'. He closed with prayer. M/S/C to accept this information.

**Bro. Rick Cash**, Alabama Promotional Office spoke about Acts 1:8. He passed out Acts 1:8 cards and referenced 1 Thessalonians 3:1 stating the Acts 1:8 cards are not only commitment cards but also prayer cards and our missionaries need our prayers. If you send the card to the state promotional office you will also be put on the mailing list for *The Digest*. He thanked the Jasper Association for their giving to the Acts 1:8 Program. He stated the budget for the year was \$565,000 and to date they had received \$573,057.12, which was \$8,057.00 over budget. In 2009 the Jasper Association gave \$93,709.85 and \$106,324 for 2010. He reported there will be a new home mission work in Oxford, Alabama with Bro. Len Blanchard leading the work. The first service will be June 1<sup>st</sup>. He thanked everyone for allowing him to serve as our state director. M/S/C to accept this information.

**Bro. Bud Bivens**, Missionary to Mexico was recognized next to give an update on the work in Mexico. In the River Village nine have been saved. They plan to have a mission church there but they need a Mexican native to take over the work. Plans are in the works to accomplish this. They have several new buildings at the Institute and a new church. He stated there are ten churches in Altamira and there is a great need for more. He stated Acts 1:8 is used for the Bible College,

to build needed buildings and pastor's salaries. They have a new storage building on campus. He thanked everyone for their support. M/S/C to accept this information.

**Bro. Jamie Lancaster**, Missionary to Uruguay came next. He stated on February 26<sup>th</sup> they will celebrate twelve years in Uruguay. He informed the congregation about the church in Melo and other facts about the work in Uruguay. Bro. Lancaster stated in January 2012 the Free Will Baptist will celebrate fifty years in Uruguay. Bro. Julio Figueroa from Uruguay was with Bro. Lancaster. He addressed the congregation with Bro. Lancaster interpreting. Both men thanked everyone for their prayers and support and ask everyone to continue to pray for them. M/S/C to accept this information.

The meeting was adjourned for break at 10:20 AM. Bro. Fred Jones led in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

The session was reconvened at 10:35 AM. Bro. Dick Williams led the congregation in singing Hymn #537 *Dwelling in Beulah Land*. Ms Amelia Jones from the Winfield church blessed the congregation with special music.

**Bro. Hugh Winsett** was recognized for his eight years of service to the Association as the clerk/treasurer.

**Bro. Mike Corley**, Director of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home and Stateside Director of the Russian Ministries spoke next. He thanked everyone for their support of the Children's Home. He stated the home has been in existence since 1947. Since that time the home has ministered to over 800 children. During the last 12 months they have ministered to 30 children with 21 residing there at the present time. The Operational Budget finished in the black. The Annual Eldridge Toy Run was held December 4<sup>th</sup> with approximately 650 motorcycles and 1100 people participating. \$43,000 was raised for the home. He also gave an update on the work going on in Russia. He thanked everyone for their support of the Children's Home and the Russian Ministries. M/S/C to accept this information.

**Bro. Danny Williams** was recognized again to talk about the World Missions Offering in April. He stated the coin boxes and DVDs are available. He shared many interesting facts about World Missions and thanked everyone for their support. M/S/C to accept this information.

**Bro. Randall Wright**, Missionary to North Dallas, Texas was recognized. He said he and his wife grew up in Fayette, Alabama and have been in ministry about 20 years. In the North Dallas area the population is about 800,000 people with over half the people claiming to have no religious affiliation and we have only one church in the area. He thanked everyone for their involvement in the mission work. M/S/C to accept this information.

**Bro. Darren Pollard**, Moderator, thanked the missionaries for coming and sharing information regarding their on going work. He also thanked Bro. Danny Williams for his efforts with the Missionary Conference.



The offering was received with Rev. Jerry Williams praying the prayer. The announcements were given and the meeting adjourned. Rev. Mark Riggs dismissed in prayer and ask the blessing on the food.

Meeting adjourned.

### **District Meeting, June 11, 2011** **Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church**

The session opened at 9:00 AM. with Bro. Jeremy Robinson leading the congregation in singing *I'll Fly Away*. Bro Mark Riggs led in prayer. The Red Bay Quartet sang *I've Never Been This Home Sick Before*.

