

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST OF ALABAMA**

**CONVENED AT THE  
FAYETTE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**AUGUST 27-29, 1970  
FAYETTE, ALABAMA**

**NEXT SESSION  
CORDOVA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
AUGUST 26-28, 1971  
CORDOVA, ALABAMA**



## ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1971

Rev. Hughes Ellis ..... Moderator  
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 Youth Camp Committee:  
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     701 Branch Street, Florence, Alabama  
     Two years ..... Rev. Walter Jagers  
     Drawer F, Townley, Alabama 35587  
     One year ..... Rev. Carlton Lambert  
     Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama 35554  
 Youth Sponsor ..... Rev. Jerry Edgil  
 Box 681, Sulligent, Alabama  
 Board of Christian Education:  
     Five year term ..... Rev. Jerry Edgil  
     Four year term ..... Rev. Hughes Ellis  
     Three year term ..... Mr. Loyd Martin  
     Two year term ..... Rev. Paul Davis  
     One year term ..... Rev. Thurmon Murphy

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President ..... Wilma Davis  
 Vice President ..... Mrs. A. J. Lambert  
 2306 Avenue G. Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama 35218  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Merle Dyer



## PROGRESSIVE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with the Russellville Church on March 12, 1970. The theme for this meeting was "His Mother taught Him". The Scripture was found in Proverbs 31:1. Song led by Mrs. Carolyn Bowers and prayer by Mrs. Pigg. The devotion was led by Mrs. Myrle Dyer. Welcome by Mrs. Dorothy Kimbrough and the response by Mrs. Suggs. There was a recognition for the person who has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the longest period of time. Sister Lambert was the winner and was presented a beautiful corsage. A history of the Auxiliary was then given by Sister Lambert.

The seating of the delegates and appointment of the Committees followed. They were:

Nominating—Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Betty Capps and Myrle Dyer

Resolution—Mrs. Betty Sargent, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. William Baird

Appointing—Mrs. Martha Hill, Mrs. Essie Collins

Treasurer Report: Brought forward ..... \$ 36.14

Co-Laborer ..... 24.86

Pre-Easter offering for Foreign Missions ..... 25.25

Pre-Thanksgiving offering  
for Nat. Home Missions ..... 49.25

Pre-Christmas offering for State Project ..... 57.68

Emphasis month Nat. Con. General Fund ..... 35.00

Student Load Fund ..... 20.00

Tithes ..... 9.00

Insurance & Retirement ..... 15.00

Total Expenditures ..... \$217.89

Expense Progressive Assn. minutes ..... 5.00

State Womens National Association ..... 96.00

Supply for District Officers Books ..... 4.88

Dues from Local Church to the  
District Womens Auxiliary ..... 110.00

The program topic "Mother Look at Yourself" by Mrs. Earnestine Baird, prayer by Mrs. Betty Lambert. Special music by Mrs. Janet Adams. Message by Rev. Carlton Lambert, scripture from Proverbs 22:6—Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Dismissed for lunch.

Special music by Mrs. Earnestine Baird. Report of committees. Record of achievement charts, Russellville, Florence, Northport and Fayette.

Closed with prayer.

President—Wilma Davis

Vice President—Mrs. A. J. Lambert

Secretary-Treasurer—Myerle Dyer

## THURSDAY EVENING YOUTH SERVICE—August 27, 1970

The Thirty-ninth Annual Session of the Progressive Association convened with the Fayette Free Will Baptist Church Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 27-29, 1970. The Thursday evening youth service was

opened by Jerry Edgil leading the congregation singing "Calvary" and "When I See The Blood". Prayer by Bro. Earnest Craft. The moderator—Rev. Hughes Ellis—welcomed us to the Annual Association.

