

MINUTES
OF THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

CONVENED AT THE
ENSLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 28-30, 1969

ENSLEY, ALABAMA

NEXT SESSION

FAYETTE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH—AUGUST 27-29, 1970
FAYETTE, ALABAMA

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Rev. Hughes Ellis.....Moderator
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 Three year term.....Rev. Willie Justice
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 Two year term.....Rev. A. J. Lambert
 2306 Avenue G Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama 35218
 One year term.....Thurmon Murphy
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 Youth Camp Committee:
 Three year term.....Rev. Walter Jagers
 Drawer F, Townley, Alabama 35587
 Two year term.....Rev. Richard Bowers
 Rt. One, Box 66-A, Samantha, Alabama 35482
 One year term.....Rev. Willie Justice
 701 Branch Street, Florence, Alabama
 Youth Sponsor.....Rev. Jerry Edgil
 Box 681, Sulligent, Alabama
 Board of Christian Education:
 Five year term.....Rev. William Baird
 Four year term.....Mr. Lloyd Martin
 Three year term.....Mrs. Richard Bowers
 Two year term.....Thurmon Murphy
 One year term.....Rev. Jerry Edgil

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 712 Branch St., Florence, Alabama

THURSDAY EVENING YOUTH SERVICE—August 28, 1969

The Thursday evening youth service was opened by Rev. Jerry Edgil with a congregational song "Down At The Cross". Other songs included "I Want To Be A Worker" and "He Keeps Me Singing". Rev. Louie Bates led in prayer. The Moderator, Rev. Hughes Ellis welcomed us to the 38th Annual Session of the Progressive Association.

The Credentials Committee was appointed as follows:

Rev. Willie Justice, Chairman
David Kent
Thurmon Murphy

Rev. Jerry Edgil led another congregational song, "The Promised Land". Special music was presented by the Jagers Family, "Had It Not Been" and "Nothing Here To Hinder Me"; The Cordova Trio sang "Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary" and "Springs Of Living Water"; Mrs. William Baird sang "The Great Judgment Morning".

Rev. Walter Jagers replaced Rev. John Edwards on the program with the evening message from I John 2:15-17. He spoke mainly to the youth about convictions of Christian young people. Following the service refreshments were served by the Ensley church.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION—August 29, 1969

Rev. Jerry Edgil opened the morning session with congregational singing, "When We All Get To Heaven" and "He Set Me Free". Rev. Walter Keheley brought the morning devotion on "Sleeping Christians". Rev. A. J. Lambert warmly welcomed the Association to the Ensley Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. William Baird gave the response. Rev. Hughes Ellis brought the moderator's message from I Corinthians 6:1-11 on "Conviction, Tolerance and Becoming Soft".

Committees were appointed as follows:

Temperance: Bro. A. M. Wallace, Bro. Joe Sularin, and Mrs. William Baird.

Nominating: Rev. Richard Bowers, Rev. Jerry Edgil, and Rev. Carlton Lambert.

Resolutions: Rev. Malone Cobb, Rev. Paul Davis, Rev. William Baird.

Auditing: Rev. Malone Cobb, Mrs. Laura Ellis, and Mrs. Wilidene Edgil.

Obituary: Rev. Louie Nix, Mrs. A. M. Wallace, and Mrs. Carol Ann Edgil.

Appreciation: Bro. Charles Davis, Mrs. Lovie Jagers, and Mrs. Charles Davis.

Partial Report of the Credentials Committee:

We, the Credentials Committee have examined the following letters; Townley, Florence, Dovertown, South Highland, Sulligent, Eldridge, Northport, Jasper, Cordova, Sulphur Springs, Fayette, Russellville, Oak Grove, and Ensley, and have found them in order. We recommend that the list of delegates be read and that they be seated. M S & C

Delegates were seated as follows:

Townley—Mrs. Lovie Jagers, Mrs. Wilidene Edgil, Mrs. Magdelene Guthrie, Diane Guthrie.

Florence—None

Dovertown—Janice Foster, Deborah Sicles, James Sicles

South Highland—Mrs. Charles Davis

Sulligent—Mrs. Jerry Edgil, Mrs. Una Pennington.

Eldridge—Mr. Harold Roper, Ray Dunlap, Margaret Tidwell, Carolyn Hulsey, alternate.

