

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will
Baptist**

**2012
ANNUAL REPORT**

2013 SESSION

**5 October 2013
New Liberty 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 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 0 | \$362 |
| Brilliant | Heath Yielding | 3 | 0 | 3 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 0 | \$362 |
| Free Water | Dwayne Hammontree | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100 | N/A | N/A | 1 | 0 | \$362 |
| Hamilton | Tommy Franks | 20 | 8 | 30 | 415 | 180 | N/A | 3 | 0 | \$362 |
| Landmark | Mark Collier | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 0 | \$362 |
| Liberty | Mark Riggs | 5 | 6 | N/A | 79 | NA | N/A | 2 | 0 | \$362 |
| Mt. Olive | Michael Beckon | N/A | 2 | N/A | 337 | 65 | N/A | 5 | 0 | \$362 |
| Mt. Pleasant | Phillip Miles | 2 | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 0 | \$362 |
| New Liberty | Darren Pollard | 8 | 3 | 3 | 171 | 98 | N/A | 1 | 0 | \$362 |
| Red Bay | Steve Lindsey | 18 | 2 | 8 | 500 | 290 | N/A | 2 | 0 | \$362 |
| Union Chapel | Donald Smith | 1 | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 0 | \$362 |
| Winfield | Joe Tolbert | 7 | 48 | 5 | 234 | 117 | N/A | 3 | 0 | \$362 |
| | TOTALS | 64 | 70 | 49 | 1836 | 750 | 0 | 22 | 0 | \$4,344 |

MINUTES

Of the
One Hundred & Twenty-^{SIXTH}Fourth
Annual Session

Of the

**JASPER
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

WHEN CONVENED AT

**MT. OLIVE FWB CHURCH
OCTOBER 6, 2012**

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

2012-2013

TERM EXPIRES

| | | |
|------------------------|---|------|
| MODERATOR | Rev. Mark Riggs 2061 County Hwy. 45 Guin, AL 35563 (205)495-3477 | 2014 |
| ASST. MODERATOR | Rev. Heath Yielding 156 Piney Grove Road Beaverton, AL 35544 (205)698-9492 | 2014 |
| CLERK | Rev. Donald Smith 1321 Arthur Smith Road Bankston, AL 35542 (205)689-4845 | 2014 |
| ASST. CLERK | Bro. Bryan Silas 2088 County Hwy. 45 Guin, AL 35563 (205)468-2734 | 2014 |

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|------|
| State Board Member | Rev. Mark Riggs | 2014 |
| Children's Home Advisory BD | Rev. Joe Tolbert | 2014 |
| Trinity FWB Camp Board | Bro. Bryan Silas | 2013 |
| | Rev. Joe Tolbert | 2014 |
| | Rev. Darren Pollard | 2015 |
| Credentials Committee | Rev. Donald Smith | 2013 |
| | Rev. Tommy Franks | 2014 |
| | Rev. Darren Pollard | 2015 |
| | Rev. Joe Tolbert | 2016 |
| | Rev. Mark Collier | 2017 |
| Missions Board | Bro. Kip Madison | 2013 |
| | Rev. Donald Smith | 2014 |
| | Bro. Harold Crowe | 2015 |
| | Bro. Wayne Atkins | 2016 |
| | Rev. Mark Riggs | 2017 |

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| Executive Committee | Rev. Heath Yielding | 2013 |
| | Rev. Mark Collier | 2014 |
| | Bro. Wayne Atkins | 2015 |
| | Rev. Joe Tolbert | 2016 |
| | Rev. Douglas Emerson | 2017 |

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| Nominating Committee | Bro. O'Neal Funderburk | 2013 |
| | Bro. Curtis Allen | 2014 |
| | Bro. Ted Sands | 2015 |
| | Rev. Mark Collier | 2016 |
| | Bro. Rex McCarley | 2017 |

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| Finance Committee | Rev. Mark Collier | 2013 |
| | Rev. Freddie Miles | 2014 |
| | Bro. Terry May | 2015 |