The Credentials Committee was appointed as follows:

Rev. Walter Jagers, Chairman

Rev. Carlton Lambert

Bro. David Kent

Rev. Jerry Edgil led the congregational song, "There is a Fountain". Special music was presented by the Jagers Family, "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul" and "Follow Me". The evening message was by the Rev. John Edwards, Moderator of the State Association and pastor of the Dothan Free Will Baptist Church. His scripture was from Mark 10:17-22. (Thoughts were "A young man who almost went to Heaven".) There were four things about this young man. He had good health because he ran to Jesus. He was an humble person. He was a holy type person, good morally. He was a horrible little fellow. A very inspiring message closed with prayer. Following the service refreshments were served by the Fayette Church, prayer by Bro. Lay.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION—August 28, 1970

Rev. Jerry Edgil opened the morning session with congregational singing, "Love Lifted Me" and "Victory in Jesus". Prayer by Rev. Willie Justice. Devotion by Rev. Thurmon Murphy. His scripture was Psalms 146. His subject was "The reason why David praised God". The welcome Rev. William Baird pastor of the Fayette Church. The response by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Rev. Hughes Ellis brought the moderator's message from II Kings 2:1-16 on "The Sin of settled Saints". Christians have become pleased to settle down instead of trying to win the lost to Christ.

The Association was called to order by Mrs. Louie Bates, Clerk. The Hymn "I Would Not Be Denied" led by Rev. Jerry Edgil. Home Mission report was presented by Rev. Willie Justice, concerning the new work in Mobile. Prayer was requested for the work there. If there are any prospects there, please contact Rev. Kenneth Walker, 727 Iris Avenue, Mobile, Alabama 36606.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Temperance: Rev. Walter Keheley, Chairman, Sis. Shirley Sparks, & Sis. Carol Ann Edgil.

Nominating: Rev. Thurmon Murphy, Chairman, Rev. Louie Bates, & Rev. William Baird.

Resolutions: Rev. Willie Justice, Chairman, Rev. Jerry Edgil, and Bro. A.M. Wallace.

Auditing: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Chairman, Sis. Laura Ellis, & Sis. Ernestine Baird.

Obituary: Sis. Grace Keheley, Sis. Earnestine Hollingshead, & W. T. Lowe.

Appreciation: Bro. Willis Rawls, Sis. Alice Boshell, & Sis. Gerald Owens.

Partial Report of the Credentials Committee:

We, the Credentials Committee have examined the following letters; Florence, South Highlands and Eldridge, and have found them in order.

The following Churches failed to request cards of good standing for



their ministers and deacons: Sulligent, Townley, Oak Grove, Ensley, Sulphur Springs, Jasper, Northport and Fayette.

The following churches, to the best of our understanding, in error concerning their dues; Fayette, Northport, Jasper, Sulphur Springs and Cordova. Russellville Church has requested a card of good standing for Rev. Wyman James which cannot be granted due to a ruling of last years annual meeting (page 9 of the minutes).

The following Churches have too many delegates listed; Ensley listed 5 should be 3 and Jasper listed 4 should be 3. MS & C.

Delegates were seated as follows:

Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Wynell Owens, Jan Jones.

Florence—Roger Flanagin.

Ensley—Mrs. Ruby Dickinson, Denver Harris, Steve Porter.

South Highlands—Luther McCaig, Alice McCaig, Glenora Pinick.

Sulligent—Mrs. Carol Ann Edgil.

Cordova—Joe Sularin, Laura Ellis, Joan Ellis, Janice Franklin.

Oak Grove—Mrs. W.T. Lowe, W. T. Lowe.

Eldridge—Carla Lambert, Margaret Tidwell, Janet Boshell.

Jasper—Julie Honeycutt, Dellar Mann, Grace Keheley.

Townley—Shirley Sparks, Mary Alice Boshell, Alfred Boshell, Jr., Ricky Jagers.

Fayette—Mrs. A.M. Wallace, Mrs. Fred Hamm, Mrs. Alvis Hollingshead.

Northport—None

Russellville—Lillian Bray, Johnny Bray, Arrie Stone, Billy Kilpatrick.

Dovertown—None

There were 10 preachers, 3 deacons and 27 delegates from the Association present for the morning session. Visitors included Bro. Craft from Nashville, Tennessee and Rev. John Edwards, Dothan, Alabama.