**Bro. Darren Pollard** delivered the moderator's message. He read from Jude 20-25. He brought a very challenging devotion on making a difference and then closed in prayer.

**Bro. Steve Lindsey**, host pastor welcomed everyone to the session and gave instructions regarding their facilities.

**Bro. Darren Pollard**, Moderator called the session to order. The clerk, Bro. Donald Smith gave the roll call of the delegates. M/S/C to accept these as read and seat them as delegates.

**Bro. Rick Cash**, Acts 1:8 & Alabama State Promotional Office Director gave the first report. He stated to meet budget they need almost \$52,000 per month. Last year was the best year Acts 1:8 has ever had but it has been down hill from there. May receipts were \$28,767, the worst month for May since 1999. Acts 1:8 receipts through May were \$216,154, almost \$18,000 less than received the first five months of 2010; and are now about \$42,000 behind where we need to be to meet budget. He stated some cuts will have to be made. He gave updates on Foreign Missions including the Lancasters in Uruguay, the Russian work, Bud and Ruth Bivens and the work in Mexico. He also gave updates on two Home Mission projects, the Mobile, Alabama church and our newest mission work in Oxford, Alabama. The Oxford church had their first service with 126 in attendance. He said construction on the Executive Office had begun but had been put on hold because of the recent tornadoes. The work will resume on August 29<sup>th</sup> and continue thru September 10<sup>th</sup>. The state office has received more than \$15,000 for the Tornado Relief Fund and has already dispersed \$12,000. He thanked everyone for their help and said if he could be of help to anyone let him know. M/S/C to accept this report.

There were no reports from the Children's Home or Trinity Youth Camp.

The Red Bay Quartet sang *Redemption Draweth Nigh*.

**Bro. Joe Tolbert**, pastor of the Winfield church brought the first message for the day. He used I Corinthians 1:4-6 for his text. He brought a very strong message on 'What's Right With the Church'. He closed the message with prayer.



The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM for break. Bro. Steve Lindsey, host pastor led in prayer and ask the blessing on the food.

The meeting reconvened at 10:50 AM with Jeremy Robinson leading the congregation in singing *The Family of God*.

**Bro. Donald Smith** came next with the Mission Board report. He presented the summer mission project. This year's project will be Tim and Amanda York of Buffalo, New York. The goal this year is \$3,000. There will be a talent program featuring talent from throughout the Jasper Association on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. at the Winfield church. He thanked everyone for their support. M/S/C to accept this information.

The Red Bay Quartet sang *He Will Roll You Over the Tide, I'd Rather Have Jesus and The King Is Coming*.

**Bro. Steve Lindsey**, host pastor brought the second message for the day. He read from Matthew 9:35-38. He brought a very challenging message on 'So Great a Need'. He closed in prayer and gave an invitation.

The offering was received with Bro. Darren Pollard leading the offertory prayer. Bro. Jeremy Robinson led the congregation in singing *Jesus Saves*. After the announcements the session was adjourned. Bro. Mark Collier led the dismissal prayer and asked the blessing on the food. The meeting was adjourned.

## **Annual Meeting, October 1, 2011**

### **Landmark Free Will Baptist Church**

The session opened at 9:00 AM with Bro. Jimmy Sullins leading the congregation in singing hymn #676 *Heaven's Jubilee*. Bro. Curtis Allen led in prayer. Then Bro. Sullins led the congregation in singing hymn #180 *Nothing But the Blood*.

**Bro. Mark Collier**, host pastor gave the welcome and brought the devotion using I Kings 16:29-30 as his text. He brought a very inspiring message from this passage.

The moderator called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Bro. Donald Smith, clerk/treasurer gave the roll call of the delegates. The standing delegates voted to seat the delegates for this session. M/S/C.