General Board

ALL PASTORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD

| <u>Church</u> | <u>Representative</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Bethlehem | Bentley Crowe | 2013 |
| Brilliant | None Listed | 2014 |
| Free Water | Douglas Emerson | 2013 |
| Hamilton | Charles Cochran | 2014 |
| Landmark | Roger Hall | 2014 |
| Liberty | None Listed | 2014 |
| Mt. Olive | Harold Crowe | 2014 |
| Mt. Pleasant | None Listed | 2013 |
| New Liberty | Ted Sands | 2013 |
| Red Bay | O'Neal Funderburk | 2013 |
| Union Chapel | Wayne Atkins | 2013 |
| Winfield | Charles Lynn | 2014 |

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

District Meeting, January 21, 2012

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

The session began at 9:00 AM with Bro. Hunter Miles leading the congregation in singing hymn #434 *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*. Bro. Danny Williams led in prayer. Bro. Mark Riggs, host pastor gave the welcome and brought the devotion using Matthew 9: 35-38 Jesus' Mission for his thoughts.

Bro. Darren Pollard, moderator 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 the session.

Bro. Danny Williams, Mission Conference Director was recognized first. He stated this is the 37th year for the conference in Alabama. It is the longest running conference he knows of in the nation and the longest single running conference in our denomination. Sixty churches are participating in the conference with 24 different speakers. Because they had to split the conference, there are churches participating throughout the year resulting in more participation than ever before.

He read from 1 Corinthians 16:5-9 and shared some thoughts on 'Open Door'. He closed in prayer.

Bro. Bud Bivens, Missionary to Mexico was recognized next. He said a lot of lives in Mexico have been changed because of Alabama Free Will Baptist. Alabama has built a new church, storage building, a duplex, an office building and are in the process of building new bathrooms all on campus. Off campus, Alabama put a new roof on a church, built a new church in Mexico City and is in the process of building a new church in Altamira. He stated the Bible Institute is the biggest bargain for Free Will Baptist in Mexico. It only cost about \$2700 a month to operate which mostly comes from Alabama. He read from Mark 31 and thanked everyone for their help.

The meeting was adjourned for break at 10:10 A.M. Bro. Darren Pollard led in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

The session was reconvened at 10:30 A.M. with Bro. Joe Tolbert leading the congregation in singing Hymn #371 *Send the Light*.

Bro. Rick Cash, Alabama State Promotional Office Director spoke next. He used Matthew 13:58 as his text. He stated this is the 15th year of the Acts 1:8 program. Last year Acts 1:8 recorded almost \$550,000; which was \$23,197 below 2010 and was \$70,000 short of the 2011 budget. The Jasper Association gave almost \$85,000. This was down about \$20,000 from last year. Alabama total mission giving was \$1,094,851 in 2010. Four out of the last five years our total

mission giving has been over a million dollars. The budget for 2012 is \$612,000. Last year 2011 Acts 1:8 funded two Home Mission works, the Bay City church in Mobile and the work in Oxford with Bro. Len Blanchard in addition to sending funds to Bro. Jamie Lancaster in Uruguay, Bro. Matthew Turnbough in Spain and Bro. Josh Bethridge in Mongolia. He shared information about the work in Russia and Mexico. Slides were shown during his report and he shared information about each slide. He thanked everyone for their help. M/S/C to accept this information.

Bro. Bud Bivens was recognized again. He asked Sister Ruth to come and sing a song in Spanish. She shared a story about a car accident they had and how God had protected them, and then sang a very touching song in Spanish and English. Bro. Bud used John 3:5-7 for his text. He shared many interesting stories and facts about the Mexico work.

Bro. Mark Riggs was recognized next to give the Credentials Committee report. The Credentials Committee met with Bro. Marcus Stephens, Youth Pastor of the Mt. Olive church and recommended he be ordained into the gospel ministry. The Committee also met with Bro. Steve Lindsey, pastor of the Red Bay church and recommended that he be accepted into the Jasper Association pending a letter of good standing from his former association. M/S/C to accept this information.

An offering was received next. Bro. Byron Silas led the prayer for the offering.