Intermission:

Rev. Jerry Edgil opened the morning service with congregational singing "At The Cross" and "Standing on the Promises". Prayer by Bro. Craft of Nashville, Tennessee. Special music was presented by the Jagers Family "Going Home".

Rev. John Edwards brought the morning message. His text was from Romans 12:1, closing with prayer. A very inspiring message was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks for the food was offered by Bro. Keheley. After dismissal, the Fayette Church provided lunch for the Association.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with a congregational song, "Jesus Keeps Me Singing".

Devotion by Ricky Jagers. Scripture was Ecc. 3:1. His thoughts were "Time for everything except to be saved and to do God's will". Closing with prayer.

The following reports were given:

Youth Camp Report by Rev. Willie Justice was given.

Youth Rally Report—Rev. Jerry Edgil

The balance at the beginning of the new youth rally year was \$50.00.

The offerings for the year was \$228.48 giving a total of \$278.48. The expenses paid out are as follows:

United Trophy Co. ....	\$ 18.55
Randall Book Store (Film) ....	38.00
Ken Anderson Film ....	28.00
Bible College ....	100.18
Projector Rental ....	10.50
Girls Trio & Bro. Crowson ....	8.00
Van Dale Hudson ....	10.00
Postage and Mailing ....	7.21
Total Spent was ....	\$220.44
Balance to date ....	58.04

There was a total of 1,433 who attended the youth rallies this past youth rally year.

MS & C to receive as information.

Children's Home Report—Rev. Carlton Lambert

The Children's Home Report was given by Rev. Carlton Lambert expressing his gratitude to the Association for the help they have given the Home and the progress that is being made to build the superintendent's home. MS & C to receive as information.

Christian Education Report—Rev. Thurmon Murphy

We the board of Christian Education of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptist of Alabama wish to submit the following report:

1970 T.N.T. Rally

Total Receipts ....	\$157.98
Balance of 1969 ....	3.06
	<u>\$161.04</u>

Expenditures during 1970 Rally

Bank service charge ....	\$ 3.06
Jerry Edgil ....	5.00
Levy Corey ....	65.00
Awards for Competitive Activities ....	83.68
Fees for State T.N.T. Rally ....	24.00
	<u>\$180.74</u>

\$161.04

180.74

Balance to date (in the red) .....—\$ 19.70

The 1970 Progressive Association T.N.T. Rally convened at the Russellville Free Will Baptist Church March 12, 13. Levy Corey, Home Missionary from Meridian, Mississippi, was the featured speaker. In view of the fact that the National Association was to meet in California competition



was smaller than usual. In 1971 the National meets in Nashville, Tennessee and it is expected that there will be plenty of competition for the 1971 Progressive Association T.N.T. Rally.

Thurmon Murphy, Chairman  
Lloyd Martin, Sec.-Treas.  
Mrs. Richard Bowers  
Jerry Edgil  
William Baird

M S & C to receive as information.

#### Quarterly Meeting Reports—Mrs. Louis Bates

On November 29, 1969 we met with the Sulligent Church with 17 ministers and deacons present. There was one visitor, Rev. Roland Rutledge of the Cahaba River Association. Bro. William Baird delivered the message.

On February 28, 1970 the quarterly meeting convened with the Florence Free Will Baptist Church with 19 ministers and deacons present. There were 13 churches represented. Rev. Herman Hersey, a visiting minister, brought the morning message. Bro. Robert R. Edgil was ordained to preach.

On May 30, 1970 the quarterly meeting convened with the South Highlands Free Will Baptist Church. There were 11 churches represented, and 2 visiting ministers—Rev. Milton Gann of Panama City, Florida and Rev. James Pauly of the Johns Chapel Church. Rev. Walter Jagers brought the morning message. Rev. Gerald Owens was accepted into the Progressive Association. There was a loss of one minister—Rev. Richard Bowers—to another state and association.

M S & C to accept.