The Resolution and Appreciation Committee and the Obituary Committee Members were appointed by the moderator and are as follows:

#### **Resolution and Appreciation Committee**

Roger Rye, Charlotte Hammontree, William Norris

#### **Obituary Committee**

Curtis Allen, Deborah Selman, Kenneth Neal

**Bro. Darren Pollard** gave the Acts 1:8/Alabama State Promotional Office Director's report in the absence of Bro. Rick Cash. Year to date through September total receipts are \$394,809.20. This is \$70,190.83 behind schedule to meet budget. Giving is down in 8 out of 13 associations; 67 out of 110 churches which is 6%. During this time almost \$60,000 has come through the Executive Office for the new Alabama connected Home Missionaries and for tornado relief efforts. Mexico ministries have been cut from the budget. Bro. Rick Cash is not receiving travel allowances at the present time. He gave many other interesting facts regarding ongoing work in the state, Russia and Mexico. The tornado relief fund given through the Executive Office totals \$29,504.77. He thanked the Jasper Association for year-to-date Acts 1:8 giving totaling \$50,190.68. M/S/C to accept this information.

**Bro. Roger Rye** gave the report from the Eldridge Children's Home. He thanked everyone for their prayers and support of the ministry. Since 1947 the home has cared for over 800 children. At the latest evaluation by DHR the license was renewed and capacity was increased to 40. At the present time they have 18 children on campus. At the end of August giving was up about \$3000.00 from last year. And by September giving was almost balanced. Groups from Arkansas, Florida, Illinois and Tennessee all brought supplies and man power to do building and landscaping projects. He thanked everyone for their help. M/S/C to accept this information.

**Bro. Ashley Culp**, Director of Trinity Youth Camp gave the camp report next. He stated 2011 has been the strongest year financially he has experienced in the eleven years he has been there. This is possible because of the Jasper, Vernon and Progressive Associations standing behind them. They had a great summer camp. He thanked the speakers; Bro. Allen Jones, Bro. Rick Cash, Bro Greg Forrest and Bro. Ron Davis. Many decisions were made. He thanked the great staff that comes every summer to work during the camp season. He thanked everyone for the support, prayers and finances that make the ministry successful. M/S/C to accept this information.

**General Board Partial Report** -The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Winfield Church on Monday, August 8, 2011 for the annual meeting. Rev. Darren Pollard, Moderator opened the meeting with a short devotion from Matthew 7: 15-21, 'Standing on the Word' followed by prayer. After calling the meeting to order the following business was conducted.

#### **Item #1 – Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee's report was presented to the General Board. The floor was opened for discussion and nominations. Nominations for Trinity Camp Board and Executive Committee were received from the General Board. The General Board voted to accept the nominations. M/S/C.

Office/Board	Present	Recommendation	Term Expires
Trinity Camp Board	Rev. Tommy Franks	Rev. Joe Tolbert	2014
Credentials Committee	Rev. Joe Tolbert	Rev. Joe Tolbert	2016
Missions Board	Bro. Earnest Harris	Rev. Mark Riggs	2012
Missions Board	Bro. Wayne Atkins	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2016
Executive Committee	Rev. Jamie Jeffreys	Rev Dewayne Hammontree	2012
Executive Committee	Rev. Donald Smith	Rev. Joe Tolbert	2016
Nominating Committee	Bro. Billy Wisham	Bro. Earnest Harris	2016
Finance Committee	Rev. Freddie Miles	Rev. Freddie Miles	2014

### **Item#2 – Proposed Budget**

Bro. Donald Smith, Clerk/Treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2011/2012. M/S/C to approve budget.

### **Item#3 – Meeting Sites**

January 21, 2012 - Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

June 9, 2012 – Winfield Free Will Baptist Church

October 6, 2012- Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church

M/S/C to approve the above meeting sites.

### **Item#4 – New Business**

The Credentials Committee needs to make arrangements to meet with Rev. Steve Lindsey. The organization of activities for the Association's youth was addressed again. After a discussion, it was decided Rev. Joe Tolbert and Rev. Darren Pollard would contact the churches youth pastors to discuss the possibility of a rally or retreat. There was also a discussion of honoring our church deacons at the June, 2013 meeting. This program would be announced at the annual meeting in October. It was decided that we would ask the pastors to talk to their deacons about speaking and notify Bro. Darren Pollard or Bro. Donald Smith of any acceptances. There was discussion about the lack of attendance of our scheduled missionaries at our January quarterly meeting. It was suggested that we discuss this with Bro. Danny Williams, the Missionary Conference Coordinator.

### **Item #5 – Speakers for 2012 Meetings**

June Meeting                      Rev. Mike Beckon

Rev. David Corum

October Meeting                Rev. Len Blanchard

M/S/C to accept the above speakers.