Bro. Danny Williams was recognized again to talk about the coin banks and the World Mission's offering. This offering is to be received Sunday April 26th. Each pastor was given a packet of material regarding the World Mission's offering. He challenged each church to do something extra special for World Mission's this year. The goal this year is \$650,000. He thanked everyone for their help.

Bro. Joe Tolbert was recognized next. He announced the possibility of the First Annual Associational Youth Retreat to be held February 24th and 25th for teens 13 and up. He stated an Associational Revival is also being discussed.

The meeting was adjourned. Rev. Jerry Williams dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

District Meeting, June 09, 2012 **Winfield Free Will Baptist Church**

The session opened at 9:00 AM with Bro. Joe Tolbert leading the congregation in singing *When We All Get to Heaven*. Bro. Steve Lindsey led in prayer. Bro. Joe Tolbert led the congregation in singing *Heaven's Jubilee*.

Bro. Darren Pollard delivered the moderator's message. He read from 2 Corinthians 2:11 and gave his devotion 'Unfaithful to God's Word' and closed in prayer.

Bro. Joe Tolbert, host pastor, welcomed everyone to the session and gave instructions regarding their facilities.

Bro. Darren Pollard, moderator, called the meeting 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 gave the first report on Acts 1:8 and the Alabama State Promotional Office. He thanked the Jasper Association for their giving through the Acts 1:8 program. The receipts through May total \$240,927.48, which is up \$25,767.00 from this time last year, but still \$14,073 behind to meet budget. Consequently they will be cutting executive funds and Mexico ministries. The Jasper Association has given \$33,502.58 so far this year, which is up \$1461.00 from last year. He gave reports on our Home and Foreign mission works, the Executive Office building, and Roll Call Sunday report. One hundred forty-one churches reported in with 15 people answering the call to salvation. The attendance was 12,159 which was 417 less than 2011. He thanked everyone for their support and allowing him to serve. M/S/C to accept this report.

Bro. Danny Williams spoke next and gave the Children's Home report. He had two thoughts with his report: 1) God answers prayers and 2) God uses people. They have enrolled 7 new children bringing the total to 21 children at the home. They have new house parents. These are the answers to the prayer request the Home had made. The children attended a camp in North Carolina. Four from their group were saved. A group of volunteers came from Arkansas and did a lot of remodeling at the camp. They have groups coming from Kentucky, south Alabama, Georgia and Michigan. He stated the Children's Home finished in the black last year. He thanked everyone for their support. M/S/C to accept this report.

Bro. Ashley Culp, director of the Trinity Camp spoke next. He said Monday will be the third week of camp. They had 98 for Junior Week last week. They average approximately 100 in attendance per camp week. Bro. Rick Cash will be the speaker this week. They have had a good summer with five staff members helping this summer. Giving has been strong. He thanked everyone for their support. M/S/C to accept this report.

Bro. Herman Fields from the Winfield church blessed us with special music singing *Whatever It Takes*.

Bro. Mike Beckon, pastor of the Mt. Olive church brought the message. He thanked everyone for their prayers, visits and calls during his illness. He gave a very touching message from 1 Thessalonians 4:16 on the return of Christ. Bro. Mike closed in prayer.

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

The meeting reconvened at 10:50 AM with the congregation singing *Heavenly Sunlight*.

Bro. Donald Smith came next with the Mission Board report. The mission project for this summer will be the Rehab Centers in Russia. We would like to raise money to help buy two garden tillers needed for work in their ministry. The cost is about \$1300 each. A mission project packet will be given to each church with all the information included. On August 18th there will be a chili cook-off at the Winfield church to help raise funds for the project. The goal is \$3000.00 and the project will go from June 9th until September 22nd. He thanked everyone for their support. M/S/C to accept this report.

Bro. Joe Tolbert led the congregation in singing *He Set Me Free* and *Just Over in the Glory Land*. Then Bro. Tolbert sang *It Is Well*.

Bro. Mickey Crane, pastor of New Oak Grove brought the second message for the day. He brought a very challenging message on 'Finishing Well' from 1 Corinthians 9:24. He closed in prayer.