Dismissed for the afternoon session in prayer by Rev. Louie Bates.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Rev. Jerry Edgil opened the service with congregational singing, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and "The Solid Rock". Prayer by Bro. Roger Flanigan. Special singing by the Jagers Family "He Washed My Eyes with Tears That I Might See" and another special song by Sis. Baird. The evening message was brought by Rev. Tom Malone. His thoughts were from Ezekiel 22:30—"I sought for a man and could not find one". Jer. 5:1—"God looking for a Man". "A man who knew how to pray with the best book in his hand". his hand". "The Lord's truth written on his lips. "The world was behind his back". "Armed with compassion and a crown of gold hung above his head". A prayer of confession and many confessed our short comings and failing to stand against sin and worldly things as we should, closing with prayer. Following the evening message Rev. Willie Justice brought a short message concerning communion and feet washing using I Cor. 11:23 as his topic. The congregation participated in communion and feet washing.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Rev. William Baird opened the Saturday morning session with

congregation singing "Heavenly Sunlight". Prayer by Rev. B. T. Alexander of the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Devotion was brought by Rev. Louie Bates from John 9:4 and I Cor. 15:58. He closed with prayer.

The following reports were given:

#### TEMPERANCE

We, the Temperance Committee report the following: We would like to recommend to God's People everywhere, the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant and that each Pastor study the covenant, and bring it to the attention of his congregation.

Signed: Rev. Walter Keheley  
Mrs. Shirley Sparks  
Mrs. Carol Edgil

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 offer our deepest sympathy and ask that we stand in a moment of silent prayer in their memory. They are as follows: Ed Rayburn and Al Bergbaur of Florence, William M. Barton of Cordova, Mrs. Mamie Fields of Oak Grove and Rev. Harvey Cobb and Albert Lee Reese of Fayette.

Signed: Mrs. Grace Keheley  
Mrs. Ernestine Hollingshead  
Mr. W. T. Lowe

M S & C

There was a moment of silent prayer in memory of those who had passed away.

#### APPRECIATION

We, the Appreciation Committee recommend that we give this Church a rising vote of thanks for this wonderful hospitality and for the meals that they have served during this session of our Association. We also appreciate the manner in which the communion and feet washing service was set up and carried on. Also, we wish to include the officials and the wonderful messages that we have heard during this meeting.

Signed: Mr. W. A. Rawls  
Mrs. Mary Alice Boshell  
Mrs. Jack Owens

M S & C

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



## RESOLUTIONS

- Item 1—Be it resolved that we give the Free Will Baptist Bible College \$100.00 toward the Expansion Program in appreciation for furnishing our speaker during this session. M S & C
- Item 2—Be it resolved that we pay .07 per mile plus \$10.00 per service for outside speakers. M S & C
- Item 3—Be it resolved that we dispense from having the Lord's Supper and feet washing service on Friday night during the Association due to the extra burden upon the host Church, due to the decrease in attendance on Friday night, and due to the fact that most of our churches observe these ordinances in their local churches. M S & C
- Item 4—Be it resolved that item number 18 in church rules be added to read thus: The pastor is ex-officio member of all boards and Committees. M S & C
- Item 5—Be it resolved that we raise the salary of our clerk from \$40.00 to \$50.00 annually. M S & C
- Item 6—Be it resolved that we reduce the Youth Rallies to four per year. These are to meet on the first Saturday of November, February and May. The fourth rally to be on Thursday night of the Annual Association. M S & C
- Item 7—Be it resolved that the Quarterly Meetings convene in November at Sulligent, in February at Jasper, and in May at Oak Grove. The Annual Association meet in Cordova in August. M S & C

Signed: Rev. Willie Justice  
Rev. Jerry Edgil  
Bro. A. M. Wallace

## NOMINATING

(These officers were elected by acclamation)

Moderator: Rev. Hughes Ellis  
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Thurmon Murphy  
Clerk: Mrs. Louie Bates  
Assistant Clerk: Ricky Jagers  
Treasurer: David Kent  
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. A. J. Lambert

### Executive Board:

Three years—Rev. Louie Bates  
Two years—Rev. Walter Jagers  
One year—Rev. A. J. Lambert

### Youth Camp Committee:

Three years—Rev. Willie Justice  
Two years—Rev. Walter Jagers  
One year—Rev. Carlton Lambert