With no further business to conduct the floor was opened for announcements. After the announcements, the General Board meeting was adjourned and dismissed with prayer by Bro. Harold Crowe.

Donald Smith,

Jasper Association Clerk/Treasurer



**Bro. Donald Smith** presented the Mission Board Report. He stated on August 27<sup>th</sup> the Jasper Association held a talent program at the Winfield church. Six churches took part in the program, with more churches represented in attendance. The offering was \$1,310. To date we have raised \$2,630 for Tim and Amanda York. He thanked Bro. Tolbert and the Winfield church for hosting the program, the ladies of the church for the refreshments and everyone for their support. M/S/C to accept this information.

The meeting was dismissed for break with Bro. Connie Brown leading in prayer.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30AM with hymn #459 *I Want To Know More About My Lord* followed with prayer by Bro. Andy Stidham.

**The Resolution and Appreciation Committee Report** was read next.

We, the Resolution and Appreciation Committee of the Jasper Association, wish to express our appreciation to the following churches for hosting the meetings of the Jasper Association in 2011. You all were great hosts and all the meals were excellent. Those churches are: Winfield FWB Church, Red Bay FWB Church, and Landmark FWB Church. Thank you for inviting us into your churches for the meetings this year. May God richly bless you for your efforts.

Respectfully submitted

Charlotte Hammontee

William Norris

Roger A. Rye

**The Obituary Committee Report** was given next. 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:

Bethlehem – Joy Parr

Free Water – Michelle Taggart, Sonja Burleson, Clifton Franks

Hamilton – Excell Parker, Dorothy Winsett, Kevin Jones, Christine Hood

Liberty – Jessie Smith

Mt. Pleasant – Annie Lou Miller

New Liberty – John Madison

Red Bay – Gillie Parrish, Harold Lynch, Nople Garrison

Union Chapel – Linda Townley

Winfield – Mattie Stovall, Carl Atkinson, Floyd Collins, Madie Williams,

Frank Madison, Flora Miles

Respectfully & Prayerfully Submitted

Curtis Allen

Kenneth Neal

Deborah Selman

A moment of silence was observed.

**The Finance Committee Report** was given next by Bro. Joe Tolbert appointed by the Moderator in the absence of a Finance Committee member. He stated he had examined the financial records and found them to be in order. M/S/C/ to accept the financial report.



**The Credentials Committee Report** was given by Bro. Darren Pollard. He stated that the committee had planned to interview Bro. Steve Lindsey from the Red Bay church but he could not be with us today. The committee will make plans to meet with Bro. Lindsey before the January meeting.

**The General Board Final Report** was presented next. All the nominations presented by the General Board were appointed line by line. The Nominations Committee was nominated from the floor. Bro. Earnest Harris did not accept his nomination. Bro. Mark Collier accepted the nomination. All other items from the General Board were approved.

The congregation sang hymn #692 *When We All Get To Heaven*. Bro. Curtis Allen prayed the offertory prayer. The congregation sang *What a Day that Will Be*. Sis. Tracy Hall blessed the congregation with special music.

The guest speaker for the Annual Session was Bro. Tim Campbell, State Promotional Director from Arkansas. Bro. Campbell read from Mark 11:12-26 and brought a very informative message. Bro. Campbell closed in prayer.

Delegates to the State Association were chosen next. These delegates are: Sis. Bonnie Williams, Bro. Roger Rye and Bro. Kip Madison. Announcements were given and with no new business the session was adjourned. Bro. Joe Tolbert closed in prayer.

**Jasper Association  
Nominating Committee Meeting Report  
August 2, 2011  
Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church**

The Nominating Committee of the Jasper Association met on Tuesday night, August 2, 2011 at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church for their annual meeting. Attending the meeting were the following board members: Bro. Ted Sands and Bro. Donald Smith, Clerk/Treasurer. The Office/Board to be filled is listed below with the recommendation for that office.

Office/Board	Present	Recommendation	Term Expires
Trinity Camp Board	Rev. Tommy Franks	*	2014
Credentials Committee	Rev. Joe Tolbert	Rev. Joe Tolbert	2016
Missions Board	Bro Earnest Harris	Rev. Mark Riggs	2012
Missions Board	Bro. Wayne Atkins	Bro. Wayne Atkins	2016
Executive Committee	Rev. Jamie Jeffreys	*	2012
Executive Committee	Rev. Donald Smith	Rev. Joe Tolbert	2016
Nominating Committee	Bro. Billy Wisham	Bro. Earnest Harris	2016
Finance Committee	Rev. Freddie Miles	Rev. Freddie Miles	2014

\*Position to be filled at General Board meeting.