Northport—None

Jasper—Becky Barnes, Judy Curtis, Grace Keheley

Cordova—Mr. Joe Sularin, Juanita Franklin, Carl Franklin, Laura Ellis, Chester Tompkins, Janice Franklin

Sulphur Springs—None

Fayette—Mrs. A. M. Wallace, Mrs. William Baird

Russellville—Phillip Kimbrough, Donald Stephenson, Eugene Harmon

Oak Grove—Mary Sorenson, Lenora Lowe

Ensley—Mrs. Ruby Dickerson, Bill Martin, Linda Rawls

There were 15 pastors and deacons from the Association present for the morning session. Visitors included Rev. Ray Ritch, Jasper Association, Selma Whitman, Brilliant, Ala., Rev. E. R. Mayo, Bro. Floyd Barber, Liberty #2 Association

Rev. Ray Ritch gave a report of the State Associational Work concerning the cooperative plan of giving. Received this year—\$6,656.78 (approximately \$4,000.00 more than last year's total). At the end of the year it will be approximately divided as follows:

Children's Home	\$710.00
Superannuation	625.00
State Home Missions	625.00
Foreign Missions	625.00
National Home Missions	35.00
Office Fund	625.00

M S & C to receive as information.

Intermission:

Rev. Jerry Edgil opened the morning service with a congregational song, "The Old Account Was Settled." Bro. David Kent led in prayer. Rev. Jerry Edgil led another congregational song, "Living by Faith". Special music was presented by Rev. Carlton Lambert, "You Can't Do Wrong And Get By".

Rev. Carlton Lambert brought the morning message. His text was from I Corinthians 10, Romans 11:13, and Matthew 14:22. He encouraged us to avoid "unnecessarily exposing ourselves to temptation". Rev. A. J. Lambert prayed the closing prayer. After dismissal, the Ensley Church provided lunch for the Association.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. Jerry Edgil opened the afternoon session with a congregational song, "Praise Him, Praise Him".

Rev. Hughes Ellis introduced the panel on neo-evangelicalism. The panel was composed of: Thurmon Murphy, Rev. Richard Bowers, Rev. Willie Justice, Rev. Carlton Lambert and Rev. Jerry Edgil.

Thurmon Murphy gave an informative background report on neo-evangelicalism. The panel discussed "softening of convictions, trends, going along with crowd". They encouraged us to choose carefully our commentaries, versions of the Bible, and to beware of books written by new-evangelicals. Church members were encouraged to take a stand against the lowering of standards and to back their ministers.

The following reports were given:

Youth Camp Report—Rev. Willie Justice

1968 Balance	\$ 492.70
127 Campers Paid	2540.00
7 Campers registered (did not attend)	35.00
Herritage Insurance (refund)....	13.50
Sale of shirts, etc.....	185.19
Meals of Visitors.....	13.50

Total Balance and Money Received.....\$3279.89

Disbursements:

Checks for 1969 Session	\$2337.90
Cash Disbursements	
(Flash bulbs)	7.09
(Band-Aids) .....	.46
(Stamps and Envelopes).....	4.16
(One pack Black Bisqueen).....	17.32

Total Paid Out.....\$2356.59

Balance August 29, 1969.....\$ 923.30

M S & C as information

Youth Rally Report—Rev. Gordon Hart

Income for year 1968-1969

Last years balance	\$ 72.37
Total Monthly Offering Received.....	663.20
Special Checks made out to FWBBC.....	415.00
Total Income.....	\$1150.57

Expenses:

Speakers	\$ 85.00
Ledlow Account	26.36
Film Expense	31.30
FWBBC Quartet	125.00
Quartet Meals	6.60
Prize Awarded	5.00
Postage	3.71
Printing	2.50
FWBBC	400.00

Total Expenses	\$1125.17
Special Checks sent to FWBBC.....	\$ 415.00
Rally Checks sent to FWBBC.....	405.00

Total given on \$1,000. project.....\$ 820.00

Balance on hand.....\$ 50.00

M S & C to receive as information

Motion was made to send Rev. Gordon Hart a letter of appreciation from the Association for a job well done as youth rally director. Motion carried.

Children's Home Report—Rev. Carlton Lambert

Assets this year:

Several rooms panelled
Hog parlor
Incinerator
Hay rake and mower

Bro. Lambert expressed a need for staff help for the small boys. Future plans include a superintendent's home. Other major needs are tools for the shop and more office space.

M S & C to receive as information and to commend the board for their plans to build the superintendent's home.