The offering was received with Bro. Freddie Jones leading the offertory prayer.

After the announcements the session was adjourned. Bro. Mark Riggs led the dismissal prayer and offered the blessing on the food.

Annual Meeting, October 6, 2012 **Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church**

The session opened at 9:00 AM with Bro. Mike Beckon leading the congregation in singing *When We All Get to Heaven* and *The Glory Land Way*. Bro. Tommy Franks led in prayer.

Bro. Ashley Culp gave the welcome and brought a very inspiring devotion entitled 'Jesus Wants Us to Trust Him' using scripture from Mark 5:22-24 & 35-42.

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

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

Resolution and Appreciation Committee

Doug Emerson, Terry May, Milton Rudy

Obituary Committee

Charlotte Hammontree, Carolyn Pugh, Bonnie Williams

Bro. Danny Williams gave the Acts 1:8 / Alabama State Promotional Office Director's report in the absence of Bro. Rick Cash. Acts 1:8 giving through September totaled \$417,534.00. This is almost \$23,000 ahead of where we were last year at this time but because our budget is much larger this year we are \$41,000 behind budget. Bro. Rick Cash and the Budget Committee cut Bro. Cash's travel expenses and Mexico ministry funds. Bro. Danny thanked the Jasper Association for year to date giving totaling \$60,556.00, which is up \$54,000 from last year.

Bro. Danny also gave the Eldridge Children's Home report. He spoke about the worth of children referencing Matthew 18. Presently, they have eighteen children on campus; ten boys and eight girls. They have taken care of twenty-seven children this year. There have been volunteer teams from Arkansas, Kentucky and Michigan come and work at the home this year. The annual Toy Run will be Saturday, December 1st. Last year, they had 750 motorcycles with 1500 people in attendance and raised \$59,000. So far this year there have been four from the home that have accepted Christ. He thanked everyone for there support. M/S/C to accept these reports.

Bro. Ashley Culp, Trinity Youth Camp Director, gave the camp report next.

He thanked everyone for their support. The camp is financially sound. They have been very busy this year with numerous projects. One project that has to be addressed before camp next summer will be replacing the air conditioning unit in the girl's dorm. Planning has begun for the 2013 camp season. The information will be sent out later. M/S/C to accept this report.

General Board Partial Report - The General Board of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Winfield Church on Monday, August 13, 2012 for the annual meeting. Rev. Darren Pollard, Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and a short devotion from Psalm 139:1-8. After calling the meeting to order the following business was conducted.

Item #1 – Nominating Committee Report

| Office/Board | Present | Recommendation | Term Expires |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Moderator | Rev. Darren Pollard | Rev. Mark Riggs* | 2014 |
| Asst. Moderator | Rev. Dwayne Hammontree | Rev. Heath Yielding* | 2014 |
| Clerk/Treasurer | Rev. Donald Smith | Rev. Donald Smith | 2014 |
| Asst. Clerk/Treasurer | Bro. Bryan Silas | Bro. Bryan Silas | 2014 |
| State Board Member | Rev. Darren Pollard | Rev. Mark Riggs* | 2014 |
| Children's Home Advisory Board | Bro. Roger Rye | Rev. Joe Tolbert* | 2014 |
| Trinity Camp Board | Rev. Mark Riggs | Rev. Darren Pollard | 2015 |
| Credentials Committee | Rev. Mark Riggs | Rev. Mark Collier* | 2017 |
| Missions Board | Rev. Mark Riggs | Rev. Mark Riggs | 2017 |
| Executive Committee | Rev. Dwayne Hammontree | Bro. Douglas Emerson | 2017 |
| Nominating Committee | Bro. Fray Stone | Bro. Rex McCarley | 2017 |
| Nominating Committee | Bro. Allen Brasseal | Bro. Curtis Allen | 2014 |
| Finance Committee | Bro. O'Neal Funderburk | Bro. Terry May | 2015 |

*Notes positions readdressed at the General Board Meeting.

The Nominating Committee's report was presented to the General Board. The floor was opened for discussion and nomination. The General Board voted to accept the nominations. M/S/C.