Youth Sponsor: Rev. Jerry Edgil

## Board of Christian Education:

Five years—Rev. Jerry Edgil  
Four years—Rev. Hughes Ellis  
Three years—Mr. Loyd Martin  
Two years—Rev. Paul Davis  
One year—Rev. Thurmon Murphy

Signed: Rev. Thurmon Murphy  
Rev. Louie Bates  
Rev. William Baird

M S & C

## FINANCIAL REPORT

From Sept. 1, 1969 to August 27, 1970

Balance brought forward (9-1-69)	.....	\$208.93
Deposit (9-1-69—8-27-70)	.....	568.20
Accountable	.....	777.13
Paid by check (9-1-69—8-27-70)	.....	491.04
Bank Balance (8-27-70)	.....	\$286.09

Signed: David Kent, Treasurer

M S & C

## AUDITING

We, the Auditing Committee have examined the treasurer's books of the Association, and to our best knowledge have found the books correct and in order. We recommend they be accepted.

The Christian Education, Youth Camp and Youth Rally reports were also to our best knowledge found in order.

We recommend this report be accepted.

Signed: Rev. A. J. Lambert,  
Chairman  
Mrs. Laura Ellis  
Mrs. Ernestine Baird

M S & C

## CREDENTIALS—(Final report)

- Item 1—We have examined Bro. Doyle Simmons and recommend that he be ordained as a deacon. M S & C
- Item 2—We recommend rule 9 in Rules for preachers be changed to read—"That each preacher of this Association, with recommendations from their church, be given a renewal of their card of good standing each year". This request is to be in writing on the annual church letter. M S & C
- Item 3—We recommend rule 16 in Church rules be amended by adding section (e) to read as follows, "Each deacon of this Association, with recommendations from their church, be given a card of good standing



each year". This request is to be in writing on the annual church letter. M S & C

Item 4—We recommend that each church specify their number of active members and pay their annual fee accordingly. M S & C

Item 5—We recommend that the following names be dropped from the list of other ministers because they are no longer members of any of our churches: Leonard Gooden and Leon Montgomery. M S & C

Signed: Rev. Walter Jaggars,

Chairman

Rev. Carlton Lambert

Bro. David Kent

A brief talk given by Rev. Tom Malone, Assistant Director of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, concerning the improvements at the college and encourage us to send young people to the college to better their Christian training.

Delegates to the State Association (Nominations)

Oak Grove—Mrs. W.T. Lowe and Mrs. Louie Bates

Ensley—Mrs. A. J. Lambert and Mrs. Ruby Dickinson

Fayette—Mrs. A. M. Wallace

Northport—Mrs. Thurmon Murphy

Cordova—Mrs. Laura Ellis

Sulligent—Mrs. Carol Ann Edgil

Townley—Mrs. Lovie Jaggars

Jasper—Mrs. Deller Mann and Mrs. Grace Keheley

Florence—Mrs. Shirley Justice and Roger Flanigan

Eldridge—Mrs. Carlton Lambert

M S & C

Rev. Walter Jaggars led the ordaining of Bro. Doyle Simmons to become a deacon. Prayer by Rev. Carlton Lambert. Right hand of Christian fellowship was extended.

## INTERMISSION

Rev. Jerry Edgil opened the noon service with congregational singing "I Am Resolved" and "Praise Him". Prayer By Bro. A. M. Wallace. Special song by Sister William Baird "He Touched Me". The morning message was brought by Rev. Tom Malone using Matt. 16:13-18. His thoughts were "The Church and Her Characters" "The World Enemies" "Satan" "False Prophets". The successful church depends upon Christ, Faithfulness, closing with prayer.

There were two visiting ministers—Rev. B. T. Alexander of the Cahaba River Association and Rev. James Bussey from Oklahoma.