Christian Education Report—Thurmon Murphy

We the Christian Education Board of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Alabama wish to submit the following report:

1969 T. N. T. Rally	
Total Receipts	\$121.64
Balance of 1968	80.70
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	\$202.34

Expenditures during 1969 Rally

Programs and phone calls	\$ 17.00
Mr. Stanley Outlaw	50.00
Mr. Roger Reeds	50.00
Postage .....	.18
Awards for competitive Activities	60.10
Fees for State T. N. T. Rally	22.00

\$202.34

199.28

Balance to date.....\$ 3.06

The 1969 Progressive Association T. N. T. Rally convened at Northport Free Will Baptist Church with a registration of 116. Rev. Stanley Outlaw of the Free Will Baptist College delivered three messages. Rev. Roger C. Reeds, general director of the National Sunday School Department presented two workshops: The Laws of Sunday School Growth, and Vacation Bible School.

One contestant, Tina Hughes of Florence, went on to win first place in the National Herald Declamation contest.

Thurmon Murphy, Chairman
Lloyd Martin, Sec.-Treas.
Mrs. Richard Bowers
Rev. Jerry Edgil
Rev. Carlton Lambert

M S & C to receive as information.

Quarterly Meeting Reports—Mrs. Richard Bowers

On November 30, 1968 we met with the Northport church with 12 churches present, 15 ordained deacons and ministers and 1 visiting minister, W. B. Davis from Wayne, Michigan. Rev. Willie Justice brought the morning message from John 16, entitled "The Holy Spirit—Who He Is, Where He Is, and What He Is To Do". Rev. Jefferson Hamm and Rev. Preston Watson from South Highland were licensed to preach the Gospel for one year. Rev. Paul Davis, from Nashville, Tennessee, was ordained into the ministry. Rev. William Baird, from the Fayette church, Rev. Woodrow Messex, from the Jasper church, and Rev. Louie Nix from Eldridge were received into the Association.

On February 22, 1969 the quarterly meeting convened at Townley with 13 churches representing. There were 9 ministers, 6 deacons and 1 visiting minister, Rev. Bob Shockey of Nashville, Tennessee present. Bro. Shockey gave the report of National Home Missions and encouraged us to be faithful to our missionary responsibilities. Rev. Jimmy Aldridge from Ivory Coast, Africa brought the morning message entitled "Hindrances to Church Growth". Rev. Bob Shockey brought the afternoon message from I Cor. 1:17 concerning opposition and persecutions of those in the will of God. Mr. Paul Sims of the Jasper Mountain Eagle was given commendation from the Association for his stand against movie and television portraying a false image of the Gospel minister.

On May 31, 1969 the Progressive Association convened at Russellville church with 12 churches, 11 pastors and deacons and two visiting ministers, Rev. Buddy Morris from Florida and Rev. Wayne Wagner from Nashville, Tennessee present. Special music was presented by the Edgil family. Rev. A. J. Lambert brought the morning message from I John 3 entitled "The Honor And Privilege Of Being God's Sons and Daughters". Rev. Ronald Edgil from Townley was licensed to preach the Gospel for one year. Rev. Jessie Speegle was given a letter of good standing to the Muscle Shoals State Line Association.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Rev. Jerry Edgil opened the service with congregational singing, "Joy Unspeakable" and "He Keeps Me Singing". Rev. Willie Justice brought the evening devotion entitled "Guests At The Lord's Table". Rev. Carlton Lambert presented the Special Music, "Here Am I, Send Me". Rev. Malone Cobb brought the evening message on "Nehemiah's Secret Of Success". Following the evening message Rev. A. J. Lambert brought a short message concerning communion and feet washing, followed by congregational participation in communion and feet washing.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Rev. A. J. Lambert opened the Saturday morning session with congregational singing "Where Healing Waters Flow". Rev. Richard Bowers brought the morning devotion from Revelation chapter 3 on "The Church At Sardis". He closed with prayer. Rev. Jerry Edgil led the following congregational songs, "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" and "I Would Not Be Denied".

The following reports were given:

TEMPERANCE

We, the Temperance Committee report the following: Temperance is one of the virtues of life taught in II Peter 1 verse 6. The Bible teaches in all things we are to be temperate. This does not apply to

anything sinful, but **total abstinence** from all appearance of evil. We further recommend that parents prayerfully, carefully and sternly teach their children to abstain from all evil. This needs to include modest dress and appearance along with other things which might harm a clean Christian testimony, in which our Lord so wonderfully teaches separation.

Signed: Mr. A. M. Wallace
Mr. Joe Sularin
Mrs. William Baird

M S & C

OBITUARY

We, your Obituary Committee regret to report that some of our brothers and sisters in Christ have departed from this walk of life. We feel our loss is heaven's gain. They are as follows: Ulus King, Florence; Curlin Jenkins, Joseph Byron Leatherwood, Northport; Bro. Kenneth Bass, South Highland; Mrs. J. A. Smith, Russellville; Louisa Kuykendall, Cordova; Mrs. Lillian Edgil, Townley; Mrs. Alice Yerby, Mrs. Gora Williams, Mrs. Phillip Williams, Fayette.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the families.