Item#2 – Proposed Budget

Bro. Donald Smith, Clerk/Treasurer presented the proposed budget for the 2012-2013 year. M/S/C to approve budget.

Item#3 – Meeting Sites

January 19, 2013 – Liberty FWB Church

June 8, 2013 – Winfield FWB Church

October 5, 2013- New Liberty FWB Church

Item#4 – New Business

Bro. Donald Smith gave the Retired Ministers report. Discussion then followed. Funds are extremely low due to lack of participation from all churches. The original plan was for this fund to be supported by a \$100.00 donation yearly from each Association church, with the funds being equally dispersed annually in October between any qualifying ministers.

Item #5 – Speakers for 2013 Meetings

June Meeting – Rev. Ashley Culp

Honor Church Deacons – a certificate will be presented to each deacon

October Meeting – Rev. Mike Edwards

Item #6 – Announcements

With no other business or announcements the General Board meeting was adjourned and dismissed with prayer by Rev. Mike Beckon.

Donald Smith,

Jasper Association Clerk/Treasurer

Bro. Donald Smith presented the Mission Board report. He stated on August 18th the Mission Board held a Chili Cook-Off at the Winfield church. They had thirteen pots of chili and an assortment of desserts to enjoy. They raised a little over \$500.00 that night. To date, \$2,514.00 has been raised to purchase tillers for the Rehab Centers in Russia. He thanked Bro. Joe Tolbert and the Winfield church for hosting the event and thanked everyone for their support. M/S/C to accept this report.

Bro. Noel Sparks, missionary from Spain spoke next. He shared news about the work there. M/S/C to accept this report. The meeting was dismissed for break with Bro. Mike Beckon leading in prayer.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 AM with Bro. Mike Beckon leading the congregation in singing *Jesus Hold My Hand*.

The Resolution and Appreciation Committee Report was given next by Bro. Terry May.

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 2012. You all were great hosts and all the meals were excellent. Those churches are: Liberty FWB Church, Winfield FWB Church, and Mt. Olive 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
Doug Emerson
Terry May
Milton Rudy

The Obituary Committee Report was given next by Mrs. Bonnie Williams. Mrs. Williams also gave the prayer.

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:

Free Water – Harriet Provorse
Liberty – W. T. Kelly, Jerry Kell, Macy Bozeman
Mt Olive – Rdel Markham, Faye Franks, Woodrow Matthews
Mt. Pleasant – Edmond McDaniel, Pattie Flippo
New Liberty – Cora Aldridge, Cassie Perkins, Joyce Cole
Red Bay – Debbie Young, John Blanton
Winfield – Katie Pate, Adell Goodwin, Olie Taylor, Virgie Baccus
Newt Taylor, Richard Beasley, Moddie Atkinson.

Respectfully & Prayerfully Submitted
Bonnie Williams
Charlotte Hammontree
Carolyn Pugh

The Finance Committee Report was given by Bro. Freddie Miles.

We the Finance Committee have reviewed the financial records of the clerk and have found them to be in good order.

Respectfully Submitted
Freddie Miles
O'Neal Funderburk

The General Board Final Report was presented next. All nominations presented by the General Board were appointed. All other items from the General Board were approved.

The offering was received next with Bro. Marcus Stephens praying the offertory prayer. The congregation sang *What A Day That Will Be*. Sisters Amber and Rachel Stephens accompanied by their brother Ryan blessed the congregation with special music.

The guest speaker for the annual Session was Bro. Len Blanchard from the Oxford Alabama church. Bro. Blanchard read from 2 Timothy 4: 6-8 and brought a powerful message on 'Being Finishers'. He closed in prayer.

Delegates to the state association meeting were chosen next. The delegates are: Sis. Dorothy Rye and Sis. Bonnie Williams.

Bro. Darren Pollard turned the session over to the new moderator Bro. Mark Riggs.

Announcements were given and with no new business the session was adjourned. Bro. Freddie Miles closed in prayer and blessed the food.