Respectively Submitted,  
Bro. Ted Sands  
Bro. Donald Smith, Clerk/Treasurer

## 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 110 Brooklane Villa., Apt. 18 Winfield, Al. 35594 (205) 487-8102	Pastor: Rev. Heath Yielding 156 Piney Grove Road Beaverton, AL 35544 (205) 557-0404(C) (205) 698-9492(H) 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. Dwayne Hammon tree 12272 County Hwy. 42 Guin, Al. 35563 (205) 468-2089 Deacons: Douglas Emerson 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) 921-7675	Pastor: Rev. Tommy Franks 1126 Military St. S. Hamilton, Al. 35570 (205) 921-4428 Deacons: Hugh M. Winsett Olen Rye Rex McCarley James Stidham
Landmark Free Will Baptist Church P.O. Box 2016 Hamilton, Al. 35570 Phone: None Listed Clerk: Ms Marilyn Bradley 475 Kennedy Road Hackleburg, AL 35564 (205) 921-2736	Pastor: Rev. Mark Collier 3247 Military St. N. Hamilton, Al. 35570 (205) 921-1701 Deacons: Connie M. Brown Curtis G. Allen, Jr. Jason E. Taylor

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(205)468-2734

Pastor: Rev. Mark Riggs  
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Deacons:

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church  
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Guin, Al. 35563  
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Clerk: Mrs. Ann Barnes  
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Pastor: Rev. Mike Beckon  
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Guin, Al. 35563  
(205)468-8169

Deacons: Danny Franks  
Lowell Franks  
Frank Pugh  
Danny Green

Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church  
5072 State Hwy. 44  
Guin, Al. 35563  
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Clerk: Mrs. Reba May  
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Pastor: Grant Webb  
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Deacons: Terry O. May

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Pastor: Rev. Darren Pollard  
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Deacons: Ted Sands  
Ray Selman  
Kip Madison  
Daniel Smith  
Vick Selman  
Charles R. Odom

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Pastor: Rev. Steve Lindsay  
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Red Bay, Al. 35582  
None Listed

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

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Pastor: Rev. Donald A. Smith  
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Deacons: Wayne Atkins

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Clerk: Mrs. Kaye McDonald  
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Winfield, Al. 35594  
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Pastor: Rev. Joe Tolbert  
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Deacons: Charles Lynn  
Fred Jones

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1132 Military St. S  
Hamilton, AL 35570  
None Listed

Rev. Marcus Stephens  
4165 Co. Hwy 3  
Guin, AL 35563  
(205) 412-3985

Rev. Jerry Williams  
180 Silverleaf Road  
Winfield, Al. 35594  
(205) 412-5528

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**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists  
Proposed Budget for 2011/2012**

**PROPOSED INCOME**

FEES FROM 12 LOCAL CHURCHES	\$3,312.00
OFFERINGS	\$563.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$3,875.00</b>

**PROPOSED EXPENDITURES**

Moderator	\$80.00
Assistant Moderator	\$50.00
Clerk	\$225.00
Assistant Clerk	\$50.00
Guest Speakers	\$250.00
Trinity Camp	\$500.00
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,875.00</b>

Donald Smith, Clerk/Treasurer



**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists  
Annual Treasurer's Report  
September 1, 2010-August 31, 2010**

01-Sep-109	Beginning Balance	\$ 4,847.15
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**RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD**

05-Oct-10	Annual Dues for 12 Churches	\$ 1,104.00
05-Oct-10	Retired Ministers @ Annual Meeting	300.00
05-Oct-10	Offering @ Annual Meeting	165.00
04-Nov-10	ALState Assn.-Ret. Ministers Cedrom Grove	60.00
31-Jan-11	ALState Assn.-Ret. Ministers Cedrom Grove	92.00
31-Jan-11	Dues @ January 2011 Mtg.	1,012.00
31-Jan-11	Offering @ January 2011 Mtg	224.00
31-Jan-11	Retired Ministers Acct.	100.00
25 Feb-11	Landmark January Mtg. Dues	92.00
17-May-11	AL State Assn.-Ret. Ministers Cedrom Grove	95.00
13-Jun-11	Dues @ June 2011 Mtg. (12 Churches)	1,104.00
13-Jun-11	Retired Ministers Acct.	216.00
13-Jun-11	Offering @ June Mtg	128.00
11-Jul-11	AL State Assn.-Ret. Ministers Cedrom Grove	87.00