Signed: Rev. L. B. Nix
Mrs. A. M. Wallace
Mrs. Jerry Edgil

M S & C

After a moment of silent prayer Rev. Jaggars led in prayer in memory of those who paved the way for us.

APPRECIATION

We, the Appreciation Committee wish to express our thanks to the Ensley Church for the warm hospitality, delicious food, and Christian fellowship we have enjoyed during this meeting, and also commend the officers of the Association for a job well done.

Signed: Mrs. Lovie Jaggars
Mrs. Avalene Davis
Mrs. Charles Davis

M S & C

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Ensley Church.

RESOLUTIONS

Item 1—Be it resolved that we print yearly report forms of our own.

Amendment: Be it resolved that we investigate to see if National Office has an annual report form, or if they would print one for us. M S & C as amended.

Item 2—Be it resolved that each church of the Progressive Association send at least \$5.00 each year to the church entertaining the State Association.

We further recommend that the clerk send a reminder to each church to this effect a month prior to the State Meeting.

M S & C

Item 3—Be it resolved that the quarterly meeting convene at: Sulligent in November; Florence in February; South Highland in May and Fayette in August for the yearly meeting.

M S & C

Item 4—Be it resolved that the Association be more specific in who is eligible for cards of standing, especially in the area of the use of tobacco. For instance, some deacons smoke with no rebuff while preachers are emphatically turned down if they use tobacco. We regret that either use tobacco and we hope that the Association will be more consistent with the application of our rules and regulations.

Item 4 was defeated due to action that was taken last year concerning the use of tobacco. (See church rules no. 16)

Signed: Rev. Malone Cobb
Rev. William Baird
Rev. Paul Davis

NOMINATING

(These officers were elected by acclamation)

Moderator: Rev. Hughes Ellis
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Malone Cobb
Clerk: Mrs. Richard Bowers
Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Lloyd Martin
Treasurer: Mr. David Kent
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Executive Board:

Three year—Rev. Walter Jaggars
Two year—Rev. A. J. Lambert
One year—Thurmon Murphy

Youth Camp Committee:

Three year—Rev. Walter Jaggars
Two year—Rev. Richard Bowers
One year—Rev. Willie Justice

Youth Sponsor: Rev. Jerry Edgil

Board of Christian Education:

Five years—Rev. William Baird
Four year—Mr. Lloyd Martin
Three year—Mrs. Richard Bowers
Two year—Thurmon Murphy
One year—Rev. Jerry Edgil

Signed: Rev. Richard Bowers
Rev. Jerry Edgil
Rev. Carlton Lambert

M S & C

FINANCIAL REPORT

From August 1968 to August 1969

Balance brought forward.....	\$108.97
Receipts	645.20
Expenditures	545.24

Balance (1969)\$208.93

Signed: Mr. David Kent, Treasurer

M S & C

AUDITING

We, the Auditing Committee have examined the treasurer's books and find them correct and in order.

Signed: Rev. Malone Cobb
Mrs. Wilidene Edgil
Mrs. Laura Ellis

A suggestion was made that the auditing committee examine all books of committees or boards approved by the Association.

M S & C

CREDENTIALS—(Final report)

Item 1—We recommend that Rev. Walter Jaggars be received as an ordained minister and that he be granted a card of good standing upon the receipt of a letter of recommendation from the Wolverine Association. M S & C

Item 2—We recommend that Rev. Walter Keheley be received as an ordained minister and that he be granted a card of good standing upon the receipt of a letter of recommendation from the South Georgia Association. M S & C

Item 3—We recommend that Rev. Louie Bates be received as an ordained minister and that he be granted a card of good standing upon the receipt of a letter of recommendation from the Jasper Association. M S & C

Item 4—We recommend that all ministers who turned in an annual report be given cards of good standing. Motion defeated (See motion below*)

Item 5—We recommend that Rev. Reynold Flipppo be granted a letter of recommendation to the Jasper Association. M S & C

Item 6—We recommend that all deacons recommended by the churches for a card of good standing who have been approved by this Association, be granted such by this Association. M S & C

Item 7—We have examined Brother J. L. Ward at the request of the Dovertown Church but do not recommend that he be licensed for the Gospel ministry by this Association. M S & C

Signed: Willie Justice, chairman
David Kent
Thurmon Murphy

*A motion was made to delete item 7 from Rules For Preachers which reads, "All ministers must make an annual report of the work done by them and submit the report to the Association at its regular session."