Jasper Association Nominating Committee Meeting Report August 7, 2012 Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church

The nominating Committee of the Jasper Association met on Tuesday night, August 7, 2012 at the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church for their annual meeting. Attending the meeting were the following board members: Bro. Mark Collier, Moderator Bro. Darren Pollard, Bro. Ted Sands, Bro. Bro. Fray Stone 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 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Moderator | Rev. Darren Pollard | Rev. Dwayne Hammontree | 2014 |
| Asst. Moderator | Rev. Dwayne Hammontree | Rev. Mark Riggs | 2014 |
| Clerk/Treasurer | Rev. Donald Smith | Rev. Donald Smith | 2014 |
| Asst. Clerk/Treasurer | Bro. Bryan Silas | Bro. Bryan Silas | 2014 |
| State Board Member | Rev. Darren Pollard | Rev. Dwayne Hammontree | 2014 |
| Children's Home | | | |
| Advisory Board | Bro. Roger Rye | Rev. Roger Rye | 2014 |
| Trinity Camp Board | Rev. Mark Riggs | Rev. Darren Pollard | 2015 |
| Credentials Committee | Rev. Mark Riggs | Rev. Mark Riggs | 2017 |
| Missions Board | Rev. Mark Riggs | Rev. Mark Riggs | 2017 |
| Executive Committee | Rev. Dwayne Hammontree | Bro. Douglas Emerson | 2017 |
| Nominating Committee | Bro. Fray Stone | Bro. Rex McCarley | 2017 |
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Respectively Submitted,
Jasper Association Nominating Committee
Bro. Donald Smith, Clerk/Treasurer

Executive Committee Meeting

Bro. Darren Pollard, Moderator called the Executive Committee in session on December 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hamilton church. Attending the meeting were Bro. Heath Yeilding, Bro. Mark Collier, Bro. Wayne Atkins, Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. Joe Tolbert and Bro. Donald Smith, Clerk/Treasurer. Bro. Darren Pollard opened the meeting in prayer. After prayer the floor was opened for discussion.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss increasing church dues. The state association increased the dues \$50 per church beginning 2010. We were unaware of this increase until the dues became due in October 2011 and therefore failed to collect the increase from each church resulting in insufficient funds to forward to the state when due. The following decisions were made. Dues would increase from \$92 to \$110 per meeting except for the January 2011 meeting. The dues for the January 2011 meeting would be \$160. This will help off set the deficit created from failure to increase dues when the state association voted their increase.

With no further business discuss the meeting was adjourned with Bro. Mark Collier closing in prayer.

JASPER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CHURCH DIRECTORY

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| <p>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</p> | <p>Pastor: Rev. William L. Atkins 10229 County Hwy 42 Guin, Al. 35563 (205) 468-2423</p> <p>Deacons: Roy Crow Mike Tittle Allen Atkins Bentley Crow</p> |
| <p>Brilliant Free Will Baptist Church P. O. Box 246 Brilliant, Al. 35548 Phone: None Listed</p> <p>Clerk: Mrs. Nancy Flippo 197 Pioneer Circle Guin, AL 35563 (205) 468-2880</p> | <p>Pastor: Rev. Heath Yielding 156 Piney Grove Road Beaverton, AL 35544 (205) 557-0404 (C) (205) 698-9492 (H)</p> <p>Deacons: Blaine Doss Bob Linley Bill Linley</p> |
| <p>Free Water Free Will Baptist Church 12272 County Hwy. 42 Guin, Al. 35563 Phone: (205) 468-2089 Clerk: Mrs. Janie Miller 8864 State Hwy. 253 Guin, Al. 35563 (205) 468-3641</p> | <p>Pastor: Rev. Dwayne Hammon tree 12272 County Hwy. 42 Guin, Al. 35563 (205) 468-2089</p> <p>Deacons: Douglas Emerson Burgess "Joe" Taylor</p> |
| <p>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) 412-9851</p> | <p>Pastor: Rev. Tommy Franks 1126 Military St. S. Hamilton, Al. 35570 (205) 921-4428</p> <p>Deacons: Hugh M. Winsett Olen Rye Rex McCarley James Stidham Shane Stidham Ronnie Ellis</p> |
| <p>Landmark Free Will Baptist Church P.O. Box 2016 Hamilton, Al. 35570 Phone: None Listed Clerk: Mrs. Kellie Tucker 200 County Hwy. 56 Hamilton, AL 35570 (205) 412-8439</p> | <p>Pastor: Rev. Mark Collier 3247 Military St. N. Hamilton, Al. 35570 (205) 921-1701</p> <p>Deacons: Connie M. Brown Curtis G. Allen, Jr. Jason E. Taylor</p> |