	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$9,626.15</b>
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**EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD**

21-Sep 10	144	US Postal Service-Stamps		\$ 17.60
01-Oct-10	145	Walmart-Copy Paper		4.33
02-Oct-10	146	Rev. Darren Pollard-Moderator 2010		80.00
02-Oct-10	147	Hugh Winsett-Clerk 2010		225.00
02-Oct-10	148	Rev. Dave Franks-Ret. Minister 2010		600.00
02-Oct-10	149	Rev. William Atkinson-Ret. Minister 2010		600.00
02-Oct-10	150	Rev. Tim Baumgarten-Guest Speaker 2010		250.00
08-Nov-10	151	AL State Assn of FWB-Fees/12 Churches		1,620.00
13-Jan-11		Wachovia Bank-Serv. Charge/4 months		8.00
21-Jan-11		Wachovia Bank-Serv. Charge/1 month		2.00
31-Jan-11	093	AL State Assn. FWB Budgeted Items 2011		1,000.00
03-Feb-11		New Checks		13.61
07-Feb-11	1001	ThumbPrint - Printing of Minutes 2011		486.54
12-Feb-11	1002	Office Depot-Labels		14.33
16-May-11	1003	Walmart-Stamps, Paper		21.38
20-Aug-11	1004	Office Max-Cards		19.39

	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,962.18</b>
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	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$4,663.97</b>
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Donald Smith, 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.

## **ARTICLE IX DISCIPLINE**

SECTION I. This body shall be considered an advisory council having no authority over the internal affairs of any local church unless said church depart from the Articles of Faith or from the National Treatise. Whenever conditions warrant it, this Association shall have power to withdraw fellowship from any local church.

SECTION II. Any church being dealt with because of a disciplinary problem shall represent to the quarterly meeting and annual session by letter and fees, but shall not have the right to vote by delegates, standing or otherwise, until the matter is settled. Exception: Any minister who is a member of such church but is ministering to another church that is in good standing with the Association shall not be so penalized.

SECTION III. All questions of doctrine and all matters pertaining to a local church, or to an individual minister or group of ministers, shall be decided by a two-thirds vote of this Association.

SECTION IV. No minister whose conduct is being questioned by this Association shall have the right to vote in either the quarterly meeting or annual session.

SECTION V. The pastor who preaches the word of God, ministers to the needs



of the members, and exercises general leadership within the congregation is expected to unite with the local church if he is not a member when called..."

When the minister becomes pastor to a given local church, it is his responsibility to obtain good standing in the association of which that church is a member if he is not already in good standing therein." (A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptist, 1973, 50 A: Page 59B.)

SECTION VI. No church shall accept as members those who have not been baptized by an ordained minister.

## **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

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

## **RULES OF DECORUM**

1. This Association shall be called to order by the moderator and presided over by officers elected at the previous annual session.
2. The association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
3. The names of delegates shall be noted and referred to as often as is necessary.
4. The moderator shall not be entitled to a vote except in case of a tie and then he shall give a deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on any subject after others have spoken, provided someone else serves as moderator while he speaks.
5. Only one person shall speak at a time and he shall arise and address the moderator, and after recognition by the moderator, he shall proceed.
6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking unless he shall depart from the subject under discussion or use words of personal reflection.
7. No person will be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator nor more than five (5) minutes at a time.
8. No person shall laugh or talk in a disturbing manner while discussion is going on.
9. No delegate shall absent himself from the association without leave of the moderator.
10. Any minister absent from the annual session of this association for two years in succession shall be dropped from the roll of ministers. Exception: Full-time evangelists or Missionaries serving in the other states or countries, students who are attending college, those serving in the armed forces.
11. These Rules 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 VII 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.



# 2012 CALENDAR

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