M S & C

A motion was made to refuse a card of good standing to Rev. Wyman James until he is examined and approved by the Association. M S & C

Rev. Jerry Edgil encouraged pastors to support and promote the youth rallies. He suggested a Christian Education Saturday in May.

A petition was presented from several youth requesting more voice in the planning of the youth rallies. A motion was made that the Youth

Director and Youth President (when elected) meet together to plan the programs for the rallies. M S & C

Delegates to the State Association (Nominations)

Cordova—Chester Tompkins
Fayette—Mrs. A. M. Wallace
Fayette—Mrs. William Baird
Townley—Mrs. Walter Jagers
Ensley—Mrs. Ruby Dickerson
Florence—Mrs. Willie Justice
Sulligent—Mrs. Jerry Edgil
Ensley—Mrs. A. J. Lambert
South Highland—Mrs. Paul Davis
Oak Grove—Mrs. Louise Bates
Eldridge—Mrs. Ruby Roper
Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Richard Bowers
South Highland—Mrs. Charles Davis

M S & C

Motion to adjourn business session. M. S. & C. Bro Rawls prayed the dismissal prayer.

INTERMISSION

Rev. Jerry Edgil opened the noon service with congregational singing "I'm Redeemed". Bro. Ray Bevis led in prayer. Another congregational song, "Land Where Living Waters Flow" was led by Rev. Edgil. Mrs. William Baird presented the special music, "Now I Belong To Jesus". Rev. Paul Davis brought the morning message concerning the inspiration of the Bible from II Timothy chapter 3.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Richard Bowers, Clerk

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Ensley—Rev. A. J. Lambert, 2306 Ave. G., Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama
Fayette—Rev. William Baird, 924 Temple Ave., Fayette, Ala. 35555
Florence—Rev. Willie Justice, 701 Brance St., Florence, Ala. 35630
Jasper—Rev. Walter Keheley, 501 East 22nd St., Jasper, Alabama
Northport—Thurmon Murphy, 2317 18th Ave., Northport, Ala. 35476
Oak Grove—Rev. Louie Bates, Box 74, Alden, Alabama
Russellville—Rev. Malone Cobb, 1212 College Ave., Russellville, Ala.
South Highland—Rev. Paul Davis, 704 E. State St., Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Sulphur Springs—Rev. Richard Bowers, Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala. 35482
Sulligent—Rev. Jerry Edgil, P. O. Box 681, Sulligent, Alabama
Townley—Rev. Walter Jagers, Drawer F, Townley, Alabama 35587

OTHER MINISTERS

Rev. J. M. Pace, Rt. 5, Russellville, Alabama
Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Mission Protestante, B. P. 24, Agnibelekrou, Rep. of Ivory Coast, Africa
Rev. Aubrey Rosser, Cordova, Alabama
Rev. Leonard Gooden, 1545 18th Place S. W., Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Joel Williams, Wylam, Alabama

Rev. Leon Montgomery, Tuscumbia, Alabama
Rev. Louie Nix, Eldridge, Alabama
Rev. Kirby Jo Godwin, Birmingham, Alabama

CHURCHES AND CLERKS

Cordova—Joyce Pittman, 111 Cliff St., Cordova, Alabama 35550
Dovertown—Mrs. Dan Sargent, Rt. 1, Cordova, Alabama
Eldridge—Mr. David Kent, Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama
Ensley—Debora Pickett, 1856 Princeton Courts, S. W., Birmingham, Ala.
Fayette—Mrs. Lewis Hindman, Rt. 5, Fayette, Alabama 35555
Florence—Mrs. Almon Calvert, Rt. 8, Box 232, Florence, Alabama 35630
Jasper—Sylvester Anton, P. O. Box 553, Jasper, Alabama
Northport—Mrs. Ann Overton, 2808 18th Ave., Northport, Alabama 35476
Oak Grove—Pat Tidwell, Rt. 1, Box 47, Mt. Olive, Alabama
Russellville—Mrs. Grady Randolph, P. O. Box 83, Russellville, Alabama
South Highland—Mrs. Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Dean Kuykendall, Rt. 2, Berry Alabama
Sulligent—Mrs. Peggy Frye, Sulligent, Alabama
Townley—Mrs. Ruby Pike, Rt. 2, Box 159-C, Carbon Hill, Alabama

CHURCH DEACONS

CORDOVA

Winford Russell, 103 McCary St., Cordova, Alabama
T. O. Terry, 206 Underwood Street, Cordova, Alabama
Earl Richardson, Rt. 1 Box 211, Cordova, Alabama
C. C. Winsett, E. 25 Reservior Street, Cordova, Alabama
Jess Ryland, 235 Branch Street, Cordova, Alabama
Wesley Carter, Rt. 1, Cordova, Alabama
Jerry White, Cordova, Alabama
Clyde Pittman, Cordova, Alabama