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Danny Green
Frank Pugh

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Ray Selman
Kip Madison
Daniel Smith
Vick Selman
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None Listed
Deacons: Ross White
Bobby Forsythe
Ralph Purser
Robert Newell
Raymon Blackburn
Elmer Lee Self
Mike Jones

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Deacons: Charles Lynn
Fred Jones

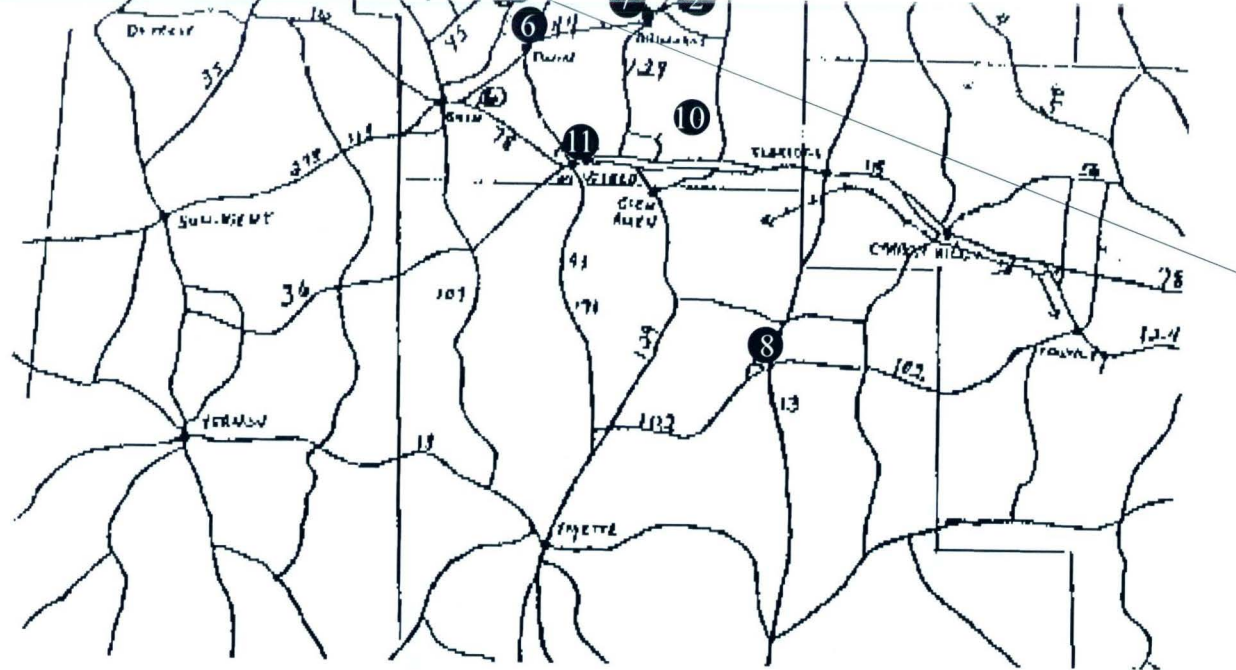
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Guin, AL 35563
(205) 468-2610
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Rev. Jason Martin
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Guin, AL 35563
(205) 412-6559
Rev. Freddie Miles
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Rev. Mike Corley
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Rev. Adrian Nottenson
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Hamilton, AL 35570
None Listed
Rev. Jerry Williams
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(205) 412-5528
Rev. Marcus Stephens
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Guin, AL 35563
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LICENSED MINISTERS