Motion was made to adjourn. M S & C. Rev. Thurmon Murphy closed this session with prayer and asking blessings on the food.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Louie Bates, Clerk

## CHURCHES AND PASTORS FOR 1971

Cordova—Rev. Hughes Ellis, 507 Green Ave. Cordova, Ala. 35550

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Oak Grove—Rev. Louie Bates, Box 74, Alden, Ala. 35008

Russellville—Rev. Malone Cobb, 1212 College Ave., Russellville, Ala. 35653

South Highland—Rev. Paul Davis, 704 E. State St., Muscle Shoals, Ala. 35660

Sulphur Springs—Rev. Gerald Owens, Rt. 1, Box 66-A, Samantha, Ala. 35482

Sulligent—Rev. Jerry Edgil, P.O. Box 681, Sulligent, Ala. 35586

Townley—Rev. Walter Jaggars, Drawer F, Townley, Ala. 35587

## OTHER MINISTERS

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, Mission Protestante, B. P. 24, Agnibelekrou, Rep. of Ivory Coast, Africa

Rev. Aubrey Rosser, Cordova, Ala. 35550

Rev. J.M. Pace, Rt. 5, Russellville, Ala. 35653

Rev. Joel Williams, Wylam, Ala.

Rev. Louie Nix, Eldridge, Ala. 35554

Rev. Kirby Jo Godwin, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. Roland Rutledge, Gardendale, Ala. 35071

## CHURCHES AND CLERKS

Cordova—Joyce Pittman, 111 Cliff St., Cordova, Ala. 35550

Dovertown—

Eldridge—Bro. David Kent, Box 8, Eldridge, Ala. 35554

Ensley—Deliska Pickett, 1856 Princeton Ct. S.W., Birmingham, Ala. 35211

Fayette—Mrs. Lewis Hindman, Rt. 5, Fayette, Ala. 35555

Florence—Mrs. Almon Calvert, Rt. 8, Box 232, Florence, Ala. 35630

Jasper—Mrs. Evelyn Bevis, 1602 Old 78 Hwy. "E", Jasper, Ala. 35501

Northport—Mrs. Ann Overton, 2808 18 Ave. Northport, Ala. 35476

Oak Grove—Mrs. Pat Tidwell, Rt. 1, Box 47, Mt. Olive, Ala. 35117

Russellville—Mrs. Grady Randolph, P.O. Box 83, Russellville, Ala. 35653

South Highland—Mrs. Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Dean Kuykendall, Rt. 2, Berry, Ala.

Sulligent—Mrs. Peggy Frye, Sulligent, Ala. 35586

Townley—Mrs. Ruby Pike, Rt. 2, Box 159-C, Carbon Hill, Ala. 35549

## CHURCH DEACONS

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Winford Russell, 103 McCary St., Cordova. Ala. 35550

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Wesley Carter, Rt. 1, Cordova, Ala. 35550  
Jerry White, Cordova, Ala. 35550  
Clyde Pittman, Cordova, Ala. 35550  
Lee McKay, Cordova, Alabama 35550

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#### ELDRIDGE

David Kent, Eldridge, Ala. 35554

#### FAYETTE

A.M. Wallace, Rt. 6, Fayette, Ala. 35555  
Jack Kelly, Rt. 5, Fayette, Ala. 35555  
Reese Henderson, Fayette, Ala. 35555  
Douglas Stripling, Rt. 5, Fayette, Ala. 35555

#### FLORENCE

Billy Gamble, 965 Hilltop Ct., Florence, Ala. 35630  
James Melton, Rt. 1, Killen, Ala.  
George Capps, 1941 Caples Dr., Florence, Ala. 35630

#### JASPER

Robert Barnes, Rt. 2, Box 289, Jasper, Ala. 35501  
Ray Bevis, Rt. 4, Jasper, Ala. 35501  
Walter Tate, Rt. 1, Jasper, Ala. 35501  
Dan Glasgow, Jasper, Ala. 35501

#### NORTHPORT

Sebron Kuydendall, 4-C Country Club Hills, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
Samuel Key, 1605 74th St. Northport, Ala.  
Clayton Bobo, 4409 Highpoint Dr., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

X.L. Truhett, 37 Biscayne Hills, Northport, Ala.  
James E. Reese, 2512 20th Ave., Northport, Ala.