DOVERTOWN

Dan Sargent, Rt. L Cordova, Alabama
Earnest Sargent, Rt. 1, Cordova, Alabama

ENSLEY

Gary Walton, Colera, Alabama
Huey Pickett, 1311 18th Way, S. W., Birmingham, Alabama
Willis Rawls, 1728 27th Street W., Birmingham, Alabama
William L. Martin, Adamsville, Alabama
Sam Byrd, 1620 27th Street N. Birmingham, Alabama
Bobby Sargent, Pleasant Grove, Alabama
Carl O'Donnell, 1308 18th Place S. W., Birmingham, Alabama

ELDRIDGE

David Kent, Eldridge, Alabama

FAYETTE

A. M. Wallace, Rt. 6, Fayette, Alabama
Jack Kelly, Rt. 5, Fayette, Alabama
Reese Henderson, Fayette, Alabama
Douglas Stripling, Rt. 5, Fayette, Alabama

FLORENCE

James Melton, Rt. 1, Killen, Alabama
Robert Murphy, 325 Baldwin Street, Florence, Alabama
Elmer Pigg, 610 Sweetwater Avenue, Florence, Alabama

JASPER

Robert Barnes, Rt. 2, Box 289, Jasper, Alabama
Ray Bevis, Rt. 4, Jasper, Alabama
Walter Tate, Rt. 1, Jasper, Alabama
Dan Glasgow, Jasper, Alabama

NORTHPORT

Sebron Kuykendall, 4-C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Samuel Key, 1605 74th Street, Northport, Alabama
Clayton Bobo, 4409 Highpoint Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
X. L. Truhett, 37 Biscayne Hills, Northport, Alabama
James E. Reese, 2512 20th Avenue, Northport, Alabama

RUSSELLVILLE

G. W. Kilpatrick, Rt. 2, Tuscumbia, Alabama
J. B. Whitehead, Rt. 7, Russellville, Alabama
P. W. Kimbrough, Rt. 7, Russellville, Alabama
Eudon Stephenson, 712 Peach Street, Russellville, Alabama
Grady Randolph, P. O. Box 83, Russellville, Alabama
Sheldon Price, P. O. Box 74, Russellville, Alabama
Edwin Kimbrough, N. Washington Street, Russellville, Alabama
James McMickin, E. Franklin Street, Russellville, Alabama
Hobson Wilson, N. Jackson Avenue, Russellville, Alabama
William A. Wilson, Rt. 2, Box 304, Russellville, Alabama

SOUTH HIGHLAND

Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Alabama
Marion Taylor, 203 Main Street, Florence, Alabama
Clarence Berryman, Cherokee, Alabama

SULPHUR SPRINGS

Olan Kuykendall, Rt. 1, Samantha, Alabama
Lee Scrivner, Rt. 1, Berry Alabama
Wiley Hudson, Rt. 1, Berry Alabama
Elsie Gilliam, Rt. 1, Samantha, Alabama
Jack Warren, Rt. 1, Samantha, Alabama

TOWNLEY

J. A. Smith, Townley, Alabama
Fred Smith, Townley, Alabama
R. M. Edgil, Townley, Alabama
Arnold Guthrie, Townley, Alabama
Curt Thomas, Townley, Alabama

SULLIGENT

C. E. Birmingham, Sulligent, Alabama
Ray Birmingham, Sulligent, Alabama
John Quinton Boyett, Sulligent, Alabama
Hezzie Harrison, Sulligent, Alabama
Isaiah Hollis, Sulligent, Alabama

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order.
2. Call for the peace of the church.
3. Opportunity for membership.
4. Inviting visiting brothers and sisters to sit with us.
5. Reading of minutes.
6. Any acknowledgements.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Adjournment.

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Oak Grove—Rev. Kirby Jo Godwin, Birmingham, Alabama
Russellville—Rev. Malone Cobb, Russellville, Alabama
South Highland—Rev. Paul Davis, Muscle Shoals, Alabama
Sulphur Springs—Rev. Richard Bowers, Samantha, Alabama
Townley—Rev. Gordon Hart, Townley, Alabama
Sulligent—Rev. Jerry Edgil, Sulligent, Alabama