None Listed



- (1) BETHLEHEM FWB
- (2) BRILLIANT FWB
- (3) FREE WATER FWB
- (4) HAMILTON FWB
- (5) LIBERTY FWB
- (6) MT OLIVE FWB

- (7) MT. PLEASANT
- (8) NEW LIBERTY
- (9) RED BAY FWB
- (10) UNION CHAPEL
- (11) WINFIELD FWB
- (12) LANDMARK FWB

**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists
Proposed Budget for 2012-2013**

PROPOSED INCOME

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| FEES FROM 12 LOCAL CHURCHES | \$3,960.00 |
| OFFERINGS | \$515.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$4,475.00 |

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

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| 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 | \$2,220.00 |
| Total | \$4,475.00 |

Donald Smith, Clerk/Treasurer

**Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists
Annual Treasurer's Report
September 1, 2011-August 31, 2012**

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| 01-Sep-11 | Beginning Balance | \$ 4,663.97 |
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RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD

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| 01-Oct-11 | Add back ck # 1009 | |
| | Rev. D. Hammontree declined check | \$ 50.00 |
| 01-Oct-11 | Add back ck # 1011 | |
| | Bro. B. Silas declined check | 50.00 |
| 03-Oct-11 | Annual Dues for 12 Churches | 1,104.00 |
| 03-Oct-11 | Retired Ministers @ Annual Meeting | 208.00 |
| 13-Oct-11 | Offering @ Annual Meeting | 102.59 |
| 13-Oct-11 | ALState Assn.-Ret. Ministers Cedrom Grove | 98.00 |
| 23-Jan-12 | Dues @ January Meeting | 1,920.00 |
| 23-Jan-12 | Retired Ministers @ January Meeting | 115.00 |
| 23-Jan-12 | Offering @ January Meeting | 159.00 |
| 23-Jan-12 | Retired Ministers - Cedrom Grove | 70.00 |
| 6-Apr-12 | Retired Ministers - Cedrom Grove | 83.00 |
| 13-Jun-12 | Dues @ June Meeting (11 churches) | 1,210.00 |
| 13-Jun-12 | Retired Ministers - June Meeting | 150.00 |
| 13-Jun-12 | Offering @ June Meeting | 156.00 |
| 18-Jun-12 | June Dues - Hamilton FWB | 110.00 |
| 6-Aug-12 (7804) | Retired Ministers - Cedrom Grove | 70.00 |
| | TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$10,319.56 |

EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD

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| 01-Oct-11 | 1005 | Rev. William Atkinson-Ret. Minister 2011 | \$ 600.00 |
| 01-Oct-11 | 1006 | Rev. Dave Franks, Sr.-Ret. Missionary 2011 | 600.00 |
| 01-Oct-11 | 1007 | Rev. Tim Campbell-Guest Speaker 2011 | 250.00 |
| 01-Oct-11 | 1008 | Rev. Darren Pollard - Moderator 2011 | 80.00 |
| 01-Oct-11 | 1009 | Rev. Dwayne Hammontree-Asst. Mod. 2011 | 50.00 |
| 01-Oct-11 | 1010 | Rev. Donald A. Smith-Clerk/Treas. 2011 | 225.00 |
| 01-Oct-11 | 1011 | Bro. Bryan Silas-Asst. Clerk/Treas 2011 | 50.00 |
| 25-Oct-11 | 1012 | AL State Assn of FWB-2011 dues | 2,220.00 |
| 30-Jan-12 | 1013 | ThumbPrint - Printing of Minutes | 456.86 |
| 30-Jan-12 | 1014 | AL State Assoc. of FWB 2012 Budgeted Items | 1,000.00 |
| 24-Apr-12 | 1015 | Walmart-Stamps, Paper | 18.00 |
| 09-Aug-12 | 1016 | Walmart-Stamps, envelopes, paper | 18.60 |

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| Total Expenditures | \$5,568.46 |
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| Balance | \$4,751.10 |
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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 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.

Dave Franks

4365 Canterbury St.
Mount Olive, AL 35117-3114

JANUARY

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SEPTEMBER

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DECEMBER

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