#### OAK GROVE

#### RUSSELLVILLE

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James McMickin, E. Franklin St., Russellville, Ala. 35653

#### SOUTH HIGHLAND

Charles Davis, 900 Buena Vista, Muscle Shoals, Ala.  
Marion Taylor, 203 Main St., Florence, Ala.

#### SULPHUR SPRINGS

Olan Kuykendall, Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.  
Lee Scrivner, Rt. 1, Berry, Ala.  
Wiley Hudson, Rt. 1, Berry, Ala.  
Jack Warren, Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala.

#### TOWNLEY

#### SULLIGENT

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

#### 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. Louie Bates, Box 74 Alden, Ala. 35008  
 Russellville—Rev. Malone Cobb, Russellville, Ala.  
 South Highland—Rev. Paul Davis, Muscle Shoals, Ala.  
 Sulphur Springs—Rev. Richard Bowers, Rt. 1, Samantha, Ala. 35482  
 Sulligent—Rev. Jerry Edgil, P.O. Box 681, Sulligent, Ala.  
 Townley—Rev. Walter Jagers, Drawer F., Townley, Ala. 35587

#### 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 them 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, be given a renewal of their card of good standing each year. This

request is to be in writing on the annual church letter.

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 the 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 reprovved 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 Matthew 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. (e) Each deacon of this Association, with recommendation from their church, be given a card of good standing each year. This request is to be in writing on the annual church letter.

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.

18. The pastor is ex-officio member of all boards and committees.



## 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, Consitution, 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.



	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	232	184	48	3	9	1	1	74		65		\$5,300.00	\$ 424.00	\$ 921.89	\$ 440.16
Dovertown															
Eldridge	56	42	14	2	1	1	1	59		52		None	None	1,123.51	209.65
Ensley	95	70	25	1	5	1	1	40		30		3,380.00	317.00	3,633.23	345.72
Fayette	219	111	58	1	4	1	1	50	12	40		5,100.00	98.20	1,237.60	—0—
Florence	325	305	20	1	2	1	1	45	20	90		8,485.20	376.02	4,409.36	2,013.78
Jasper	86	80	6	1	4	1	1	48	10	36	7	3,800.00	175.00	800.00	220.00
Northport	200	180	20	1	5	1	1	102	15	38		6,625.00	330.27	292.85	1,385.05
Oak Grove	74	36	38	2		1			11	12		1,290.00	220.00	6,376.62	169.39
Russellville	229	166	63	3	10	1	1	72	14	100		4,680.00	1,261.00	5,087.01	999.51
South Highland	52			2	2	1				15		2,973.69	125.00	230.32	152.70
Sulligent	110	60	50	1	5	1	1	20		20		4,274.48	275.00	750.00	215.68
Sulphur Springs	184	100	84	1	4	1	1	50	16	30		3,900.00	200.00	3,891.37	463.50
Townley	134	92	42	2	5	1	1	63	15	63		5,120.00	200.00	845.11	567.57

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation	State & National Projects	Value of Parsonage Property	Parsonage	Value of Church Property
Cordova	\$2,145.12	\$495.43	\$ 334.24	\$ 685.50	\$159.62	\$57.75	\$25,000	yes	\$75,000
Dovertown									
Eldridge	250.00		122.00			51.20			15,000
Ensley	50.00			160.00		5.00	8,000	yes	52,500
Fayette	319.65	252.37	252.37	337.52	10.00		10,000	yes	80,000
Florence	3,296.44	557.92	982.13	1,038.39	207.67	902.83	10,000	yes	175,000
Jasper				120.00		85.00	11,000	yes	50,000
Northport	696.86	599.75	1,400.00	490.25	127.80	5.00			60,000
Oak Grove	32.31			163.29		60.00			20,000
Russellville	547.77	95.39	875.00	214.43		105.10			60,000
South Highland	157.20	104.13		104.13	52.14	31.80			30,000
Sulligent			750.63	50.00			15,000	yes	20,000
Sulphur Springs	180.00	354.00		25.00			5,000	yes	20,000
Townley	67.93	26.53	375.70	128.50		55.00	20,000	yes	75,000