RULES FOR PREACHERS

1. All ministers wishing to become members of the Progressive Association must be recommended from the church from which they are members, and will be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked them. Their church must recommend them for license or ordination where they have not received such.
2. All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless providentially hindered.
3. Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the Credentials Committee to the association, who shall deal with him.
4. All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teachings of the Free Will Baptists according to the Articles of Faith.
5. No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.
6. All ministers shall be required to support and stand by all boards and committees appointed by the association and do their utmost to make them a success.
7. An aspirant to the ministry must be recommended to the Credentials Committee by his church for license, and if they find him worthy they recommend him to the association.
8. If, at the end of one year, he has proven himself worthy, and the church of which he is a member recommends him to the association, he then goes before the Credentials Committee. If he is worthy and sound in faith he is to be ordained by the Ordaining Council.
9. That each preacher of this association with recommendations from their church go before the Credentials Committee in person or letter for a renewal of their certificate of standing each year.
10. That no man be licensed or ordained that uses tobacco in any form.
11. We use the ordination questionnaire as passed in the association's 1963 session.

LETTER OF DISMISSION

This certifies that....., 19.....
 is a regular member of the.....Free Will
 Baptist Church at....., in good
 standing as such. We commend.....
 to the fellowship of God's people, and is this day dismissed from the
 church and is privileged to unite with any other evangelical church.

.....Pastor

.....Clerk

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 to 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 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 in 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 of 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, 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.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.
2. The officers elected at the previous session shall begin their administration at the close of each regular session.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time. They shall arise and address the moderator and when recognized they shall proceed.
4. No person shall be interrupted while speaking by anyone except by the moderator and not by the moderator unless he breaks the rules of order.
5. The person speaking must adhere to the question subject and shall not use words of personal reflection.
6. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association and not more than five minutes at a time.
7. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

8. No member shall address another except by the application of Brother or Sister.
9. No member shall absent himself without leave of the moderator.
10. The names of all ministers, deacons, and delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called as often as deemed necessary by the moderator.
11. Every member of this body shall vote for or against every move that comes before it. Those failing to do this shall be reprimanded by the moderator.
12. Any person who shall knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the moderator according to direction of the association.

CHURCH RULES

1. We agree as a member of the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptists to co-operate in every move for betterment of our denomination and extension of our denomination and extension of God's kingdom throughout the world.

2. We agree to meet in conference quarterly or oftener if necessary to transact the business of the church.

3. The moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in the absence of the pastor. The moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them, and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there is a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.

4. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats during conference and bear their part of the expenses.

5. No member shall leave their seat during conference without permission from the moderator.

6. No member shall arraign another before the church for any grievance without first taking gospel steps. See Mathew 18:15-16-17.

7. All business brought before the church by motion and second and in gospel-like order shall be attended to by the church unless withdrawn by the mover.

8. Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the moderator and if two arise at the same time, the moderator shall decide who shall speak first and no member while speaking shall cast any reflection on any person but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.

9. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at a time.

10. It shall be the duty of all church members to be present at all church meetings to vote on all questions that come before the church when called on by the moderator or any member of the church who desires to obtain the mind of the whole church.

11. If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of any business of the church and afterward complain of what was done the same shall be deemed disorderly and the member so offering shall be dealt with accordingly.

12. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present at any regular or called conference provided a quorum is present, said quorum being seven members or more.

13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference, and strictly enforced by the moderator.

14. Any member who willfully absents his or herself for a period of six months and fails to discharge their duty according to the Church Covenant shall be deemed as inactive and shall not be reinstated into full fellowship of the church until they have made restitution.

15. Any member desiring to move his membership from one church to another in the association must have a letter. Failing to do so, he is taken under the watch care of the church until he presents the letter.

16. Concerning the ordination of deacons: (a) He must be elected by the church of which he is a member. (b) He must be approved for the work of the church by the Credentials Committee. (c) Any local church in good standing in the association, if it so desires, may ordain deacons who are approved by the moderator of the association. (d) Be it resolved that no church recommend men who use tobacco in any form to be ordained as deacons or ministers.

17. That all inactive members of our churches be dropped from the roll after one year if they have been contacted and given an opportunity to prove themselves worthy to remain on the roll. If they show no interest in and have not attended or supported the church in one year we have a right to drop them according to our National Treatise.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be known as the Progressive Association of the Free Will Baptists of Alabama and bordering states.

ARTICLE 2. The association shall be composed of ministers, deacons and delegates of different churches forming the same.

ARTICLE 3. All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and all rules of the same.

ARTICLE 4. Each church in this association shall be entitled to three delegates for the first hundred members and one delegate for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE 5. This association shall appoint a Credentials Committee composed of three members, two ordained ministers and one layman, who shall be appointed by the moderator at the convening of each annual session whose duty shall be to serve for the entire year, to examine all church letters, and applications for membership for both churches and ministers, examining and ordaining of all ministers or deacons and make a report of the same to the body.

ARTICLE 6. Item 1. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the nomination and majority of votes.

Item 2. That the above officers serve also for the Quarterly meetings.

ARTICLE 7. Item 1. This association shall meet on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday before the last Sunday in August each year—the association proper beginning with the Thursday evening service, Friday and Saturday .Thursday night—youth.

Item 2. The Quarterly meeting shall convene on the last Saturday of November, February, and May at places decided upon at the Annual Association.

ARTICLE 8. The association shall vote by acclamation where the next association shall be held until one church gets a majority of the votes cast.

ARTICLE 9. The Constitution or Bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular session of the association, provided it lies on the table from morning until evening, or evening until morning, and read twice in open session.

ARTICLE 10. No ministers, deacons, or delegates shall be seated in this body unless they agree to stay throughout the session, unless they are providentially hindered.

ARTICLE 11. That each church send 20 cents for each active member for associational expenses.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be known as the Christian Education Board of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists of Alabama.

ARTICLE 2. This Board shall be composed of 5 members to service on a rotating basis with the terms of one member to expire each year. A chairman shall be elected each year by this board immediately after the Association.

ARTICLE 3. The purpose of this Board shall be to promote the work of the Sunday School and Church Training Service within the said Association.

ARTICLE 4. This Board shall have full responsibility for the TNT Rally which meets annually on Friday and Saturday during A.E.A. It shall arrange and conduct any other meetings which are deemed necessary to accomplish its purpose.

ARTICLE 5. The activities of this board shall be financed by a representation fee of \$.10 per enrolled member of the Sunday School and C.T.S. The Board shall also be permitted to receive offerings at meetings arranged if deemed necessary to meet the financial obligation of the board.

ARTICLE 6. No person or persons shall be allowed to participate in competitive activities provided by this board unless or until the church of which they represent has paid their representation fee.

ARTICLE 7. This board shall report annually and be considered a part of and subordinate to the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegated body at any regular session of the Progressive Association provided notice has been made of intended change at least four hours in advance of the proposed alteration or amendment.

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

	Number of Members	Resident	Non- Resident	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	CTS	CTS Members	Woman's Auxiliary Membership	Prayer Meeting Attendance	Master's Men Attendance	Paid Pastor	Evangelistic Work	Building & Repair	Literature
Cordova.....	218	183	35	3	9	1	1	83	17	65		\$5260	\$373	\$1210	\$ 474
Dovertown.....	106			1	2	1	1	40	....	40		1045	100	353	210
Eldridge.....	58	51	7	2	1	1	1	58	....	52			10		240
Ensley.....	102	70	32	3	7	1	1	50	....	30		3200	250	4755	293
Fayette.....	208	100	108	1	3	1	1	52	9	31		4380	200	402	252
Florence.....	334	319	15	1	3	1	1	50	20	85		7382	523	10,460	1955
Jasper.....	73	65	8	1	4	1	1	37	11	35	8	3640	200	1068	190
Northport.....	197	180	17	1	5	1	1	106	14	35		6460	621	3850	1162
Oak Grove.....	73	35	38	1	....	1	....	....	10	5		1200	180	81	524
Russellville.....	207	135	72	3	10	1	1	45	14	75	25	4680	717	5078	632
South Highland.....	34			2	3	1	....	....	....			2996	100		112
Sulligent.....	110	60	50	1	5	1	1	30	....	25		4160	250		200
Sulphur Springs.....	130	130	30	1	5	1	1	55	15	32		4300	300	5000	325
Townley.....	128	100	28	1	5	1	1	60	18	57		4710	275	293	554

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE — CONTINUED

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Superan- nation	State & National Projects	Value of Parsonage Property	Parsonage	Value of Church Property
Cordova.....	\$2029	\$697	\$480	\$605	\$143		25,000	yes	100,000
Dovertown.....	100	50	40	30					7,000
Eldridge.....	404	12	325			21			7,000
Ensley.....	35			75			8,000	yes	52,500
Fayette.....	304	235	268	233		5	10,000	yes	65,000
Florence.....	2362	318	575	905	181	930	10,000	yes	175,000
Jasper.....	30	30		60	15		10,000	yes	40,000
Northport.....	189	117	178	32					60,000
Oak Grove.....	30			130		20			15,000
Russellville.....	358	86	106	162	36				60,000
South Highland.....	100	100		100	50				20,000
Sulligent.....							15,000	yes	20,000
Sulphur Springs.....	250	250	180	250		50	5,000	yes	20,000
Townley.....	44	73	911	144			20,000	yes	75,000